



St. Paul will never forget a horseback ride he once took to Damascus. On this trip Christ appeared to him and threw him from his horse to the ground. At that time Paul was filled with a hatred of anything Catholic. But that appearance of Christ was the beginning of Paul's conversion to Catholicism and to sainthood.

Nat all conversions are as dramatic as St. Paul's. In most cases the Light of Faith comes only after a long period of prayer either by the convert or a friend anxious to make the conversion.

If you want your girl, your father or mother or a friend to have the happiness of the Faith, you must pray perseveringly for them. Even though you have no particular friend or relative in mind, you should pray for conversions during the Octave (8 days) it is the will of Christ that all men come to the knowledge of the True Faith. Don't you want others to know the consolation and strength that comes from knowing Christ and His doctrine? In the United States alone there are 100,000,000 without any religion. There are millions of souls in Russia ready for conversion. So the field for your prayer is endless.

Cut out the following prayer and keep it in your desk or on your wallet for easy reference. Say it daily for your particular intention and for those the Pope has in mind during this Octave.

(Antiphon) That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou has sent Me.

V. I say unto thee thou art Peter.

R. And upon this rock I will build My church.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles; Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy will. Who livest and reignest For ever and ever. Amen.

Chesterton Speaks About Confession.

"When people ask me, or indeed anybody else, 'Why did you join the Church of Rome?' the first essential answer, if it is partly an elliptical answer, is 'To get rid of my sins.' For there is no other religious system that does really profess to get rid of peoples sins. It is confirmed by the logic, which to many seems startling, by which the Church deduces that sin confessed and adequately repented is actually abolished; and that the sinner does really begin again as if he had never sinned.

"Well, when a Catholic comes from Confession, he does truly, by definition, step out again into that dawn of his own beginning and look with new eyes across the world to a Crystal Palace that is really of crystal. He believes that in that dim corner, and in that brief ritual, God has really remade him in His own image."