



Live with men as if God sees you; speak with men as if God hears you.

Live with this Jesus and God ceases to be a fantasy, a theory -- a glorified "perhaps." He becomes an ever present companion whose loving presence we feel, whose redeeming power we know. In the face of Jesus we see God. In his words we hear God. Through him we experience and know God most vividly, completely, redemptively.

Live with this Jesus and crippling sins lose their grip. We see them clearly enough to hate them and seek God's forgiveness. Sunrise ends our night -- we are new creations.

Live with this Jesus and the heart-throb of brotherhood makes music in the soul. It is the music of the "new world symphony:" the world which is meant to be, the world he summons us to usher in.

Live with Jesus the man and soon he becomes more than man. He, stands before us as all of God whom we can see, know, feel and love.

-- Richard Thomas, BSG Superior

## **INWARD AND OUTWARD: LENT : UPWARD AND ONWARD**

Lent is a time of giving and preparation: physical giving through acts of self-denial and charity, and spiritual preparation without which we would not be able to accomplish the physical.

Acts of self-denial and charity, long associated with our Lenten observance, are a physical effort on our part to remember continually the cross and passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In Lent we seek to prepare ourselves by observing rules of fasting and abstinence: on Wednesdays we abstain from eating any meat, and on Fridays we both abstain from meat and cut down on our food intake, in as much as we are able; we may also make a commitment to give up something we like during Lent, such as desserts or a favorite television program. Charitable acts are positive things we can do to share Christ's love with others as we seek to alleviate their suffering: we can visit and help the sick and shut-ins, the elderly and the needy.

By these acts we not only give up something for Lent, we take on through our charity an aspect of Christ-like caring for others. (continued page 2)

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No preparation is complete, however, without attention to the spiritual life which enables us to accomplish the physical preparation itself. Bishop Dean T. Stevenson of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania asks us to adopt a Rule of Life wherein we a lot the necessary time to develop a new habit of prayer and study. This habit, like our caring for and helping others, can be continued on a regular basis throughout the year. We Religious, already committed to our Rule of Life, can still set aside some special time to ready ourselves spiritually for the coming events in our life in the Church.

Taking time for the physical disciplines of self-denial and charity can sometimes prove difficult for many of us, and allotting more time for prayer and study may also seem difficult. How, then, may we accomplish our preparation? Since all things are accomplished by the grace of God, through Christ's love and the direct action of the Holy Spirit in us, we must first seek to give control of all things to God -- to ask his presence and direction, remembering that the guidance we seek pertains not only to the things we must do, but also to our very being, attitudes, and ability to learn and grow. Secondly, we must ask for the gift of an open mind and heart to learn what we must do as we strive to give over our will to God's control. We must ask the Holy Spirit to prepare us so that our giving to God in worship, not selfish in what we can do, but solely to his glory, can be a source of strength and renewal for each of us. During each service we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us hear and learn from each Scripture reading what God wants.

He can help us listen as our priest preaches the sermon, and the words of every prayer can enter our heart. As we seek God's help in our life and through each worship service, giving freely and totally to him, God will prepare us in Spirit and we will be enabled to prepare ourselves physically; and strengthened thus by him, we may, as commanded in the Book of Common Prayer, "keep a holy Lent."

--Thaddeus David, BSG Berwick, Pennsylvania

Br. Thaddeus David, a Postulant in the Brotherhood, is stationed at Christ Church, Berwick, where he is assigned under The Reverend Thomas F. Ryan, Jr., Rector. He works at the church as secretary and sexton, and as part of his ministry gives time in this area. He is in charge of Acolytes and assists the Altar Guild when needed. He is a licensed Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer. He is working with Fr. Ryan to develop a ministry of visitation as one of his means of service.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

White Plains, New York: On January 2, 1982, at Saint Bartholomew's Church, the Superior received the First Vows of Profession of Brothers Andrew and Thomas Joseph. Brothers Edward Peter and Brendan were received into the Novitiate, and Roy J. Tobin was admitted to the Order as a Postulant. (Photos next month)

## **INTERCESSIONS**

For the ill:

Thelma Whitmire

Edwin McHenry

Clara Spry

For the departed:

William Ross

George Blank

For the Clergy, especial:

The Most Rev'd Robert A. K. Runcie

The Rt. Rev'd John M. Allin

The Rt. Rev'd Horace W. B. Donegan

The Rt. Rev'd Paul Moore, Jr.

Visitor Emeritus

Visitor and Protector

the Clergy of Province I (New England), and the Brothers of the Order who serve there:

The Rt. Rev'd John B. Coburn

The Rt. Rev'd Alexander D. Stewart

The Rt. Rev'd Frederick B. Wolf

The Rt. Rev'd Philip A. Smith

The Rev'd Richard M. Rowland

Provincial Chaplain

The Rev' d Samuel G. Henderson III

The Rev' d William Hurst

The Rev'd Thomas R. Schulze

The Rev'd Richard C. Wayne

Brothers Michael, Christian, Luke Anthony, Matthew Joseph, Brendan and Roy

Special intentions for:

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

Jerry Moize

Br. Leslie Victor

The Ross Family That we may keep a holy Lent

Thanksgiving for:

The First Profession of Vows by Brothers Andrew and Thomas Joseph The Reception of Brothers Edward

Peter and Brendan as Novices The Admission of Brother Roy to the Postulancy of the Brotherhood



## COMMUNITY NOTES

*Br. Thomas Joseph is invested with the scapular, symbol of the sanctification of labor, as he makes his first Vows.*

White Plains, NY: The New Year began with a major service on January 2nd, at St. Bartholomew's Church. The Superior received the First Vows of Profession of Brs. Andrew and Thomas Joseph, and the renewal of annual Vows of Br. James. Brs. Edward Peter and Brendan were received as Novices, and Roy J. Tobin of Boston, Massachusetts was admitted to the Postulancy as Br. Roy.

The Reverend David G. Henritzy, OSL, delivered a marvelous sermon, and the Solemn Eucharist was celebrated by the Reverend Richard M. Rowland, Provincial Chaplain of Province I (New England).

New York, NY: Brs. William Francis and Stephen attended the 13th National Conference of Trinity Institute.



*(left to right) Brs. Roy, Edward Peter, James and Andrew; Fr. Rowland; Br. Thomas Joseph, Br. Richard Thomas (Superior), and Br. Brendan.*

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