We must give thanks to the Good God that there are still to be found amid all this confusion and disorganization, SOULS, in which our dear Lord finds a Home where He is cherished and loved; SOULS from whom emanates the sweet Sunshine of His Adorable PRESENCE. So may it be that you and we be numbered amongst such blessed ones!

- 1. Tomorrow, July 1, 2002 is the Feast of THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD. This is a most beautiful Feast. Let us all pray that all Mankind becomes willing to be washed in Christ's Precious Blood.
- 2. Tuesday, July 2, is the Feast of the Visitation of our Blessed Mother. More than ever before do we need the special protection of the Blessed Mother. Therefore our prayer to her must be of our best.
- 3. Friday, July 5, 2002 is the First Friday of July. Masses are at 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M..
- 4. Saturday, July 6, 2002 is the First Saturday of July. Masses are at 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M..
- 5. Sunday, July 7, 2002 is the first Sunday of July. There will be NO 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on that day.
- 6. The usual "FIRST THURSDAY" day of special Adoration to the Most Blessed Sacrament is transferred for this month of July to the **Second Thursday of July**.
- 7. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez. Remember, also, Mother Angelica, and remember all who have appealed to us for our prayers. Do not fail to pray for Priests all Priests.
- 8. Thursday is July 4<sup>th</sup> a Civic Holiday. We wish you and all a most pleasant and safe holiday.
- 9. Reverend Mother Mary Susan Sevier, O.S.B., former Prioress (Superior) of Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama, died recently. She served and worked as best as she could amongst the various pressures that were thrust upon her during the period of transition from the old order to the new order. Please pray well for Mother Mary Susan, O.S.B..
- 10. Sister Benedicta Karter, O.S.B., died Thursday, June 27, 2002. Sister Benedicta, to the very end, was a true and good Religious, unafraid to show forth for all to see what kind of Nun a woman ought to be. Please pray well, also, for Sister Benedicta, O.S.B.
- 11. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels

MONDAY: For the Poor Souls

TUESDAY: Dec. Rev. Mother Mary Susan Sevier, O.S.B. (Feast of the Visitation)

WEDNESDAY: Welfare Patti Fitzgerald

TURSDAY: Dec. Sister Benedicta Karter, O.S.B.

FRIDAY: Dec. Sister Agnes Clare, O.P. SATURDAY: Special Int. Paul Roy Family

Our human life begins in utter ignorance of all things, and our mind is first opened by the instinctive faith - trustwe place in those around us. Without this faith - trust - we could make no beginning of knowledge. We advance in knowledge through the faith we place in the teacher. This is the way it is with our human knowledge: it begins with faith, and the greater part by far of everyone's knowledge has no other ground than faith - trust.

The principles of DIVINE faith are totally different from the principles of HUMAN faith. Human faith rests on the testimony of man; Divine faith rests on the testimony of God. To speak of Divine faith (the supernatural) to the natural man is useless. The natural man cannot understand Divine faith - it is beyond him. The natural man must be prepared for Divine faith, and God alone can prepare him. As the TRUTH revealed by God is above all created nature (supernatural), and is Divine, the grace of God is required to **dispose** - to incline - to inspirit - to prepare - the soul for its reception; and this **disposition** is not obtained by study or concentrated intellectual activity - it obtained by PRAYER. The **disposition** is not nourished by disputation or debate or argument or proving, it is given its increase by HUMILITY! It is man's attitude in prayer and his humility of mind that <u>pre-dispose</u> him and make him worthy of God's special assistance. **THERE IS NO OTHER WAY.** 

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Our commitment must be a matter of decision!

It must be total and it must be absolute

and it must be expressed to our Eternal Father in love and filial expectation.

Ours is simply not an agreement reached between two parties pledging conformity

to a certain way of religious fulfillment!