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The New Paganism V

Converting the New Pagans.

As one priest told me, there is no natural way of converting them. The conversion can only be the work of extraordinary divine grace to be merited by those who do believe that God became man to redeem a sinful human race. In other words, if we are going to re-evangelize or convert our nation from this self-idolatry which has become the religion of our own nation, we must live utterly, absolutely self-less lives ourselves. Never has the world been in more need of Saints than today. A Saint is one who practices heroic virtue. There are four virtues which need to be practiced heroically. We need to practice heroic Faith, heroic Patience, heroic Chastity, and heroic Charity.

In today's world and with reference to our own beloved America we must have the Faith of martyrs. We can't get away with anything less. Only heroic bishops, heroic priests, heroic religious and heroic mothers and fathers will survive. We need heroic laity. All the rest will become further casualties of the mounting pile of new pagans who to conform to the world in which they live, have let their Catholic Faith be chipped away at and have given up, one after another of what their Catholic Faith tells them to believe.

What is heroic Patience? It is the willing endurance of extra-ordinary suffering. There must be extraordinary suffering patiently endured by those that believe in Christ as the God-man Who died on the Cross to redeem the world. We must be willing to offer up sacrifices for those that don't believe and pray and sacrifice for poor sinners in most need as Our Lady told us at Fatima in 1917. If not, we will not be successful in converting fellow pagans in the modern world. We must never run away from the Cross. Why? Because that is how the new paganism came into existence. Paganism is Christianity without the Cross. We've allowed the Christian name to be hijacked today. Many call themselves Christian who don't accept crosses, deny the Resurrection, believe in a morality contrary to Christ's teachings and so on. We must accept and endure the crosses Our Lord sends us out of love not only for our own good but for the good of others!

We also need heroic Chastity? Our reproductive powers are to be used according to His will. The pleasure God has associated with those powers may not be enjoyed outside the Sacrament of Matrimony. Do you see this teaching defended much anymore?

We also have to practice heroic Charity. We have to love those who don't love us. This is not easy at times as this writer can ascribe to. God may have designs on putting such people in our lives for a reason. There is no coincidence when it comes to God and the people He places in our lives. "Be not afraid" to spread the Faith.

Unless we who have the Faith realize it's up to us to be so faithful in following the God- man's example that we, too, should live heroic lives so that by our patient and loving endurance of pain, God may render graces of converting this new pagan world where God has placed us for this reason, and by our heroism we might bring those, who accept for us, would never reach Heaven for which they were made.

So offer sacrifices for poor sinners in most need. Pray the Rosary every day for souls and world peace. Take time out every day to learn more about your Catholic Faith so that you can deepen your love for God and be an instrument in bringing Christ out of those who do not believe and have placed themselves at the center of the universe. Especially be faithful to Sunday Mass (and holy days of obligation) and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament! Have devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Have your homes enthroned to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart. Our Lord calls each of us to become Saints. We have a crisis of Saints. Remember, it doesn't take much time to become a Saint, only much love! Will you answer the call? God bless you.