

## LET US ALL BE WARNED.

Next Sunday is Septuagesima Sunday, and marks the beginning of the penitential season of the year. During the Lenten Season, we are instructed to bring back to mind our awesome duty to attend to our personal holiness of life. For every created man personal holiness — sanctification — must be each one's main concern. Therefore, if there be holiness in us, what need have we to dread death? Only those who have failed to achieve holiness of life, who are WITHOUT HOLINESS, have reason to fear death — a dreadful day, indeed, for all such.

For one to be of proper disposition, one must have clearly in mind what God WANTS of HIM. Such a one must not listen to the objections raised by others in criticism of his spiritual life. This concern must be brushed away. Let us look only to ourselves when it comes to the matter of our own personal holiness. How other people respond to their CALL TO HOLINESS IS SIMPLY NOT ANY OF OUR BUSINESS except that we pray for them. Our obligation is to look after OUR OWN ANSWER to the CALL to Holiness. It is not our business to make guesses as to what others are doing about their call. We must not wait to respond to God's grace and call. St. Augustine prayed: "Lord, make me holy — but not just yet." St Augustine was taking a very great risk, to be sure. One can, like St Augustine, go on saying "not yet, Lord" for so long a time that one forgets what God expects of him. In the same way one can go on saying, "I cannot do this!" for so long a time that one finally begins to believe that all such is really impossible. Then, of course, such a one will cease to feel the urge and the need to be holy, and for him the flow of grace stops! — putting an end to every thought of doing the Will of God.

Seriously speaking, — Man was made for God!

Seriously speaking, — Man is obliged to obey the Will of God.

Seriously speaking, — The salvation of one's immortal soul must be given the upper most importance in the life of that one.

Seriously speaking, — What could be more important than to think about one's eternal dwelling place?

Seriously speaking, — How many there are who give this no thought whatsoever?



On January 21, 2010 — the Feast of St. Agnes — Father Michael Sautner OSB celebrated the Twentieth Anniversary of his Vows as a Benedictine Monk. Let us all pray for Father Michael OSB.

This anniversary is a clear demonstration of true monastic example — an example of stability of mind and heart; an example of solid conviction and determined intention of life; an example of understanding the "Vows of Stability, Conversion of Life, and Obedience"

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1. There will be Catechism class after 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. If you want candles blessed on Candlemas Day, February 2, 2010, please bring them nicely wrapped with your name upon them by Sunday January 31, 2010.
3. Please, in your charity, continue to remember the dead and injured victims of the Earthquake in Haiti.
4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE. It is not for us to determine who to leave out of this prayer.
5. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Dec. Brother John Collins O.C.S.O. (3)
TUESDAY:	Special Int. Father Michael 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv of Vows
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls
THURSDAY:	Special Int. Mary Sue Gately
FRIDAY:	Dec. Jewel Cassie Lynn
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Patricia Jones

### A Thought To Remember ...

#### The Value Of The Heroic Act

If a man devotes his life to working either directly or indirectly for the salvation of souls, and reaches such a degree of detachment from self that, without neglecting his own perfection, he leaves to others the satisfactory value of all his actions, prayers, and sufferings, that man draws down abundant graces on the world and he himself reaches a high degree of sanctity, far higher than he would have attained had he sought only his own advancement.