1. Sunday, May 24, 2000 is Mother's Day. May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Brianna Marie Kelly will crown the Blessed Mother this year. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will follow May Crowning.

2. On that day, May 14, 2000 we will celebrate the GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL (Home Schooling Program) of:

(1) Mary Catherine Girardi and (2) Lydia Bernadette Olson
God Bless them and their Wonderful Parents Who taught them.

After all the services are concluded, everyone is invited to a Picnic Affair at the Home of Mrs. Ann Roberts. The meal will be covered dish. Everyone is invited to bring only a vegetable dish or a salad dish. The main meat course will be provided by the Hosts. Out of Towners or members of other Chapels are all very welcome - EVEN IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A COVERED DISH. There will be plenty of food for everybody. Do not bring dessert.

May this be a wonderful fun day and a delightful get-together in honor of the Risen Lord and in congratulation of the Graduates. Any discussions that might reduce the

joy of being together - should be carefully avoided.

. Please remember to pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering

Carol Girardi and Miriam Roy.

4. Today is the ever Great Day of Easter, the Day which the Lord has made. Every now and well intentioned people are made to feel uneasy when in observance of the traditional customs of Easter (and Christmas) for the entertainment and joy of the Little Children. When taken in the proper CONTEXT of the Easter (and Christmas) event, the customary traditional Little Children enjoyments are totally appropriate. As they grow older - as we did - they will grow out of the Easter Egg Hunts and all of the other wholesome and delightful Mother Goose Stories. God is the ONLY GOOD - and God is the ONLY REALITY - and the Little Children can easily be taught to see that. The mental outlook of our Children when they reach maturity must be a serious concern of all parents. Parents who persist in maintaining a "private interpretation" (a Jansenistic mentality which places an evil interpretation on almost everything) type of cathlicism are exposing and forming their children to a distorted catholicism. There is absolutely no theological substance or justification for some of the uncalledfor objections that some raise about things they (and their children) would be better off to leave alone.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY: Welfare of Christ the King Abbey and St. Joseph Monastery MONDAY: ANNIVERSARY of the Blessing of our Abbey Church (April 23).

TUESDAY: For the People of the Chapels WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Ethel Howard

THURSDAY: Dec. Estelle Kuras

FRIDAY: Special Int. Virginia Tullius

SATURDAY: Dec. Frank Calabretto



EASTER WISHES

THE GOOD WISHES, PRAYERS AND GOOD WORKS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF MONKS OF CHRIST THE KING MONASTERY ASK GOD THAT YOUR LOVE FOR GOD MAY REBOUND FIRST UPON YOU IN GRACES OF PERSONAL SANCTIFICATION, THEN THAT IT MAY REBOUND ON YOUR DEAR FAMILIES, YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, YOUR SICK AND YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES.

IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD'S BLESSING BE UPON THE MONKS OF THIS MONASTERY.



A DIRECTIVE

In order to annihilate every possible cause for confusion and distraction amongst the Faithful People who attend St. Francis Chapel, St. Pius V Chapel and Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, all of which are cared for by the Monks of Christ the King Abbey, the following directives are to be followed by everyone and at all times when on the grounds of the Abbey or on the grounds of our Chapels: "Any and every discussion of controversial political affairs, whether they be of the Roman Catholic Church or of the State, must be avoided. In any event, such conversation, wherever it takes place, must be looked upon by all parties concerned as the <u>private opinion</u> and speculation of the speaker. Such discussion must never be taken as any reflection of the official views or conclusions of Christ the King Abbey. Any hypothesis concerning Church related or State related problems which does not have its origin in this Bulletin or is not presented to the people from the pulpits of our Chapels is to be looked upon as the private and personal opinion of the speaker and should be treated as such. Every private effort to form or slant peoples' thinking in matters such as herein noted - IS WRONG! Our House is a House of Prayer - - NOTHING ELSE! All newcomers and visitors should be met with ONLY the Spiritual Life - - NOT the political involvements, intrigues and impossible complications of either the Church or the State."