

A word here must be said about the piety of such a man – a tried and true Catholic Christian. There are those among us all who look upon piety as a way of life filled with the acting out of and attending to pious things. Such individuals are usually found performing multitudinous religious and spiritual devotions: daily masses, rosaries, and prayers without end. The true essence of piety, the true essence of the holiness of life, is not of necessity found in holy activity. Rather, true piety is found in the effort of turning from evil toward the doing of good. It is a conversion – *CONVERSIO*. It takes place in the interior life of the heart of man. The salvation of one's soul depends on this interior change, not in the doing of many exterior activities, good as they all may be. All spiritual writers, to say nothing of all the saints, urge us to lead a perfect life and to correct our many errors concerning piety. It is very consoling to timorous souls who do not feel strong enough to take a lofty flight like the eagle, that they can gather courage from the hope of attaining, even step by painful step, that degree of perfection to which they are called to by their state of life and the grace of God given to them. □

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. There will be **NO** 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers this afternoon.
3. Our Benedictine Oblates will meet with Father Prior after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church today.
4. Today is the wonderful Feast of the Most Precious Blood of our beloved Lord. If only we could understand the value of just one drop of that Blood. If only we would allow that one drop to cleanse us from our sins. It is a matter of Faith. It is a matter of Love.
5. Tomorrow, July 2, 2007, is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day let us recall the strong workings of the yet unborn Jesus. Just as soon as St. Elisabeth merely heard the sound of the voice of Our Blessed Mother, the infant John leapt in the womb of his mother.
6. Tomorrow also we begin the Novena in Honor of our holy Father Saint Benedict, in preparation for the Solemnity of His Feast Day on Wednesday, July 11, 2007.
7. Wednesday, July 4, 2007, is the Fourth of July – Independence Day, an important day indeed for Americans. Let us all pray for our country. May everyone have a very happy and safe Fourth of July.
8. Thursday, July 5, 2007, is the first Thursday of July, with Holy Hour and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM in the Abbey Church.
9. Friday, July 6, 2007, is the First Friday of July, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM, and all-day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
10. Saturday, July 7, 2007, is the First Saturday of July, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
11. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.**
12. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
  - SUNDAY: For the people of our Chapels
  - MONDAY: Special intention Father Michael Anaya (*10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination*)
  - TUESDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
  - WEDNESDAY: Special intention Ernie Krašonic
  - THURSDAY: Deceased Victor Tancreti
  - FRIDAY: Special intention Alice Westrick
  - SATURDAY: Special intention Paul Roy Family

If a man devotes his life to working either directly or indirectly for the salvation of souls (the “Heroic Act of Charity”) and reaches such a degree of detachment from self that, without neglecting his own perfection, he leaves to others the merits of all his actions, prayers, sufferings, and good works, such a man draws down abundant graces upon the world. That man thus reaches a high degree of sanctity – far higher than he would have attained had he sought only his own advancement (salvation).

# Happy Fourth of July!

## A Thought To Remember ...

**It is not the action in itself that is of value to our Heavenly Father.  
It is the intention with which it is done that is of great importance.**