

## ~ OUR FAITH ~

In the troubled times of today, in the observance of our Holy Religion and the various rules and regulations which govern proper and honest Catholic life and moral conduct, we Catholics – we traditional Roman Catholics – must take every care that we do not give in to any self-serving interests or personally preferred or convenient religious observances. Our belief must be pure, simple, committed, correct, and sincere. Our faith must not be built upon unorthodox foundations concocted and put together by the bitter zeal of those who know nothing but bitter zeal. Our faith must in no way be dependent upon the words and works of those whose credentials are unproven or nonexistent. No value whatsoever comes from a faith that springs forth from such origins. Rather, uncertainty of conscience, a malformed conscience, instability, poor religious practices, and even loss of faith are the results of such “manufactured tradition”. The gloom of sadness always overshadows an unstable soul.

The truth of life that comes from living a pure and unadulterated faith – the faith that is handed down to us by the precepts and teachings of our true and holy Religion – simply must be the foundation stone of absolutely everything we do. If it is otherwise, we are living a myth. If it is otherwise, we are living a myth that gives no lasting satisfaction, no consolation, no stability, no joy, no peace, and precious little (if any) freedom. It is a myth that will force us to live separated – aloof and all alone – in the dark shadows of life.

Only when we really live the True Faith in all of its fullness will we come to know the wondrous beauty and peace of a life lived in the brilliance of God’s love! □

### *A Thought To Remember ...*

Our piety must always be pure and unfeigned throughout. Never overbearing, our piety must never drive others around us to un-piety.

MARY

*“Our tainted nature’s solitary boast”*

Catholics are all too often content with praising the glories of Mary, the Mother of our Divine Redeemer, by words only. But both she and her Divine Son would be much more pleased with us if our wonderful words were backed up by a holy and virtuous life, a life modeled upon Theirs. While many like to honor Our Lady with rosaries, novenas, processions, songs, etc., they often fail to honor her in that way which brings her the greatest honor – the imitation of her interior dispositions and virtues. It is