

The young monk must be willing to obediently accept the painful but necessary carving which uncovers the truth about himself. This requires humility – immense quantities of humility. Without humility the necessary task of formation will not ever be done! The foundation of the sacred temple is the humility of all its living stones. Only by building on truth can the temple of God be solidly and permanently built. If the foundation stones are weak and not well carved out, the building will surely collapse, and all the cover-up gold plating in the world will not hold the building together. **IT WILL CRUMBLE!** The carving of the building stones can only be accomplished by honesty and willing self-denial. Self in the young man has to be brought into full harness. If the young monk, for whatever reason, resists and refuses to accept correction, the stone will crack. If the young monk refuses to submit, and insists on defending his position, prescribing for himself what he thinks best for himself, turning away from the admonitions of his experienced superiors, the stone will very soon crumble. A humble, generous, and honest desire to seek and serve God alone is of paramount importance in the heart and soul of the young monk.

The total effort of the monk, regardless of age, must be to sweep out of his life all that is useless, all that is “alien”, all that is a “cover up”, all that pertains to self, all that is against the Will of God. Whatever belongs to the world (which he has left behind), must be left at the gate of the monastery and never looked back upon. To bring any part of it with him into the house is always detrimental and usually fatal. The monastic cannot serve both God and the world.

If the superiors of a monastery fail to give proper formation to the monks in their charge, they sin against justice in their negligence and for their faulty teaching and guidance. They also sin because they fail in carrying out their responsibilities. The responsibility of the superior is to God Himself, directly, because the superior holds the place of God in the monastery.

Once again, what is here said of the monk can, with the same emphasis, be said of nuns in their convents.



1. There **WILL** be Catechism class after the 10:00 Mass this morning.
2. Wednesday, June 29, 2005, is the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.
3. **Friday, July 1, 2005, is the Feast of the Most Precious Blood.** It is also the First Friday of July, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM. **Immediately after the 8:00 Mass the Most Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed upon the High Altar, and will remain so all day, until Benediction after Vespers. Vespers begins at 5:00 PM.**
4. Saturday, July 2, 2005, is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also the First Saturday of July, with Masses at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
5. Next Sunday, July 3, is the first Sunday of July. Therefore there will be **NO** Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.
6. The Novena of Saint Benedict begins on Saturday, July 2, 2005.
7. MATTER OF RECORD: New main doors were installed in the Abbey Church on Saturday, July 18, 2005.
8. On Monday, July 11, 2005, the Solemnity of our Holy Father Benedict, our Frater John, OSB, will pronounce his Final Vows as a Benedictine Monk. The Mass and Ceremony will begin at 8:00 AM. These are the Life Vows of Frater John. Please pray for him and his intention. The article on the front of this Bulletin (and next week’s Bulletin) gives a description of the interior life of monastics. However, this description applies to all of God’s Children, though perhaps with less emphasis for the laity than is required of a monk or a nun.
9. 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.
10. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)
 

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention Colette Sherman
TUESDAY:	Special intention Jean Hinderson
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention Vincent McDonald
THURSDAY:	Special intention Evelyn Splittstoesser
FRIDAY:	Special intention Mary Riccardi
SATURDAY:	Deceased Norbert Lax

**!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!**

**ST. PIUS V CHAPEL — BIRMINGHAM**

During the Month of August, 2005, we have been asked to vacate the Chapel  
by 10:00 A.M. each Sunday.

Therefore, Mass will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M.

**NO CONFESSIONS AFTER 8:50 A.M.**