

TRADITIONAL CHAPELS IN ALABAMA

Our Lady of Lourdes
Roman Catholic Chapel
Montgomery, Alabama

St. Francis of Assisi
Roman Catholic Chapel
Cullman, Alabama

St. Pius V
Roman Catholic Chapel
Birmingham, Alabama

S C H E D U L E O F M A S S E S

10:30 A.M. - Rosary
10:45 A.M. - Mass
(ONLY on First Sunday
of each month)

6:00 A.M. - Mass
(EVERY SUNDAY)
12:30 P.M. - Mass
(EXCEPT on first
Sunday of each month)

9:10 A.M. - Rosary
9:30 A.M. - Mass
(EXCEPT on first
Sunday of each month)

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THE FIRST VOWS OF VENERABLE BROTHER SEBASTIAN GLENTZ, O.S.B.

Looking through the eyes of a fast, career and achievement oriented worldling, the life of a Monk seems to be pointless. The worldling sees the life of a monk as a waste. Yet it is the "pointlessness" of the Monastery which is exactly what gives the Monastery a real reason for existing. The Monastery is a place of Prayer, of Silence, of Obedience and of Peace. OF PEACE - the Monastery is a place of peace: not a peace of mere relaxation or ambitionless living and lazy quiet, but a PEACE which comes from the love of God which leads one to renounce need for seeking self, and to busy oneself in the search for God. God can be found only after self has been put away. The world seeks self. In so doing the self-seeker becomes inevitably entangled with the heavy chains of tension and breakdown. In the Monastery the Monk works to destroy self, and in so doing he enjoys a freedom that the worldling fails to comprehend. In his seemingly pointless and fruitless existence, the Monk is in the best place - on earth - to obtain the highest meaning of life on earth, and achieve the highest possible values given to man - THE LOVE OF GOD. Therefore, in order to seek after God - the highest possible value - the Monk gives away all things of lesser value. Is this a pointless existence?

VENERABLE BROTHER SEBASTIAN GLENTZ, O.S.B.

TODAY, WILL PRONOUNCE HIS HOLY

VOWS OF STABILITY, OBEDIENCE

AND CONVERSION OF LIFE

For the Order of the Benedictines _____

Christ the King Monastery _____

"May God Confirm him in his Purpose."

(The Vows of Poverty and
Chastity are implied in the
Vows)

1. On September 15, 1991 - NEXT SUNDAY - the following Young Men will be received into the Monastery of Christ the King as Novices of the Order.

(1) Mr. Francis Xavier Lebel of Seattle, Washington

(2) Mr. Gregory Bede Nordmann of Hayesville, N.C.

The Mass for the Reception of the new Novices will be at 10:00 A.M. at St. Francis Chapel.

THERE WILL BE NO 9:30 A.M. MASS AT ST. PIUS CHAPEL - BIRMINGHAM

THERE WILL BE NO 12:30 A.M. MASS AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL - CULLMAN

THE FACT REMAINS THAT THERE STILL ARE MEN TRULY CALLED AS ABRAHAM WAS TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES, TO DEPART FROM THE CITIES OF MEN, AND TO BECOME HENCE-FORTH STRANGERS IN THE WORLD, LIVING APART, CONSECRATED TO SILENT MEDITATION AND LITURGICAL PRAISE, TO POVERTY, MANUAL LABOR, SOLITUDE, SACRED STUDY AND OBEDIENCE.