



"AS FOR ME, I WOULD SEEK GOD, AND TO GOD I WOULD COMMIT MY CAUSE." Job

Whenever we are making the most of our possibilities and talents in the work of creation, we reveal the fact we are committed to the Lord. As a distinguished philosopher wrote, "man's happiness lies not in freedom but in his acceptance of a duty."

This dedication to a duty was evident as the Brothers of the Order gathered in General Chapter on September 11. Those who were "veterans" were fortified more than ever before and those who have recently entered the Order were given a genuine taste of family life as it manifests itself in the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory. Days spent praying, working and listening to the Lord's bidding the the moving of the Holy Spirit strengthened us as we prepared to go, once again, into the world and our various and sundry ministries. Many learned new ways to do what we do and others had the chance to share hopes, dreams and goals for the coming year. I was a time of great growth for all the Brothers.

It is always a joy to see the monastic family grow and as the photos elsewhere in this issue illustrate, Chapter was an increasing in God's Grace and in numbers. Several went on to First Profession and Novitiate and a visiting Aspirant was also accepted by the Chapter and admitted as a Postulant. The family also grew with the addition of the honorary "Friend of the Brotherhood" presentation. This is a once yearly award given by the Superior to persons who have contributed outstandingly to the work of the Order through their various good works and counsels.

And they go out, not knowing where - With Chapter in the past for another year, I am reminded of Abraham, the brave pilgrim. Imagine going out on a trip as he did, without a clue, let alone a map. But this what each Brother does at the beginning of the new "Chapter Year." Each of us embarks on this trip, not knowing where the Lord's work will take him -or- what that work will be.

God gave us Christ, that when we enter into the unknown and unfamiliar we may have help and love and the adventurous faith of the brave souls of every age.

In the Eastern Orthodox Church, they celebrate Holy Week as "Great Week". We, as Religious should celebrate "Great Week" always - in all we do. Let us all of the family of God think deeply on how to reach for greatness and replace it with the reach for humble service in the Spirit and Grace of our Blessed Lord.

Br. Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior

COMMUNITY NOTES

Garrison, NY: Br. James and Br. Tobias Stanislas represented the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory at the ordination of Robert Warren, an Atonement Friar, to the sacred priesthood. The Society of the Atonement was founded as an Episcopal Order in 1898, but was received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1909, and is dedicated to the Corporate Reunion of the Church, the at-one-ment of the people of God. The Brothers met several of the Friars, and were given a tour of the Motherhouse, Graymoor. Below is a sketch of the Saint Francis Chapel, the original chapel used by the community.



Seattle, WA: Br. William visited with the Reverend Roy Co ulter, Dean-elect of the Cathedral of Saint John Baptist, Portland, and with the Reverend Kenneth E. Anderson, Vicar of Saint George's Maple Valley, where Brother read the Gospel and administered the Chalice at the Sunday Mass.



White Plains, NY: Br. Richard Thomas has appointed the Reverend Richard M. Rowland Provincial Chaplain of Province I (New England). Fr. Rowland, a long-time friend of the Order, is a graduate of the University of Washington and General Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1974 in the Diocese of Olympia, and has been living in Boston since 1980, where he assists at the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Bowdoin Street.

New York, NY: The 800th anniversary celebration of the life and ministry of Saint Francis was observed with an Ecumenical Solemn Liturgy at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, on October 4th. Several of the NY-NJ area Brothers were able to attend, and enjoyed fellowship with many Religious from Roman Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox Orders.

Bronx, NY: Br. Benjamin Stone, SSF, visited at St. Augustine's while here in the US. He and Br. Tobias Stanislas met when they were both serving at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, NY, in the mid-1970's. Br. Benjamin has been in Belfast, Northern Ireland, for the past few years, and is now studying in Birmingham, England.

II. GREGORIAN CHANT: THE MUSIC AND ITS PERFORMANCE

Gregorian chant is contained in two collections: the music of the Mass, or Gradual, and the music of the Office, or Antiphonal.

The Mass music consists of four pieces for each Mass of the church year, about 630 in all: the Introit, sung during the entrance of the ministers; the Gradual, sung between the Epistle and the Gospel, and replaced by an Alleluia in Eastertide or a Tract in Lent; the Offertory, sung during the preparation of the elements; and the Communion, sung during the distribution of the Sacrament. The five-part Mass Ordinary (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei) is not a part of the Gregorian music, being sung by the congregation rather than the choir, though it is included in modern editions. The Office music consists of about 2,000 antiphons and 800 responsories, as



well as tones for the psalms and canticles, invitatories, and versicles. The hymns are musically distinct, having metered poetry rather than prose for texts, and as is the case with the Mass Ordinary, are not truly "Gregorian."

PERFORMANCE

Various schools of performance have come into being since the revival of chant in the late 19th century, and it is upon the issue of rhythm and note-value

that the disagreement centers: do the different neumes (note-symbols) in the old manuscripts represent notes of different duration?

There are three schools of thought on this issue: the Mensuralists, the Accentualists, and the Benedictines of Solesmes. (It should be pointed out that the Solesmes school is the most influential, having extensive publications, and Vatican approval.)

The Accentualists and the Benedictines agree that the neumes all represent notes of the same duration, but differ in their placement of accent. The former feel that the stress should follow that of the Latin text. The Solesmes scholars argue for an inherent rhythm in the music itself, and that certain notes can be lengthened slightly (though not shortened) and combined with the rhythm of the text in what Dom Aldhem Dean calls an "interweaving united harmony." In order to indicate the stress given to these notes, the Solesmes editors add to the original notation the episema, which indicates the notes which are to receive the slight lengthening, or begin the ictus, or rhythmic phrase.

These schools do not attempt to answer the question: "If all notes had the same value, why were different symbols used?"

The Mensuralists suggest that the symbols do represent different durations, one twice the value of the other, and the stress is on the first note of each group of notes (or "measure"), with additional stress placed on the



syllables stressed in speech. Evidence for this interpretation of the note values is the fact that when measured music was written down the Gregorian note-symbols were adopted, and did by that time represent differences in duration.

The truth of this issue will never be known (unless a Gregorian "Rosetta stone" is discovered), and the safest road is to "go by ear" and arrange and perform what seems most pleasing given the text at hand. Devotion to any school is not, after all, the aim, but the worship of God to the best of all our skills.



The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory
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September 11-14, 1981



The Brothers breakfast after Matins.

The Superior, at the beginning of the Rites of Admission and Profession, addresses the Brothers on the importance of the steps they are to take that day.

The Superior, and Br. James, Assistant Superior, at the presentation of the Friends' Certificates.

James S. Baird is presented for admission to the Postulancy.





The superior reads from the Epistle of St. James, at the opening of the General Chapter Meeting.



The Superior admits Br. Augustine James to the Postulancy of the Order.

The Brothers work on the labeling and sorting of The Servant.



Br. William reads the 1st Lesson at the Mass on Monday, Holy Cross Day.



THOUGHTS ON ADVENT

Advent is the time when we look with expectant hopes for the coming of our Lord and the whole religious meaning and message of Christmas. The problem with looking forward to the religious aspect of Christmas and the Advent Season is that they have been replaced with glitter, lights and falsehood. Everywhere one looks, decorations are being hung the day after Thanksgiving and department stores are starting their sales, with all the insanity which annually follows.

As Religious Brothers of the Church, and indeed as every Christian, we must look beyond the glitter and secularism which Christmas has descended to. We must not let ourselves fall into the trap of superficiality in giving Uncle Joe a tie or Aunt Gerty a new dress or even Scott the new record he wanted, and we must not allow ourselves to be consumed by wondering what others are going to

Advent and Christmas are the times to celebrate the one gift, that most excellent gift God gave us: Christ, the gift of peace and life. It is in remembering that gift, Christ, which compels us, as it compelled the three Wise Men, to give gifts. It is Christ who should compel us to give that tie to Uncle Joe, that new dress to Aunt Gerty and yes, that record Scott always wanted. It is because of our remembrance of God's gift that we have the custom of giving gifts at this time.

Our Holy Father in heaven gave us Christ, his Son, and Christ gives us the means of LOVE, that gift of all gifts, and we his servants are to give that gift of LOVE to ALL. The gift we are to remember through Adventide and Christmas, indeed all year long, is that special

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Arthur and Ellen Flanagan

For the departed, especially:

The Rev' d Canon R. C. S. Powell Br.
Myron Varney Wessie Gleason

For the Clergy, especially:

The Most Rev'd Robert A. K. Runcie
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The Rt. Rev' d Paul Moore, Jr.

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The Visitation Nuns
The Community of the Sisters of the Church

The Sacramentine Nuns
The Community of the Transfiguration

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The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk, England
The Companions and Friends of The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory

Thanksgiving for:

The appointment of Fr. Richard M. Rowland as Provincial Chaplain Province I
The anniversary of the Life Profession of Br. John, BSG
The birthday of Br. Andrew, BSG
The admission of Br. Thaddeus David and Br. Augustine James to the Postulancy of the Order
Rita Keogh
The election of Br. Robert Hugh, SSF, as Minister Provincial of the American Province of
the Society of Saint Francis
The International Year of Saint Francis