

**In the Name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.**

In today's Epistle (Colossians 1:12-20), St. Paul enumerates the titles which make [Jesus Christ the King] of all kings: He is "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature; for in Him were all things created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible." These titles belong to Jesus Christ inasmuch as He is God, perfect image of the Father, exemplary cause of all earthly and heavenly creatures and, at the same time, Creator, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, of all that exists, for nothing has existence without Him, but "all things were created by Him and in Him ... by Him all things consist."

And so, it is right and just that we live every aspect of our lives on earth under His reign. Ultimately, living every aspect of our lives on earth under the reign of Jesus Christ the King, is the only way to change what for many seem to be extremely dark and troubling times in our country, our society, our families and our Church.

Archbishop Emeritus Charles Chaput of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia reminds us in his book entitled *Render Unto Caesar*, that before anything else "We are citizens of heaven first. But just as God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, so the glory and irony of the Christian life is this: The more truly we love God, the more truly we serve the world."

So, dear brothers and sisters, in the midst of what many consider a time of great political, social and cultural darkness and turmoil and when inner peace, for many, seems to be at a premium, how shall we be men and women of inner peace...men and women of the "unshakable peace and security that only Christ can give?" The answer is simple...it's very simple: be more authentically Catholic in your personal life, in your public words and actions, in your political choices

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and never ever forget, as you live your daily lives, that the more truly we love God, the more truly we serve the world under the reign of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!

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