

3. SPECIAL NOTICE CONCERNING MAY 11, 1997

May 11, 1997 is the Second Sunday of May, but there will be no mass at St. Pius V. Chapel on that day.

May 11, 1997 is MOTHERS' DAY AND IS THE NORMAL DAY FOR MAY CROWNING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE ABBEY CHURCH.

May 11, 1997 is also the Feast of Ss. Philip and James, Apostles

4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.

5. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Welfare of Vanita Kelly
TUESDAY:	Special Int. Leslie Mittel
WEDNESDAY:	Consecration of Russia
THURSDAY:	Dec. Joseph Doppler
FRIDAY:	Dec. Patrick Ahern
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Mary Johnson



## THE BENEDICTINE VOCATION

Do not ever fail to remember to pray for good and solid Benedictine Vocations for our Monastery and Convent. These vocations must be quite trustworthy, and they must be founded on the rock of our Traditional Catholic Faith. Today can be found those who speak of vocation, but who, in reality are looking for a place of security and shelter - a place where they hope to ACT out what they imagine to be a religious vocation - a picture book vocation. When they come face to face with the awesome reality of the religious life, they leave! Our institutes are not capable of extending an invitation to anyone who has a dual purpose for entering. The intention must be pure. It must be single minded and it must involve a complete acceptance of the Rule of the Order - without any special tailoring of it to accommodate our feelings. The intention must include an immolation of self - a complete willingness to change self and not the established Rule of the House. Benedictine formation is somewhat lengthy, and is developed around the keeping of the Holy Vows - the Evangelical Counsels - the Vows of Poverty, Chastity, Obedience, Reformation of Life and Stability. When the period of training is over, the Monk or Nun should be one of the main contributions of Christ the King Abbey and St. Joseph Convent to the Modern World: Stout hearted men and tireless women ready to show all Mankind by their humble example how wonderful it is to serve the Lord, God. The strength of our institutes depends on the good quality of Benedictine Life found here. IT MUST BE BENEDICTINE - it cannot be a put together mixture of various religious observances, for then our Monasteries would be nothing more than boarding houses for those running away from whatever! Benedictine Monasteries and Convents in the past snatched the Western World from the jaws of paganism and heathenism, and preserved it for Christianity. This same challenge is facing true Benedictine Monks and Nuns today - - AS WE PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE THIRD MILLENNIUM. Pray for us and pray that God will send us the Vocations so needed at this moment in the history of Mankind.

