

The absence of a centralized seat of authority is truly tragic and has put an end to all uniformity in the observance and interpretation of every aspect of Catholic life. There must be an honestly responsible and properly functioning hierarchy, without which there can be no workable organism. The matter is now such, that neither in the Traditional Roman Catholic Church nor in the Modernist Catholic Church can such a responsible hierarchy be found, hence the chaos that exists all around us. As a consequence, a variety of Catholic persuasions exercise a variety of Catholic interpretations of what was once a commonly acceptable and a uniformly worshipful Catholicism. What was once the law in all things has now become a norm that conscientious men and women look to for guidance, and the fluctuations of each day's circumstances can bring about some rather tedious states of affairs.

The Benedictine way of life shows forth in the activities of true Benedictine Monks. The monks of Christ the King Abbey are quite concerned about the moral climate in modern man's mind, and they realize that mere apologetical activity and discussion all fall on deaf ears. Therefore, only prayer, work, mortification, penance and good example are to be found in the daily routine of our monks and nuns. Somehow, the Sacred Liturgy must reflect such a life, and it must be reflected in such a way that modern man will - at least - stop to look and listen. Everyone, but especially all who follow the traditional Roman Catholic persuasion, must understand, clearly, what a contemplative monastery is all about. They must understand, if man is ever again to see the practice of real and true Catholic religious living. The observance of a good monastic spirit must still be capable of fostering the formation of a strong interior spiritual life in the monk and in the nun of the modern age. To operate in any other way is an exercise in futility, and the only beneficiaries of the entire procedure will be the monks themselves, all snug in their well-rehearsed traditional ceremonial arrangements. The example begins in the Monastery.

The Sacred Liturgy has always been kept within reach of the learning abilities of the ordinary people. It must be so today. The Sacred Liturgy has to speak to the people, and not in the crude and brutalist ways that modernist liturgical functions present. Neither must the Sacred Liturgy attempt to present a way of life that is completely outmoded and meaningless to a race of people that is completely dominated by what they see and read on the Internet! The word "RESTORATION" has to be redefined! It cannot but be noted that the prevailing culture of the human race in the western part of the world especially was determined by true Catholic doctrine. This is a historical fact, and to say it in any other way would be bad history.