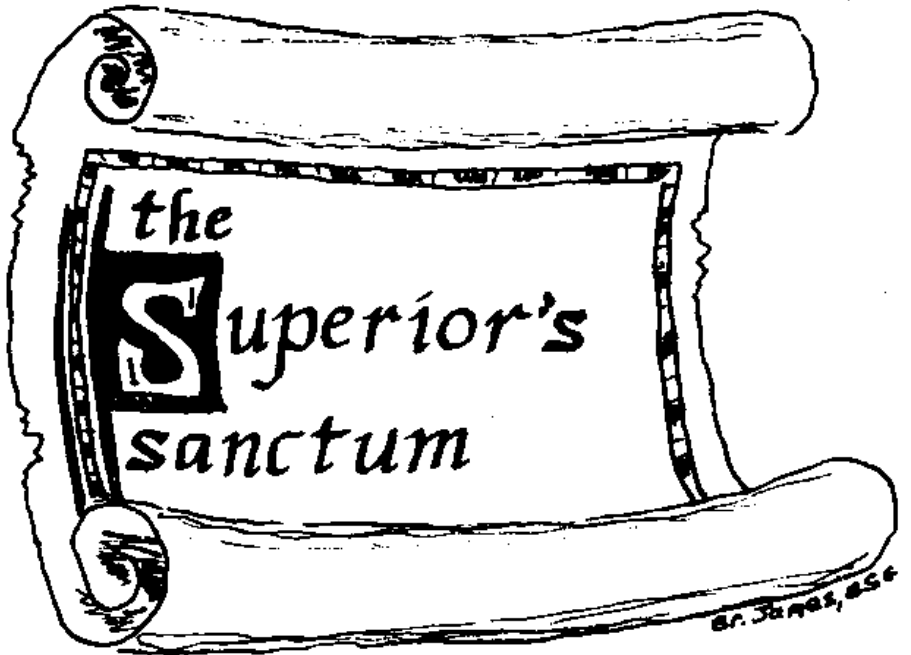
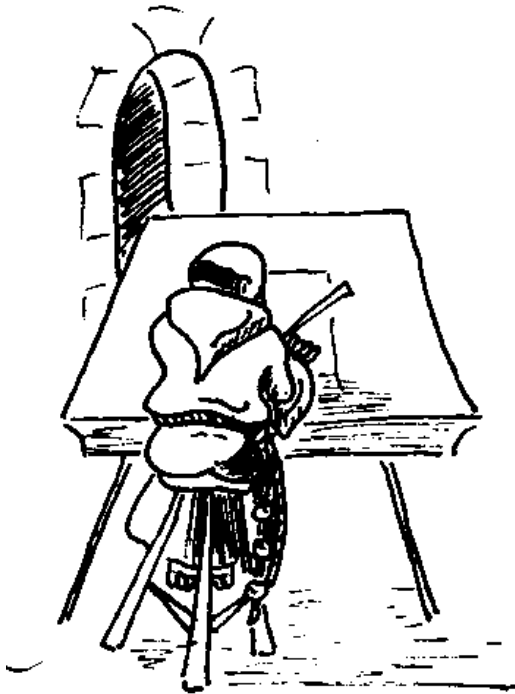
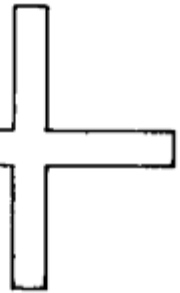


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As this is written, the year 1978 is almost a memory. And what a year it has been: The Brothers have become more involved in the life of their parishes, assisting in many ways. These ways take the form of training acolytes, assisting at the Eucharist and the Daily Offices, serving on vestries, directing choirs, working with Altar Guilds the list goes on. We have done a great deal of work with those less fortunate and supplied vestiture and church appointments, through the Vestment Exchange. In addition, we have served in varied capacities for special Services and events. These

are listed in the re-cap we have done in "Community Notes". Brother Leslie Victor and I have also performed several concerts, bearing in mind the calling of the Brotherhood to the Liturgical Arts.

"For behold, I make all things new"

We have all heard these words in several combinations, and when we come to the final analysis we know that when God touches any situation it truly does become a "new creation". Such has been the case with the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory - as we strive to become better "Servants of the Servants of God". We are new creations for the accomplishment of God's plan.

You will instantly notice a new creation in the format of THE SERVANT. After two years and twenty-four issues, Brother John has moved on to other work in the Order and the Church. We are all pleased that he has been chosen for these new areas of service and we all owe him a debt of prayerful thanks for the work he has so ably performed. The work of THE SERVANT will be continued in the form of an Editorial Board consisting of Brothers Roger, Leslie, James, David Joseph and myself. As always, we would like to have your comments and suggestions as to how we may be of service to you and the Church.

As you may guess, the printing and mailing of this paper costs more with each issue. Inflation knows no favorites and we have not been spared from increases. (This new format is actually less expensive to print and mail. than the previous style.) As we enter this, our Tenth Year of service to the Church, we are reminded that all of us are in some way involved in stewardship. Some of us are given the mandate to take on the works, supported by that stewardship. We of the Brotherhood have never made any kind of appeal for funds, but at this point in time we would like to ask for your assistance.

THE SERVANT is distributed to over 500 locations including Puerto Rico, Africa, the Virgin Islands, Canada, England and Asia. With this issue we begin some new adventures, and ask that you become part of that adventure. We ask you then, if you are so inclined, to support the work of the Brotherhood with a small "subscription". Please note that you will still continue to receive THE SERVANT, whether you subscribe or not. Remember the Vestment Exchange if you have any used or no-longer-needed appointments, the Intercession List for your intentions and the Gregorian Book of Memory. We are here to serve - please let us know how we can serve you.



COMMUNITY NOTES

Almost all Religious have been asked at one time or another "What do you do?" In addition to praying the Daily Fourfold Office, and the observance of the Rule, we are involved in the daily life of the churches we serve "ON MISSION". We thought that our readers might enjoy a re-cap of the year 1978 - to get a better idea of the various activities we have carried out.

12/18 - Grace Church, White Plains, NY - Br. Wilyam David Life Professed, Brs. James and Roger First Professed and Postulant David Joseph advanced to Novice; 12/21 - Superior joined by Brs. James, Roger, Leslie and David Joseph at the Ordination to Diaconate of Rachelle Birnbaum, Calvary Church, NY; 1/1 - Br. Michael licensed to administer Chalice and began broadcasting school, Pittsfield, Mass.; Brs. Leslie, James, Roger, David Joseph and the Superior attend Trinity Institute, with Bishop Moore presiding; 3/12 Observance of our Patronal Feast in all churches which we serve; NY area Brothers attended dedication of Absalom Jones Priory, NYC (Order of the Holy Cross.); Visited Blessed Sacrament Monastery, Yonkers, NY for an informal afternoon with the Community, followed by a similar visit to the Visitation Monastery, Riverdale, NY (our place of Foundation in 1969) to introduce new members of our Brotherhood to the Sisters; Christian Williams received as Postulant; 4/78 - Easter Day, NY area Brothers assisted at Solemn Evensong, Cathedral of St. John the Divine; 4/30 - NY Brothers joined by Brs. Christian and Matthew Joseph at Parish Day, Diocese of NY; 5/78 - Br. John guest preacher at St. Paul's Church, Lynnfield, Mass.; Br. Leslie celebrated sixth year of Profession and renewed Vows; the Brotherhood attended the 145th Anniversary observance of St. Paul's Church, Staten Island; 6/78 - Br. David Joseph. Professed, Cathedral of St. John the Divine; the Community attended e Requiem of the Rt. Rev. Harold Wright, and kept the Night Vigil, later attending the Interment at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, NY; 8/18-20 Annual Chapter in Rockville, Md., Br. Roger appointed Assistant Superior, Br. Leslie, Administrative Assistant, Br. Christian

entered Novitiate; 8/28 - Brs. Leslie, David Joseph represent the Superior at admission of Postulant Matthew Joseph, Grace Church, Manchester, NH; the Brotherhood assists at fund raising dinner, Church of the Mediator, Bronx, NY; 9/14 - Ninth Anniversary of our Founding and Ninth Year of Profession for Superior, Br. Richard Thomas; Br. James elected and serves as Delegate to Diocesan Convention (representing Church of the Mediator), NH Brothers joined us; 10/78 - work sessions for the Blessed Sacrament Nuns (R.C.) Yonkers, NY preparing for Fair; attended the Anniversary Eucharist for Bishop Donegan, St. James Church, NY (our first Visitor); 11/78 - attended Ordination to Priesthood of Rachele Birnbaum, Calvary Church, NY; 11/22 - Br. John observes Third Year Life Professed, 11/25-26, worked at Sacramentine Nuns Christmas Fair; 12/18 - First Profession Anniversary of Brs. James and Roger, Br. John named American Representative to the International Congress of Religious to be held at Loyola, Spain, 1979; Br. John named special representative to Bishop Choi, Diocese of Busan, Korea, and celebrates 50 years as a Lay Reader, special observances at Christ Church, Rockville, Md. in his honor.

Brother Michael, BSG writes.

As I sat down to write this article for THE SERVANT, I was listening to that wonderful piece of Russian music, Piano Concerto No. 2 by Sergei Rachmaninoff, with Rachmaninoff himself as the soloist. The music led me to think of the times I have gone to Divine Liturgy at Saint Nicholas, the Russian Orthodox church here in Pittsfield. About two weeks ago an Orthodox friend wanted me to go to Saint Nicholas on Sunday morning. After attending to my duties at Saint James' on Saturday evening, I asked the Rector if I could slip away that Sunday morning provided he didn't need me to administer the Chalice. Father Middleton assured me that he could get by the next day, so with my Rector's blessing I went off to Saint Nicholas that Sunday morning.

Saint Nicholas is a small neat white framed church, boasting a new blue dome with a gold cross. The old dome which was sheeted with tin over wood had become decayed with age and had to be replaced. Parishioners worked hard to save up the \$3,000 for the new dome, made of fiberglass will last many years. It was not an easy feat considering it is a small parish of hard working "everyday people". A well maintained lawn surrounds the little white church.

As you walk up the grey wooden steps and step inside the door, within a couple of steps you open still another door to a different world. The smell of incense is thick and heavy throughout the church. New red carpeting runs down the center and only aisle, to and up the steps to the iconostasis, which is painted white with gold trim. The Iconostasis runs the entire width of the church and from floor to ceiling, making the Sanctuary literally another holy room. It has three doors, one on the extreme left, the main door in the center and one on the extreme right. The center doorway has the traditional gates which are opened or closed at the appropriate times. Many Icons, the windows of heaven, decorate the Iconostasis and walls of the church. The windows are of simple frosted glass. Icon stands and altar hangings, along with the pavement light stands, which people place their candles upon entering church appear to be very old and all locally made by the parishioners themselves. The small choir does a marvelous job. In listening to that a capella choir you would think you were in the country province of Russia.

The priest, Father Dan and his wife Barbara drive from Latham, New York, just outside of Albany every Sunday and Holy Days. They are exceedingly friendly and with the parishioners welcome all new comers making them feel like home. The Liturgy is in English now with only the Creed said in Slavonic. A strong feeling of love and fellowship can be felt from these people who have struggled to maintain and keep their church alive. Surely God must be pleased with all of them for their hard work and fortitude.

After the Liturgy, we were invited to a coffee hour underneath the church which serves as their parish hall. We waited with others until the choir had finished practicing in the church. Father Dan said a Blessing and a few prayers with everyone facing an Icon of Saint Nicholas. Freshly baked rolls and butter were served with the coffee, along with friendly conversation with the parishioners. One man expressed sadness over the Episcopal Church decision to ordain women to the priesthood as it has impaired talks over unification of our two churches. He said he hoped that earthly politics in the church would not hinder us from inter-communion someday.

I pray too that someday the Anglican Communion and Orthodox Church can achieve this. I ask your prayers for the people of Saint Nicholas and their priest that they may continue their fine work. I also thank God for giving me the opportunity to have fellowship with these fine people.

May God Bless, protect and keep Father Dan and his flock from all danger, now and unto the ages of ages, AMEN!

Brother Michael, BSG
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

P.S. Would to God, that all Christians work as hard as those fine people of Saint Nicholas.

MOVING????

Please remember to let the Brothers know when you change your address, in order to avoid missing any issues of THE SERVANT.

VESTMENT EXCHANGE

Please remember The Brotherhood when you come across those old or seldom-used chasubles, stoles, burse and veil sets or any other vestments in the back of your vesting drawer or closet: Our Vestment Exchange is constantly receiving requests from parishes around the country which would happily put these items to immediate use, but, due to our lack of inventory, we can only file these request for many articles until they are donated to us. Of course, this service is provided free of charge, as a part of our program of Christian mission.

4 Ways to Have a Good Day

1. Pray Every Day - for yourself, others, every situation in which you find yourself. Talk in everyday language.

"Pray without ceasing" I Thessalonians 5:17

(Examples - pray for patience with family and friends; pray for protection when you drive; pray for people and situations you read about in world, national and local news. At night - ask for forgiveness for any wrongdoing of the day, for a refreshing night's sleep.)

2. Think of specific ways by which you can brighten the day of those with whom you come in contact - family, friends, as well as co-workers, store clerks, etc.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" Proverbs 17:22

3. Develop the art of getting along with other people. Become aware of if critical thoughts and immediately substitute a positive thought; act as if you believe in another person and do the loving thing even if your feelings aren't in accord (some psychologists say this can change your attitude toward a person). Be aggressively helpful - hold a door, lighten someone's work load. Pray for those you don't like; tune into personal interests; never miss a chance to congratulate someone, remember a birthday, praise someone.

"Now abideth faith, hope and love - these three; but the greatest of these is love" I Corinthians 13:13

4. Realize that all the above is futile without a commitment to Christ 'and begin today to renew that commitment. Talk to Him - read about Him, in the Bible, and other inspirational material; get involved with other committed Christians in church or community projects; share and study groups; become aware of His constant presence; be willing to make changes in your life as Christ guides you.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven - and all these things shall be added to you" Matthew 6:33

An Outline for Prayer

1. 30 seconds - close your eyes and become peaceful - concentrate on God's presence.
2. 10 minutes - read Bible or scriptural material.
3. Use everyday language.
 - a. Thank God specifically for things that have happened today and/or yesterday.
 - b. Pray specifically for others needs or well-being.
 - c. Ask specifically for your own needs, desires and well-being.
 - d. Conclude always with "If this is Your will".

INTERCESSIONS

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CELIA DIAMOND
BROTHER LUKE, SSF
SISTER MARY JUDE McKENNA, OP

WOOD van VALKENBURGH
ANDREA PETERS

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Rev'd Elwyn D. Brown
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The Visitation Nuns
The Sacramentine Nuns
Congregation of the Servants of Christ

Convent of the Transfiguration
Community of the Holy Spirit
Community of Saint Francis

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Peter Irons

Rev'd Samuel Benson

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Rev'd Robin Murray.

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THE SUPERIOR'S SANCTUM

Inch by inch -- the caterpillar covers many miles -

One day two caterpillars were moving down the street. As they saw a butterfly overhead, one said to the other, "I wouldn't be caught dead in those".

Growth for anything worth doing takes planned work and effort. We must plan for the present by being prepared for God's plan for the future. We all hope and pray for success in many ways. We hope and pray that what we do is acceptable to God and that what we do will be for His glory and honor.

Is all we do filled with this purpose? Do we really strive to allow God to work in and through us? Or -- do we make all the plans and presume that God will support us with His acceptance?

Success must be pursued in the same way that the caterpillar covers ground -inch by inch. We must take the same course that members of A.A. use. "One step at a time".

The "one step at a time" approach, like "inch by inch" allows for a brief time of reflection as we move along the road.

This approach is the one facet inherent in The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory. have moved step by step for ten years. There were ups and downs but by using each event as a testing; as a searching of God's intentions, we have come "inch by inch".

Being, working, doing -- all these must be filled with a slow and precise moving forward -into the realm of God's plan for us. Each delay -- each abrupt stop -- is a possibility for a re-assessment and contemplation of the future.

In Scripture at Matthew 25:1-13 we read: "Watch therefore for you know neither the day nor the hour".

The moment when we will be asked to make the next "step" or move ahead another "inch" -is never really known. We may have already gone the distance, before we realized God has moved us ahead. In some cases, what we may perceive as a step backward, is really a step forward. This is so, when we are pushed back in order for God to make available a more fruitful opportunity.

So -- whether in the setting of the Religious Life or in the Secular world we move along "inch by inch" -- slowly and patiently -- with the knowledge - t the promises of God are certain and sure. If we allow God's hand to guide us along the path, we can be sure the way will be shown to us.

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior

THE CONTEMPLATIVE SEASON OF LENT

At the request of the Brother Superior I began to put down some thoughts which might be appropriate for readers of THE SERVANT to have in mind as we approach the penitential and contemplative season of Lent, No ideas were forthcoming and the press of other business interrupted my meditations, to be returned to later I promised myself. The other business which interrupted was in the form of a young man who came knocking at my door to seek from me some solace for a very difficult personal problem. He had just learned the day previously that his father had been stricken by a massive stroke and was, even at that moment, sinking deeper and deeper into a coma which the doctors prognosed as being terminal. Before leaving on the painful journey home to be with his grief-stricken mother, he had come to his pastor for what meager. strength I could offer in order to be able to face his coming difficult days. We talked for some time about the paradoxes of life, the way in which one can triumph over pain and anguish and then we prayed for strength and guidance to help him through his time of trial.

Later I returned to trying to pull together some thoughts for THE SERVANT and it suddenly struck me that, like the paradoxes about which I had spoken earlier, my situation was itself another one: God had placed me in a position to be of some small spiritual help to one who was suffering and while I certainly did not under the circumstances begrudge him the time, he had taken me away from my intended course. I did not realize until several hours later that in His own mysterious way, God had

been showing me the answer to my meditation: By being diverted from the question to which I was seeking an answer, I had found the answer.

Suddenly ideas began flowing like water. Life is a paradox. Jesus life: a divine paradox. Consider; a crime was committed against Jesus when he was crucified. A heinous crime, representative of the cruelest and basest of man's capacities.

Capital punishment, whether of a modern-day felon, or of the Christ Himself, shows us mankind at its absolute worst. And yet the paradox, the divine paradox, is that this very act enabled man to believe in his best: In the light of the cross, trouble, suffering, despair, and tragedy are changed into triumph through Christ.

Or consider again; the Cross signaled a defeat of His righteousness. To the observation of his followers, Jesus had been defeated, the things of which He preached devalued, His principles destroyed. And yet, in retrospect we now see that this seemingly crushing defect was the greatest victory righteousness ever won.

Consider once more; Jesus died on that Cross. Yet even His death, a short three days later was transmuted into a victory over death the likes of which the world had never previously seen or imagined. The promise of victory over death stands to this day as a sign from God that those who believe in Him will never die.

Our lives are full of paradoxes of that sort. Something which seems at the moment to be a situation of the most serious adversity can, 10 minutes or 10 hours or even ten months later, suddenly be discovered to have been an opportunity which opened unexamined or even unimagined doors to new paths of service for God. The pains we experience are not sent by God because He is perverse; they exist because, in their overcoming, we emerge stronger and more capable of meeting the next challenge. The griefs we experience are not our punishment for sin, they are an opportunity to share joy through our love for the redeeming nature of Jesus Christ.

As we enter this season of Lent, we need to consider the pain with which the world is filled. We need to examine man's inhumanity, to see the suffering we cause each other to vicariously experience another's anguish. But the end result of our examinations of ourselves should not be a depressing of our spirit, rather it should enable us to move on from Lent into that holiest of days when we observe His resurrection, with the surest of knowledge that even as He triumphed over death, so too can we emerge triumphant over our own far less important pains, sufferings and disappointments.

Rev'd David G. Henritz
Executive Director
Bowery Mission
New York, New York

INTERNATIONAL AND ECUMENICAL NEWS

On the first Sunday in Advent, by an action of the Bishop and the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Busan, Korea, Brother John received a Commission as a Representative of the Right Reverend William C. Choi. On October 5, last year Brother John became the first of our Brothers to hold dual Diocesan Membership when the Thirty-sixth Standing Committee Meeting of the Diocese of Busan accorded him that membership.

In fulfilling his duties for Bishop Choi, our Brother will be given specific assignments from time to time as well as having the task of promoting the work of the Diocese in America.

The Diocese of Busan is one of our newer areas in the Anglican-Episcopal Church and is perhaps the most underfinanced Diocese in our Communion. The mission of the Diocese is quite difficult since the Christian Church is in the minority in Korea and the Anglican Church a minority operation among the Christians. Most of the Churches are located in commercial buildings, in stores, etc. In addition to the secular Clergy there are Nuns and one Benedictine Priest. Clergy salaries are very low and the inflation rate very high. The Bishop receives less than any of his Priests and is thought to be the only one of our Bishops who travels to his Churches by train or bus. Some of his visitations take one day of travel.

Without making a specific pledge, Brother John sends small amounts of money to the Bishop each month. He has established a "Busan Box" in which he places the cost of something of which he deprives himself such as clothing and food. On the occasion of the beginning of his fiftieth year as a licensed Lay Reader, our Brother received some money as a thank offering which he promptly dedicated to the Diocese of Busan. Brother John asks that anyone desiring to help in the effort to spread the Good News of the Gospel in Korea, to send the funds to him at: 642 Crocus Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850 and he will forward them to Bishop Choi.

The Brotherhood is happy to have this work in Foreign Missions as a part of the overall ministry of our Order. In monthly reports to the Bishop, Brother John includes the names of those on our Intercession list so that we now have an international cycle of prayer in operation.

In another area, Brother John is the American Representative of the International Ecumenical Congress of Religious orders which will meet at Loyola, Spain from August 2, through August 9, 1979. The Congress will gather together male Religious Orders of the Churches. They will live as Brothers and exchange ideas as well as discuss method of arriving at a basis for union in Christ. To date, the Congress has the blessings of Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Church leaders and those of several Protestant bodies. Applications have been received from several Orders but it is too soon to tell how large the participation will be from the United States.

In a recent message from Fr. J. Martin deZabala, Secretary General of the Congress, he wrote:

"One of our objectives is to know each other, our traditions, trials and tribulations, our happiness and our pleasures. When we know each other, we will love each other. That will help us to reach a goal of union through the Holy Spirit."

-The adjunct to achieving the goal of getting to know one another is the housing plan. Conferees will be housed in various Monasteries including Loyola House the home of the Society of Jesus. Brother John is hopeful that representatives of the American Episcopal Orders will have the good fortune to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with our fellow monastics from other Churches.

In order to fully understand all that goes on at the Congress, those who attend will have the advantage of simultaneous translations of the meeting in Spanish, German, French, English and Italian. The system is being made available by the Jesuits. Despite this, Brother John has gone back to school to learn conversational Spanish and hopes to be able to speak the language before August.

The Ecumenical activity of The Brotherhood will be expanded by the work of this Congress and our International operations begun. We seek your prayers that we may continue to be "Servants of the Servants of God" in many places in the world.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Brother Nicholas (Kington Hecock) was admitted as Postulant on January 21, 1979. The service took place at St. Mark's Church in Portland, Oregon and Father Frane, Rector received his Vows, acting for the Superior. Brother will be assigned "On Mission" at St. Mark's. Brother Nicholas is employed by the Oregonian Newspaper and brings a wealth of experience and ability to the Order. He also plays the organ and has ability in the choral music field. We all rejoice in this first step in the life of our new Brother and we ask your prayers for him and the Brotherhood.

On January 7, 1979 Brother Richard directed the pageant "The Life of Christ - and - you are there". This event traces the major events in the life of Christ, from the Annunciation through the Feast of All Saints. It was written by the Rev. David Henritzy and this was the second year of performance. Brother Leslie Victor played the parts of both Balthazar the King and the Angel of the Resurrection; and sang "Were you there" at the Crucifixion scene. The production utilizes Organ, Choir, dance, lighting, electronic tape and narrator.

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Recently, while walking down a Manhattan street, I noticed this sign in a store window: "Salesman Wanted: Must Speak Spanish." No matter how much I ignored it -- this simple sign -- it continued to bring some thoughts to mind.

To re-write the sign: "Salesman Wanted -- Must know and speak Christ.": How many people really know Christ?

And -- how many are good salesmen -- salespersons for Christ!

One of the most basic sales techniques is to convince the customer that your product is the best -- and something he or she cannot afford to be without. This may seem to be stretching a point, but if the missionary spirit prevails, what are we if not salesmen. Our sermons and homilies, our forums and Sunday school classes -- even our study-action series -- are, in fact, all sales situations. The major difference is that our product is not manufactured or contrived. Ours is real and we know it is the best. After all, God made everything in the beginning and all else all else come from the "source". With such a creator we know we have the best!

Typically, unless a salesperson is positive of selling the best product of its kind, sales will fall short. To sell something the salesman must present a positive attitude about his own product. You cannot sell a piano, unless you feel yours is the finest available. You cannot sell a suit, without being firmly convinced that the one made by your competition is inferior. For the same reasons, you cannot show others how to follow Christ, if you do not radiate the feeling that He is your Savior and your redemption.

One of the things we all are aware of is the proliferation of cults in this day and age. But, the one thing we see is that in almost every case it is the man who founded the group, and not God, who is raised up as leader. In the Rule of The Brotherhood, we pledge "to meet Christ in every man, woman and child ". We also believe that life itself would have no meaning, without Him.

So then when we are asked why and how we have this conviction we can be "good salespeople" -- and convince all we meet that Christ is the best that life has to offer.

We must:

1. Know Christ as Brother, and show others that He is their Brother also.
2. We must show forth a total state of joy in the knowledge that He is all for us.
3. We must "know" Him, from study of Scripture, study of His life and the reading of appropriate literature.
4. We must accept Him and His will with such an intensity, that those who meet us will instantly want to be followers.
5. Finally we must speak Christ, and bespeak the effect of Christ in our lives and be spokesmen for Him.

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior

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As March 12 is the Feast of our beloved Patron, we ask that you remember him in prayer by using the Collect of Saint Gregory the Great:

Almighty and merciful God, who didst raise up in Gregory a servant of the servants of God, by whose labor the English people were brought into the knowledge of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith; Preserve in thy Church evermore a thankful remembrance of his zeal and devotion; that thy people, being fruitful in every good work, may receive with him and thy servants everywhere the crown of glory that fadeth not away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Community Notes

NEW YORK: Jan. 13-14. Brs. Roger and James assisted at the Mass while visiting the Very Rev'd Clayton Pratt, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Lake Luzerne, NY --- Jan. 31, Brs. Roger, Leslie Victor, James and David Joseph joined the Superior attending the Opening Eucharist for Trinity Institute, held at Trinity Church, Wall Street --- Feb. 3, the NY Brothers attended a "picnic" for area Religious at St. Hilda and St. Hugh's School, Community of the Holy Spirit. Br. Richard played the organ for Evening Prayer and the Brothers assisted in the kitchen --- Feb. 18, NY area Brothers attended institution of the Rev'd Edgar F. Wells, Jr., as Rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, NYC. MASSACHUSETTS: Br. Michael was mentioned in a newspaper article regarding his activities in the local Deanery. He also acts as their treasurer. Brother also continues his work in area nursing homes with Canon Middleton - Brother paid a visit to New York City on the weekend of Feb. 18. NEW HAMPSHIRE: Br. Christian has become involved with Catholic Medical Center East (RC) as well as an area nursing service serving nursing homes. He also serves on the Hunger Commission at Grace Church parish and assists Br. Matthew Joseph with acolyte training. Altar-guild work is also one of his areas of service. Brother is manufacturing vestments under the Vestment Exchange program, and is Coordinator. MARYLAND: Br. John continues his work with the International Ecumenical Congress, and as special assistant to Bishop Choi, Diocese of Busan, Korea. FLORIDA: Feb. II, Scott Smith was admitted to our Postulancy, taking the name Br. Paul. Fr. Potter, acting as Chaplain, received his Vows. Brother, a journalist, is Parish Assistant and will serve "On Mission" at St. Paul's Church, Key West. Mr. Klip Smith, AHC, and Mr. Jerry Rankin, CC L, were his Sponsors, and Ms. Nellie Benton, an Aspirant to the Order of St. Helena, acted as Assistant to the Chaplain. Br. Paul brings a great deal of expertise and dedication to the Brotherhood and we ask your prayers for him as well as for the Order.

Advance Notice: Br. Matthew Joseph will be clothed as a Novice at St. Bartholomew's Church, White Plains, NY, on the First Sunday in Lent (March 4) at 4:P.M. The Rev'd Frank L. Knight will act as Chaplain.

VESTMENT EXCHANGE INVENTORY

As of February 28, 1979 our Vestment Exchange had the following in inventory:

Cottas --Small ---	39
Medium -	8
Maroon bowties -	8
Boys Red Jackets	14

Summer weight sleeveless red choir cassocks -- 6
Summer weight maroon choir cassocks -- 16 -- all children sizes.

One pair -- greenish gold dossal curtains
Two pairs -- white dossal curtains
One single panel cream colored dossal curtain
One amice
Two albs
One bulle protector with cutouts for Tabernacle

Should you have use for any of the above or wish to contribute vestments or altar hangings please contact:

Brother Christian Williams, BSG
Vestment Exchange Coordinator
The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory
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Please be sure to let the Brothers know if you change your address, so that THE SERVANT will continue uninterrupted.

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To my brothers and sisters in Christ, Greetings:

Brother Roger and I say the Divine Offices of Matins and Vespers while traveling to and from work on the New York City subway system five days a week. Friends ask "How can you concentrate when there is so much noise and confusion going on all around you?" Well, in truth, I would prefer to be in chapel

or some other place specifically built for this endeavor, but that is only of momentary importance. We are in the world and the flesh and part of our inner strength is derived from the manner in which we each deal with this "confusion." The really important issue is that my prayers must be said, all other considerations not withstanding. And when I am talking to my Savior, the distractions of the world seem to dissolve away into thin air.

--As a Religious Order we are bound together in worship and, since time and distance separate us as we live in the secular world, we can only truly achieve "community" through our strict observance of our Rule in regard to our individual prayer life. Indeed, in addition to the Sacraments, there is not any other activity which is as primary as our daily worship according to the ancient and traditional forms of the Breviary and our intercessions for the Church, the Brotherhood and our own personal concerns. For we say we believe that God answers prayer, but in order to get an answer we need first to ask a question. Our Breviary (And, for the layman, the Book of Common Prayer) supplies us with an outline, or a direction, for our prayers in order that all necessary matters be dealt with on a daily basis,

We have all heard the old axiom: "You learn something new every day." To learn something you must have a teacher, and I believe my teacher is the Lord Jesus Christ, instructing me through the use of my Breviary. There is all manner of learning in a vast number of subjects to be received and enjoyed from the Scripture Lessons, the Psalter, the Collects and from the meditation eventually possible during the repetition of the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Canticles. In addition, one gains in the spiritual and physical discipline of a structured prayer life.

How can I concentrate? When I take a moment to consider all of the advantages to be found in the Divine Offices, there really isn't any contest with the world around me.

Brother James, BSG
Bronx, New York

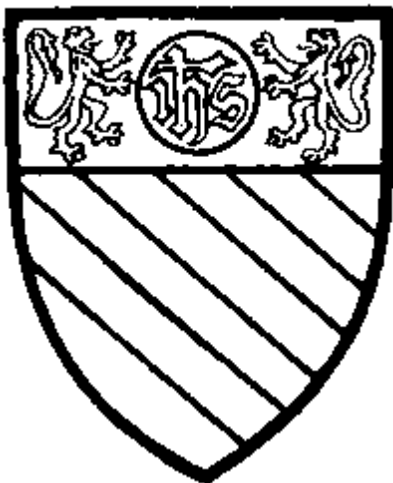
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Being that March is the month of our Patronal Feast and, as many of our readers have asked for further information regarding the life of our beloved Patron, we are pleased to begin the following biographical series:

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

Gregory was a Roman, the son of Gordian the Senator, and was born about the year 540. As a young man, he was trained in philosophy, -and later given the highest civil office in Rome, that of Prefect of the City. In his boyhood he saw various sieges and sackings of Rome, and the horrors thereof. For, according to Procopius, at one time only 500 persons remained alive in the city, and all were reduced to subsistence on grass and weeds, and the city itself was in complete ruin. Gregory's family, which was one of the few patrician families left, was distinguished for its piety, having given the Church two Popes, namely, Saints Agapitus and Felix III, which latter was his great-great-grandfather.

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After his father's death, he was by inheritance one of the richest men in Rome, and he thereupon proceeded to give away all he had to the poor. He built six monasteries in Sicily (Benedictine), and in Rome he made a seventh, monastery out of his own house, next to the Church of Saints John and Paul, which he dedicated under the invocation of the Apostle Andrew, and wherein he became a monk at the age of 35, and was finally elected Abbot. .

Continued next month.

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The Visitation Nuns
Congregation of the Servants of Christ
Ecumenical Oblates

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Order of the Holy Family
Order of Poor Clares

SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR:

Brother Matthew Joseph, BSG.
Brother Paul, BSG.
The birthdays of Brothers John and Michael, BSG, both
this month.
Charles Henny.

THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

Virginia Neddow, Dorothy Teets and the Rev'd Fred W. Trumbore.
The special support given the Order by Rita Keogh and Anna Ogelsby.
the life of our blessed Patron Gregory who, as an instrument of God, effected the course of the
Church throughout history.

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The Superior's Sanctum

Facing trial, being forsaken by your friends - dying - Going On:

In Luke 9:51, we read "He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem." Toward a place of brief popularity; toward a place of envy, hate and viciousness; toward loneliness; forsaken by friends, assailed by enemies, lied against and denied; and then abuse, pain, trial, suffering and death, at Jerusalem, whither, "He steadfastly set His face to go."

There is something wonderful about that verse, something consciously brave, strong and courageous, attractively calm. His suffering was not only waiting for Him in Jerusalem, for He was suffering as He went on, but He went on nevertheless. Aristotle said, "Suffering becomes beautiful when one bears great calamities with cheerfulness, not through insensibility, but through great calmness of mind."

Herbert Spencer said: "One of the most massive and enduring gratifications is the feeling of personal worth, brought into consciousness by effectual action."

Put these two together and we have the combination of qualities Jesus possessed as He faced His oncoming trial and death. These enabled Him to withstand the shocks and jars of the experience. Yes - "He set His face to go" because He had the massive assurance of personal worth; His suffering was beautiful through the calmness of mind that rightfulness bestows upon the life that really and fundamentally has it. Jesus could have thought only of what the darkness and journey would do to Him, but instead He thought of what He would do to the experience.

When we thoroughly examine the life and teachings of Christ, we see a life of love. And, when we look at the kind of love His life showed, it comes through as power. The women going to the Tomb wondered who among them could roll away the stone. They worried in vain. They worried about what the weight of the stone would do to them, not what they could do by their faith in Jesus and His power.

Beyond that worrying was a much more important factor - the power of death had been destroyed. Jesus knew that He would conquer death, and He faced it calmly. In Galatians 6:2,5 we read, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For each person will have to bear his own load." Christ bore the load of our sins as the Lamb of God, who took away all those sins. We must bear our load now, and, we must do so with cheerfulness and calm. In Jesus' time weak men were turned into giants of faith. We too can be changed, converted and made new men through the Easter miracle. If we but allow our selves to be taken and transformed, we too will be able to "set our face to go to Jerusalem." The miracle of Jesus rising from the dead may seem incredulous in our age, when anything not possessing scientific proof is discounted. Perhaps we have forgotten that in the days He lived, His rising from the dead was counted among the miracles of the age. Miracles abounded and were a part of life. These "miracles" can be a part of our lives, if we look upon the trials and tribulations in the same way that Jesus looked upon Jerusalem - with steadfast calmness. Right makes light, and it makes the weak strong; it makes power, and clears the vision; it makes love strong to endure.

May we, as we end the Lenten season, and celebrate the Resurrection, know that we can conquer death and evil, as Christ did. We can do this only if we ask what we can do as Christians, not what being a Christian will do for us.

"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my Disciple." (Luke 14:27) As we rejoice after the forty days of Lent, and in the return of the Savior to us, let us use these words for meditation: "*Jesus, my cross I have taken, all to leave and follow Thee; destitute, despised, forsaken - Thou from hence my all shalt be.*" (Lyte)

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God". PBCP.

The Brotherhood seeks to be a witness in the world, serving wherever the need arises; and doing whatever needs be done. In order to do the works we take on, we are dependent on your aid. The Vestment Exchange has been so active in the past month, that our cupboards are bare : If you know of any Vestiture which is unused, please do keep us in mind. In the same vein, our expenses connected with mailing and repair of these appointments grow with the number of requests we receive. THE SERVANT is now sent to 600 locations. If each reader would send one dollar, it would be a greater help than you can know. Please do also keep us in your prayers, as we keep all of you in ours.

Photographs:

Postulant - Br. Nicholas, BSG Novice - Br. Matthew Joseph, BSG
Portland, Oregon Manchester, New Hampshire

Four Franciscan friends joined Br. Richard Thomas, Fr. Knight and our Brothers for Br. Matthew Joseph's Clothing Service.

Fr. Frank L. Knight, our new SSF MEETS BSG .
Provincial Chaplain

COMMUNITY NOTES

NEW YORK: March 4-Br. Matthew Joseph admitted as Novice, Father Knight officiating, St. Bartholomew's, White Plains. Brs. Dominick, Chad, Matthew and John Evangelist, SSF joined us for the Service and the reception following. March 10 New York area Brothers attended the Requiem for Father Joseph, SSF, at Little Portion Friary, Mt. Sinai, N.Y./Brs. Roger and James have been attending a seminar on the Resurrection, conducted by Father Knight, Church of the Mediator, Bronx, N.Y./ Brs. Richard and Leslie Victor presented Concerts of Sacred Music for the Lenten Season at St. Clement's Church, Mount Vernon, N.Y. and the Sacramentine Monastery, Yonkers, N.Y. on March 25, joined by Gail White, Flutist. NEW HAMPSHIRE: Br. Christian continues his work with the Vestment Exchange, and is working on several commissioned works. In the absence of full-time clergy at Grace Church, he and Br. Matthew Joseph are assisting in many ways. OREGON: Br. Nicholas continues serving as Organist at St. Charles RC Church for the Saturday Mass and officiates at the regularly scheduled Evening Prayer Offices at St. Mark's Church in Portland. FLORIDA: Br. Paul has been appointed Chairman of the Keys Deanery Standing Committee on the Mission of the Church. Brother attended the Consecration of the Rev. Calvin Onderdonk Schofield, Jr. as Bishop Coadjutor, Diocese of Southeast Florida on March 24. MARYLAND: Br. John has been guest preacher in several area Churches. OHIO: Br. Wilyam David assisted at the Dedication of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sisters of the Transfiguration. MASSACHUSETTS: Br. Michael continues assisting Canon Middleton in Nursing Home and Hospital visitations.

We announce with joy the Admission as Postulants in the Brotherhood, of Steven Forry and A. Jason Schellas, Sunday, April 1, 1979. Father Frank Knight officiated at Solemn Vespers of Saint Gregory, Church of the Mediator, Bronx, N.Y. Please pray for them.

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Once again we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is through this miracle of Gods' that we may attain everlasting life. It is hard to separate Easter and Spring, I know that it was no accident that God chose this season for his Son to be glorified. The Resurrection and the rebirth of life seem so synonymous that it is natural for us to reflect and reexamine our lives, and especially our lives in Christ. As in nature where the brown buds on the trees swell to become clean and fresh new leaves and the tiny Spring flowers shoot through the ground to blossom, so also must we shed our sins and take on the life of Christ. For our sins Christ died on the cross, let us try and continue to make our- selves worthy of Him. As in the Epistle to the Hebrews 12:2, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith. For the sake of the joy which lay before him he endured the Cross, heedless of its shame he has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

Brother Roger, BSG, Assistant Superior

IN MEMORIAM

On Wednesday, March 7, 1979, Father Joseph, OSF, Founder of the Order of St. Francis and Co-Founder of the Society of St. Francis, departed this earthly life. Brothers Richard Thomas, Roger, Leslie Victor, James and David Joseph, BSG attended the Requiem Mass at Little Portion Friary, and remained for the day. Father Joseph and his courage, vision and works have and will be constant inspiration to the Church and especially to all Religious. In attempting to quote from the Homily by Brother Luke, SSF, "We pray for you, Father Joseph -- please pray for us".

*May the Souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God,
Rest in Peace.*

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St. Barnabas Brotherhood

SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR:

the Rev'd Frank L. Knight, as Chaplain for Province 2.
the birthday of Br. David Joseph, BSG.
the Professions of Sr. Mary Angela, SBS, and Br. William Gordon Forrest, OSB.
A. Jason Schellas and Stephen S. Forry.

THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

Dorothy Smith and Mildred Foster.
Dedications of the Chapel of the Annunciation, Manchester, N.H., and the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Lincoln Heights, Ohio.
the Consecration of the Rev'd Calvin O. Schofield, Jr., as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Southeast Florida.
the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who fulfilled the Old Covenant with His Body and Blood, and brought us a New Covenant of Eternal Life in Him.

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THE SUPERIOR'S SANCTUM

This column takes a somewhat different approach this month, as I attempt to put into words, the experiences of the New York area Brothers on Easter Day. I hope to be able to adequately express the feelings of my Brothers as well as my own.

In most Churches, Easter Day is always a beautiful, visual, musical and special celebration. We take great pains to have fresh candles on the Altar, Vestments used only for festivals are taken out of the closets --- lily plants are everywhere. As in all our works for God, we do our very best on these special days. In complete contrast, the Brothers moved by car in several installments from our several areas, to New York's Bowery -- skid row -- home of the alcoholic, down on luck and life. Our destination was The Bowery Mission, 100 years old this year. We had decided to help with serving dinners to the street transients who come to The Mission every day. Those who have heard stories about the Bowery cannot truly understand them without actually being there.

The streets are beyond description, the buildings are falling apart --- and the residents of the streets can be described in the same way. Some of these men are on the last stage of living -- broken, maimed and mentally destroyed. Some emotion is present, but alcohol soon makes this too, a distant and forgotten thing. It is all very difficult to witness in the face -- and it becomes very real when you do experience being there.

We have heard, hundreds of times perhaps, "when you do it to the least of these, my brethren, you do it unto me". How those words rang in my ears -- as we looked into the face of emotional and physical hunger. You cannot imagine how it feels to see fellow human beings putting slices of ham into their pockets to insure a later "meal". Some, with tears in their eyes, thanked us for helping them to have a bit of joy on Easter. It really hit home when a man and his mother saw us and remarked, "it's so good to see 'the Church' here, helping us to eat".

But when we say that we are servants -- and we serve the world and its helpless and down-trodden, we make a promise to God that we will serve Him. To do it -- "to the least of the brethren" makes it even more important. All of us thanked God for the opportunity to be there.

That evening we gathered for our Easter Dinner -- a tradition we have developed in New York. I led the grace and when I reached the part referring to "being mindful of the needs of others" -- the words took on new meaning. It was probably the most emotional grace I have ever done -- what we had done. We had all seen and felt what it means to serve. We had truly been servants -- and we had seen the needs of others -- we had done something for the least of our brethren.

"Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons, whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord." AMEN -- PBCP

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior

Photographs:

Brothers Richard Thomas and Roger with Father Knight and our two new Postulants, Jason Jude and Stephen.

Brothers Matthew Joseph and Christian assist Father Werner in the Dedication of our Chapel of the Annunciation, Manchester, N.H.

COMMUNITY NOTES

The Lenten Season, Holy Week and Easter Day kept The Brothers busier than usual, as they assisted the clergy in parish duties. Brothers Richard Thomas and Leslie Victor carried musical responsibilities for the Three Hours Service on Good Friday at Saint Bartholomew's, White Plains. This service is sponsored by the White Plains area Council of Churches, and it is truly an Ecumenical Service. Two original sacred music arrangements by Br. Richard Thomas and Gail White were performed. All of the Brothers were involved in similar duties, and they are too numerous to list here, save that we were all able to serve God and His Church at this meaningful time of the Liturgical Year. APRIL 1, 1979. Stephen S. Forry and A. Jason Schellas were admitted as Postulants in The Brotherhood. Brother Richard Thomas was Officiant at Solemn Vespers of Saint Gregory, and Father Frank L. Knight, Provincial Chaplain, received their promises. We were joined by many friends of the Order, including several Officers of the Sea Cadets, with whom Brother Jason Jude works. Brother Jason Jude will serve on mission at Saint Simon's Church, New Rochelle, N.Y., and Brother Stephen will serve at Calvary/Saint George's/Holy Communion, New York City. Father Thomas Pike, Rector of that parish, was the first Chaplain of The Brotherhood and we thank God for this renewed association with him. Please pray for these new Brothers as they begin their work and life in The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory. EASTER DAY 1979: Brothers Richard Thomas, Roger, Leslie Victor, James, David Joseph, Jason Jude, and Stephen volunteered to serve the meals to the transient men who come to The Bowery Mission on a daily basis. We served close to 400 meals of ham, mashed potatoes, peas, coffee and dessert. It was a day that we will not soon forget, and a fuller accounting is found in this month's "Superior's Sanctum". The Bowery Mission, in addition to serving daily meals, also supplies showers, clothing, counseling and rehabilitation therapy, all coupled with sound religious conviction on the part of a very dedicated staff. The Rev'd David G. Henritzky, a good friend of The Brotherhood, is the Executive Director and we thank him for giving us this opportunity to serve those less fortunate. APRIL 21 1979 The Community of Saint Mary hosted a Mass and brunch for their Associates at the House of the Redeemer in Manhattan. They were joined by Sisters and Associates of the Order of Saint Helena, Community of Saint John Baptist, the Society of Saint Margaret and the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity. Br, James, for several years an Associate of CSJB, attended with two Associates from his parish, and saw old friends and made some new ones.

The following is Part II of a continuing biography of our Patron

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

In the year 579 Gregory was one of the seven Cardinal Deacons and was sent to Constantinople as the Legate of Pope Pelagius II to the Emperor Tiberius Constantine, where he held a famous disputation with the Patriarch regarding the bodily resurrection. After he had returned to Rome, where Pelagius had died during the great plague of 590, Gregory was unanimously chosen Pope in his stead (the first monk to be chosen for that office). But Gregory greatly preferred to remain in his monastery, and pressure from all sides was necessary to make him accept the pontifical honors. But in his exercise of this office, he set an example to all who have followed him. He tenderly cared for one poor, of whom he kept a list, as well of those without as within the city. In particular he undertook to restore the Catholic Faith wherever it had been overthrown, and to introduce it where it was not. He also took the title "Servant of the Servants of God" as the motto of pontificate.

From the very beginning of his reign, Pope Gregory was beset by the problems of his time, both national and international, and history shows him to have been an extraordinary statesman. When the Lombards were devastating northern Italy in 592 he negotiated treaties with them; he reformed the administration of the estates of the Church, and from their income spent large sums on the relief of sufferers from war, pestilence and famine, and to ransom prisoners; he maintained the Church's independence of the civil power, and himself provided for the discharge of duties in which the secular authorities were neglectful or inefficient, such as appointing governors; by cultivating good relations with the Lombards, Franks and Visigoths he strengthened the Church's position in northern Italy, France and Spain; and the experience gained at Constantinople enabled him to strengthen the authority of the Roman See in the East as well as the West. He was the father of the medieval papacy, without which the early middle ages would have been much longer in emerging from a chaos of lawlessness and strife.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

The family who moved next door has several children. Will they wake us up early every morning? The newcomer in the office is supposed to have an impressive record. Whose job will he take over? The new member on the bowling team doesn't bowl very well, but everyone is glad to hear his funny jokes and pick up his tab. The strangers in church last Sunday seemed nice enough, but how much will they pledge?

Whenever a stranger walks into our lives there is a risk. Will we be friends, acquaintances, competitors, or enemies? Our first meeting may be casual or it may be significant enough to be the beginning of a life-long friendship. Who can predict?

Each of us is unique in many ways. Each of us has needs and preferences, our own peculiar mixture of fears and anxieties that we carry around.

Even when we are introduced to each other by mutual friends, there is no guarantee that a new friendship will develop. Our relationship with one person can be entirely different from that with another. We may enjoy them both for different reasons. On the other hand, if we feel insecure with a stranger, we may be hostile or we may retreat. We may play a role to protect ourselves, pretending to be someone we are not. In some ongoing relationships we may build a wall of pretense between us that cuts us off and frustrates any honest attempt at real friendship.

Perhaps the root of the problem is that we ask ourselves: where does the stranger fit into our world? But we know that the world is not ours. The world belongs to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, As the psalmist said: "The earth is the Lord's and all that therein is."

Meeting a stranger can be a real adventure. He or she may help us to see new wonders and greater hope in the world we thought we knew so well. Or the stranger may lead us to see something as yet undiscovered in ourselves. There may be sparks of love and imagination and strength within us that only someone new can kindle.

Each of us is a stranger to someone. None of us is a stranger to God.

- The Episcopal Foundation of Chicago

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Sisters of The Holy Nativity

Sisters of The Blessed Sacrament
Sisterhood of St. John The Divine
Sisters of Our Lady of Charity

SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR:

Brothers Jason Jude and Stephen, BSG.
Anniversary of Life Profession of Brother Leslie Victor, BSG.
The birthday of Brother James, BSG.
Rev'd Canon E.A. St. John.

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The Superior's Sanctum

Vocation - Ministry - Servanthood

This writing comes out of experiences I had over two weekends; one at the Religious Life Conference in Toronto, and another at a seminary graduation. In both instances the words above come to mind -- and for the Brotherhood, servanthood is our watchword. Many years have passed since the first "call" from Our Lord. We are all called but what we sometimes forget is that the call does not come only once. Life in Christ means being called daily. God says to us, "stand up, here is my task for you -- take it and get on with it". God requires that we listen and take action. This is the true response of love.

The Conference in Toronto showed me one thing -- more visibly than ever before. We as Religious have a mandate from God to act -- to respond. And, even though we were all there from different Orders of the Church, we all have the same mandate. To show our daily "call" from God, through our several works. When we really take stock of our individual expressions of the Religious Life, the Rules are different, but the "call" is not. We are all called to serve. The seminary graduation had the same m, sage -- as a class of students went forth to serve the Lord an(His Church. They too, will do their service in different ways -some traditional and some contemporary and experimental. But each will serve God in a special and personal way. Individuals do it and we, in our different Orders do it -- serve God in a multitude of ways. We find in Acts V (and I paraphrase) "If it is of God it will last, and if it is not of God it will perish".

God did not stop calling or speaking two thousand years ago. He speaks to all of us personally today, every time an inward voice asks us to do something kind or a generous deed. It is through us that He speaks when He inspires us to do some service. The "call" to ministry -- to vocation -- to servanthood, goes on forever. Let us be brave enough to realize that the "call" comes from the Lord -- and that each response will differ. We have but to listen at first hand to what God says to us.

Let Us Pray:

Lord, as we await the call to serve, call us often. Give us new words for those which have lost their meanings, give us new songs, for those which have ceased to inspire us, give us new reasons for coming in and going out. Implant in us new ideas - such as we have never had before, so that Alleluia: and Gloria: and Amen: are like the experiences we know in daily life and service. In worship and in service, God be Praised: AMEN.

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior.

IN MEMORIAM

This month we particularly remember the passing of the Right Reverend Harold Louis Wright, Suffragan Bishop of New York, who was called home on June II, 1978. The memory of this beloved man is always with us in our prayers as we remember his warmth, his support, his encouragement, his smile. He is surely missed by us all.

O God, Who amongst Thy Apostolic Servants, didst adorn Thy servant Harold, with the fullness of episcopal dignity, grant we beseech Thee, that he may also be associated with them in everlasting fellowship. AMEN.

Merciful Jesus, grant him eternal rest. May he rest in peace. AMEN.

Community Notes

NEW YORK: April 29-May 2 - The Superior attended the Triennial Conference on the Religious Life at the Convent of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, in Toronto. May 6-7 - The Superior attended the Commencement Service for Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. May 9 - Brs. Roger and James became members of the Planning Board of the Bronx Council's Committee on Christian Education and Lay Ministry, which is a county-wide organization of Episcopalian lay people involved in furthering the Church through devotional and educational means. May 13 - Brs. Roger and James assisted Fr. Pratt at the Mass at St. Mary's Lake Luzerne, N.Y. May 16 - Brs. Roger, James, David Joseph, Matthew Joseph and Stephen attended Mass with our Franciscan Brothers at their Chapel of the Redeemer, Yonkers, N.Y. May 19 - The Superior, with Brs. Roger, Leslie Victor, Wilyam David, James, David Joseph, Christian, Matthew Joseph, Jason Jude and Stephen attended the Diocese of New York Festival of Music and Worship at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. They were joined by Robert Nowicki, our Postulant Prospective. The Order had a booth demonstrating techniques of vestment making and a display of our various works and projects. May 20 - Several of our Brothers visited the Rev'd Mother Mary Paul, and the Sacramentine Nuns at the Convent in Yonkers, N.Y. These good Sisters of the Roman Church are very supportive of our work and we all enjoy the opportunity to see them. Following, at 4 P.M. the Superior and Br. Leslie Victor presented a concert at Holy Cross Church, Yonkers, N.Y., for St. Monica's Guild. This was arranged by Br. John Evangelist, SSF. Also at 4 P.M., Brs. David Joseph and Matthew Joseph attended the Installation of Choristers at the Cathedral. May 27 - The Superior with Brs. Roger, Leslie Victor and James were invited by the Rev'd Mother Margaret Helena, CSJB, to the Convent of St. John Baptist in Mendham, N.J., for Vespers and dinner with the Sisters. **OREGON:** On the IV Sunday of Easter, Wayne Jensen (Br. Kevin James, BSG) was received as a Postulant in the Order at St. Mark's Church, Portland. He will be serving On Mission with Br. Nicholas at this parish. **MASSACHUSETTS:** Br. Michael is now working with three area nursing homes. This ministry, under the direction of Canon Middleton, has become very meaningful in the Great Barring ton area. **NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Brs. Christian and Matthew Joseph continue their works at Grace Church, Manchester. The Vestment Exchange, coordinated by Br. Christian, is now manufacturing and repairing vestments a great deal. There have been several commissions and they are filling many requests.

MARYLAND: April 28 - Br. John conducted a Retreat at Christ Church for St. Anne's Church, Damascus, Md. "The Priest as a professional, and his relationship to the congregation" and "The vestry's responsibilities to the congregation", were the two themes used, and as a result of this Retreat, the Rector of St. Anne's has reworked the Installation of the Vestry to incorporate Brother's ideas and suggestions. May 20 - Br. John participated in an Anniversary Service at St. Luke's Church, Bladensburg, Md. **BOSTON MASS.:** June 3 - On the FEAST OF PENTECOST, Robert Nowicki will be received as a Postulant in the Order and will take the name Br. Luke Anthony, BSG. The Service will be held at his parish, the Church of St. Matthew and the Redeemer, in South Boston; Fr. William Sibert officiating as Chaplain.

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The story which you are about to read, after a brief comment, was first printed in a publication called "SAINT ANDREW'S CROSS".

Let us hope and pray that after reading this story it can be further instilled in us to be truly worthy servants of our Lord, to be carried over the rough and treacherous places of our life.

We must be further assured also, that no matter how precarious or even how tranquil our journey through life may be, we must still rely on the love of our Lord to see us through that journey.

The story is entitled

F O O T P R I N T S

There was a man who had just died, and he was reviewing the footsteps that he had taken in his life. He looked down and noticed that all over the mountains and difficult places he had traveled, there was one set of footprints, but over the plains and down the hills there were two sets of footprints as if someone had walked by his side. He turned to JESUS, and said, "there is something I don't understand, why is it that down the hills and over the smooth and easy places you have walked by my side, but over the rough and difficult places I have walked alone, for I see in these areas there is just one set of footprints." JESUS turned to the man and said, "it is true that while your life was easy I walked along at your side, but here when the walking was hard and the paths were difficult I realized that was the time you needed ME the most and that is why I carried you."

Brother Leslie Victor, BSG
White Plains, New York

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The following is Part III of a continuing biography on our Patron:

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

Many years before his ascent to the Throne of Saint Peter, when Gregory was happily living the monastic life he loved, he had seen fair-haired slave-boys for sale in the Roman market-place. Inquiring as to the origin of these slaves, he was told that they were Angles. The Venerable Bede tells us that Gregory then said that the Faith should be carried to their land so that they could have fellowship with the Angels. In 596 he was to fulfill this mission himself, for he chose one of the monks from his Monastery of Saint Andrew on the Caelian Hill to go to the British Isles and bring the Holy Gospel to these people. This monk would later be known to the world as Saint Augustine of Canterbury, the father of the English Church. Gregory followed with great interest the progress of Augustine and the 40 monks who accompanied him this perilous journey, and the text of several letters which the Pope wrote to them survive today.

(It should be noted here that Saint Augustine did not "found" the English Church, but actually brought it into the direct sphere of influence of the Church of Rome. The Gospel was originally carried to the British Isles by Roman soldiers and merchants three centuries before Augustine's arrival there, and when he landed he found this "Celtic Church" to be widespread and developing on its own. But it was also developing its own doctrine, which varied to some extent with that of the Roman Church. Therefore, when we pray the Collect of Saint Gregory, we gratefully remember the one "by whose zeal the English people were brought into the knowledge of the Catholic and Apostolic faith".)

He was a prolific writer and an innovator of liturgic form. Over 800 of his letters and a number of his sermons are now in existence; his book "Pastoral Care" deals with the office and duties of a bishop, while "Moralia" is a long and practical commentary on the book of Job; his "Dialogues" relates the life and miracles of Saint Benedict and many other early Latin saints. Gregory also developed the doctrine of Purgatory. Much of his writing was directed towards the fostering of Christian life and the formation of pastors.

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Sisters of the
Transfiguration
Companions of the Holy Savior
Society of St. John the Evangelist

SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR:

Brothers Kevin James and Luke Anthony, BSG.
the renewal of the Annual Profession Vows of Brother
David Joseph, BSG.
the birthday of Brother Roger, BSG.
Brothers Dominic and Matthew David, SSF.
the Rev'd Mothers Margaret Helena, CSJB, and Mary Christabel, CHS,

THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

the community shared on the Cathedral Day weekend.
the Habit Rosaries donated to us by the Sacramentine Nuns.
the Triennial Conference on the Religious Life.
the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine.
prayers answered on behalf of Marion Pierce.

The Superior's Sanctum

Pray
Regularly and
Act with a
YES to God's direction and
Empty your soul to
Receive His graces.

This analysis may serve as a guide to those of us for whom prayer is sometimes difficult. I have spent some time searching for meanings within the term "prayer", and although these are not scholarly ones, they may prove useful. The first issue we must face is to PRAY. Setting time apart for just that purpose is important, and those of-us who pray the daily offices are used to the regimen. Apart from a set form, such as Matins, Diurnum, Vespers and Compline, prayer may take the form of short aspirations, use of the "Jesus Prayer" and even very simple, short contemplation. To pray REGULARLY is also important. We begin to channel energy through regular times for prayer; we relax the mind and body and become at peace with God. To ACT means taking the road placed before us, and wending our way knowing that God is there beside us as guide.

This then, means that we must be willing and ready to say YES when the answers to prayer come, and they will. It takes faith -to wait and be willing to be patient. God's promises to us are sure and we must know that He will act, when the time is appropriate. The more we pray, the more we realize that whatever the result of our prayer, it will be best for us. This is our Lord's promise. In order to be receptive to God's direction we then must EMPTY our souls and bodies of anxiety and worry. We must rely on the promise that our prayers will be answered. By daily prayer we are more able to empty ourselves, to be filled by God. And so, by doing all of the above, we are ready to RECEIVE His graces.

Prayer -- no matter what forms we use -- will bring us closer to God, and His will for us. The famous gospel singer Mahalia Jackson sang one song which sums up the entire story: it is entitled "He Is Only A Prayer Away".

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG Superior

COMMUNITY NOTES

NEW YORK: The Superior and the New York area Brothers assisted at the Commemoration Day Solemn Vespers at the Convent of St. John Baptist, Mendham, New Jersey. Brother Leslie Victor sang several sacred solos for the prelude, Brother Richard was Organist, and the Brothers sang the Gregorian Chant Psalms with the Sisters. The Superior was admitted as an Associate of the Community at the same Service. Mother Margaret Helena requested Brother Richard Thomas, Father Gross of the Companions of the Holy Savior, and Brother Elia of the Brotherhood of Jesus to speak to the assembled guests about their respective Orders. The Brothers also had the pleasure of meeting and talking with the Rt. Rev'd John Spong, Bishop of Newark and Visitor to the Community of St. John Baptist. Brothers Roger and James made a pilgrimage to England, June 2 to 17. They counted among the high points, a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (*refer to Br. James' account elsewhere in this issue*). Brother Stephen has been assigned to St. Bartholomew's Church, Manhattan and has been licensed by the Bishop as Chalice-Bearer. **SOUTH BOSTON:** On the Feast of Pentecost, Robert Nowicki was admitted as a Postulant in the Brotherhood at the Church of St. Matthew and the Redeemer. Now Brother Luke Anthony, he is assigned to this parish, On Mission. **NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Brother Christian has been assigned as Coordinator of the Diocesan Altar Guild, Diocese of New Hampshire. We continue to receive many requests from all over the Country to our Vestment Exchange. We are still in great need of *ANYTHING* in this line which is no longer in use. Remember that memorials will be continued upon request. Please search your closets for items we may put to continued use. **OREGON:** Brothers Nicholas and Kevin James are serving on Mission for Bishop Bigliardi, and visiting local parishes, speaking about the Brotherhood.

Walsingham: A Christian Pilgrimage

During the first two weeks of June Brother Roger and I traveled extensively in England, visiting many cathedral,, parish churches and the ruins of monasteries destroyed during the Reformation. It was a very moving experience to enjoy the Liturgy in places which have housed Christian worship for over 1000 years and just to explore the great churches, or to pray among the remains of huge abbeys or priories built to the glory of God by our predecessors in Religious Life. And, of course, to walk among the buildings built by, or in honor of, the great saints of the Church (Cuthbert, Etheldreda, Edward the Confessor, Bede, Thomas of Canterbury, Hugh of Lincoln) is an experience which is personal to each one who lives it.

But for all of this the single most important spot in our pilgrimage was, for me, our two-day visit to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, Norfolk. Here, surrounded by the spiritual presence of hundreds of thousands of other pilgrims who have, since 1061 AD, traveled from far and wide to worship at this same holy place, was a true "religious experience" possible for me. Unlike the great cathedrals full of tourists of all faiths or the quiet at the site of a Religious Community founded many centuries ago, the Shrine attracts only those who are searching for a deeper and more profound relationship with Our Lord. And, if history counts for anything, we have ample reason to believe that pilgrims have found the presence of the Living God here since Richeldis de Faverches had her famous vision of Our Lady at this spot so long ago. Even the waters of the Holy Well attest to this same presence, as they have, through faith and prayer, performed countless healings throughout the centuries, and still do.

Here is to be found the Catholic Faith in practice and reverently received by all who enter the grounds of the Holy House of Nazareth, Daily Masses, together with Morning and Evening Prayer, Benediction and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, and other devotional activities representative of devout faith are essential parts of each day here. But, for me, the single most memorable devotion was found during the "Shrine Prayers," which consist of the Angelus, followed by intercessions (by name) for all those who have sent in prayer requests or have left them at the Shrine, during which all present recite the Rosary.

Brother and I were also successful in securing a candle in the name of the Brotherhood, which will be lit during Shrine Prayers for the next whole year each day. Even now, as more current events seem to push our pilgrimage into the realm of just a fond memory, the knowledge that all of the clergy, Religious and laity at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham are praying for our Order daily brings the whole experience back into sharp clarity and we are able to relive that wonderful time at a Holy Place where man has found a closer relationship with his Lord.

Brother James, BSG
Bronx, New York

The following article concludes our biographical series on our Patron

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

Gregory adorned the Church with holy customs and laws; and to him is attributed the nine-fold repetition of Kyrie eleison in the Mass, the saying of Alleluia except from Septuagesima till Easter, and the addition to the Canon of the words: "Do thou order our days in thy peace." He is also credited with the perfection of the holy chant (plainsong known as Gregorian Chant today), and the compilation of the Antiphony; .with the foundation of several choir schools for the training of men in ecclesiastical music. Because of his supervision of the Western Liturgy, the Western Canon is called after him the Gregorian Canon. It is a marvel how he spoke, did, wrote and legislated, suffering all the while from a weak and sickly body. He is rightly therefore venerated as the last of the four great Western Doctors of the Church (Saints Albert the Great, Basil the Great, Leo the Great and Gregory the Great).

During his pontificate Saint Gregory founded many philanthropic works, among which was the establishment of a hospital for pilgrims who had journeyed to the Holy Land. This work is still in existence today, fourteen centuries later, and is (mown as The Most Ancient and Venerable Hospital Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, with the monarch of England as Sovereign.

On March 12, 604, God called him away to be blessed forever in heaven. He was buried before the sacristy in the Church of Saint Peter the Apostle, and this his Feast Day is observed by the Greek Orthodox, as well as by the Western Church, due to his eminent wisdom and holiness. In his four., teen short years as pastor of the Church, Saint Gregory the Great made an impression upon Christianity that will endure for all time, because he sought always to do his Savior's will and he

truly lived his life as a " Servant of the Servants of God."

[Photos not included here due to poor quality of reprints]
Br. Richard Thomas and Sr. Regina, CHS, at the Diocesan Festival.

At the Diocesan Festival of Music and Worship at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, our visitor, Bishop Moors, stopped by at our display to say "Hello !"

Postulant-Brother Kevin James, BSG
Portland, Oregon

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Stella Garmond Bill Florio, Amelia Jones

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Sister Mary Luke.
Terry, Mary, Emma, William, Marguerite and Florence.
the Rev'd Canon Walter D. Dennis, Jr. upon his election as Suffragan Bishop of New York.
the obtaining of a visa for Sister Margit.
the birthdays of Brothers Leslie Victor, Christian, Matthew Joseph and Luke Anthony, BSG.
the ordination to the Diaconate of Brother Bede, SSF.

THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

William Smith. God's blessings on a pilgrimage completed. Mother Margaret Helena, CSJB.

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Superior's Sanctum

THE BREAD OF LIFE

We are in an age of hunger. For food, for equal rights; for fairness in employment. We know many outside the free world who hunger for freedom and we know some in our own cities who hunger similarly. We are in an age of hunger -- but we cannot live by bread alone.

It is difficult in our way of living to imagine real hunger. It is so easy to go to the local store and find all the food we could possibly want. McDonald's "does it all for you" what else could we need?

Bread -- a staple of life is easily bought or made. When we see or smell fresh baked bread we not only know it looks and smells good -- we know it will satisfy us. When Jesus said "I am the bread of life", He was describing something much more fulfilling and satisfying. He was extending a challenge for us to quit being so preoccupied with survival and perishable food. He wanted us to be concerned with food which endures to eternal life! Yet -- even today we are confused. We refer to manna in the wilderness and how Moses saw to it that his people were taken care of Jesus quickly reminds us that it was not Moses, but His Father who gives the real bread from heaven.

Man/Woman, like bread can only be a chemical mixture, pummeled and subjected to enormous stress ...or like bread, he/she can be a medium of life, a sacrament, a means of grace and salvation to others.

Sister Ellen Stephen, OSH, in a sermon last year at Saint Bartholomew's (White Plains) referred to us as "leaven". If each of us analyzes each situation and determines how we can serve as "leaven" we could serve as bread -- a medium of life. We could even, perhaps, be the "staff of life" for someone in need.

Yeast -- the leavening agent causes all the other ingredients to become one loaf of bread. We too, with a fresh approach to the hunger of others may well become the stabilizing "leaven" for them.

If any of us would ask "How do I become a medium of life, a sacrament, a means of grace"?, Jesus would answer: "What God wants you to do is believe in the one He sent".

Brother Richard Thomas, BE
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NEW YORK: The New York area Brothers have shared many times with local Religious Orders during the past month. Brother Leslie spent time with the Society of Saint Francis at their house in Yonkers. The Superior with Brother Leslie Victor and Gail White, Flutist prepared for a concert to be presented at St. Hilda's Convent, Community of the Holy Spirit. The concert was presented on Sunday, July 15th. The day began with Vespers and dinner, followed by the concert. Works performed included chamber pieces for Flute and Organ, and Brother Leslie Victor sang selections from Oratorios and the repertoire of Spirituals. The Sisters are fortunate in having a Casavant Tracker Action Pipe Organ in the Chapel, which added greatly to the music. Brothers Roger and James continue their work with the Bronx Council's Committee on Christian Education and Lay Ministry, formulating plans for activities this Fall. **MARYLAND:** Brother John continues his work with the Clergy of Christ Church, Rockville. He has been recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of a new organization, F.A.I.R., Families Associated for Inalienable Rights. He is also involved in various preaching engagements in the local area. **OREGON:** Brothers Nicholas and Kevin James have visited several local parishes including Trinity Church, Portland, on mission for the Bishop of Oregon. They are also involved in parish calling. Brother Kevin James has been elected delegate to the Diocesan Convention, representing St. Mark's Parish, Portland. **NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. :** Brother Jason Jude has been involved for several months in the remodeling process of Saint Simon's Church. **NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Brother Christian spend some time in Nova Scotia, visiting many Churches. The Vestment Exchange continues to keep him busy. **BOSTON MASS.:** Brother Luke Anthony is becoming more involved in the work of the Church of St. Matthew and the Redeemer. He spent the weekend of July 19th. in New York, visiting with the New York Brothers.

"LET THE WHOLE CREATION BLESS THE LORD"

We are living in a time when it appears that everything about us is in danger of severe or even irreversible damage; in some instances, total destruction, and all of it due to human abuse. Water pollution, where fish die outright or are forced to move on to new waters so that they can feed and reproduce, because of the total disregard or carelessness of industrialists to the environment as to how they dispose of wastes. Air pollution caused by all manner of negligence on the part of individuals and of industry. We have heard lately of entire towns having to be relocated because chemicals are oozing from the earth. Noise pollution is resulting in hearing impairment and in some cases loss, headaches and all sorts of malaise from subways, airplanes, traffic and even the extreme volume of the music some teenagers listen to. Forest fires leaving hundreds of thousands of acres of wasteland, where the trees used -to provide valuable oxygen needed so much for our survival. Aerosol sprays that are destroying the ozone layer above the earth making way for all sorts of damaging rays from the sun to harm us. And the list goes on and on, and where does it stop? It must end by a beginning. A beginning on the part of humankind to respect the Creations of God!!!

In the Canticle of the Three we find the Creations of God being praised, first in the Lord himself and the glory of his Name, by his works and his angels "Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers; worthy of praise, highly exalted for ever. The Canticle goes on "Let the whole creation bless the Lord, Heavens and Angels sing His praises and highly exalt Him for ever". Waters, Powers, Sun and Moon, Stars of Heaven, Showers and Dew, Ice and Snow, Nights and Days, Light and Darkness, Lightening and Clouds, Earth, Mountains and Hills, Green things upon earth, Wells, Seas and Floods, Whales and all that move in the waters, Fowls of the air, Beasts and Cattle. Then the Canticle reaches a point that to us as humans might seem to be a bit more sensible; Children of Men bless the Lord, Israel, Priests and Servants of the Lord, Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, Holy and humble men of heart bless ye the Lord, praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Not until we become the Three Young Men and learn to respect every thing of God's Creation the way we would ourselves or some other person that we love and begin to treat things properly will we see the earth live in harmony with the way God wishes oil is one of God's Creations and if it were to be seen in the proper perspective, their would be no smog, no waste, no gas lines, no frayed nerves causing irrational behavior. And this is but one example. When we say in the Prayer for all Conditions of Men "O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind", let us realize what the words mean and then perhaps we will help our Creator to preserve mankind, indeed.

Brother David Joseph, BSG
New York, New York

We are all very fortunate in being able to worship God in many and various ways; to give thanks with our whole being to Him who created us.

Sometimes we may overlook the fact that singing is a form of praying and also of praising, but we would all benefit from keeping this in mind, not only in church on Sunday morning but all week long.

LET ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

[Artwork by Brother James Teets, BSG]



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Oratory of the Little Way
Society of Saint Francis

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Brother John Evangelist, SSF
William Murrell
the Rev'd George L. Werner upon his election as Dean of
Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
the birthday of Brother Wilyam David, BSG
the Life Profession of Brother Thomas Pence, SSP

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The Superior's Sanctum

THE BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT GREGORY
September 14, 1969 -- September 14, 1979

Look down from heaven and see. Take care of this vine and protect what your right hand has planted. Ps. 79.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 1969, September 14th Visitation Monastery, Riverdale, New York

Ten years ago -- before the Altar of the Chapel at the Visitation Monastery in Riverdale, New York -- a vine was planted, and we prayed that God would protect and take care of His new creation. This vine was The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory. Born out of a fervent desire to serve the Lord through music and the arts, the Brotherhood today is more than was ever imagined.

Ten years ago as I sat with Sister Margaret Mary Joyce at the Visitation Monastery, neither of us knew what the Holy Spirit had in store for us. Saint Gregory The Great was a natural choice as our Patron and as we discussed the things to be done, more and more came into view as our apostolate. We could not have had more prayer and support, as we had the entire Visitation community in choir to witness the planting of this "vine". They were joined by representatives of the Order of Saint Helena, and ecumenical oblate of the Order of Saint Benedict, and members of our parishes. It was a very joyous celebration.

We were unaware then, as we are even unaware now, of what God had planned for us, as we embarked on the planting of this new "vine". We asked Him to look down and see. We asked Him to protect what His right hand had planted. He has. There is a saying which is now appropriate, as it was then: "A man is not known by what he receives, but by what he gives".

For a long time only three of us were able to give, and as is the case in many new ventures, the load is heavy. For a while we were involved only in music and the arts, but now we find ourselves in nursing and corporate intercession. The vine has flourished, but only because God, in His wisdom has seen fit to bless us and allow us to grow. For the privilege of being "Servants of the Servants of God", we are truly thankful. For the joy of serving God as religious, we are humbled.

This issue of THE SERVANT is a celebration and we will attempt to share with you, the past and the present. The Visitation Nuns, without who there would be no "vine", Canon Charles Guilbert who was a source of inspiration and advice, Bishop Donegan, who recognized us in 1969 and Mother Ruth, CHS, who has followed our growth all the way. Our own brother and sister religious, especially Abbot Benedict Reid, OSB, Mother Margaret Helena, CSJB, Mother Mary Christabel, CHS, Mother Mary Grace, CSM, Father Priest, OLW, and the Rev'd Connor Lynn, OHC. Among the clergy, the Rev'd Thomas Pike, our first chaplain, the Right Rev'd Paul Moore, Jr., our Visitor, the Bishops in the Dioceses in which we serve; the late Bishop Stephen Bayne, The Rev'd Canon William Johnson, the Rev'd Canon Edward N. West. And of course, all the clergy under which we serve "on mission", especially the Rev'd J. Norman Hall, Rector of Saint Bartholomew's for his help and assistance, and our Provincial Chaplains, the Rev'd Robert Vandereau and the Rev'd Frank L. Knight.

Over the years, many countless numbers of people have helped in all sorts of ways. Some by constant prayer, others by active support, many by advice and counsel. For all of us, we of The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory, pray and give constant thanks.

Last month I spoke of the Bread of Life, and I would hope that we, of this Religious Order of the Church, continue and strive to be as the "leaven". *The Spiritual Directory* of the Visitation Order puts these words before us: "let their whole life and exercise tend to unite them with God, to assist by prayer and good example Holy Church and' the salvation of their neighbor".

The first words of the Visitation Rule are "before all things, my dearest sisters, let God be loved, and after Him your neighbor." We have for ten years, attempted to serve our neighbor, and we ask your prayers for us as we go on from here, to serve all who need, all who hunger for Christ and His love and those who know Him not. Pray for us - and we shall continue to pray for you.

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG White Plains, New York

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God willing, The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory will observe the Tenth Anniversary of its Foundation with the celebration of a Solemn Pontifical Eucharist at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 7, 1979. The Right Reverend Paul Moore, Jr., Bishop of New York and Episcopal visitor to the Order, will be the Celebrant and Preacher.

On this joyous occasion, which also marks the tenth anniversary of the Profession of our Founder and Superior, Brother Richard Thomas, the first Vows of Profession will be taken by Novice-Brother Christian, and Postulant-Brothers Nicholas, Jason Jude, Stephen, Kevin James and Luke Anthony will be received by the Order as Novices.

The service will take place at the High Altar of Saint Bartholomew's Church, 82 Prospect Street, White Plains, New York, and a reception will follow in Garmey Hall.

Your prayers and presence are requested.

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Clergy Ind Religious are invited to process. Clergy: White Stoles

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New Lay Group To Make Vows

A newly-formed brotherhood of laymen, 'the Brothers of Saint Gregory, will make profession of the vow of obedience in the Chapel of the Monastery of the Visitation, Riverdale, on Sunday, at 7:30 P.M.

The brotherhood, which is ecumenically oriented, is the first of its kind in the United States. Its common vocation of church music has led them to search for a greater spiritual meaning in that vocation; bound under the rule of obedience, to a common rule of life, not living in community.

The four members of the Brothers of Saint Gregory, Brother Richard Thomas, founder; Brother Richard Arthur, Brother Donald Charles and Brother Peter Eldridge will make their profession in the presence of the Rev. Thomas F. Pike, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Yonkers, who also serves as chaplain to the new group.

The services at the Monastery will consist of a Bible vigil and the profession of the vow.

The Catholic News
September, 1969

[Photo: Founder - Brother Richard Thomas, wearing the original Habit of the order, 1969.]

COMMUNITY NOTES

NEW YORK: Brother Leslie Victor assisted at the Eucharist on Sunday, August 19, at Holy Cross Church, Yonkers. He assisted Brother Mark Francis, SSF He will also assist at a wedding at the same church on Saturday, September 8. On August 25, the New York area Brothers attended the mid-Hudson area Religious Order Picnic, at Little Portion Friary in Mt. Sinai, N.Y. Present were the Society of St. Francis, Order of the Holy Cross, Order of St. Helena, Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, Community of the Holy Spirit, Community of St. John Baptist, and the Brotherhood of St. Gregory. It was another opportunity for brother and sister religious to gather for worship and fellowship.

ROCKVILLE, MD.: Brother John has received and accepted a call to become Assistant at St. Anne's Church, Bethesda, Md. He will assist the clergy in many and varied programs. The congregation will also begin work in a new Church building. He assumes his duties October 1. Please, in your charity, pray for Br. John and the work he will undertake. OREGON: Brs. Nicholas and Kevin James have been visiting local parishes on special assignment to Bishop Bigliardi. Br. Kevin James attended a special Eucharist and luncheon for Associates of the Community of St. John Baptist, August 11, at the Bishop's Close, Portland. MANCHESTER, N.H.: Brother Matthew Joseph has begun work at a local prison, assisting the chaplain there. He has also become active in visiting and conducting services at a local nursing home on a weekly basis.

[Photo] The Brotherhood on mission:
Serving the poor on the Bowery, New York City, 1979.

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The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk, England
Saint Helena's Convent, upon the completion of their building project
Carla Hayes and Dick Hayes
the birthday of Brother Stephen, BSG

THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

the anniversary of the profession of Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
the generous donation from an anonymous benefactor
Ann Plunkett and William Smith
the Silver Jubilee of the ordination of the Very Rev'd Clayton S. Pratt, Lake Luzerne, New York
the wedding anniversaries of the Rev'd and Mrs. Frank L. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sanfilippo, Mr. and Mrs. Germain Francois, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Berkel.

APPEAL FOR MISSION

Over the ten years of our life as Brothers, we have made few appeals for support. On this Special Anniversary, we ask you to make a gift for our work.

THE SERVANT is now mailed to over 800 locations. Costs increase everywhere. The Vestment Exchange has provided all manner of items for missions, convents, orders, parishes. We have recently begun to manufacture vestments, paraments and frontals at very low costs. All of our expenses come from our own modest resources. We could do more, if we had more.

You can help us to celebrate our Tenth Anniversary, by enclosing a gift in the attached envelope marked "APPEAL FOR MISSION". All those who make a gift will be inscribed in our Gregorian Book of Memory, and will 'share in our daily intercessions, devotions and masses. Of course, any gift you make is Tax Deductible, and receipts will be provided if you so desire. Please also note the invitation printed herein. We hope if you are nearby and can share this great day with us, you will let us know. Our Visitor, the Right Rev'd Paul Moore, Jr., will Celebrate and Preach, and we hope you will join with us in thanking God for the opportunity to serve as "Servants of the Servants of God."

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Superior's Sanctum

Thanksgiving 1979

"I was naked and you clothed me; hungry and you gave me food."

Thanksgiving and giving thanks are met these days with many differing opinions. We hear constantly of world hunger, and of plans for the many ways to alleviate it. We have hunger task forces and coalitions for the many ways of feeding the hungry of the world. Thanksgiving time each year, the mayor may establish a special "food basket for the hungry." We have special programs and community services at our Churches and Synagogues. But what does all this accomplish in the direction of feeding the hungry the other time of the year?

I am always amused at how hungry Americans can be. One simply has to go to a restaurant which features a salad bar in order to see just how much we waste. Because the salad is "unlimited" we take all that the plate will hold. Because the shrimp is "going to spoil you," as a famous establishment tells us, we must take all we can. I have even seen patrons filling plastic bags, conveniently placed in handbags. Somehow the scene at the Bowery Mission last Easter Sunday comes to mind. Derelicts putting slices of ham and bread in their pockets because they have to think of their next meal. But - then the scene of today - customers in a restaurant doing the same thing, only because they are compelled because it is "free" -and they are unable to control the desire to take all they can.

There are some ways that we can be instrumental and thankful at the same time for what we have. One way is to share what you have, much in the same way that we of the Brotherhood interpret the vow of poverty. If you have clothing that you really can do without, give it directly to a service organization for distribution. The Bowery Mission, for instance, gives clothing to every man on the street who comes in for a meal. This also bears the implication of NOT buying things which you do not really need in the first place. How many of us have endless pairs of shoes in closets, unused because of style? Hunger and poverty know no style, and what is not "trendy" for one means life and comfort to another. You see we can give THANKS - and - GIVE -at the same time. We can be thankful for the ability to give.

Another way to help is to establish ways to share our resources with those who have nothing. Here, in White Plains, an Ecumenical Food Pantry has been set up. Canned and non-perishable items are brought to each Church, and then taken to a central location for distribution. This is a clear case of how many making small donations can amount a great deal to help many. Each of us has the duty to share what we have, and scripture mandates that "if you do it for the least of these my brethren, you do it unto me." If we are faithful to God, He will be faithful in return. "Being mindful of the needs of others is a part of that faithfulness and each time we say the traditional grace we should be mindful of the fact that we are asking God to enable us to give. This giving must be carried out by each of us if we are to heed the words of scripture, quoted above.

Let us paraphrase these words: I was naked and you gave me clothing - let us give the warmth of a coat or sweater to those in need; I was hungry and you gave me food - let us give food and substance to those in need.

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG Superior

COMMUNITY NOTES

NEW YORK: The Brotherhood met in General Chapter from Oct. 5-8 at Saint Bartholomew's Church, White Plains. Our schedule was punctuated with several other interests, which included the Consecration of our new Suffragan Bishop (Dioc. N.Y.), the Rev'd Canon Walter Dennis. The Brothers attended the service Saturday morning at the Cathedral Church. The most significant event was the Solemn Pontifical Eucharist, on Sunday, Oct. 7, in celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of our Foundation. The Eucharist was also in Thanksgiving for the Tenth year of Profession of our Founder and Superior, Br. Richard Thomas. We were joined by several Religious, among them, the "pity of the Holy Spirit, Community of Saint John Baptist, Society of Saint Francis, Order of Saint Helena, and the Companions of the Holy Savior. We were also pleased to have our Provincial Chaplain for Region II, the Rev'd Frank Knight, and the Rector of Saint Bartholomew's, the Rev'd J. Norman Hall. Among special friends of the Order was the Rev'd David G. Henritzky, Executive Director of New York's Bowery Mission, and an advisor, counselor and supporter of the Order. We were especially happy to welcome Br. Richard's mother, sister, grandparents and aunt, who traveled some distance to join us. Saint Bartholomew's Choir sang the service music, and performed several anthems, accompanied and directed by Br. Richard. Gail White, a colleague of Br. Richard, composed special music for flute for the Mass and Emanuel Bologna played the entrance and postlude. Brs. Luke Anthony, Jason Jude, Steven and Kevin James were admitted as Novices and Br. Christian was first Professed.

Brother Steven has joined the faculty of Saint Hilda's and Saint Hugh's School, a work of the Community of the Holy Spirit, and will be teaching science. Brother David Joseph is working in a CETA program position at Union Theological Seminary, as well as continuing his studies at the Institute of Theology in N.Y.

OTHER NEWS FROM NEW YORK: 9/22: Brs. Leslie Victor and James spent the day at the Mother house of the Order of the Holy Cross in West Park, N.Y. 9/23: Br. James and Fr. Knight attended the Installation of Fr. John G. Murdock as Rector of St. David's Church, Bronx, N.Y. 9/30: Brs. Roger and James assisted at the Solemn Anniversary Mass (286 years !) at St. Peter's Church,

Bronx, N.Y. 10/21: Br. James attended the Consecration of the new St. Luke's church, Bronx, N.Y. 10/23: Fr. Knight and Br. James joined with many other Religious Communities at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin for a Solemn Pontifical Mass and the Ordination of Fr. David Ousley to the Sacred Priesthood. 10/27: Br. James participated in the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer's Mass and Workshop on "Spiritual Hunger", led by Bishop Stewart of Western Massachusetts, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. 10/28: Brs. Leslie Victor and James attended a lecture by Br. Don, SSF, on his time spent with *Mother Theresa* in Calcutta, India, among the dying. The program was held at the Church of the Holy Cross, Yonkers, N.Y.

Br. Roger and James also continue their work with the Bronx Council's Committee on Christian Education and Lay Ministry, centering on a program of the lay teaching of Christian Meditation.

MARYLAND: Br. John was incorrectly listed in the location of his new assignment. He is now serving as Assistant at St. Anne's Church, Damascus, Md. NEW HAMPSHIRE: Br. Matthew Joseph has joined the staff of the Church of the Transfiguration, Derry, N.H. OREGON: Br. Kevin James continues his work with St. Mark's Church, Portland and was a delegate to the recent Diocesan Convention. MASSACHUSETTS: Br. Luke Anthony serves as Sunday School Superintendent at St. Matthew and the *Redeemer* in South Boston, and recently attended the Diocesan Convention.

THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS

There have been many times in the past fifty years when I told the story of Saul of Tarsus, who on the Road to Damascus, found our Lord. His experience was one of the most wonderful that has ever occurred to man. The prosecutor became the precursor and Paul gave to the world Faith in Christ Jesus in his very prolific writings.

As I review those times, I recall with joy the young people on Retreat who have been inspired to understand the value of Paul's conversion and his ability to bring others to Christ. Never did I think that one day I would make a journey to Damascus.

Damascus, Maryland, is far away from the Damascus of Paul, and the road there is quite different from that on which Paul traveled. The first time I traversed it to visit Saint Anne's Church, it was for the purpose of preaching to one of the happiest congregations I have encountered. On another occasion, I was called back to preach and again there was great joy in my heart for having been there.

On a bright, sunny day in August, the Rector of Saint Anne's called me and asked me to come and visit him. As I rode to Damascus, the sun shone in my eyes so that I had to shade them from the brilliance. At that moment I thought of Paul's experience with the sun, and smiled to myself. Then came self-censure for attempting to associate my experience with that of the great Saint Paul. Little did I realize God's purpose in granting me that happening.

During my visit, Fr. Kephart asked me to accept a call to serve as his assistant. Unlike Paul, I was not able to yield to the call immediately. At first, I thought of my creature comforts in working on staff at Christ Church where I had been for ten years. It was then suggested that I might divide my time between the two churches, and I was tempted to accept. After much prayer and meditation, I realized what was happening to me was outside the pale of an ordinary request. To serve at Saint Anne's would require sacrifice on my part. Then too, I would have to leave an host of friends with whom I had been working for a long time. The children in the day school with whom I had a great rapport would have to be left behind. All of these things were things that I loved and were hard to leave.

It was then that the thought came to me that Saul liked the things he was doing and he had to give them up, he had to make great sacrifice and he answered the Lord by saying he would give up that which he liked to take on other things. As he did so, he received things which he loved. Thanks to God, so have I. True, I will feel the loss of daily association with others whom I love but in so doing, I will be able to expand that company with many new people to love and care for in my new activity.

It there were no other compensations, I still have much for which I can thank God in the experience I have had on the Road to Damascus.

Brother John, BSG
Saint Anne's Church
Damascus, Maryland

[Photos] THE BROTHERS AT DIVINE OFFICE

SCENES FROM GENERAL CHAPTER 1979 THE SERMON: BISHOP MOORE

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SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

BROTHER CHRISTIAN'S FIRST PROFESSION

EXCHANGING THE PEACE

"WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OCTOBER ISSUE???"

That question has been asked by many people recently and deserves an explanation. Because of the amount of work which had to be put into our General Chapter this year (October 5th -8th) it simply wasn't possible for the Brothers to prepare the October issue of THE SERVANT at the same time. We trust to your understanding and pray that you haven't thought less of the U.S. Postal Service in this instance.

VIEWS OF THE TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON THE RELIGIOUS LIFE
TORONTO CANADA 1979

[Photos]

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the new ministry of the Rev'd Donald L. Place in the Archdiocese of York, England.

the Right Rev'd Dr. Robert A. K. Runcie, M.C. Bishop of Saint Albans, who will be installed as the 102nd Archbishop of Canterbury, England in January

the Rev'd Mother Elizabeth Ann, CSJB, as she begins her work as Superior

the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev'ds David A. Ousley, Herbert M. Groce and Arthur Muffenden Antionette Pelletier Patsy, Michael and David Hector Rivera

William Coe upon his acceptance to the Postulancy of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist

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CHRISTMASTIDE - 1979

An infant, a mother and a father are found huddled amid the squalor of a stable. Surrounded and kept warm by the body heat of the animals, Our Lord's first view of the world was close to its poorest state. A more downtrodden place could not be found. But, in this dark and lowly place, God, through this wondrous birth illumined the surroundings in love. The light of His love revealed more than torches; more than the moon overhead. The light of God's gift, His love shown through this child, changed the world and illumined it !

Jesus has always been portrayed as being sympathetic to the poor in spirit and body. Times have not changed so much since he was born, and still today he is the hope of the poor and those in need. It does seem significant that he was born in the poorest of places, surrounded by the beasts of the field; and yet he was visited by the greatest of kings. But they too had to step down from their usual stations in life to see a true king !

Our world today, for all its riches and resources, is still poor. This condition exists because we have not allowed the light of God's love to enter our lives to the fullest. A religious people which kills and takes hostages for any reason, does not have God's light in its heart. A church which downgrades women and minorities, does not have the light either. An individual, religious or not, churchly or not, who uses, abuses and manipulates people for his or her own personal security or gains, is void of the love and light of Christ.

This Christmas must be different if we are to survive as a race. Until we allow Christ, given to us at this time of the year so freely, to enter and transform us, we have not the true spirit of Christmas. In the Psalms we read: "For this great God is our God forever. He will be our guide until we die". (Ps. 48:14 TLB) The Holy Family, seen in a stable so long ago, is our family. We are, as was the infant, children of God - and part of His family.

This Christmas, let us receive the Child as a source of light and new life. This may require changes from our usual way of doing things. God changed the world when He sent His Son to us. We too can change, for the potential for positive change is our birthright and children of God. Each of us has been so close to the manger as to almost lie in it. Absorb the love of God as given through the Christ Child. Disperse it to all you meet and then you will have the true spirit of the Christmas season.

I pray that Christ's love, given to all in this child, will touch the world this Christmas. We must be receptive and we will be changed - and so will the world.

A Blessed Christmas and a Holy New Year to all of you - from all of us in the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory.

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG Superior on White Plains, N.V.

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CHRISTMASTIDE GREETINGS FROM
THE BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT GREGORY

May the anniversary of the Christ Child's birth bring Peace to your heart and the Holy Spirit bring you Joy.

Brother Roger, BSG
Assistant Superior
New York, New York

Once for a shining hour heaven touched the earth, hope was born anew, and Peace reigned in the world.

May this Christmastide bring us:
closer to the Spirit of Understanding,
closer to the Ideal of Brotherhood,
and closer to the Blessing of Peace.

Brother Leslie Victor, BSG
Administrative Assistant
White Plains, New York

On that great night so long ago, when came the Savior's birth, A peaceful light from out the skies, then shone on all the earth. The tiny babe of Bethlehem, the world then scarcely knew, Nor of the life that He would live, nor what would go through.

Think now, O Christian, what occurred, upon that blessed' night, When Shepherds heard the angels sing, great songs of pure delight. Think too, upon your mission, to serve God's Son our Lord. Rededicate your life, dear friend, to live his holy Word.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Brother John, BSG
Rockville, Maryland

Blessings to all at Christmastide:

May God, who so loved mankind that he sent his only Son Jesus Christ to us, that we might be saved, grant us peace, grace and love on this Christmas Day and the strength to keep our faith until we go to the Father.

Brother Wilyam David, BSG Lincoln Heights, Ohio

I pray for peace in the world and understanding for all our fellow brothers on Earth, that we might all cane to know Gads' Will.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Brother Michael, BSG Pittsfield, Massachusetts

May the Love that is Christmas fill your hearts and minds; may the Peace that is Christmas guide all of your endeavors; may the Joy that is Christmas abide with you; and may the Promise that is Christmas be fulfilled in your lives, both now and forever more.

Brother James, BSG Bronx, New York

My prayer at this Christmastide is to wish Love in the hearts of all, and may the Peace of the Christ Child's birth abide with you all.

Brother Stephen, BSG New York, New York

Again the time is upon us when we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we celebrate, let us reflect upon the seriousness of the occasion.

Our heavenly Father gave to us the greatest gift possible, his only Son, that we might be saved. We must, therefore, give of ourselves in every way, on every occasion, to show our thanks; however insignificant this may seem by comparison.

Let us pray especially for peace in Iran, the Middle East, Ireland and in all the world; that sanity will be restored to those who would terrorize and persecute the peoples, and that all who suffer in Cambodia will be saved. Perhaps we would do well to remember in our daily prayers the final verse of the hymn "Veni Emmanuel":

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our King of Peace.

May the Peace, Joy and Love, that was the first Christmas be with you now and ever more.

Brother David Joseph, BSG New York, New York

Of all proud titles Jesus has lovingly been named, Prince of Peace is the only one I'm sure He claimed:

Brother Christian, BSG Manchester, New Hampshire

"JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD IS COME"

Merry Christmas to one and to all. May the joy that the Christ Child brings to all of us at this season, stay with us and be with us throughout the year, as a reminder that through him we are saved.

Brother Matthew Joseph, BSG Manchester, New Hampshire

GOD GRANT THEE:

Comfort in thy home
Safety on thy journey
Courage in thy duty
Happiness in thy leisure
Success in thy ventures.

Christmas Greetings and all good wishes for the New Year.

Brother Jason Jude, BSG New Rochelle, New York

May the word of light which was incarnated for us at this time shine through our lives now and throughout the new year.

Brother Kevin James, BSG
Portland, Oregon

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The Sacramentine Nuns
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SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR:

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk, England
the birthdays of Brothers Richard Thomas and Jason Jude, BSG,
Noel Knight, David-Michael Andrews Obele, and Stanley A. Berkel
the anniversary of the Life Profession of Brother Wilyam David, BSG, and the third Annual Profession
of Brothers Roger and James, BSG
the marriage of Kevin and Patricia Kemp
the institution of the Rev'd John Osgood as Rector of Grace Church, Middleton, New York

the Rt. Rev'd William G. Black, newly consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Southern Ohio
the wedding anniversary of Kenneth and June Hayes
Richard Hohlfield and Betsy and Leonore Jewell
the memory of George L. Lamb
Brother John, BSG
the election of a new Minister Provincial of the American Province of The Society of Saint Francis
John and Antoinette Pelletier
George, and Steve
Kerry Loudon
Brother John-Mark, OFM upon his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of the Roman Church

THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

the spiritual guidance and pastoral leadership of the Anglican Communion by the Most Rev'd Dr. F.
Donald Coggan, retiring in January as the 101st Archbishop of Canterbury the Rt. Rev 'd John M.
Krumm, Bishop of Southern Ohio, and the Rt. Rev'd John L. Duncan, Bishop of Southeast Florida, who
both retire in January the return to health of Mavis Quinones

the work of Brother Luke, SSF as Minister Provincial of The Society of Saint Francis