



Christ the King: His Reign is Key to Peace

FROM THE ENCYCLICAL *Quas Primas* OF POPE PIUS XI, 1925



“19. When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony..., for with the spread and the universal extent of the kingdom of Christ men will become more and more conscious of the link that binds them together, and thus many conflicts will be either prevented entirely or at least their bitterness will be diminished.

“20. If the kingdom of Christ, then, receives, as it should, all nations under its way, there seems no reason why we should despair of seeing that peace which the King of Peace came to bring on earth - He who came to reconcile all things, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, who, though Lord of all, gave Himself to us as a model of humility, and with His principal law united the precept of charity; who said also: "My yoke is sweet and my burden light." Oh, what happiness would be ours if all men, individuals, families, and nations, would but let themselves be governed by Christ!

33. “The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal. If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by His Precious Blood, are by a new right subjected to His dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from His empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God.... It is Our fervent desire that those who are without the fold may seek after and accept the sweet yoke of Christ, and that we, who by the mercy of God are of the household of the faith, may bear that yoke, not as a burden but with joy, with love, with devotion...”

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

O Lord Jesus Christ, I acknowledge Thee King of the Universe. All that has been created has been made for Thee. Exercise upon me all Thy rights. I renew my baptismal promises, renouncing Satan and all his works and pomps. I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power to

procure the triumph of the rights of God and Thy Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee my poor actions in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge Thy sacred Royalty, and that thus the reign of Thy peace may be established throughout the universe. Amen.

LETTER FROM THE VICAR GENERAL



Dear friends of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest,

Pax Christi in Regno Christi! “The peace of Christ in the Reign of Christ.” This motto of Pope Pius XI admirably summarizes his 1925

encyclical, ***Quas Primas***, which instituted the annual Feast of Christ the King on the final Sunday of October. On this solemnity the apostolates of our Institute join with Catholics throughout the world at Holy Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, offering prayers of consecration and reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Eucharistic processions are held as a testimony of love and service to Christ our King. The celebration of this feast thus seeks to establish the peace of the Reign of Christ in our world!

As stated in the Preface of the Mass on this day, the Kingdom of Christ is one of truth and charity, which is why ***“Living the Truth in Charity”*** is the motto and ideal of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. Our mission is to serve the Church as instruments which bring the grace, teaching, & love of Christ to souls, thus promoting

the Reign of Christ the King in all spheres of human life. Each day our Canons offer Holy Mass, celebrate the Sacraments, and chant the Divine Office, together with our oblate brothers. Our Canons provide spiritual direction, teach catechism, and pray with people in the homes and on the streets of America. Our Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus spend hours in prayer each day as a spiritual support for our apostolate. Over 80 seminarians are preparing to be your priests of tomorrow. In so many ways our Institute is working to bring the peace of Christ in the Reign of Christ to our world.

In fulfilling this mission entrusted to us by the Church, we urgently need your prayers. We also rely upon the charity of your financial contributions. Without your help we cannot continue! **Please support the work of our Institute by a generous donation.** May God reward you for your sacrifice and for your prayers!

Yours very truly, in Christ the King,

Msgr. Michael Schmitz
Vicar General and Provincial Superior

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