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O Holy Name,

Brought to this day we thankfully
Repose in thy presence,
Illumined in thy light -- that
Gives life and strength to
Happily follow
Thee alone --
Every
Single moment
Together.

O Holy Name,

Bringing us to
Eternity,
Sharing thy
True love.

O Holy Name

Blessing of the Father,
Early will we seek thee
And walk in thy ways; grant
Understanding to our simple
minds. Teach us and guide us
Into
Fuller life in thee
Until our
Love has grown to be as thine.

O Holy Name,

Be King of our
Life -- give
Ear to what we
Say;
Search us through and through,
Elevate us to purer
Devotion.

O Holy Name,

Journey in love,
Entering through the gift of
faith,
Showing
Us
Salvation.

O Holy Name,

Love beyond our knowing,
Opening us to greater things,
Renewing our life,
Directing always.

O Holy Name,

Surety amid strife, bringing
Action out of complacency,
Victory over death,
Immanent,
Outreaching,
Reconciling.

O Holy Name.



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BEGINNINGS - 1985

Well -- the "New Year" has arrived. However, in our earthly voyage we will soon discover that we never really "arrive." Sooner or later we wake up to the stark realization that regardless of our successes, achievements or honors, there are no permanent destinations -- only intersections. There are temporary destinations we reach, but the reaching of the "end" is really only the beginning. There is always a hidden agenda of unfinished business between us and God.

The "New Year," like birth, is a process, not an event. Graduation from a school is an important event, but commencement is a far more accurate term. There is a great distance between the prologue of a wedding and mature love.

The "New Year" is like the Eucharist: it is the experiencing of the eternal process of birth and rebirth. Each time we approach the altar, we turn to God with a new openness to our possibilities. We likewise have a new beginning every time a new person or significant experience comes to us. At each intersection we are born anew. So, we are here to seek that quality of life that relates us creatively to God.

God has more truths for us to learn, more victories for us to win, more persons for us to love, more rivers to cross, more loads to lift, more kingdoms to conquer.

We've only just begun to live -- and have a productive and fruitful "New Year".

Richard Thomas Biernacki, BSG
Superior General

C O M M U N I T Y N O T E S

Bowie MD: **Brs. John Nidecker, Edward Munro and Thomas Martin Little** took part in a "Saint Gregory Day" at Holy Trinity Parish. **Br. Edward** preached at the 8 a.m. and the 10:15 a.m. services, and **Br. John** gave a presentation on the Brotherhood between the two services. Both he and **Novice Br. Thomas Martin** read lessons at the latter service. It was a most enjoyable day for all, and an enlightening one for the parish members.

Goffstown NH: **Br. Christian Williams** officiated at a Festival Evensong in honor "Of All the Saints" at St. Matthew's Parish. The offering from this service will be used towards the repair and restoration of the organ.

New York NY: **Br. Leslie Victor Morgan** assisted at an "Ecumenical Celebration of the Ministry and Witness of the Rt. Rev. Desmond Mpilo Tutu," which took place at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine,

JANUARY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE ILL

Kay Hurley

Iona Duer

FOR THE DEPARTED:

Charlotte B. Morgan

Charles Scully

Frederick Deutschen

Doris and Timothy Johnson

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE THE CHURCH, especially:

The Most Rev. Robert A. K. Runcie

The Most Rev. John M. Allin

The Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Jr.

The Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan

Episcopal Visitor

Visitor Emeritus

The Rev. Thomas F. Pike, Chaplain Emeritus

The Rev. J. Norman Hall

The Rev. Errol A. Harvey

The Rev. Ledlie I. Laughlin, Jr.

The Rev. Richard L. May

The Rev. Robert R. Parks

The Rev. Bruce McK. Williams

and for the brothers of Province II:

Richard Thomas Biernacki Leslie Victor Morgan James Teets

Jason Jude Schellas Anthony Francis Tornabene John Peter Clark

William Francis Jones Stephen Storen Tobias Stanislas Haller

William Bunting Charles Kramer

and Postulants John Francis Jones and Earl Christian

FOR RELIGIOUS ORDERS AND CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES, especially:

The Visitation Nuns

The Sacramentine Nuns

The Order of the Holy Family

The Church of the Messiah

The Brotherhood of Jesus

The Sisters of Jesus

The Community of the Servants of Jesus The Companions of the Holy Savior

SPECIAL INTENTIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS:

The Rev. E. A. St. John

The birthdays of Br. Anthony Francis Tornabene (1/19), and Postulant Earl Christian (1/26)

Thanksgiving for the election of the Rt. Rev. Desmond M. Tutu as Bishop of Johannesburg, the Church of the Province of Southern Africa The 16th National Conference of Trinity Institute

The 30th Anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Wray E. MacKay

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Confession of a Wise Man

... and they went back by another way."

"Wise men" -- I think that's what you call us now,

and we were wise, according to our lights:

for we spent many long and studious nights

in watching stars, and plotting where and how

and when their influence would be most strong.

Time was I'd chart the future for a prince,

based on his natal day. and then convince

him it was right when it proved wrong.

A charlatan? Perhaps. But once, I cast

a horoscope that caused my heart to stir;

and bearing gold and frankincense and myrrh

my friends and I went travelling, til at last

we saw a sight that made us feel ashamed

at all we'd done before, and warmed our hearts.

And we discarded all our former arts.

Two bright stars by a stable door were framed;

all other constellations seen beside that one

were dimmed: it was the Mother and her infant Son.

-- Tobias Stanislas Haller, BSG
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