

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

Cullman Alabama

Every Sunday

6:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

6:00 A.M. Daily

Holy Days

6:00 A.M.; 8:00 A.M.; 7:00 P.M.

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

Montgomery Alabama

10:45 A.M.

Only on First Sunday

of each month

St. Pius V Chapel

9:30 A.M.

Birmingham

Every Sunday except

First Sunday of each month

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

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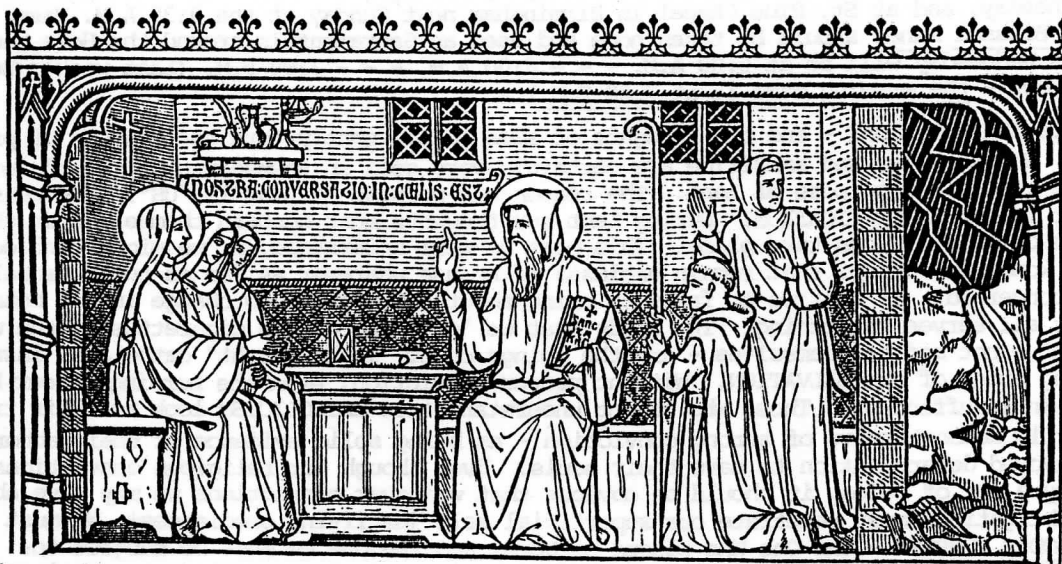
FEAST OF OUR MOST HOLY MOTHER SCHOLASTICA

February 10, 2002 - - - White

Mass of Feast; Gl; Cr; Comm Sun; Pref. Benedictine

SEPTUAGESIMA

Most Holy Mother Scholastica



"From the earliest times this mode of life - CONTEMPLATION - , most perfect and most useful and more fruitful for the whole of Christendom than anyone can conceive, took root in the Church and spread on all sides. Since the whole object of this institution lay in this - - that the monks (and nuns) unoccupied with any exterior ministry and having nothing to do with it, should fix their thoughts exclusively on the things of heaven - - wonderful was the benefit that accrued from it to Christian society . . In the course of time this pre-eminent institution that is called the CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE declined somewhat and lost its vigor. The reason was that the monks (and nuns) . . came gradually to combine active life with their ponderings on divine things and their contemplation. . . It was highly important for the Church that this most holy form of life. . should be restored to its pristine vigor, so that there should never be lacking men (and women) of prayer, who, unimpeded by any other care, would be perpetually besieging the Divine Mercy and thus draw down from Heaven benefits of every sort upon men too neglectful of their salvation. . .

"(Contemplatives) give themselves up to a sort of hidden and silent apostolate. : so we wish that so valuable an institution should spread and increase. For if ever it was needful that there should be anchorites of this sort in the Church of God, it is especially expedient nowadays when we see so many Christians. . giving rein to their desires for earthly riches and the pleasures of the flesh. . But it is easy to understand how those who assiduously fulfill the duty of PRAYER AND PENANCE contribute much more to the increase of the Church and the welfare of mankind than those who labor in tilling the Master's Field, because if they did not cause abundant divine graces to descend to irrigate the Field, the evangelizers would draw very scanty fruits from their labor."

POPE PIUS XI - - "Apostolic constitution"

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