

The New Day is now broken

We have now passed through the longing and expectation of the Advent season - and - we have our fulfillment of Christmas. But, that fulfillment does not come with one big bang ! It is the gradual movement of the days of Advent, culminating at the mass of Christmas. It surely started coming as dawn (Isaiah 60:1-3). It is also not yet the brilliant light of midday and it is not just another day. It is a new day, because the light comes not from the sun or moon, but from the Lord. Psalm 111 sums it up perfectly when it lifts up praise to the Lord for the great deeds he has done.

Epiphany follows in our chain of celebration, and thankful we are, that as church people, we are not forced to end our Christmas on December 25, as in the case of the department stores. Epiphany can be connected with the miracle at Cana, the Baptism of the Lord, the coming of the Magi and the Gentile mission. All of these examples are the same in that they represent change, either in an individual or an object. Then, in Advent we anticipated, in Christmas we were fulfilled, and in Epiphany we are changed into the New Day of the Lord.

1980 is the beginning of a new decade and we need to be looking to the new year as a New Day of the Lord. The mood of Epiphany is not like the Advent's expectation of salvation in the future. We have now been changed. The new year should be for all of us, a renewed cry to follow God and be thankful for all we receive from Him, through the Christmas gift of His Son. Allow the Christ-child to change you and those you love, as the water was changed into wine at Cana.

My prayer for you is that this new year of 1980 will change you and those around you. Pray with me too, that all of our prayers will change the world, and return peace to the nations and their peoples. Pray that all of us will enter into a closer relationship with Jesus - the changer; the reformer; the forgiver - THE NEW DAY.

*Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior
White Plains, N.Y.*

POST SCRIPT

The following Christmas Greetings were omitted from last month's issue due to a clerical error, "no pun intended":

Joy and Love and Peace to all the Brothers and friends of The Brotherhood, Best Wishes for the New Year.

Brother Luke Anthony, BSG
South Boston, Massachusetts

THE VICAR OF SURREY IN CANTERBURY SENDS GREETINGS:

Mary, praying in the cave,
Joseph trying to be brave.
Mary, gentle and so mild,
Joseph praying for a child.

Jesus, born to us on earth,
Mary, joyful in that birth.
Angels voices rising sing,
Hailing God's own Son, their King.

Now, at this new Christmastide,
May God with you all abide.
Bring to all, great Christmas cheer,
To last, for everyone, all year.

THE VICAR



COMMUNITY NOTES

NEW YORK:11/11-Brothers Leslie Victor and James attended the institution of the Revd Carol Anderson as Rector of All Angels Church, Manhattan. 12/9 -New York area Brothers participated in the Installation Service of the Rev'd John Osgood as Rector of Grace Church, Middletown. 12/16-Brothers Roger and James renewed their Vows of Profession at the Church of the Mediator, Bronx, N.Y., with the Rev'd Frank L. Knight, Provincial Chaplain presiding. 12/25 Brother James assisted at the Bowery Mission, Manhattan with their food program for derelict and underprivileged people. Brother Richard Thomas was Organist for the Christmas Holy Communion in the Chapel, held for the household. The Rev'd David Henritzky celebrated and preached.

Brothers Roger and James continue their work with the Bronx Council's Committee on Christian Education and Lay Ministry, which presented a program on Christian Meditation at the Church of the Mediator on Nov. 15. Brother David Joseph Pelletier has been released from his Vows of Profession, effective December 8, 1979.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Brother Christian continues his work as coordinator of the Vestment Exchange, which is in need of BOTH REQUESTS AND DONATIONS. The Chapel of the Annunciation, an official Chapel of the order is now an independent Chapel, under the direction of the Rev'd John McIntyre, Chaplain. The Daily Offices are recited at the usual times, and Mass is celebrated on major Feast Days and other times during the week. The address is: St. Gregory's House, 25 Allen Street, Manchester, N.H.

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.: Brother Luke Anthony continues his work as Sunday School Superintendent at St. Matthew and the Redeemer. He is teaching, and directing various activities. Brother is also attending nursing school, in addition to his regular works.

In keeping with the Musical Activities of the Brotherhood, Brother Richard Thomas and Brother Leslie Victor presented a concert at the Advent Tea of the Women of St. Bartholomew's, on December 15. Brother Leslie Victor was soloist for part of the Christmas Eve Concert as well, and will be featured in several roles at the "Life of Christ" Epiphany Pageant on January 6. Brother Richard Thomas is director, script by David Henritzky.

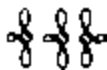
GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER

We live in a time of constant change and, while always keeping in mind our holy Apostolic Tradition given us by God throughout ages past, we cannot afford to stifle the movement of the Holy Spirit to renew His Church. Life itself is exemplified by change: That we are born, live and die in constant flux is no accident, but an integral part of God's plan. And the Church, the Body of Christ, must be willing and able to change in the light of "Evolving Theology," our continually increasing knowledge of our Lord's Will for His people.

Ecumenism is a word we hear more and more often these days and we should realize that this is God's effort to restore His One Church, which has been shattered into hundreds of separate bodies over the past 1000 years. Our new Book of Common Prayer is one of the greatest tools He has given us to accanplish this restoration. The many forms of service in the new book allow for a latitude in worship which no other Church offers. And the revision of the lectionary brings us into harmony with the Roman and Lutheran Churches, all of us reading the same Scripture lessons week by week. This fact alone must be seen as a great healing effort among the various branches of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

It is said that the Episcopal Church offers something for everyone, and this is true. Yet we must never allow ourselves to be so smug and self satisfied that we forget Saint Paul's constant call to unity. There are many other Christians following various traditions and one of our duties is to try to heal this broken Body of Christ. The General Convention of the Episcopal Church (which is really you and me) has taken a brave and bold step to open many new roads toward ecumenism by the adopting of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, and we should thank God for the marvelous creation we now possess.

Brother James, BSG
Bronx, New York



THE APPEAL FOR MISSION

Through our Appeal for Mission we ask your support for the work of the Order. Everyone is very aware of the "spiraling inflation" today and it effects us at least as much as it does you. But our Brotherhood Vestment Exchange is receiving more and more requests and our Intercession List is being sent to an ever-expanding readership through THE SERVANT (850 per month to date). The costs involved rise constantly and we must look to you for help.

Along with this issue you will find a self-addressed envelope for your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Of course, all donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided upon request.

May our Lord's blessing be upon you now and always!



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David

Brother Leo Anthony, SSF

Brother Bede, SSF upon his election as Minister Provincial of the
American Province of the Society of Saint Francis, and also as he
prepares for ordination to the Sacred Priesthood

Rt. Rev'd Michael E. Marshall, Bishop of Woolwich, England

INTERCESSIONS (continued)

THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

Virginia Neddow

A NOTE OF PRAYER AND SADNESS: It is with profound prayers and a great deal of sadness that we announce the closing of the Monastery of the

Visitation in Riverdale, N.Y. This house of God, which for the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory, is our 'house of Foundation' has been in this location since 1900. With the passing of time, the numbers of sisters has dwindled, and it has been found necessary to close the house. The sisters have been relocated in the various houses of the Order, and we pray for them in this time of decision and change. The Order of the Visitation will always be foremost in our minds, for without them, the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory would not have come to be what it is today. Please keep them in your prayers as well, for all that they have been to us and the Church of God.



WORSHIP TRENDS

For many of us, worship takes a basic form, the Sunday experience to which we are accustomed. This may always be the Eucharist or it may be alternation of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. In some parishes it will be ante-communion and in others the New Rite of Baptism may be the entire service. Thanks to our new Book of Common Prayer, scripture plays an even greater part in these ceremonies than it did in the past. Because of the new Lectionary however, we are exposed to a larger variety of scripture. Even sermons are now drawn more from the bible and readings, rather than from secular and social sources. Even when the social gospel (which is very important) is preached, the scriptures are more widely used as a basis for exposition and contemplation.

We are reminded that the Word and Sacrament belong together. We are now recovering the meaning and power of Baptism and the Lord's Supper -- the making of Eucharist. For many of us the discovery is being made that beneath the glacier of ritual, under which we have buried them, Baptism and Communion are simple actions in which the risen, living Jesus Christ comes anew in the power and the Holy Spirit. The Eucharist (thanks again to the new prayer book) is fast regaining its place as the principal act of worship. As the Word and Sacrament are recovered as a joint union, people are once again finding that worship is sharing with the living God. Jesus Christ is not just a memory, but a risen presence. The Holy Spirit is not a strange teaching, but a personal power.

Worship is becoming more inclusive; women in ministry -- children and youth, dance, instruments; families and single adults. Father Thomas Berry, OP, a Passionist from New York and long time friend of the Brotherhood sums it up this way, "Christianity excludes nothing, because it includes everything." Our worship should do likewise.

When you worship then, say the amens loudly. Read the Psalms with convictions. Participate.' Be a part of the experience. People every day are discovering new life -- and you can be one of them.

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG

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COMMUNITY NOTES

New York: 1/6: Brothers Richard Thomas and Leslie Victor, together with the Rev'd David G. Henritzky, again presented the pageant, "The Life of Christ, and you are there" at St. Bartholomew's Church, White Plains. As in previous years it was enjoyed by a large congregation. 1/10" Brother Roger conducted a meditation and discussion on "The Calling of the First Apostles". This took place at St. Luke's Church, the Bronx. and Brother James assisted Father Knight at the Mass which followed. Those attending were very receptive and bi-monthly prayer meetings are being planned by the Bronx Council's Committee on Christian Education and Lay Ministry. 1/11: brother Christian arrived at St. Augustine's House, the Bronx, for a four day visit with the New York area Brothers. 1/13: Brothers James and Christian paid a visit to the Sisters at the Monastery of the Visitation at Riverdale, N.Y. in order to spend some time in their Chapel, which was the birthplace of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory. 1/19 Brothers Leslie Victor and James attended the Consecration of the Rev'd Canon George Raymond Hanlan as the Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of the Eastern United States in the American Episcopal Church (independent). The service was held at Trinity/St. Joseph's Church, Brooklyn. 1/20: Brothers Leslie Victor, James and Stephen visited Brother Jason Jude's parish (St. Simon Cyrene, New Rochelle) and served as Chaplains to the Rt. Rev'd Walter D. Dennis. Suffragan Bishop of New York, at the Service of Rededication of the Congregation, the building and ornaments of worship to the service of God. Brother James continues fellowship with the Franciscan Brothers at St. Andrew's Rectory, Yonkers, attending their Wednesday evening Masses.

Maryland: Brother John, full time assistant at St. Anne's Church, Damascus, in the absence of a Rector, has assumed full charge of the ongoing life of the Parish. This work keeps Brother in a constant whirl of activity, and among other things, he is working with a building program ! Your prayers are needed for his strength.

The activities mentioned in this column are those special events which are accomplished in addition to each Brother's regular ministry as assistants to our clergy.

Two things came to mind as I ponder what it means to be a Brother. (1) What are you doing here, and (2) Why have you come here? These questions confront me with a new meaning and urgency as I go on in life. As Thomas Merton once said: "Our purpose in life then, is to grow in union with our risen Lord, to live more and more deeply in the life of his body, the Church, to continue on earth the incarnation which manifests the love of God for men, so that we share the glory of God with Christ in heaven."

Words such as "grow in union", "live more and more" and "to continue on and on to share the glory", all pinpoint facets in the life of a Brother. We begin as a child, slowly and cautiously, but pick up speed as we go along. It is the same for one on the road to being a religious. We seek out God through prayer and spiritual guidance from our priest. We seriously think over and over again if this is the way that God is calling us. We then make the decision to go on and feel a sense of peace and tranquility pass over us.

I have searched for a long time for that peace and love which is mentioned in the Gospels and as I search the truth of these words is apparent. I do develop inner peace and joy; I do sense an inner calm. The feeling of sheer joy is hard to describe.

Life as a Brother has been for me, a new beginning; a new life for Christ; a new life with and in Christ. The day that Christ says to you in a personal way "Come, follow me" is a day that you will never forget. And, it is up to you to answer that call with courage and strength. Once, when asked what advice she would give to one thinking of entering the religious life, Ann Landers gave this reply: *There are valid and invalid reasons for this action: ON the valid side she lists: 1. to serve God in a particular way; 2. to have a fuller opportunity for prayer; and 3. to live in a community with persons of like ideals. ON the invalid side are: 1. to escape from anything; 2. to find instant solutions to your problems and 3. to feel that entrance will mean producing an instant "new you". In short the religious life cannot be a substitute for therapy.*

These thoughts can be for all of us and to those already in an order. Life has just begun for me and that life is my existence in union with all my brothers in the Brotherhood. *The support we give each other and the love I receive from them tells me that I have answered the Master's call -*

"COME, FOLLOW ME"



The Eleven welcomed Matthias
into their fellowship.

THE VESTMENT EXCHANGE

The results of our recent advertising campaign have truly been a mixed blessing! Brother Christian, our Vestment Exchange Coordinator, informs us, that he has received a tremendous amount of mail from around the country, for which we all thank God! But the great majority has been in the form of requests for vestiture and chancel supplies, and donations have fallen far short of need. At the present we have literally nothing on hand to supply!

PLEASE HELP:: Search your vesting drawers and closets and send us anything you don't use -- there are so many parishes that would be extremely grateful! (Please remember any Memorials will be continued upon request by the donor.)

Forward anything you can to:

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the ministry of the Rev'd Charles E. Morley
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for the Visitation Nuns of Riverdale, who recently closed their Monastery
and for the Sisters who have gone to new Houses of the Order.
a special intention of our Superior, Brother Richard Thomas



LENT 1980 - ANOTHER CHANCE AT PENITENCE

The season now upon us brings with it so many images. Giving up favorite things, taking on new obligations, doing more in the areas of prayer and service and most of all -

being penitent. Webster defines the term as "one who repents of sin, feeling pain or sorrow for sins and offences and one under church censure, but admitted to penance."

At a recent church gathering, a parishioner commented that the penitential aspect of our new Prayer Book has been played down. She felt that we do not kneel enough for prayer, as was the case in the 1928 book. I think in a sense, that she has a point in the fact that many of us forget that we often offend God, both by what we do and what we think. If man were not capable of erring and doing foolish things, he would not need God.

How many times have we done things that we knew firmly to be wrong. And, as we deal on a rational level, we can decide not to continue. But, there are those instances when we deal emotionally (and this realm is not filled with rationale) when decisions are just not made with reality in mind. The only way to handle these situations is to place our needs in the hands of God. The power of grace and prayer is a source of help which many of us use only in what we think is an emergency. Man's foibles are the essence of the necessity of Grace.

We are not called individually or collectively to make names for ourselves by our goodness or perfection. If we were what God wants us to be, we would have no need of Him or His grace. When we make decisions to help others; to take on new responsibilities or to assist someone in some way, we do so with the love that is needed because of God's grace.

Jesus points to a fig tree that has not produced fruit in three years. It hardly seems worth keeping. Yet the vinedresser asks for one more year to work with it. The tree is not simply destroyed because of its barrenness, nor is it left on its own to produce fruit. It will be tended and fertilized while given another chance.

This Lent is another chance at using our abilities to implement the gift of God's grace. The One who gives us grace and life is sensitive to our needs and shortcomings in ways that we are not sensitive to ourselves and each other. This is why Paul, in Scripture can say "God will not allow you to be tested above your powers, but when the test comes, he will at the same time provide a way out, by enabling you to sustain it."

Another chance at penitence - another chance to utilize God's graces to improve our lives.

Richard Thomas, B.S.G.



Scenes from the mid-Hudson Regi on Religious Orders "Picnic"

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the Birthdays of Brothers John, Michael and Kevin James, BSG
the Confirmation of Eric Sootin and Jeffrey MacDonald
the Rev'd Samuel Benson

Mark K. Fleming upon his ordination to the diaconate of the Roman Church on
March 22

William F. Kolody as he prepares for ordination to the Sacred Order of
Deacons of the American Episcopal Church on March 16

Edward G. Gaweda

THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

the life and ministry of our beloved Patron, Saint Gregory the Great, whose
holy example we constantly strive to attain. Feast Day: March 12

the wonderful response to the Appeal for Mission: May our Lord bless each
of your lives as you fulfill your Calling to support the Catholic Faith
handed down throughout the ages from the Holy Apostles

SUFFERING: TRAGEDY OR VICTORY?

From the book QUIET THOUGHTS, Paul McElroy expresses his view of the above title. During this Lenten season I think it is quite an appropriate reading. When we think of the tragedy of our Lord's crucifixion, this reading should come to mind.

After reading Mr. McElroy's thoughts you too, as I will Glory in our Lord's concurring the tragedy of His crucifixion with the victor of His resurrection.

Here is the complete text of Paul McElroy's Quiet Thoughts on Suffering: Tragedy or Victory?

There are times when a man care for nothing but the cessation of his pain. It sometimes seems as if his pain were carried to an extreme and unendurable limit. He turns from it in horror, regards it as useless, and even accuses God of cruelty because the suffering is so intense.

"When sickness comes and bids us rest
awhile
In some calm pool, beside life's too swift
stream,
Why rail at Fate, and count ourselves ill
used?
'Tis then one's soul awakes, weaves dream
on dream."

Those who have reached the depths claim suffering can be one of the most wonderful experiences of life. It can make us or break us -- depending upon how we take it. We can make it a beacon to light the world and give strength to posterity. Through example, we can demonstrate to others the nobility of a disciplined and undefeated courage. Can we not trust that somehow good will be the final outcome of evil?

Brother Leslie Victor, BSG
White Plains, New York

NEW YORK: The bi-annual "picnic" of the Mid-Hudson Region Religious orders was held at St. Bartholomew's Church, White Plains, and hosted by the Brotherhood. Brothers and Sisters of the Community of St. John Baptist, the Order of the Holy Cross, the Society of Saint Francis, the Order of Saint Helena, the Brotherhood of Jesus, and the Society of the Atonement (Graymoor) joined with us for an afternoon of fellowship between the various traditions. Entertainment was provided by our own brothers Richard Thomas and Leslie Victor, and the Brotherhood of Jesus and their Sisters. Evening Prayer was sung, the settings of the Canticles were led by a choir of Sisters from several Orders, under Brother Richard's direction. A delicious pot luck supper was enjoyed by all. The event was held on February 3.

2/28 Brothers Roger and James continue their participation in the Meditation Group and Mass sponsored by the Bronx Christian Education Committee at St. Lukes, Bronx.

Brother Richard has begun a series of classes on Liturgics and Symbols for the younger grades Sunday school at St. Bartholomew's, White Plains.

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"A Facelife" for THE SERVANT

Just thirteen months ago we completely redesigned the physical layout of the SERVANT in order to reduce printing costs and handling, and also to speed up production of each month's issue. Please bear with us as we attempt to make some additional changes in the format, made necessary due to our ever-increasing readership, the ever spiraling inflation, and the Post Office's ever-present desire to relegate our mail to the bottom of the "priority list." (We are painfully aware that, even though each month's issue leaves our office at St. Bartholomew's Church before the first of the month, it has taken as long as five weeks or more to arrive at its individual destination.) Therefore, the Postmaster, our treasurer and God Willing, your delivery service should begin to show improvement in the near future 1

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IMAGES OF EASTER

My Lenten reading has been "Spirit of Flame" - a study of Saint John of the Cross. I have chosen to use a quote from this book for my Easter writing.

"The person who is truly devout needs few images and uses few..... nor is his heart attached to the images that he uses; if they are taken from him, he grieves very little, for he seeks within himself the living image, which is Christ crucified."

As Christians, we place great emphasis on symbols and imagery. Depending on our several traditions, this will range from mental images to statues and pictures or great monumental sculptures. Even scripture, as we read it daily or weekly, presents imagery and pictures of events and places. Lent and Easter, in particular, present many images for our meditation, but as Saint John illustrates; The devout person needs few of those -- and the most important is that of Christ crucified. Then, our whole Lenten journey is toward the cross and with the cross beside us.

The entire Lenten season gives us images, all of which lead to, or include The Cross. Our hymns such as "In The Cross of Christ I Glory" - "Beneath The Cross of Jesus", and others, give us images of Him and His Passion. We can meditate on empty tombs and hills with crosses upon them; we can fix our minds on stones being rolled away and soldiers casting lots. But, after all the images and pictures have been passed over, one stands clear and brilliant -- that of the cross.

The empty tomb cannot compare with the empty cross on Easter Day. In the same way the barren hill of Calvary cannot compare with the loss the disciples felt when their leader died. Most important is the image of the cross and the extreme sacrifice it represents to us - and indeed, to all followers of Christ.

It is meaningful I think, to be using Saint John of the Cross as illustration material in dealing with the symbol of the cross. Saint John gives us a wonderful message, which I will use in conclusion: He also tells us that when doubts come over us and we sit under them and allow them to cover us, we will never escape them. The only way out is the way up -- we must climb. If we keep the cross in view; in mind; and in focus this will be the only image we need!

"through such souls alone -- God stooping shows sufficient
of His light, For us is the dark to rise by

And I Rise."

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior



COMMUNITY NOTES

All of the Brothers take this opportunity to wish each of you a Blessed Easter-tide. We have all been busy with the many activities of Lent, and with preparations for Easter. The New York area Brothers gathered once again on Easter Sunday, to serve dinners to the less fortunate at the Bowery Mission. This has become a very meaningful experience for us, and we thank the Rev. David G. Henritzky, Executive Director, for allowign us to serve in this way. We will be reporting more on this in the next issue of the SERVANT. BR. JOHN , MD. conducted a seminar at Damascus High School on ethics and morals for a group of teenagers March 9 found him assisting at the Eucharist at Ascension Church, Westminster, Md. . . . he was in Lynfield, Mass. the week of 23 March to conduct a three day Vestry Retreat and preached at the Eucharist. . . . during Lent Brother was responsible for presenting dramatic readings for "Living Lenten Portraits" at St. Anne's, Damascus. BR. MATTHEW JOSEPH, N.H. will make his first Profession on April 20, 1980 at 4P.M. . . . four others will be received as Postulants that same day at the Eucharist held at St. Bartholomew's Church, White Plains, N.Y. At the same hour another will be admitted as Postuland in Fort Myers, Florida. Details of these services will be covered in the next issue. Br. Matthew Joseph has given up his work with the local prison concerns committee in order to take on additional duties at Transfiguration Church, Derry, N.H. BROTHERS RICHARD THOMAS AND LESLIE VICTOR, WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. presented special music for the Service of Lessons and Anthems for Passiontide, March 23, 1980 at St. Bartholomew's. Br. Leslie Victor sang arias from mendelssohn's ELIJAH and Requiem by FAURE. They also presented special music at the Community Three Hours' Service for the White Plains area Council of Churches. . . . BROTHER ROGER working with SISTER JEAN CAMPBELL at the Church of the Holy Apostles in New York City, presented several workshops on prayer; these were offered as part of the parish Lenten program BROTHER CHRISTIAN, N.H. reports that the Vestment Exchange is busy these days, but he is in need of items to fill requests. BROTHER JASON JUDE, N.Y. is now ON Mission to St. Andrew's Church, Bronx, N.Y.

A MEDITATION ON THE FORTY DAYS OF TEACHING AFTER THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

By Cardinal Newman

O My Lord, how wonderful were those conversations which You did hold from time to time with your disciples after Your resurrection. When you went with two of them to Emmaus, You explained all the prophecies which related to Yourself. And You committed to the Apostles the sacraments in fullness, and the truths which it was Your will to reveal, and the principles and maxims by which Your Church was to be maintained and governed. And thus You prepared them against the day of Pentecost when life and illumination was to be infused into them. I think over all you said to them with a true and simple faith. The "kingdom of God" was Your sacred subject. Let me never for an instant forget that You have established on earth a kingdom of Your own, that the Church is your work, Your establishment, Your instrument; that we are under Your rule, Your laws and Your eyes, that when the Church speaks You speak.

Let not familiarity with this wonderful truth lead me to be insensible to it - let not weakness of Your human representatives lead me to forget that it is You who speak and act through them. It was just when we were going away that then You did leave this kingdom of Yours to take Your place on to the end of the world, to speak for You as Your visible form when Your personal presence, sensible to man, was before me, teaching Your Apostles, and I gaze upon You and listen to Your words.

Brother Kevin James, BSG
Portland, Oregon

THE APPEAL FOR MISSION

Through our Appeal For Mission we ask your support for the work of the Order. Everyone is very aware of the "spiraling inflation" today and it effects us at least as much as it does you. But our Brotherhood Vestment Exchange is receiving more and more requests and our Intercession List is being sent to an ever-expanding readership through THE SERVANT (850 per month to date). The costs involved rise constantly and we must look to you for help.

Along with this issue you will find a self-addressed envelope for your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Of course, all donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided upon request:

May our Lords' blessing be upon you now and always!

He is
not here;
But is
risen.
Brotherhood of St. Gregory
Eastertide, 1980

THOUGHTS OF THE VICAR OF SAINT SWITHUN'S, SURREY, ON A RECENT SUNDAY

Like dear, old Samuel Pepys, I am up betimes and wondering why. I am. It must have been the dream which awakened me. Priests very infrequently dream of Acolytes but last night I went through a horrible circus on account of the young boys and grown men who serve this Parish in that marvelous office of Acolyte.

Dear God, please bless all those who in this transitory life have accepted the duty of serving at the Altar. They are true servants of thine and. I ask that thou wilt endow them with special grace as they enter the Chancels in the world to do the bidding of their office and to serve the Priests who Celebrate the Eucharists. Lend them thy help to rise early and to serve without equivocation. This I ask in the name of him who died that we might have eternal life; our Lord and Saviour Jesus-Christ. AMEN

Oh, how violent were my thoughts as I dreamt of our boys last night. Jamie has sewn the top of my cassock so that I could not put it on. Roland stood grinning as he watched young Horace try to extricate himself from tied shoe latches. Alfred had emptied the cruets so that they were bare of their precious store of wine and water. To top it all off, Harry had removed his trousers before donning his cassock which had no buttons on it from mid-waist to the floor. All of these things occurred on a Sunday when we were to have a special Celebration of the Eucharist in thanksgiving for the most successful of operations performed on Mrs. Terwilliger. What a nightmare that was for this poor 'servant of God's who was trying his uttermost to do all of the right things that day.

Thanks be to God that I was wakened by my old dog who panted with great vigour as he scratched to get outside.

Now as I reflect on that dream, I am mightily thankful that none such as those incidents would ever have occurred. Our boys are the most devoted of youngsters and I am grateful that they have been chosen to serve here. It is my thought that I will one day be graced with the invitation to an Ordination in which Jamie will receive the Laying on of Hands to the Priesthood. Harry will obviously go into Her Majesty's Service while Roland and Alfred will enter the business community.

All of this is a reminder to me that I must soon present the awards Crosses for service to these good lads. Jamie has now achieved nine years and the others are all veterans of eight good years of service as Acolytes. We must make those awards before the Summer is upon us full force. This will provide our people with the realisation that our boys are proudly wearing the emblems of their service on each Sunday in the season.

May God bless all Acolytes, everywhere.

The Vicar.

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Brothers Don, John George, Gordon Peter, Chad, and John Evangelist, SSF as they begin new
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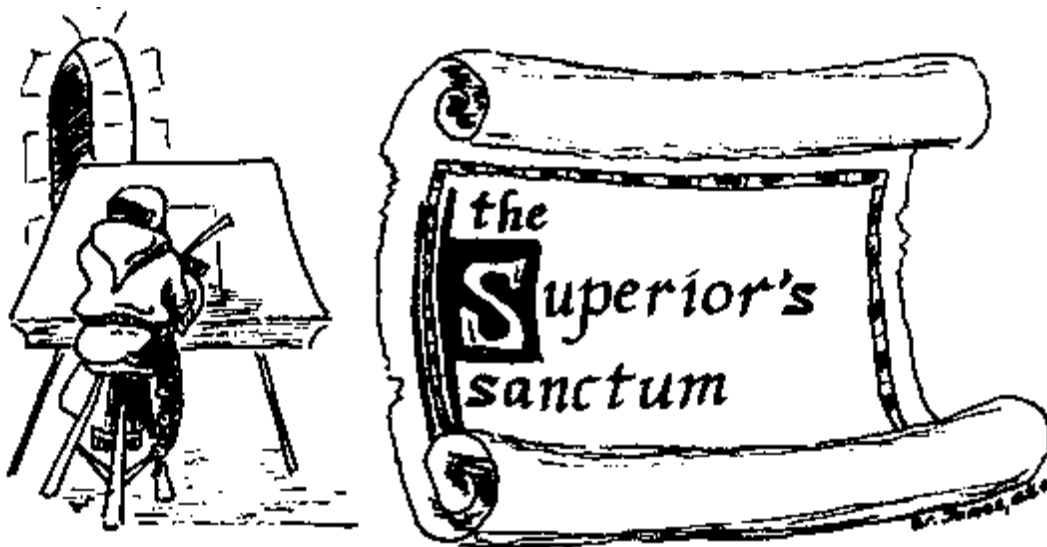
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↳ the Cross of Christ I glory -

Jesus has many lovers of His kingdom, but He has few bearers of His cross. We often hear talk of the kingdom, but we seldom hear any conversations concerning the obligations we carry to attain that kingdom. There are many who gladly share the meal - the Holy Eucharist - if you will, and do not think about or observe the fasting and abstinence needed for creating the proper state for reception. Each time we break the bread with Him we share in and love His kingdom and each time we drink of the cup, we taste a bit of His passion. We must do both - and loving the kingdom without making the sacrifice is not enough. The glories of being a Christian and a follower of Jesus entail not only honoring the miracles of His life but being a follower of the shame of the cross and its pain.

in the same vein as those who claim that God does not answer their prayers are those who love Jesus as long as no adversity befalls them. They can and are always ready to praise Him whenever they receive benefits is amazing to see how some react when Jesus rejects them a bit or withdraws a little. They become despaired and reject Him and in some cases even reject the Church.

But those who love Jesus purely for Himself - and not for their own profit or convenience will bless Him in tribulation as well as in joy - and - if He never sent any of them consolation - they would still bless Him.

The Holy Spirit - the Gift of God at Pentecost is that life giving support we all need in order to truly love Jesus. The Holy spirit is the ENABLING INFLUENCE - the CATALYST which makes us love and live in Him. Pray then, that the Holy Spirit will enter each of us daily.

Let us Pray: We thank Thee Lord, for another day in which our souls may be drawn closer to Thee, and our love for Thee made stronger. We pray in thankfulness for all who are secure in their faith in Christ, and we pray for those who still have doubts. AMEN.

Richard Thomas, B.S.G.
Superior

COMMUNITY NOTES

NEW YORK: 4/6 - Easter Day - The New York area brothers assisted in the serving of meals at New York's Bowery Mission. We were joined by friends Carl Iversen and Elizabeth Alexander, and served about 600 meals. 4/12 - The Superior, accompanied by Brs. Roger, Leslie Victor, and James visited Francis Jones and Stephen Storen (now Brs. William Francis and Stephen Joseph) for a meeting and dinner with four sisters of the Community of Saint John Baptist in Jersey City; and also present was the Most Rev'd George T. Koerner, Vicar General of the Old Roman Catholic Church in North America. The evening of fellowship was concluded with the recitation of Compline at Saint Cristopher's House (CSJB). 4/19 - Brs. Christian and Matthew Joseph arrived at St. Augustine's House in the Bronx for the weekend. 4/20, '- During the 4 PM. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at Saint Bartholomew's Church, White Plains, Br. Matthew Joseph made his First Profession in the Order. At the same service Brs. Stephen Joseph, William Francis, Anthony Francis and John Peter were admitted as Postulants. Father Knight, Provincial Chaplain, presided and celebrated. The Superior preached the Homily and played the music of the Mass, the Jesus Joy Mass, which he composed for the parish in 1972. Br: Christian assisted him at the organ with parts of the service music. We were honored by the presence and participation of the Rev'd David Henritzky and Father Pollard, Br. Anthony Francis' Rector. A reception was held for family and friends in Sherman, Hall, following. 4/27 - At Saint John's Church, Saint James City, Florida, Br. Augustine ('C. Don Janes) was admitted as a Postulant in the Order. 5/18 - Br. Jason Jude received his certification in the Lay Ministries Program of the New York Theological School. Ceremonies were held at the Marble Collegiate Church in Manhattan. 5/22 - Br. James, in continuation of his work with the Bronx Council's Committee on Christian Education and Lay Ministry led a Meditation on "Patience". OREGON: 4/6 Easter Day, Br. Kevin James worked with LOAVES AND FISHES, an organization similar to the Bowery Mission, - in the serving of meals. 4/10 - Brother attended a Preaching Mission conducted by the Rt. Rev'd Michael Marshall of Woolwich, England, a good friend of the Order. MARYLAND: Br. John is continuing his work with Saint Anne's Church, Damascus. He is also involved with a local mission which is in the beginning stages of being established. Through the Vestment Exchange he has been able to supply this parish with necessary appointments including an Altar. In our continuing relationship with the Community of Saint John Baptist, the Superior will again serve as Organist for Commemoration Day, June 28 at the Convent in Mendham, N.J Br. Richard Thomas is an Associate of the Community, as is Br. James.



THE BOWERY MISSION: 1980
EASTER SUNDAY

Pictured here are the Brothers, and friends serving meals
Left to right: Br. James, The Revd David Henritzky, Executive Director, Elizabeth Alexander The Superior, Br. Leslie Victor and Br. Roger.

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THANKSGIVINGS

So often when we pray, we pray for things, asking God for this and that, but how often do we stop and think about the many blessings which God has bestowed upon us.

Having spent the past five years in New York City, one is able to see each day those less fortunate. It may be a blind man, a person without arms or legs, people without a place to sleep, families without food; the list is endless. Therefore, it is important to thank our Creator each day for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

When the glaring sun wakes me in the morning;
thank you Lord; When I'm awakened by the loud
sound of the garbage truck in the middle of
the night, thank you Lord. As I busy myself
out of my bed in the cold morning, thank you
Lord. As I stumble on the way to the bathroom,
thank you Lord; As I prepare my breakfast,
thank you Lord.

Yes, thank you Lord, for there are many who
awake in the morning and have no eyes to see
the sun, no ears to hear the garbage truck,
no bed to get out of, no legs to stumble to
the bathroom, no hands to prepare breakfast,
no breakfast to eat.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the blessings of my life. and help me always to be mindful and sensitive to the needs of others. AMEN!

Brother Stephen, BSG
New York, New York

COME HOLY SPIRIT

What a joyful season we are now experiencing as we go forth from Easter toward the Feast of Pentecost!

The psalms and the readings of the liturgy proclaim the Risen Christ, the Lord and God Who reigns through all of eternity, and we are told that the Holy Spirit has come to dwell within us, if we but choose to live in Christ.

Let us meditate upon this Holy Spirit Who has come to abide within us. Let us contemplate the inestimable treasures that are ours -- for there are no earthly riches which compare with those freely given to, us by the Holy Spirit, if we are receptive and open our hearts and souls to Him. He is the great Comforter, Who sustains us through all of our earthly griefs and trials and anxieties; it is He Who gives us Knowledge and Understanding and Wisdom, that we might know and understand God's Will for us in our lives; 'He is the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, inclining our souls toward that which is good,' preserving us from evil, and giving us the strength to withstand, all of the vicissitudes of this life; He is the Spirit of Godliness, Who stirs our hearts with adoration and love for the Lord; He is the Spirit of Love, the Living Flame of Love, -- a Love that is perfect beyond all measure and which reaches out to embrace us with abiding patience and kindness -- a Love that is slow to anger, is forgiving, that rejoices in the truth and that is unlimited in its forbearance, its trust, its hope, its power to endure. It is a Love that never fails and the greatest of God's gifts to us through His Holy Spirit.

Let us rejoice at the abundance of God's gifts and graces which come to us through His Holy Spirit. Let us come with joy and thanksgiving and adore the Holy Spirit of God and contemplate the special meaning of Pentecost in our lives. Let us prostrate ourselves before the Throne of the Living God and sing in exultation with the choirs of angels 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Hosts. Blessed be the most Holy Trinity: the Father, and the Son Who proceeds from the Father, and the Holy Spirit Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Allelulia!, Allelulia!'

WRITTEN BY A FRIEND OF THE ORDER

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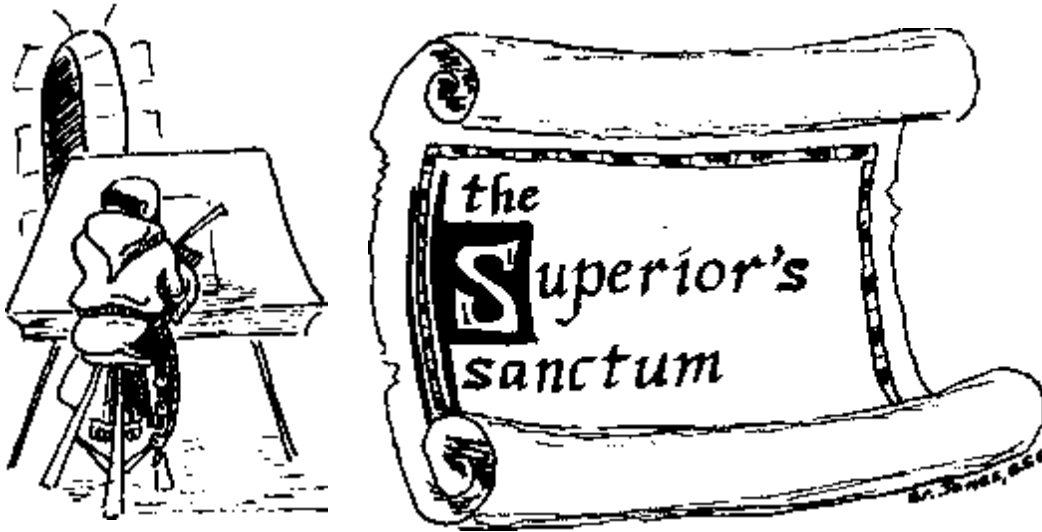
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His Church: The Day of Pentecost



RESPONSIBLE TO THE TRUTH

In Luke 9:51-62, the concern for the cost of discipleship is illustrated. To take the yoke of discipleship requires not only the "call" from God, but the courage and strength to endure the hardships which go with the call. The phrase "many are called but few are chosen" comes to mind. When we answer God's call, we must become responsible to the truth of the Gospel. We must remain directed by that truth. Jesus said "the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head". To answer the call means sacrificing of a place to lay one's head, for the truth of the Gospel is a constant challenge.

Answering the call to truth comes in many forms: the religious life, Holy Orders, lay ministry and simply intense devotion to the parish one attends. In a later directive of discipleship, Jesus said "leave the dead to bury their dead". We who are responsible to the truth must remain ever aware of the prime directive. Mundane responsibilities are to be executed by those who are not filled with "great (Elijah-like) zeal for the Lord."

Our Lord also said, "he who keeps looking back is not fit for the Kingdom." Like Him who "set His face resolutely toward Jerusalem", we must be resolute in our mission.

Each time we read, mark and inwardly digest the words of the Gospel, we must be responsible to the truth which the Holy Spirit unleashes. If we are to change anything in ourselves, our churches or our world, we must be dedicated to serve. In one of his Epistles, Paul says, "if the Spirit is the source of our life, let the Spirit also direct our course". Why else are we here, we who follow in the Spirit-led footsteps of Elijah?

Christ sets us free by the spirit of truth. Let us be directed by that spirit and responsible to that truth. The cost of discipleship is high, but the harvest of the Spirit is infinitely greater'

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
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COMMUNITY NOTES. Detailed "Notes" will follow in the August issue of THE SERVANT. We request your prayers for Br. Andrew (Fred Deutchen, admitted Postulant July 13, 1980 and Br. Thomas Joseph, admitted Postulant July 27, 1980. The Brothers pray for all of you as you travel and take rest and refreshment from the usual busy yearly tasks.

MINISTRY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

The early Christians looked at Jesus, an unordained Jew, and saw something so profound, so strange, so extraordinary, so full of love, that they said the eternal God of Life was in Him. They said, God is love and he who abideth in love, abideth in him." At the beginning of His ministry this same Jesus arose in the synagogue at Nazareth and read these strange and shocking words from the Old Testament, Book of Isaiah, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind-, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." And the early church went out into the Roman world to deliver and to do that message as the whole people of God, not divided into ordained and unordained, but in the true sense of the word - Laity - for laity means the whole people of God.

By the middle ages, a shift had taken place in the relationship between ordained and unordained. The term laity no longer included the clergy, but only referred to the unordained. All over Europe the clergy assumed preeminence and power over the Kings and Princes of Europe. A classic example of this occurred when Pope Gregory VII made an Emperor of Germany stand barefoot in the snow for three days because he dared question the Pope. A theology in favor of this dichotomy was developed that argued that the clergy prayed and worshipped for the laity because the laity were unable to do that for themselves.

Having given the background and set the stage, I now want to make three observations as to why is it that MINISTRY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS:

First.... according to Scripture, we are all called to serve or to minister in the manner of Jesus. We need to rid ourselves of the notion that a calling applies specifically to the sacred and religious things' of life. Today we speak of the clergy receiving a call and of other people getting a job. But when Paul spoke to several churches in Ephesus to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, he was not simply speaking to the leaders of the Church; he was speaking to everyone - corporately and individually. A calling really applies to everything that we are, all of the time, whether we are inside or outside the Church. It recognizes that everything a Christian is and does should be informed by the will of God. This means that we are not "Sunday Christians" but "Christians ALL THE TIME." God is the pulse beat of all life and the warmth of God's love flows into us and is at every moment the strength by which we live.

Second...to become truly human, one has to be responsible. To illustrate: among you there may be some who are feeling low - by your own fault or through others, and you have no control over the situation. It may be an illness, a handicap, or the painful and stark repercussions of a thoughtless act by someone you love. The point is that you are low. The people around you are likely to say you are the product of heredity and the environment. You've inherited some bad traits from your parents - there is nothing you can do. You are also called a product of your culture. You have been cuddled and spoiled by the material world around you and by an over-indulgent and demanding society. No matter what your state of mind - you are truly a child of God and have been made in His image. God has given you the choice of what you will do with your life, and your destiny is in your hands. You must use the raw materials you have been given. At that moment there flows into your life the kind of power that flows from God - power you were not aware was in you.

Third ... we are all called to be responsible for the social order and ministry that is confined to what the clergy are able to do is inadequate to that task. Let me give you an example: a man went to Jesus and asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" That is a religious question. Another man asked: "is it right pay taxes to Caesar?" Now that's a question about one's civic life. It's a question about civic responsibility.

We ask these kind of questions all the time. Religious question such as, What is the meaning of life? How can God permit such evil to exist? What can we do about political madness? What is the role of the United States in the world? Some of us say this is not the position of the Church and that she should not be involved. MINISTRY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS.....

(This is the first of a two-part article by Brother Jason-Jude, BSG. The second section will follow in a next issue of THE SERVANT).

Brother Jason-Jude, BSG
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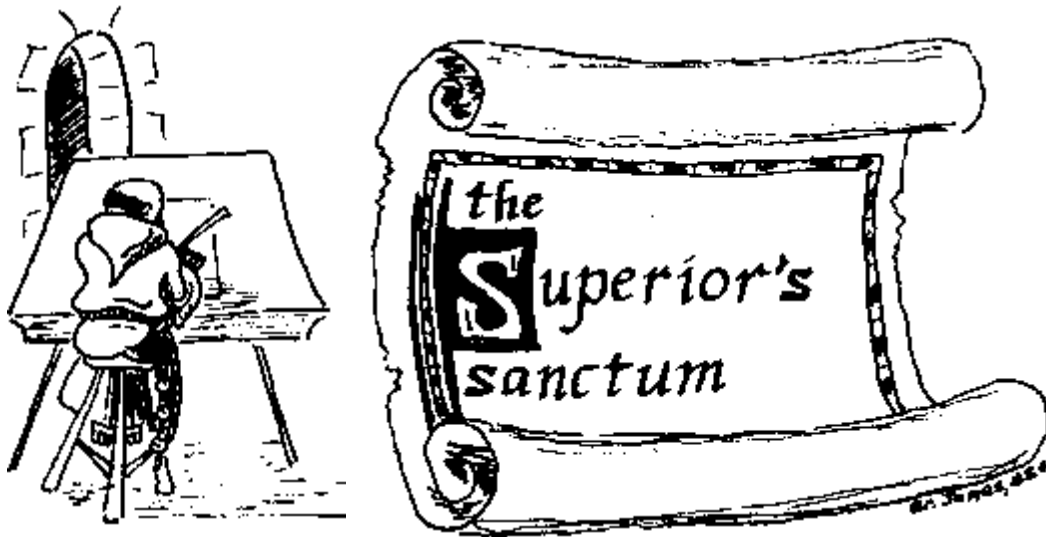
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"And' even when someone has given his assent to God, he is continually faced with the temptation to deny Him."

Hans Kung

We all go through periods of great doubt and uncertainty through our brief sojourn here on earth. We have His promise - "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." It is sometimes hard to be sure that God is with us, just as the atheist really cannot be sure that God Does not exist. What we must remember is that our relationship to God is not based on proving He exists - but trusting that He does.! Our whole relationship to Our Lord is based on trust. It just cannot be any other way.

There are many times that we are very uncertain where we are, where we are going or where we should go., We contemplate change in a negative manner and so we shut the door in the face of the Holy Spirit. Changes - whether in our lives, our employment or our missions, are all chances to grow. It is sometimes very confusing to be certain if we are doing God's will or our own. We are, at all times, quite selfish where God is concerned.

God will have His way, and while we constantly say "Thy will be done" - we buck against it and simply give lip service. We often do deny God His will - and we do it several ways.

1. We put God on the "hold button" - thereby keeping our soul's door closed. God will knock - but we must open the door.
2. We go ahead and make our own decisions, knowing full well that we have not opened our hearts and minds to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
3. We do not pray "Thy will be done". The one great command of Jesus has always been "What you ask of the Father in my Name, I will give it to you." Or - do we ask not just for favors, but for favors which are simply our own desires and not at all spurred by faith?

If we have any doubt as to the fact that we are blessed by God's graces and blessings, we have but to look back over our lives. We will be surprised at how the good events outweigh the bad. I have used the phrase "God's delays are not God's denials" and it is true. We in turn must TRUST that because God delays in His will, we still must depend on eventual fulfillment. Nothing in our world happens by chance, but by the wonderful stroke of God's hand. His hand is present in every mxrent of our lives - and we must trust that whatever happens, causes us to grow - and - Him to be glorified.

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior

MINISTRY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS - PART II

Every person is a combination of mind, body, and spirit and these three are so closely interwoven that they are literally one. Therefore, the Church, as God did in the incarnation of his spirit in Jesus, should care for and love all of what makes humanity what it is.

There remains one more item and that is about the efficiency or effectiveness of our ministry. We live in a highly technological, urban society where there are all kinds of public structures that deal with our social and economic life. There are institutions for business, industry, government, labor, education, and the lists goes on and on. If we as the church, are to define what is to the public interest, we must be at work affecting the public policies of all those institutions and that requires all kinds of people with skills of experience and knowledge, resources and points of view.

The New Testament lesson from Romans 12th Chapter, 4th verse states quite plainly and I quote

"For as in one body we have many members and all members do not have the same function so we, though many are one body in Christ and individually members one of another having gifts that differ according to the grace given us."

We must remember that:

There's a difference between "drive" and "driven"
The one is selfish, the other God-given --
For the "driven man" has but one goal,
Just worldly wealth and not "riches of soul" --
And daily he's spurred on to reach and attain
A higher position, more profit and gain,
Ambition and wealth become his great need
As daily he's 'driven' by avarice and greed...
But most blessed are they who use their "drive"
To work with zeal so all men may survive,
For while they forfeit great personal gain
Their work and their zeal are never in vain...
For they contribute to the whole human race
And we cannot survive without growing in grace,
So help us, dear God, to choose between
The "driving force" that rules our routine
So we may make our purpose and goal
Not power and wealth but the growth of our soul...
And give us Strength and Drive and Desire
To raise our standards and ethics higher
So All of Us and not Just a Few
May live on earth --
As you Want Us to.

I conclude by saying each of us has a stake in our churches, our schools, and our government, so let's be about our ministry.

YES, MINISTRY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS..

COMMUNITY NOTES

The last couple of months have been both meaningful and exciting for The Brotherhood. On JULY 13 we Admitted Brother Andrew (Fred Deutchen) as a Postulant. Father Cecil Williams, a long-time friend of the Order, was celebrant for the Eucharist and Admission. Brother Andrew is assigned On Mission at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in New York City, and joins Brother William Francis who is also assigned there. On JULY 27, the Superior, joined by Brother Leslie Victor travelled to Cincinnati, Ohio to Admit Brother Thomas Joseph (Thomas Ross) as a Postulant. We joined Brother Wilyam David, who is On Mission at Saint Simon of Cyrene, as presenters and Brother Richard Thomas preached the Homily and Administered the Chalice. The Mass, celebrated by Father Wyl and E. Melton, Rector of the Church of Our Savior was very moving and the presence of the Holy Spirit was everywhere; Brother Thomas Joseph is Parish Administrator at Our Savior. While in Ohio, the Brothers visited the Convent of the Transfiguration and Saint Monica's Recreation Center, administered by the Sisters. The work of the Sisters of the Transfiguration is apparent everywhere in Cincinnati, and we thank God for their witness for the Lord, and the opportunity to visit their houses.

On AUGUST 3, the Superior left New York on Holiday to Canada. He visited Montreal, stopping at the Oratory of Saint Joseph for a day's visit. It was an especially great privilege to be present at the Liturgy for the Sick, held in the Crypt under the Basilica. The trip then continued to the Ville de Matane, on the Saint Lawrence River. Brother Richard Thomas played the Organ at the village church of Saint Jerome, and visited several local shrines and churches. From Matane he travelled to Quebec City for the remainder of the trip. He played the Organ at the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Trinity on Sunday, August 10 and assisted the Dean with the Chalice. The Shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupre was one of the impressive places visited, as well as the Ursuline Convent and Museum and the Tomb of Bishop La Val, recently declared Venerable by the Vatican.

The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory, Annual Chapter will be held SEPTEMBER 12-15. The Brothers will be in White Plains, at Saint Bartholomew's Church or the duration. At this time Brother Christian will make his first annual renewal of Vows, Brothers Stephen, Jason Jude, Kevin James, and Luke Anthony will be First Professed, Brothers William Francis, Stephen Joseph, John Peter, Anthony Francis, and Nicholas will be received as Novices, and Antonio Stringer, Anthony Coleman, and Earl Graham, all of Cincinnati, Ohio will be Admitted as Postulants. We ask your prayers for these, our Brothers who are taking further steps in their journey of service to God and His Church. Your presence is also requested, if you are in the area. These events will take place at Saint Bartholomew's Church, 82 Prospect Street, White Plains, New York on Sunday, September 14, 1980 at 4:00 p.m., during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

THOUGHTS OF THE VICAR OF SAINT SWITHUN'S, SURREY, ON THE SIN OF PRIDE.

Lord, make me humble, this I pray,
As I go about my work today.
Please make me realise my lot,
Be satisfied with what I've got.

Let me not think that what I've done,
Is mine; but rather from God's Son.
Let me not brag or boast or preen,
Or think how great that I have been.

Prevent me from the sin of pride,
Of walking with a boastful stride.
Grant that as I look up to the sky,
I'll understand how small is "I".

As I read this little poem, I prayed for a very dear friend of mine who is so wrapped up in himself that he cannot see the evidence of God in his surroundings. His sin of pride is such that he feels that he is totally responsible for everything that he does. When he writes something or says something, he feels that it is so important that he must boast about it. It is so unfortunate that he is blind to what others are doing, since their efforts are secondary to his own.

Recently, he was accorded the honorary title of Assistant Hostler for the Surrey Horse Show and one would think that the whole Empire rested on the shoulders of that august nomenclature. The work that was entailed in the operation of the office was lost on him but the title was flaunted about with great announcement and assumption of dignity. What a pity, that floss and puff assume such importance at, the granting of a title.

Woe betide those who might attempt to show him the light of his problem for they will be rewarded with his anger and disdain. For that reason, I call on God to teach him to be humble for we earthly beings cannot achieve the seeming impossible task of making an impression on him.

What is an even more grievous situation is that this first of the seven deadly sins has led him into the destroying path of the other six. Pride has made him covetous, envious, angry and slothful. He also lusts for power and is gluttonous when it is given to him. One can imagine his prayers being filled with words such as, "look what I have done this day, Lord." How terribly tragic is that kind of prayer. The few but mighty words of Jesus as he summarized the law, are lost on him. The few but mighty words of that simple prayer taught to the apostles are words he may say but does not understand.

Lord, as I think these things and seek Thy help to right this evil problem; Grant that I will never be so confounded and keep before me the motto of Thy Saint, Gregory, "Soli Deo Gloria," to God alone the Glory.

The Vicar.

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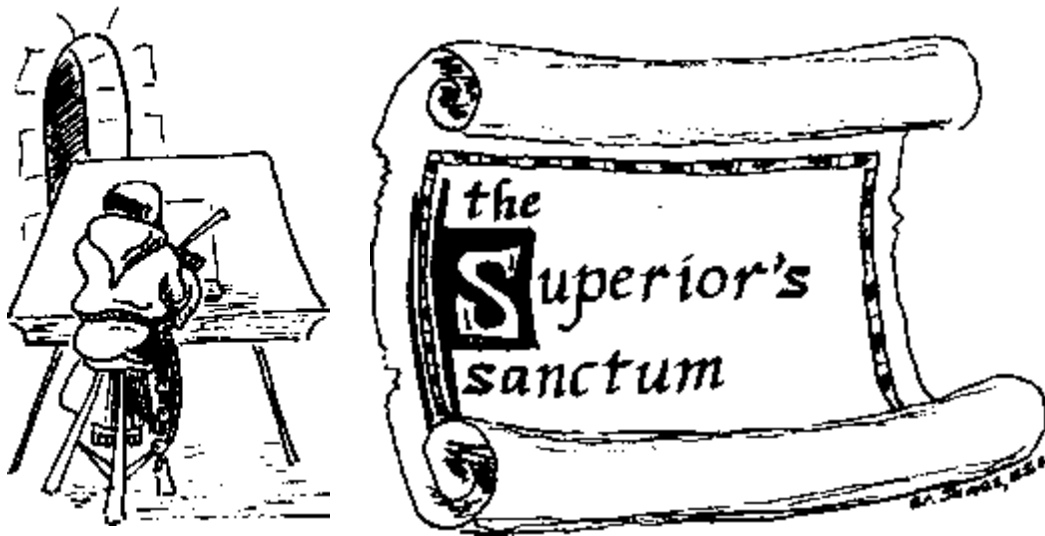
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the anniversary of the Life Profession of Brother Richard
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the birthdays of Brothers Wylam David and Stephen, BSG
the Rev'd John H. Brewer, upon the 40th anniversary of
his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood
Robert and Deborah Pettersen, who are expecting their
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the Rev'd Henry N. Fukui, newly appointed Provincial
Chaplain of the Order for Province III
the second Profession of Vows of Brother Christian, BSG
Novice-Brothers Jason Jude, Stephen, Kevin James and
Luke Anthony, BSG as they prepare for their first
Profession of Vows
Postulants Anthony Francis, John Peter, William Francis,
and Nicholas, BSG who will be Received as Novices at
General Chapter, 1980
the Rev'd Canon E. A. St. John

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the safe journey of Brothers Richard Thomas and
Leslie Victor, BSG



Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts a gift he does not give.

Proverbs 25 :14

Why do we hear people compare their faith with one another as though it could be measured by inch or pound? One of the catch phrases of the 60's was "Don't keep the faith -- share it". What we have as gifts from a good and kindly God are to be shared. Our response to God is our accounting for the use of those gifts. The Apostle Paul was never to be modest about his accomplishments or the sufferings he endured for his Lord. But always, his boasting was in and to the glory of God. All other boasting is forbidden to those who love God and seek to do His Will.

It is so that Paul could write to Timothy in good conscience that he had fought the fight and kept the faith. Again in his letters he was always recounting the use of his gifts for God. Paul never boasted in his own might, but in the glory it gave to God. He rejoiced that the Lord had stood by him through good and bad -- and gave him strength for each peril he faced for the sake of the good news he shared.

There is such a visible contrast with the Pharisee in Luke 18:9-14 who boasted that he was not like other men -- he reminded God of the good deeds he had chosen to do. Granted there are many of us who do good deeds of our own volition -- but many of us also feel that the works are inspired by God's will for us. One thing we should never do is boast of what we have done -- laying the support on our faith in God. Faith equal to the tasks God calls us each to do is sufficient for our needs.

God is the ultimate provider of each daily need -- faith included. Our first loyalty and duty is to God. We are to serve Him with our whole being; we are to fear Him and love Him. We are to walk in the ways our Lord has commanded. To Him by the glory forever and ever. AMEN.

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
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He said: 'Full authority in heaven and on earth has been committed to Me. Go forth therefore and make all nations My disciples; baptize men everywhere in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. And be assured, I am with you always, to the end of time'.

Saint Matthew 28: 18-20

This famous quote represents much more than the beautiful and touching prose which it is; in actuality it is the basis of the Church's Mission to evangelize the world. It appears at the close of Saint Matthew's Gospel and is directed specifically to the Eleven from the Risen Christ Himself, in order to strengthen them until His Holy Spirit provided them with the power they needed to carry out His command at the Day of Pentecost. From that day onward the Apostles and their successors, the bishops of the Church, have striven to fulfill His command, through the baptism of the Faithful. For at baptism something very powerful takes place: Not only are the sins of the individual washed away as he is initiated into the Community of the Faithful, but also each person is charged with the strength to carry on Christ's Mission as an evangelist himself.

A rational question here might be: "What exactly is this Mission as it applies to my own life?" Simply expressed, God has given us our lives in order to glorify and worship Him by obeying His command, and by bringing others to Him. And He never asks us to do anything without also providing us with the means and the strength to carry out His Will. Therefore, our Mission is simply to keep our promise, our part of the bargain.

Mission takes many forms. Over the past 2000 years the Church as a whole has engaged in countless acts and programs of evangelization on international, as well as on diocesan and local levels. In ancient times evangelism took the form of a "word-of-mouth" campaign when Christians were being persecuted. During the Middle Ages, when the Church had gained great temporal power, wealth and influence, Her armies sought to bring the Word of God to the heathens through acts of violent aggression such as the Holy Wars. Here was Her first major setback, for Christ never intended His offer of Salvation to be forced upon anyone who did not willingly accept Him. Learning a painful lesson from this experience, the Church then turned to the concept of sending out missionaries to the four corners of the earth, in order to peacefully "teach them to observe all that I have commanded you" by their own works.

The Church has come a long way in 20 centuries and has learned much about itself in relation to God's Will. But even today the great majority of the earth's population remains untouched by her efforts. Should this be counted, then, as failure? Heavens, no! We know that we are sinful creatures and that our own sinfulness will keep us from accomplishing every task successfully. But in the end the true measure of the Christian is that he tried. This is really what God, who completely understands our limitations, expects from us.

Each and every Christian, then, has a great task set before him or her, and the "missionary field" exists in those individuals whom we touch in our everyday lives. There is no end to the work to be done, nor a particular time or place in which to do it. By our very own example we bring the Gospel of Christ out into the world every day, to our friends and neighbors, to those we meet on the street or on the job. And this Gospel lives in us and through us.

Evangelism is also a full-time job. And here is where the Church comes in. The Church exists in order to provide the Faithful with the strength, guidance and refreshment necessary to keep on with our Mission. This is accomplished through the administration of the Sacraments, through the constant hearing of the Word of God and through the fellowship shared in the Community of Witnesses (for we can each attest to the power of the living God through our own experiences). This ability to hold one another up is essential, as Scripture clearly shows Saint Paul, following our Lord's example with His disciples, never sent anyone out alone, but always in the company of at least one other companion in The Way.

We live in Resurrection Times. We also realize that this world will not become totally "evangelized" in our lifetime just the way Christians from the second century onward have confronted this reality. But Christ has firmly set our goal before us and we have no other choice but to try to accomplish it. Our conviction is so well summed up in the text of Hvmn 538:

God is working his purpose out
As year succeeds to year.....

Brother James, BSG
Bronx, New York

COMMUNITY NOTES

The Annual Chapter of the Brotherhood was held from September 13 through 15, at St. Bartholomew's Church, White Plains, N.Y. The Sunday afternoon Solemn Eucharist on the 14th, Holy Cross Day and Anniversary of our Foundation included the First

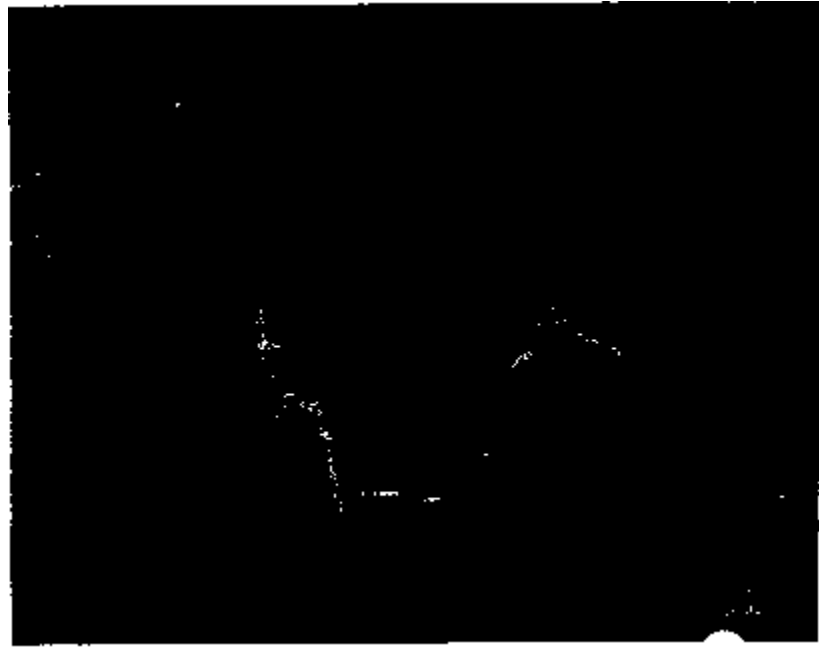
renewed their Annual Vows and Brs. Nicholas, Anthony Francis, William Francis, Stephen Joseph and John Peter were received as Novices. Two Postulants were also admitted. The Order managed to fit a quick visit in to the Sacramentine Nuns in Yonkers and shared Vespers of the Holy Cross with the Sisters. On October 12, the Brothers from the New York, New Jersey area joined those from New Hampshire and Massachusetts at the Eucharist and Life Profusion of our Brother Michael Delmolino. The Mass was celebrated at St. James' Church, Great Barrington Mass., with the Rev'd Canon Pierce Middleton Rectot acting Chaplain. A report of this event will follow in the November issue of THE SERVANT. Br. Christian

has returned to school in pursuit of his master's degree... Br. Matthew Joseph continues in his work with the Diocesan

Prisons Committee.... Br. Kevin James has been elected to serve as Secretary of the Columbia Convocation of the Diocese of Oregon... NOTE: Br. Thomas Joseph from Ohio also joined us at the Life Profession Service, Oct. 12.....

COMING UP: On November 22, 1980 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., we will be holding a Rummage Sale and Raffle at St. Bartholomew's Church, Parish Hall. Proceeds from this event will go to the Brotherhood's Fund for Mission. If you are in the area, please do join us and say "hello". Lunch and beverages will be available.

FROM OUR ANNUAL CHAPTER: Right: The Newly Professed
Brs. Kevin James, Jason Jude, *the* Superior, Br. Roger,
Assistant Superior, and Br. Luke Anthony. Bottom Right:
pictured are the Rev'd Frank Knight, Provincial Chaplain
receiving the Vows of First Profession of Br. Luke
Anthony. Below: The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory, 1480.
Missing is Br. John, on Special Assignment to St. Anne's
Church, Danscus, Maryland.



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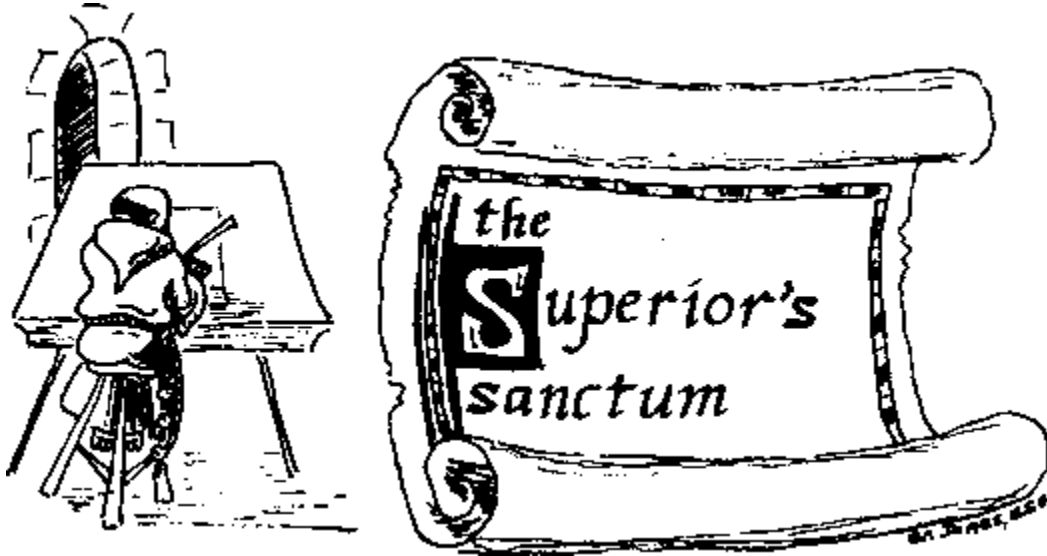
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the fellowship shared by all of the Brotherhood
at General Chapter 1980
the 20th Anniversary of Rev'd J. Norman Hall
as Rector of Saint Bartholomew's, White Plains



APOCALYPSE WHEN?

The apocalyptic fever of our times will not be stilled by preachers explaining away such passages as Luke 21. "And they asked Him saying: Master, but when shall these things be, and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?" If ever the signs were here, it is now -- but many do not see them. The world has seen some very bad times, but now the signs of an unhealthy and tired world are symbols of worse things ahead.

The continued rumblings of Mount Saint Helens have caused superstitious and rational alike to consider that there are forces in nature and history over which we have little control. Earthquakes ravage parts of the world and thousands are killed. Movies depicting great and terrible tragedies in large cities cause us to wonder if these hollywood fantasies could, in fact, become reality. Little children ask why the world stays in balance with so many heavy and tall buildings being placed upon it. Most of us choose to ignore the apocalyptic nature of our times.

I have often wondered how things would be if God came to us now. I would venture a guess that He would look at our world as it now is and shake His head and ask: "What have you done?" We have already made technological advances which get in the way of our daily living, instead of making it easier and more pleasant. Have you tried to make a bank deposit lately? And -- have you waited and wasted time because the mighty computer was down? I dare say that in almost every phase of life today a computer plays an integral part. We are controlled by our own devices -- Apocalypse when?

Thanksgiving is upon us, and once again we will gather to thank God for our great bounty -- or shall I say what is left of our great bounty. We are not thanking God for the earth as He gave it -- but for what we have made of it. I am not sure we have been good stewards. Think back to the days of food without additives; water without harmful chemical-; banks with real people, and the like.

There is a teaching lesson here that can tell us several things helpful to contemporary Christian life. Many proceed through life waiting for some big surprise as far as God is concerned. They expect this surprise to be hidden in the currents of history. We are not walking a weary treadmill, but moving toward a destiny in God. Yet, it is as unthinkable to some that God should intervene as that the stones of the temple should be thrown down. There is an urgency here -- in our polluted streams and rivers; in our dirty air and in the loss of scores of wildlife through our own neglect and error.

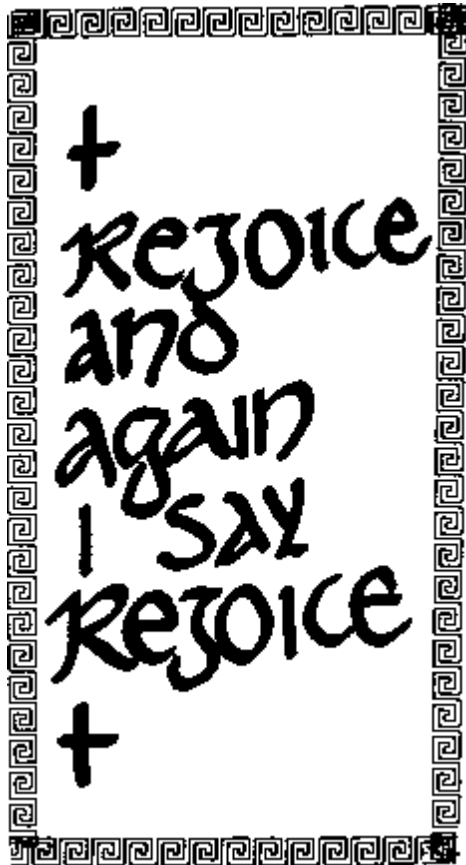
The daily newspapers are always the same; the same holds true to those who watch the TV news. We are living on the edge of Mount Saint Helens: on the edge of a volcano -- everywhere we turn. The earthquake of our problems is global, though it manifests itself in different places in differing ways.

What can we do as individuals? It might be well to borrow from the 28th, verse of this chapter: "Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." The master plan of God for this world is better than anything we can imagine, and redemption IS taking place, regardless of the outward the visible signs in the world. We are part of that redemption and we must do all we can, individually, to help preserve what is left of our world.

It is not too late for the Christian -- the last word is HOPE that WORKS while it lasts.

Brother Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior

ADVENT



Advent is a difficult subject to write an article about. We tend to forget in the busy season of preparing for the holidays, what the meaning of Advent is. Advent is first of all, as the Orthodox Church calls, it "Little Lent". It is a time to think about doing God's work on earth. Are we really trying? And have we, become laid-back in our attitudes of helping others and doing good works? We all grow complacent for periods of time, a comfortable home, familiar loved ones, friends, an old job, etc. But at Advent the message we should remember is all too clear, and perhaps a rude awakening to some, in that "CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN". Some would say "Well its the 20th century now so apparently He isn't in any hurry." However, Saint Peter says in 2 Peter 3:9-10 "But there is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out His promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up." Those lines from the Jerusalem Bible are quite serious. We should at Advent take heed and remember that Christ could come at anytime and what should we do if we are not prepared to meet Him.

I should like to close with one more quote from the King James version of Saint Mark 13:35-36, where Jesus seriously says, "Watch ye therefore, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." Let us behave like Christians loving one another and helping one another unlike those busy causing divisions and preaching hate in the name of Jesus to attain their own selfish goals. It is not easy to love everyone whom we meet but try we must for it is truly written "For ye know not when the master of the house cometh".

Brother Michael, BSG
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Life Profession of
Br. Michael, B.S.G.

Oct. 12, 1980





COMMUNITY NOTES

On October 12, 1980, The Brotherhood celebrated with great joy the Life Profession of Brother Michael Delmolino, BSG. Brother Michael has served for the past seven years at Saint James Church, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, assisting the Rector, Canon A. Pierce Middleton, in parish duties. He has carried out an extensive Nursing Home ministry in the area and has served as Treasurer of the South Berkshire Deanery. Present for the Eucharist and Profession were The Superior, Brother Richard Thomas, Brother Roger, Assistant Superior, Brothers Leslie Victor, James, Jason Jude, Luke Anthony, Christian, Matthew Joseph, John Peter, William Francis, Stephen Joseph, Anthony Francis, Thomas Joseph, Andrew and Postulant Prospective, Tobias Haller. Elizabeth Alexander and Brother Gilbert Oliver, CDF, also joined us for the ceremonies. We ask your continued prayers for Brother Michael as he now lives the Rule of the Order under Life Vows.

Brother Stephen Joseph (Jersey City, New Jersey) attended a Solemn Evensong, at Saint John's Church, Jersey City, New Jersey on October 19th, representing The Brotherhood. Sponsored by the Hudson County Convocation of the Diocese of Newark, the service was in Thanksgiving for twenty-nine years of service by the Community of Saint John Baptist to the poor of Jersey City.



REMEMBER THE BROTHERHOOD AT CHRISTMASTIDE

With this issue of THE SERVANT we again ask that you support the works of the Order through our Appeal For Mission.

As Advent approaches we begin to reflect upon the course of our lives during this past year and to look forward with expectation to the joyous Celebration of the Birth our Lord and Savior. Advent marks the beginning of our annual journey, in Christ Jesus, as the Church once again prepares to embark on a great adventure of Faith and Love.

During this, period of refreshment and reflection, as we each stop and take the time to look at where we've been and, in Faith, where we're going, please remember our Brothers in your prayers and also the works of the Order by returning the enclosed self-addressed envelope with a donation in whatever amount you can afford. Your gift is tax-deductable and a receipt will be provided upon request.

All our Brothers sincerely thank you for your support during this passing year, and we look forward to increased service to the Body of Christ in the year ahead, made possible by the love and prayers of our friends.

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