TRADITIONAL CHAPELS IN ALABAMA

St. Pius V St. Francis of Assisi Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Chapel Roman Catholic Chapel Roman Catholic Chapel Birmingham, Alabama Montgomery, Alabama Cullman, Alabama U L E OF 6:00 A.M. - Mass SCHEDULE MASSES 9:10 A.M. - Rosary 10:30 A.M. - Rosary 10:45 A.M. - Mass (EVERY SUNDAY) 9:30 A.M. - Mass 12:30 P.M. - Mass (EXCEPT on first (EXCEPT on first (ONLY on First Sunday Sunday of each month) of each month) Sunday of each month)

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 15, 1991 - - White The Feast of the Seven Sorrows B.V.M.

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THE INVESTITURE OF NOVICES FOR THE MONASTERY OF CHRIST THE KING

- (1) Mr. Francis Xavier Lebel of Seattle, Washington
- (2) Mr. Gregory Bede Nordmann of Hayesville, N.C.

The Monk is a MAN who labors because he is poor and is poor because he loves God, and who lives apart from the world and all the arrangements of the world in order to give praise to God. A Monk prays constantly. In his prayer, the Monk strives to contemplate God, and in his contemplation he comes to taste the inexpressible joys of God's love - - he does so in SILENCE, ANONYMITY, HUMILITY AND PEACE. For the Monk all things MUST be productive of PEACE. Only in SILENCE can one listen with the ear of his heart to the soft whisperings of his loving Father. The world and its noise are kept out of the sight of the Monk, and far away. Forest and field, sun and wind and sky, earth and water - all speak the same silent language, reminding the Monk that he is in the Monastery in order to develop like the LITTLE things that grow all around him - (all the Little things give praise to God constantly). In SOLITUDE the Monk is planted in the Garden of the Lord, and his existence has one meaning only: TO REACH OUT FOR THE LIGHT OF TRUTH AND THE WATERS OF GRACE.

THE ALONENESS OF THE MONK WITH HIS GOD IS GRAND BEYOND ALL TELLING!!!

MAY GOD CONFIRM THESE YOUNG MEN IN THEIR PURPOSE

For the Order of the Benedictines Christ the King Monastery

1. CATECHISM CLASS - - after 10:00 A.M. Mass Sunday: this Sunday. For this one time, Class will be held in the Chapel itself.

Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels. Especially do we

remember Al Sachs - - St. Francis Chapel.

3. Please pray for the SUCCESS OF OUR FALL FUND DRIVE. Let us - depending on the drive - pray that God will permit us to begin work on the construction of our Monastery Chapel while yet in the year 1991. Pray that God will send us Benefactors who can and will help us in this regard.

There will be Thirteen small Chapels built around the High Altar of the Church. These will be available as special Family Memorials. Three of these have already been reserved.

4. MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY: 6:00 A.M. For Prayer Promises and Benefactors 10:00 A.M. INVESTITURE MASS - - For the Novices

MONDAY: Dec. Floyd Stanley
TUESDAY: Dec. Odette Holcombe

WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Mrs. Fred Kuras
THURSDAY: Special Int. Cullen Kilgore
FRIDAY: Special Int. Mary Claire Moore
SATURDAY: For the People of the Chapels

A PRAYERFUL MAN ALWAYS PRAYS - - but, he is not always saying prayers. A life of prayer is not a life spent on one's knees. incessantly talking to God. A life of prayer is a life wherein a man is EVER CONSCIOUS of God - God within him, God outside him, above him and below him - - over, under and all around him. To be a man of prayer is to be a man whose EVERY thought, word and deed is not necessarily ABOUT God, but DIRECTED TO GOD. Such a man eats and drinks, sleeps and works, laughs and cries, suffers and rejoices, triumphs and fails in God and for God, and for GOD'S GREATER HONOR AND GLORY.

5. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the September Ember Days, and are days of Fast and Abstinence. Meat is allowed but once on Wednesday and Saturday. The obligation to Fast and Abstain is Serious.

6. Saturday, September 21, is the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle.

FROM THE WORDS OF POPE PIUS XI:

"Those whose assiduous zeal is vowed to prayer and to penance, much more than the labourers engaged in the cultivating the Lord's field, contribute to the progress of the Church and the salvation of human kind, because if they did not cause abundant divine graces to descend to irrigate the field, the evangalizers would draw very scanty fruits from their labor."

A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OF OUR VISITORS TODAY. WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT THE BEST OF GOD'S GRACES AND BLESSINGS WILL BE FOR EACH OF YOU AND FOR ALL OF YOUR DEAR LOVED ONES.

The life of a Monk is quite simple. It is never - as some suppose - monotonous. It is an austere life, but it is not rigid. It is close to the earth and the labor of the Monk keeps monastic living closely bound up with nature. THE LIFE OF THE MONK HAS TO BE GENUINE. Anyone who, with good will, gives himself to the Rule and to the PRAYER and LABOR and POVERTY and OBEDIENCE that is asked for and expected by that Rule, finds himself deepened and broadened and matured. Not by a set of external rigid systems of piety and observances, but simply by working in the fields - or wherever - and the daily chanting of the praises of God, by his Holy Reading, by enduring his fasts, and the heat and the cold, and the poor and simple life, the Monk grows and becomes in spirit, and without being aware of it, ever so gradually finds his way to sanctity.