And What Is This Leading?

It is the duty of the priest of God to <u>LEAD</u> his people. It must be the intention and the duty of the people to follow the teachings of their priest who, hopefully, is a man of good will, and properly imbued with solid and correct Catholic Experience. The souls of all of us are on the wire! And whatever it takes to save our souls must be done by both the good priest and his good people. However, it is most necessary for us all to understand what is meant by "leading". This leading is not so much a leading <u>TO</u> – a leading of his people <u>TO</u> the heights of sanctity. No priest can do that. We have to do that for ourselves. If we do not have the will, nor the energy to exert ourselves, no one – neither man, nor priest, not even God, Himself, can bring us to the point of salvation. The principal duty of the priest is to lead us <u>AWAY</u> from the rock heavy weights of our pride, our disobedience, our moods, our greed, our self-will, our concupiscence, and all the rest.

The eagle cannot fly – nor is it free to fly as long as it has heavy stones tied to its feet. <u>ONLY AFTER</u> someone comes to it and – one by one – unties the heavy stones from its feet is the eagle able to fly, and free of all its burdens, able to soar to the highest clouds. Let us always keep it in mind – it takes someone to free the eagle of its burdens, but it can only be the eagle who has to put forth the energy to fly. It must be the eagle's effort. No one can do it for it. No one can take the eagle up to the high

clouds - no one at all!

The very same applies to us. Only AFTER SOMEONE – our spiritual director, our priest, our confessor – frees us from the heavy stones of our corrupt nature, can we fly to the highest clouds of contemplation. It is only then that Christ will meet us in His heavens. It is intellectual nonsense to conclude that we can soar amongst the clouds of sanctity while

yet tied down to the heavy stones of our corrupt nature.

At this point let us be warned, however, to stay away from the multitude of blind guides who are now presenting themselves as the authentic and experienced spiritual "agents" to help us out in our time of great spiritual harm and need – self proclaimed theological specialists – who indeed can and do remove the stones from about our feet. However, with ill-advised skill, they not only remove the stones, they also clip the very wings of our souls. With the sharp knives of their sanctimonious prejudices; their exaggerated notions of the spiritual life; their erroneous understanding of piety; their constant use of QUOTATIONS, they tear away at the interior life of the soul and leave us permanently injured, helplessly jumping about in a world of uncertainty, instability, rage, fear and final repudiation of every spiritual footprint that could ultimately lead us to the doorsteps of the House of Nazareth – where Jesus, Mary and Joseph live.

!! A Warning!!

The Liturgical Program of the modernist Catholic Church is now being intoned – in Latin!!