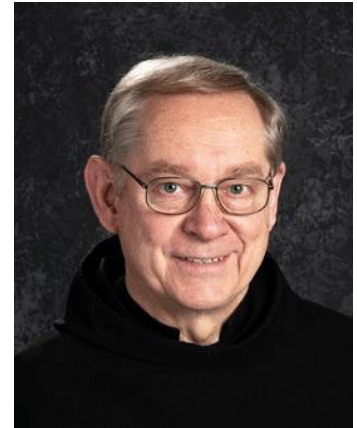


Sunday, November 22nd, 2020

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

When Pope Pius XI instituted today's Feast in 1925, the Church wanted to make a strong statement. Its message was simple: Our King is Christ! And His Kingship is different from everything we are used to. He did not come with political power or might; He came as one of us! He is a king who became as ordinary as each one of us.



In His Kingdom, Jesus is the Shepherd-King, who wants to support the weak and gently lead all to greener pastures. Today let us ask ourselves, "Is Christ the King of my life?" If yes, how do I live out His Kingship?

What do I understand as my obligation to the neediest in our society-the hungry, the thirsty, those who are ill or in prison? To the extent that we are able to ask and find genuine answers to these questions do we acknowledge Christ as the King.

We can call Jesus our King and our Lord only if we are ready to follow His ways. This is what makes us Christian. Having Jesus as our King means living according to the principles of His Kingship, that is, helping spread His love around by our words and our actions, in our homes and neighborhoods, towards our family members and our friends, towards (to use Jesus' words in the gospels) the least of our brothers and sisters.

The more ready and willing we are to do this, the more like Christ will we become; and our claiming Him as Lord and Savior, King and Redeemer, will become clearer and more persuasive to the rest of the world.

Peace and Blessings,

Father Conrad