

REALITY – AS YOU LIKE IT OR NOT

We should all pray for the very special grace to realize and fully comprehend the truly perilous condition of our present existence: culturally, socially, economically, politically, intellectually, morally, and especially **RELIGIOUSLY!** We all must stop grabbing willy-nilly at the straws of our false hopes in our personal dream worlds and fun-loving fantasylands. We must direct our so-called “positive” thinking with wise and prudent judgment. At the same time we must be on guard against a totally negativistic attitude. We must learn to work with the unfortunate and tattered realities of our day – **AS THEY ARE!** We must put aside all of our empty make-believe solutions which we depend upon as we move in and out and about the exclusivistic and sequestered sect-like false security of life in our cardboard houses. We simply have to learn how to shed all the materialistic trappings which we love so much.

We must then place our entire trust in God. We must place our entire prayer in God, for He, **ALONE (not us!)**; can put an end to our suffering and affliction. However, for this to have any successful results, we must first present ourselves to God in humble genuineness of disposition, with an honest, interior, and firm belief in our total dependence on Him.

Whatever “restoration” is ever to take place can only be accomplished by God – **HIMSELF ALONE – NOT US!** Besides, it is quite vain to entertain thoughts of “restoration” while we entertain **NO THOUGHT OF UNITY OF PURPOSE AND DIRECTION.** All so-called traditionalist Roman Catholic priests and people should be most alert to this sad characteristic of non-acceptance of anyone outside the confines of each tiny (and insignificant) traditionalist chapel precinct. As things are at the present time, the best we can possibly hope to accomplish is to preserve the tiny bits and pieces we have been able to salvage from the ruins of what once was our most holy Religion, but this can be accomplished only by a united effort on the part of us all. □

June 4, 1944 – Fr. Abbot pronounced his Vows as a Benedictine Monk. He is now 60 years a Benedictine Monk.

May 26, 1949 – Fr. Abbot was ordained a Priest. He is now 55 years a Priest.

July 13, 1994 – Fr. Abbot was blessed as the first Abbot of Christ the King Monastery. He is now 10 years an Abbot.

So very, very much has taken place during this long period of time, and yet by God’s grace Father Abbot has kept the Faith. The question must be asked: “Is the church and religion of June 4, 2004, the same church and religion of June 4, 1944? What a tragic sadness it is that there are those whose minds and hearts and souls cannot (or will not) comprehend the difference! The greatest sadness of all is that there are those who go about blithely believing and proclaiming that all is the same church and religion, or that both churches and religions have the full approval of the same Holy Spirit. Does one get up from both sides of the bed at the same time?”