

SAINT BENEDICT found the world, physical and social, in ruins, and his mission was to restore it in a way, not of science but of nature, not as if setting about to do it, not professing to do it by any set time or by any rare specific or any series of strokes, but so quietly, patiently, gradually, that often, till the work was done, it was not known to be doing. It was a restoration, rather than a visitation, correction, or conversion. The new world which he helped to create was a growth rather than a structure. Silent men were observed about the country, or discovered in the forest, digging, clearing, and building; and other silent men, not seen, were sitting in the cold cloister, tiring their eyes, and keeping their attention on the stretch, while they painfully deciphered and copied and recopied the manuscripts which they had saved. There was no one that 'contended, or cried out,' or drew attention to what was going on; but by degrees the woody swamp became a hermitage, a religious house, a farm, an abbey, a village, a seminary, a school of learning, and a city of God.

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The Monks of Christ The King Monastery are preparing to build their Monastery Church — dedicated to St. Joseph — and are greatly in need of your prayers and contributions. The funds on hand are insufficient to begin construction, and avoid going into any debt. The Monks themselves are prepared to do as much of the construction work as they are capable of. Mindful of the present stress on economical matters, the Monks feel it necessary, nevertheless, to move toward the construction of the Church as a matter of urgent necessity. Your help and prayers in the past have already made possible the building of the Monastery. Once again the Monks BEG for your good prayers and your contribution. Please make your check payable to:

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