
Editorial

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Advent is already ending its second week as I am writing these lines, and you will read them at Christmas if not later in the New Year of the Lord. It is interesting to observe that although every calendar year adds a digit to the previous one, nevertheless every Church year repeats the rhythm of the same mysteries of salvation. What a lesson: for a constantly changing world, changing its face but always rooted in the same three concupiscences, there is only one Saviour: Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Church was inspired in asking us to repeat the cycle of the liturgical year every year. *Bis repetita placent* - repetition is one of the best forms of learning. "Whatever is written is written for our learning" (Rom 15:2), wrote the Apostle: the Old Testament is but "the shadow of the things to come" (Col 2:17).

Same Faith

If we look at the notion of faith in the Old Testament, for instance, we will find out that above all it is a Tradition, it is the "Faith of our Fathers".

And God said to Moses: Thus shalt thou say to the children of Israel: The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me to you: This is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. (Ex 3 :15)

O children of Israel, fight not against the Lord the God of your fathers, for it is not good. (2 Par 13:12)

The expression "The God (or the law) of (y)our Fathers" is used constantly as a definition of the true faith. A little search shows that it appears more times 40 times in Sacred Scripture throughout the centuries preceding the coming of the Saviour.

What has the Society of St. Pius X done in the last 40 years if not cling to the "Faith of our Fathers", and re-enact the drama lived by old Mathathias, father of

Judas Maccabeus :

I and my sons, and my brethren will obey the law of our fathers. God be merciful unto us: it is not profitable for us to forsake the law, and the justices of God: We will not hearken to the words of king Antiochus, neither will we sacrifice, and transgress the commandments of our law, to go another way. (1 Mac 2:20-22)

Thus faith is essentially a Tradition, a passing of God's revealed word from generation to generation *before* the coming of Our Lord and *after* that same coming:

God, who, at sundry times and in divers manners, spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, last of all, in these days hath spoken to us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the world. (Heb 1:1-2)

Therefore the very fact of wanting to break with the past, with the "pre-Vatican II era" is something which undermines the true Faith at its very core.

Same Dangers of False Ecumenism

Another capital element common to both the Old Testament and today's situation in the Church is ecumenism. Weren't the kings of Juda and of Israel praised or condemned according to their attitude in relation to false worship?

And (king) Asa did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, as did David his father: And he took away the effeminate out of the land, and he removed all the filth of the idols, which his fathers had made. (3 Kg 15:12-13)

(King) Achaz walked in the way of the kings of Israel: moreover he consecrated also his son, making him pass through the fire according to the idols of the nations: which the Lord destroyed before the children of Israel. He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places and on the hills, and under every green tree. (4 Kg 16:3-4)

Same Dangers of Mixed Marriages

And one of the elements that were the

cause of the fall of many in Israel was the mixed marriages, marriages between the Jews and the pagans. The saddest example of this being the most wise king Solomon himself:

And king Solomon loved many strange women besides the daughter of Pharaoh, and women of Moab, and of Ammon, and of Edom, and of Sidon, and of the Hethites: of the nations concerning which the Lord said to the children of Israel: You shall not go in unto them, neither shall any of them come in to yours: for they will most certainly turn away your heart to follow their gods. And to these was Solomon joined with a most ardent love. (3 Kg 11:1-2)

Can one not see a similar problem among traditional Catholics today marrying either non-traditionalists, or even non-Catholics? Although conversion is always possible, and does happen - but very rarely - most of the time, true love is wounded at its heart, families become divided, compromises set in both in education and religious duties, faith is often lost. How many tragedies...

Same Thanks and Prayers!

Whatever is written is written for our learning!" How true! "He that can understand, let him understand!" (Mt 19:12)

Dear readers, may I take this opportunity to thank you profusely for your prayers, your donations, your continuous support for our Missions of Asia throughout 2010, and to ask you to continue in 2011? In return, we pray that He who promised a reward for a simple glass of water in His name, will bless you abundantly.

A blessed Feast of Christmas, a holy New Year and Paradise at the end of your life!

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