

COMING TO THE FONT
APRIL 23, 2022
EASTER SATURDAY
THE COUNSELS OF PERFECTION: RENUNCIATION OF OWNERSHIP

Together, the Counsels of Perfection give us the guidance and direction that leads one to the Perfection of Love which we seek, that is, to love perfectly as our Father Loves us. In this light we can see that while Obedience is the first step necessary in living a life in allegiance to Christ and loving Chastely is the reward and very end of this life, the renunciation of ownership is the day-to-day work that conducts one along the journey and the way of perfection.

Through the Renunciation of Ownership, we break away the ties that bind us to things, whether material or immaterial. Just as something becomes no longer my computer or my books to the exclusion of others, we can ascend to where it is no longer my time or my joy in ownership. Rather, we may still say my joy, but it is not because I own or am responsible for it, but by relationship--my joy is the joy that resides in me.

THE PATH OF PERFECTION:

Beginning with Obedience, through the Renunciation of Ownership, one loves Chastely

RENUNCIATION IS NOT POVERTY

Where poverty either describes a condition of deprivation of essential necessities and brings about suffering, by its very nature, or it offers such a vague definition that what is poverty for one is luxury to another, the renunciation of ownership entails a very clear and particular meaning that inherently redefines one's relationship to things, to others and to God.

- ✘ One becomes detached from worldly things
- ✘ Is moved to treasure the things of heaven
- ✘ Becomes focused on the love of others, moved from exclusion to into relationship
- ✘ And sees one's self in perfect relation to the Work and Will of the Father.

MOVES FROM MATERIAL TO IMMATERIAL

RENUNCIATION INCREASES:

- ✘ Compassion
- ✘ Contentment
- ✘ Faith

WAYS IN LIVING OUT RENUNCIATION IN FAMILY LIFE

Disposition of Renunciation of Ownership

Reduce, Rent, and Share

Family and Workplace Ownership

Just as the prior is in charge of the property of the community, so are the parents in charge of the property of the family--and the boss of property in the workplace.