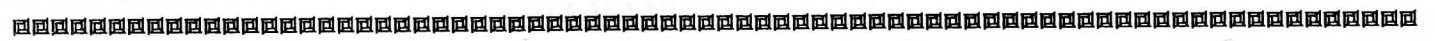
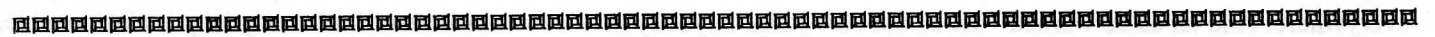


In other religions is it not taught that so long as one has faith, all is well? Is it not the truth, however, that faith without good works is dead? Might it not also be said that the Mass and the Sacraments are dead without good works? The Mass and the Sacraments are not automatic passports to heaven. What then are the good works that we hereof speak? Are they not: PRAYER – PENANCE – MORTIFICATION – *CONVERSIO* (THE CONVERSION OF THE INTERIOR LIFE OF THE SOUL)? External change and adjustments are most often only cosmetic and therefore are of no value. Beloved souls, if an interior conversion does not **in fact** take place, it ill behooves us to walk about self-satisfied that all is well with our religious observance – even though it be outwardly the most accurately perfect and correct observance of Traditional Roman Catholicism! There has to be a turning within – not partly – but **completely**. Catholic life does not consist in the mere observance of well regulated exterior performances. God is not interested in prayerful men (the Pharisee)! He is interested in men of prayer (the Publican)! Externalisms such as outward displays of piety, penitential observances, works of social charity, extended periods of prayer, and all such like are oftentimes insidious dangers and are fully capable of defiling the basic purpose that should motivate all religious practices. Our holy Religion in all of its fullness does not lie in exterior observances. Neither is our holy Religion a set of rules! If our devotion remains exterior, governed by rules and regimentation and force of habit, it will soon come to an end. Properly understood, it is the holy interior workings of the soul which will raise us to what is essential to salvation and which is Charity. Only then will God bend His ear to our pleadings! ☐



1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
2. *Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery:* Today after Mass we will have our annual spring pot-luck picnic. Everyone is invited to remain and enjoy the chance to visit with one another, even if you didn't bring a dish – there is always plenty of food for everyone!
3. Saturday, June 11, 2005, is the Feast of Saint Barnabas the Apostle.
4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE. Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER. God made all men to be with Him in heaven for all eternity, and this includes every human being on earth, regardless of station or condition or place. While Our Blessed Lord was hanging on the Cross He did not look around and pick and choose those for whom He was dying. He did not exclude a single member of the Human Race – even His enemies – from the wounded Love that came forth from Him during those momentous moments. Weak human nature and erroneous persuasions will prevent some from achieving the purpose intended for them by God, but that matter remains entirely between all such and God. Our only duty is to pray for **souls**. We make **no** judgments concerning such matters. If there is any sifting to be done, it is to be done by God, Himself alone. We are NOT the ones to do the sifting.
5. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Deceased Eleanor Wendorf
TUESDAY:	Deceased Father Terry Marks
WEDNESDAY:	Deceased Lois Nichols
THURSDAY:	Deceased Thomas Satori
FRIDAY:	Special intention Lauren Lehmann
SATURDAY:	Special intention Gail Gergel



In the Gospel Jesus calls all His followers to sanctity and He gives them an example of what sanctity is. He said: "Learn of Me!" From the moment of His birth, the life of Christ was an example – an example for us all to follow. Therefore there can of necessity be only one single sanctity for all – the sanctity demonstrated to us by Our Blessed Savior. Furthermore, sanctity must be attainable by all – it must be within reach of EVERYMAN. There are multitudes of ways which lead to sanctity, as there are multitudes of conditions of ways that people have to live or have chosen to live. Also, there are many ways of living that God has designed for mankind: there are people in religious life and there are people not in religious life – all of whom must earn their food by the sweat of their brow, in one way or another.

Sanctity consists essentially in love, for that is what unites our souls to the Fountain of all sanctity, Jesus Christ. While Christ does not require the same sacrifices in the same measure from all, He does desire to be loved by all. Not only that, but He expects to be loved totally – with all of one's heart, with all of one's mind, with all of one's soul, and with all of one's strength. To the extent that one loves, to that extent can one think sanctity. This sounds frightening, but in reality it should not be. Christ is not here demanding that everyone must live the religious life in monasteries and convents. Christ knows quite well that each one must live life as life has constructed itself around that person. Christ is speaking of the motive that should give energy to all that men do. With right motivating purpose the life of EVERYMAN becomes fruitful unto sanctity if love of God is that which motivates. When a soul gives the ALL which God demands, that soul is holy, and that soul is holy to the degree to which that soul loves Him, to the exclusion of all that distracts from Him.