

From: Christ the Ideal of the Monk
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The most inestimable of the blessings that religious Profession brings to the soul is, assuredly, that of rendering it very pleasing to God. It is solidly established in ecclesiastical tradition that profession is like a second baptism which restores to the Christian his entire purity: (1) at the moment of the emission of vows, God forgets all the past and grants a universal forgiveness to the professed. He sees before Him only a creature totally renewed: a new creature. (2) At this blessed hour, the soul is given to Jesus as the BRIDE TO THE BRIDEGROOM; the mystical tomb wherein the soul is buried may be compared to the baptismal font wherein the neophyte was plunged. The Heavenly Father can say of this soul as of the newly baptised who has just PUT ON CHRIST: "This is My Beloved Child in whom I am well pleased!" What bounty is lavished upon this soul while God so lovingly beholds in it His Son!

6. MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY: 6:00 A.M. For Prayer Promises and Benefactors
10:00 A.M. Welfare of Monastery of Christ the King.
MONDAY: For the People of the Chapels
TUESDAY: Dec. Mary Urban
WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Cullen Kilgore
THURSDAY: Special Int. of the Donor
Friday: Dec. Theresa Ross
SATURDAY: Welfare Veronica McElveen and Jeffrey Moore

7. PLEASE PRAY FOR MRS. LILLIAN KOTYLO WHO IS VERY SICK.

"Have nothing to do with crowds, nothing to do with the masses of mankind. Forget also your own people and your father's house; so shall the King have pleasure in your beauty. Remain alone, consecrated soul, so as to preserve yourself for Him alone Whom you have chosen for yourself from among all others. Avoid appearing in public, shun even those who dwell in the house with you, withdraw yourself from friends and intimates. Do you not know that you have a BRIDEGROOM who is different, Who is not willing to honour you when others are present? Withdraw yourself, therefore; I do not mean in body so much as in mind, in intention, in devotion, and in spirit. For the Lord Christ would wear away the night alone in prayer, withdrawing Himself not only from the crowds which followed Him, but also from the company of His disciples and familiar friends."

Saint Bernard

LORD, GRANT US MONKS! LORD, GRANT US HOLY MONKS! LORD, GRANT US MANY HOLY MONKS