The Kingship Of Christ.

Sunday is the feast of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI, who denounced secularism because it refuses to recognize the rights of Christ over persons, families and nations, and organizes modern life as though God did not exist, wanted this feast to be celebrated toward the end of the liturgical year, on the last Sunday of October, as the consummation of all the mysteries through which Christ has established His royal powers over all minds and hearts.

Once Christ's universal kingship is accepted, the deadly reign of godlessness will be overthrown. When He said "All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth" Christ announced His kingly dominion, both temporal and spiritual, over every created being. Saint Thomas taught that, although Christ was empowered as king by God Himself, He did not will to exercise temporal administration of His earthly kingdom.

Yet Christ is the King of kings. Of the heads of nations He will demand a rigorous accounting. What terrible judgment awaits them who misuse their authority, because all legitimate authority comes only from God.

Read chapter 6 of the Book of Wisdom in connection with this feast. "Hear, therefore, ye kings, and understand: learn, ye that are judges of the ends of the earth. Give ear, you that rule the people... For power is given you by the Lord... who will examine your works, and search out your thoughts: Because being ministers of his kingdom, you have not judged rightly, nor kept the law of justice, nor walked according to the will of God.

"Horribly and speedily will he appear to you; for a most severe judgment shall be for them that bear rule. For to him that is little, mercy is granted: but the mighty shall be mightily tormented.

"For God will not except any man's person, neither will he stand in awe of any man's greatness: for he made the little and the great, and he hath equally care of all. But a greater punishment is ready for the more mighty. To you, therefore, O kings, are these my words, that you may learn wisdom and not fall from it."

In your Holy Communion Sunday pray for those in authority... Ask yourself tomorrow, the vigil of Christ the King, to what extent He is your King... If you are in mortal sin you have repudiated His kingship but never will you escape His judgments.

Cooperators With Christ The King.

The thought of the pseudo-Dionysius--"Of all divine things the most divine is to cooperate with God in the salvation of souls"--is fitting today when throughout the world there is need for cooperators in the persons of priests, Brothers and Sisters.

If you are thinking of the priesthood there is no sense trying to figure out without advice just what it takes to give it a try. No one will shanghai you. Now should you wait until an angel whistles a "come on." There will be no rolling of heavenly drums or flashes of lightning like bolts out of the blue... It's like a journey to a mountain, and the closer you get to it the mightier it seems. You may wonder how in the world you'll ever climb to the top... One thing is certain, you'll not get to the summit unless you begin the climb. There will be times when the fog of doubt will blind you and you can't see where you're going. But if you've got the gumption to just keep on climbing, you'll get above the overcast where there are no fogs, no mists, just God's wonderful sunshine.

Prayers: (deceased) brother of Sister M. Eugene, S.N.D.; Thomas P. Gerraughty, ex-’51; Polio, brother of E. Lewis, Ill, Sister Mary St. Carolyn, B.V.M.; friend of Sister M. Marina, C.S.J.; Rev. Tom Richards, C.S.C.; Father Laskowski. 5 special intentions.