



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

EXCERPTS FROM THE ENCYCLICAL OF POPE PIUS XI ON ST. FRANCIS DE SALES *RERUM OMNIUM PERTURBATIONEM (1923)*



Saint Francis de Sales, by Francisco Bayeu y Subias, collection of Museo del Prado, now at Museo de Salamanca, Spain

“... it appears that Francis de Sales was given to the Church by God for a very special mission. His task was to give the lie to a prejudice which in his lifetime was deeply rooted and has not been destroyed even today, that the ideal of genuine sanctity held up for our imitation by the Church is impossible of attainment or, at best, is so difficult that it surpasses the capabilities of the great majority of the faithful ...” [4]

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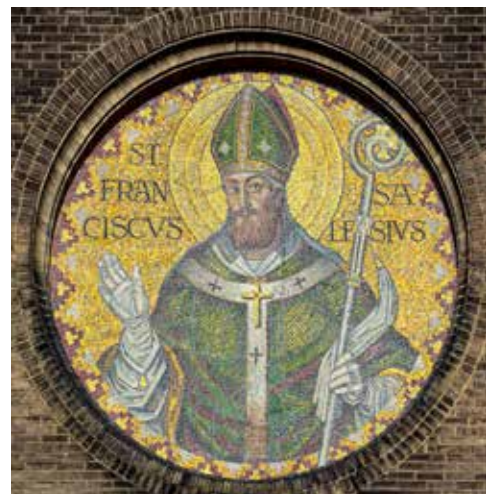
“Whoever attentively reviews the life of St. Francis will discover that, from his earliest years, he was a model of sanctity. He was not a gloomy, austere saint but was most amiable and friendly with all ... Endowed with every virtue, he excelled in meekness of heart, a virtue so peculiar to himself that it might be considered his most characteristic trait ...” [6]

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“He was accustomed to repeat to himself, as a source of inspiration, that well known phrase, ‘Apostles battle by their sufferings and triumph only in death.’ It is almost unbelievable with what vigor and constancy he defended the cause of Jesus Christ among the people of La Chablais. In order to bring them the light of faith and the comforts of the Christian religion, he was known to have traveled through deep valleys and to have climbed steep mountains. ...” [8]

“One would err, however, if he imagined that such a character as St. Francis de Sales possessed was a gift of nature ... On the contrary, Francis naturally was hot-tempered and easily aroused to anger. Since he had vowed to take as his model Jesus Who has said, ‘Learn of me, because I am meek, and humble of heart’ (Matt. xi, 29) so, by means of constant watchfulness over himself and of violence to his own will, he succeeded in learning how to curb and to control to such an extent the promptings of nature that he became a living likeness of the God of Peace and Meekness ...” [9]

“On the other hand, the great strength of will of this model of meekness manifested itself whenever he was compelled to stand in opposition to the powerful in order to protect the interests of God, the dignity of the Church, or the salvation of souls. Thus, on one occasion when he had received a letter in which he was threatened by the Senate of Chambéry with the loss of part of his income, he lost no time in defending the immunity of the Church’s rights from this act of civil interference. He not only replied to the envoy sent him in a manner befitting his own high rank, but did not cease demanding reparation for the injury done until after he had received full satisfaction from the Senate. ...” [11]



Saint Francis de Sales mosaic, Saint Francis de Sales Oratory, Missouri, USA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES - PLENARY INDULGENCE

It is with great joy and confidence in the goodness of God that we prepare for the feast of our great patron, St. Francis de Sales, on **January 29th**. The Church offers to all faithful attending the Masses celebrated by the Institute on this day the opportunity of gaining a plenary indulgence (under the usual conditions). This privilege of a plenary indulgence will be made available also on the following Sunday, when we will celebrate the External Solemnity of our saint at 12:30 pm at St. Winefride's church.

DAY OF RETREAT - MARCH 6TH

Please mark your calendar: We invite you to join us for a Day of Retreat on Saturday, March 6th, at the Cathedral (10:00 am to 4:30 pm). (Due to the lockdown and health related restrictions the exact program and format of this Day of Retreat has to be finalized at a later date.)

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Following the transfer of the Sunday Masses in the Extraordinary Form to St Winefride's church we are looking for generous volunteers willing to give their time in the service of God and the community by helping to clean the church after the Sunday 12.30pm Masses. This cleaning activity is of high priority with regard to the safety and hygiene standards the diocese of Shrewsbury is obliged to observe in all its churches. Please contact Canon Wiener with your name, telephone number and email address (contact details below on this page). Thank you very much in advance for your generous efforts. The more people will commit, the more volunteers commit, the less often the same volunteers have to do the work.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SUPPORT OF THE PRIESTS OF THE INSTITUTE

To request Masses to be celebrated in your intentions: Post your requests to: **Canon Michael Wiener, St Winefride's Presbytery, Mynd Close, Shrewsbury SY2 5R**. Alternatively, you may either deliver your request to the presbytery or hand in your envelope - *clearly addressed to Canon Wiener* - at the sacristy in the Cathedral. If you are able to support the Institute's apostolate in Shrewsbury, please consider to send us a cheque to the address indicated above, or donate directly via bank transfer:

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SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
SUN	24 TH JAN	12:30 PM	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING	PI
MON	25 TH JAN	10:00 AM	CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL	JOSEF GRAF VON NEIPPERG RIP	PI
TUE	26 TH JAN	6:30 PM	ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR	STEPHEN OLWER RIP	PI
WED	27 TH JAN	10:00 AM	ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, CONFESSOR & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	BARBARA SPENCER RIP	PI
THU	28 TH JAN	6:30 PM	ST. PETER NOLASCO, CONFESSOR	CANON MICHAEL K. WIENER	PI
FRI	29 TH JAN	10:00 AM	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES BISHOP, CONFESSOR & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, CO-PATRON OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING	THE SUPERIORS OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING	PI
SAT	30 TH JAN	10:00 AM	ST. MARTINA, VIRGIN & MARTYR	MARTINA RASPER	PI
SUN	31 ST JAN	12:30 PM	EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES BISHOP, CONFESSOR & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH CO-PATRON OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING	PI	PI

SUNDAY MASSES AT 12:30 PM AT ST. WINEFRIDES CHURCH, CROWMERE ROAD, MONKMOOR, SHREWSBURY, SY2 5RA

FROM JANUARY 18TH TO 25TH INCLUSIVE: *OCTAVE OF PRAYERS FOR THE RETURN OF THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH OF SEPARATED CHRISTIANS*. THE PRAYER PRO ECCLESIAE UNITATE (CALLED IN SOME MISSALS "AD TOLLENDUM SCHISMA") REPLACES DURING THIS TIME THE PRAYER "PRO PAPA/FOR THE POPE" AT MASS.

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