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Christ The King School — A Certainty

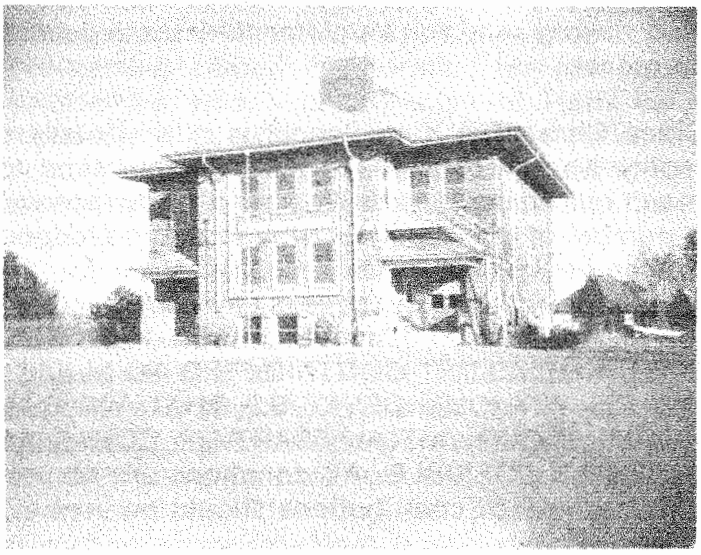
— William S. Zeitz, high school principal

In the March 1, 1981 issue of *The Athanasian* the Traditional Catholics of America were proud to announce the formation of the Christ the King School project. It has been, as of this writing, approximately three weeks since our initial appeal has reached our readers. Based on the favorable reaction to our plans by traditional Catholics from all over America, we have now initiated concrete steps for Christ the King School.

We are most pleased to introduce as a member of our teaching staff Mr. W. Dean Gray, a fine traditional Catholic from the State of Washington with many years of teaching experience in both the "government" and traditional Catholic schools. Mr. Gray and his wonderful family will already be living in Colorado Springs by the time this newsletter reaches most of our readers. His duty in our school will be two-fold, that of elementary principal and classroom teacher, positions for which he is eminently qualified. Mr. Gray writes as follows:

"Christ The King School will prove to be a positive influence in the restoration of the Catholic educational system. Catholics everywhere should give this school their whole-hearted support. I look forward to serving in this school. God's blessings are surely with all of us in so worthy an endeavor."

Also joining our staff is another traditional Catholic teacher, Miss Rita Holland, from Immaculate Conception Traditional Catholic School in Post Falls, Idaho. Before the changes of Vatican Council II wrought destruction to the Roman Catholic Church, Miss Holland served the Church as a teaching nun. She brings 34 years of experience to our school and, in addition to being herself a fine teacher, she is also qualified to train teachers for the future schools we hope will follow our efforts. Miss Holland writes:



"It is with the greatest pleasure that I join the staff of Christ The King School. This Catholic educational endeavor is one to which I can commit myself completely, for it offers so very much for so many children and for their future teachers."

We have also received resumes and applications from others interested in joining our staff. Subsequent issues of *The Athanasian* will contain new staff selections. If there are any interested applicants who have not as yet sent in their resumes, we urge them to do so immediately. We are especially interested in a teacher of mathematics and science on a high school level.

The search has begun for a suitable location and building for our school. We believe our hopes may have already been achieved. The picture on this page is of the best prospective building that we have located to date. There are several other sites that we are looking into but we are much impressed with this particular building. Place a crucifix on the

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roof and a sign on the lawn proclaiming Christ The King Traditional Catholic School - and we will be ready to open in September! The interior is immaculate and we can safely handle up to 200 students in its spacious classrooms. We urgently request that our readers begin sending their donations of pictures, statues, books and teaching aids for the school as these items will be needed to make the school truly Catholic. We wish to repeat, however, that these donations be sent to:

Mr. & Mrs. William Quinn
712 Orion Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Please include an approximate cost of the items so that we may send you a statement for tax deduction purposes.

Since Christ The King School is now virtually a reality we can safely say that we fully intend to reach our financial goal. We have already received a number of individual contributions and pledges. Father Fenton will offer a special Mass for the intentions of those who have in any way supported the school effort to date. WE URGE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT AS YET CONTRIBUTED TO PLEASE DO SO WITHOUT DELAY SO THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE OUR INITIAL START-UP COSTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. All donations are tax deductible and all contributions should be sent to:

Mr. William Zeitz
c/o Traditional Catholics of America
P.O. Box 6827
Colorado Springs, CO 80934

Please make all checks payable to:

TCA - Christ The King Fund

We wish to conclude by thanking our friends and readers for their prayers on behalf of our undertaking. The success we have already achieved and the support generated would not have been possible without God's help obtained through your prayers. Future issues of *The Athanasian* will contain important information on our curriculum, and our search continues for a priest who will be affiliated with the school on a full-time basis. Families wishing to move to Colorado Springs for Christ The King School should begin to make plans to do so now. We believe our school, indeed your school, will be the best in the country.

Biographical Sketch — Mr. W. Dean Gray

— Has a B.A. Degree (1961) and a Master's Equivalency (1965)

— Taught in public schools in eastern Washington, 1961 - 1978, including organizing a remedial reading program and work in curriculum development.

— Joined Miss Rita Holland at Immaculate Conception School, Post Falls, Idaho to teach and to develop curriculum (1978 - 1980)

— From May - September, 1980, taught classes, worked on curriculum and school organization, and advised teachers regarding traditional teaching methods at St. Mary's College, Kansas

— Married to Marilyn Schroeder - parents of two daughters (ages 14 and 15)

Biographical Sketch — Miss Rita Holland

— Entered the Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph, September 8, 1944.

— Has a B.A. Degree (1951) and a Master's Equivalency (1954).

— Taught in the schools of the Sisters of St. Joseph for thirty years.

— Received dispensation from vows, at her request, when the Novus Ordo "reformers" invaded her order.

— Taught at the traditional Catholic School of St. John Bosco, Spokane, Washington from 1976 to 1977.

— Served as principal and teacher from 1977 - March 20, 1981 at Immaculate Conception School (Society of St. Pius X), Post Falls, Idaho.

— Joined the staff of Christ The King School on March 31, 1981.

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A Much Needed Traditional Catholic Education Center

— W. Dean Gray, elementary school principal

In his excellent article, "Coming to Colorado Springs, Colorado — Traditional Roman Catholic School" (*The Athanasian*, 3/1/81), Mr. William Zeitz expertly outlined both the need for such a school and the opportunities for traditional Catholics and others to make such a school a reality. But there is much more to tell about this unique Catholic educational center than space allowed Mr. Zeitz to cover in his article.

The ink on Mr. Zeitz' paper had scarcely dried before a core staff of truly traditional Catholic educators, thoroughly experienced in traditional Catholic education and very competent in their own academic fields, presented themselves for the purpose of developing and coordinating the educational objectives of the school. These excellent educators are ready, once the mandate is given from traditional Roman Catholics, to begin the most important work of their Catholic educational careers: to extend the Kingship of Christ over human hearts and souls through their own distinctive talents and abilities as Catholic educators. They urge other competent, traditional Catholic and anti-Communist teachers to send their resumes to Mr. Zeitz as soon as possible so that all teaching positions may be filled well before school opens in September.

It is the express recommendation of these educators that Christ The King School in Colorado Springs become a truly Catholic educational center, meeting three definite needs of the Church in our day.

The first need is for an outstanding traditional Catholic day school, where the proven techniques of traditional Catholic education are utilized and where love of Christ, His Church, the family and our nation is an integral part of each school moment. Here children will be taught not only through admonition but also through the example of their teachers. No boarding facilities are planned, since it is believed that "sending a child away to school" ultimately works against one of the main facets of traditional Catholic education: the strengthening of the family unit. Families even remotely considering moving to Colorado Springs to benefit from this school's efforts are urged to contact Mr. Zeitz at once. Information on employment, housing, etc. will be sent immediately.

The second need is for a training center for traditional teachers. To date, no traditional Catholic school is answering this need. Christ The King School will not be empowered to offer state teaching credentials, of course. But it will serve as a "re-training center" for certified teachers and teacher-aides who seriously wish to learn traditional Catholic teaching methods and philosophy, so that they may serve in existing traditional Catholic schools across the nation and in traditional schools that, by the grace of God, will spring up as a result of the encouragement and direction offered by Christ The King School.

The third need is for a nation-wide information-gathering and dispensing center for groups of traditional Catholics wishing to start their own small traditional Catholic schools. The staff and helpers at Christ The King will provide all the advice and encouragement possible in this endeavor.

Naturally, all three needs cannot be handled at once. They will be tackled in the order in which they have been listed here. It is certain that once the first need is met, the other two will be met in rapid order. One thing is definite: none of these desperate needs can be fulfilled unless traditional Catholics and others lend their assistance in two very important ways:

1. Prayer. Join us in storming Heaven for blessings in this endeavor. Remembrance of this undertaking in the daily rosary is encouraged.

2. Financial. Your immediate response to this is needed. The school has until June 1, 1981 to complete its major fund-raising drive - so time is of great importance. All gifts are tax deductible.

May the reigns of Jesus and Mary be extended through the minds and hearts of the children who, pray God, will benefit immeasureably from this noble undertaking!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHAPEL

Richmond, Virginia





Of the traditional Roman Catholic congregations around the country served by the TCA, the one in Richmond, Virginia is the most recent to acquire a chapel of their own. Since the founding of the TCA the very faithful and dedicated Father Victor Mroz, O.F.M. Conv. has been bringing the True Mass and Sacraments to the traditional Catholics in Richmond as well as to those in the area of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and in Rochester, Minnesota. As with most of our TCA Mass locations, the congregation in Richmond continues to hope and to pray for the day when a truly traditional priest will arrive to reside permanently there.

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Protestants and the Bible

Most of the readers of this newsletter are quite familiar, I'm sure, with the facility and readiness with which many Protestants quote the Scriptures, not only giving this or that sentence or passage but often even citing chapter and verse. While it is not, of course, the traditional Roman Catholic Bible that they quote, yet we certainly must at least acknowledge the fact that so-called fundamentalist and "born again" Christians have a greater familiarity with their version of the Scriptures than most traditional Catholics have with the true Bible.

The illogical position of Protestantism with regard to the Bible is actually a rather simple thing to prove. One can only wonder why more Protestants do not see this. In many cases, I suspect, the reason is that they simply refuse to consider the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church on the subject. If they did, prayerfully and objectively, how could they fail to recognize the truth and logic of that teaching and, consequently, how could they fail to recognize the falsity of their own position in this matter? Seeing all this could, in turn, be the first step, by the grace of God, in their conversion to the One True Church.

What is known as the Catholic Rule of Faith is this: Holy Scripture and tradition are the two sources of divine revelation, both of them subject to the understanding and interpretation of the Church. What we may call the Protestant Rule of Faith is this: there is but one source of God's revealed truth, the Bible, to be interpreted and understood not by any divinely established teaching authority but by the individual person. This is Martin Luther's theory of the private interpretation of Holy Scripture, the utter fallacy of which is all too manifest in the many hundreds of Protestant denominations which exist today, all claiming to teach the word of God, yet contradicting one another on the most vital and fundamental spiritual and moral matters. How can the God of all truth approve blatant contradictions taught in His Name? The Bible is the greatest book in the world because it is the inspired word of God. Yet it remains a book and, as such, it cannot explain itself. Because of the divine nature of its content, it must have an infallible interpreter.

And then there is the powerful argument from history in refutation of the Protestant position regarding the Bible. If the Bible occupies the unique, the indispensable place in God's plan for man's salvation that at least most Protestants say it does, how does one reconcile that position with the following facts of history?

(1) Not a single book of the New Testament was written until some ten years after Christ's Ascension, and it was some 65 years after the Ascension before all the books of the New Testament were completed.

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  Colorado Springs, CO 80934

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TCA BUMPER STICKER

In red and black lettering on a white background, it reads: "Traditional Catholics of America — Save the Traditional Mass". Also included is our TCA address. The cost of these bumper stickers is two for $1.00 (minimum order). The price covers postage, and payment must accompany order.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

— Fr. Francis E. Fenton

Matrimony is one of the seven Sacraments, which is to say it is one of the seven means or instruments established by Christ to convey to man the graces necessary for man's sanctification and salvation. It is that particular Sacrament whereby a baptized man and a baptized woman bind themselves for life in lawful marriage and receive the grace to discharge the duties which married life imposes. Marriage is the oldest institution in the world, a social contract which, in the case of two validly baptized people, Christ elevated to the dignity of a Sacrament.

The level of the character and moral stability of any free nation or society is in proportion to the quality of the generality of families that compose it. Because the family is the basic unit of society, no free nation can long endure in which there occurs widespread breakdown of the family - a fact of which the enemies of God and America are well aware and to which the present state of spiritual and moral disintegration of this country bears stark witness. Because the family is the root and foundation of any civilized people, what more effective way to destroy a nation than to destroy the family and to tear down the Christian ideals of family life? In the USA today approximately one out of every three marriages ends in divorce; homosexuality has become "respectable" and is presented as but another lifestyle; the vocation of women as housewives and mothers is downgraded as ever increasing numbers of married women and mothers are employed in business and professions outside the home; abortions are now occurring at the rate of 1½ million a year (there are more abortions than live births in Washington, D.C.); and so on, like wife-swapping. 'Tis no wonder at all that the USA is spiritually and morally falling apart. Destroy the family, destroy the nation.

Since the Christian ideal of the family has been sustained and fostered down through the centuries primarily by the Roman Catholic Church, perhaps a worthwhile purpose would be served here in stating some of the Church's principal teachings on the subject of marriage:

— Any and every true marriage is a contract gravely binding upon the man and woman involved.

— Only a validly baptized man and a validly baptized woman receive the Sacrament of Matrimony on the occasion of their marriage because the Sacrament of Baptism is a prerequisite for the reception of all the Sacraments.

— No power on earth, ecclesiastical or civil, can break the bond of a consummated marriage of a validly baptized couple.

— The two-fold primary purpose of marriage is the procreation and education of children. For traditional Roman Catholics that education means, first and foremost, the rearing of their children in the Roman Catholic Faith and, where reasonably possible, sending them to a truly traditional Roman Catholic school. The right of parents to educate their children is one which no authority in the world may usurp.

— Understood as a deliberate action to prevent conception, the practice of birth control in any form is always a grave sin. Contraception is contrary to the law of God. Abstinence, complete or periodic (rhythm) - these are the only morally permissible forms of conception prevention. Since, however, the procreation of children is one of the principal purposes of marriage, even the practice or use of the so-called rhythm method to regulate conception requires a justifiable reason.

— Mixed marriages - that is, marriage between a Catholic and non-Catholic - are forbidden by Church law and, if the faith of the Catholic or of the children would be endangered by such a marriage, then it is forbidden by divine law. In any particular case where that danger exists and there is no guarantee that it will be eliminated, a marriage cannot take place. For other reasons as well the Church frowns upon, and only with reluctance allows, any mixed marriage (under which heading would today include marriages between traditional and Novus Ordo Catholics). Because the Faith is the most precious thing in the world, the Roman Catholic Church (as distinct from the Conciliar Church) is ever solicitous for its preservation. Hence, the stand of the Church on mixed marriages for such marriages have ever been one of the principal causes of defection from the Roman Catholic Faith.

The foregoing is but a sampling of the mind and teaching of the Church on marriage and the Sacrament of Matrimony. The grave duty of traditional Catholic parents to rear their children as worthy citizens of God and country has always

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been a challenging one - but surely never more of a challenge than it is in this our day. On all sides our Catholic youth encounter a philosophy of life all but totally alien to that which their parents endeavor to instill in them. Outside their homes materialism, secular humanism, immorality are almost in the very air they breathe. Temptations and occasions of sin confront them constantly for they live in an age and in an environment wherein God and His moral law are of little or no consequence to multitudes of their fellow men. That so many of our Catholic youth remain honorable and pure and upright through it all is a credit to them, yes, but perhaps far more a credit to their fine parents to whose prayers and sacrifices and teaching and example over the years their sons and daughters are so deeply indebted. If we have today - and we do have - a proportionately significant number of commendable Catholic teenagers and young adults in our traditionalist ranks, they are, of course, almost invariably the product of solidly Roman Catholic homes. In the work of preserving and advancing our divine Faith there simply is no adequate substitute for the truly traditional Catholic home.

Again, the family is the basic unit of society. Fully aware of this, the satanic enemies of God, Church and country have the destruction of the family as a major target in their drive to destroy Christian civilization. That those enemies have made alarming progress toward the attainment of that objective is all too painfully apparent on the American scene today. How imperative it is, then, that the family, so vital a part of God's plan for man's sanctification and salvation, be given or restored to the exalted position it must occupy if society is to survive the evil forces hell-bent on destroying it.

The calibre, the goodness of a nation is in proportion to the spiritual and moral quality of its families. The truly Catholic home is one which is begun with the Sacrament of Matrimony and in which the ideals of Christian marriage and the family as taught by the Church are the constant inspiration and guiding light of its members. Grave indeed are the duties and responsibilities which the Sacrament of Matrimony imposes — a fact so particularly evident in this our day. Nor is there any category of parents who are more aware of this than those who are traditional Roman Catholics. But, strong in their Faith and in their love of God, they know too that whatever God wills He gives the grace to accomplish — a truth of which they and their families offer undeniable proof. For the glory of the Church and for the well-being of our nation, may it please God ever to bless and strengthen and guide such families as these!

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(2) The particular writings which comprise the New Testament did not exist under one cover until the year 397 when the Roman Catholic Church's Council of Constantinople infallibly identified and specified the books that were the inspired word of God, that is, the books that make up the Bible.

(3) It was not until the invention of printing about a thousand years later (about 1440) that the Bible became available in any quantity. So, the vast majority of people who lived during the first 15 centuries of the Christian era likely never even saw a Bible. It just didn't exist under one cover for the first four centuries and it was a rare commodity indeed until about the middle of the 15th century.

It would appear, then, that the argument from history against the Protestant position on the absolute supremacy of the Bible is irrefutable. If the Bible, while it is indeed the inspired word of God, is so indispensable for man in the working out of his salvation as Protestantism would have us believe, then literally millions of people haven't fared too well throughout Christian history because the Bible was unknown to them.

Such is a portion of the line of argument against what we may call the Protestant Rule of Faith. The fact is that Christ never commanded His Apostles and disciples to **write anything**. Yes, the Bible is the most precious book in the world and is one of the two sources of divine revelation, the other being tradition. But the Church antedates or predates the Bible by some 3½ centuries. It is the Church then - the Roman Catholic Church - which is the ultimate authority on divine revelation as contained in Sacred Scripture. The private interpretation of the Bible is just that: the personal opinion of the individual - hardly a sound basis for determining the eternal, unchangeable revealed truths of Almighty God. How very true indeed the words of one of the most eminent of 19th century converts to the Roman Catholic Church, John Henry Cardinal Newman: "To be deep in history is to cease to be a Protestant".

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May 3

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Mass at 10:00 a.m.
May 10

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