

1. As the Holy Season of Lent is about to begin, let us give renewed thinking to the subject of Home Monasteries. If there is to be any renewal to be performed in anticipation of the 21st. Century, the renewal must begin in the family, and in the SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE proper to the HOME. The elements of prayer, penance, mortification, humility, obedience, reverence, Supernatural Charity, purity must be the foundation stones of renewal. In all charity, these elements are rather conspicuously absent in the "Renew 2000" program. They are absent because modern day religion seems to have the idea that such practices - "Medieval in origin"- are no longer necessary, and that man does not have to look on these practices as required by a Supreme Creator God. The consensus of the new man considers penitential practices as quite antiquated, and in the evolution of things man has become more concerned about his responsibilities to society than his responsibilities to the Divinity. Our moral obligations begin with the Ten Commandments. It has always been so, and it will continue always to be so, and the Ten Commandments receive their nourishment in the HOME not on the STREET! Therefore Religious Instruction must be geared to enforce the values of a wholesome home environment and it must put aside the fostering of that which is palatable to the street.. Awareness of the SUPERNATURAL - Renewal of the SUPERNATURAL is what our youth of the next millenium will be in desparate need of.
2. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday. Do not put aside the importance and necessity of the Sacrament of Penance.
3. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.
4. Please pray for good, holy and wholesome vocations to our Religious Communities: men and women who will be willing to dedicate their lives to the service of God.

Oftentimes we speak of wishing to do only the Will of God. This is good. This is as it should be. However, care must be taken that while the Will of God is in front of us, SELF WILL is not to the rear of us.