

“When we read, God speaks to us, and when we pray, we speak to God.”

If we are to save our souls as Monks, we must imitate Jesus Christ. Therefore, we must love God above all things, abide with His Commandments, and we must love our neighbor as we love ourselves. In the ENCLOSURE of the Monastery, the Monk observes this best by following the Holy Evangelical Counsels of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. The world cannot grasp our program, and considers us to be dreamers and idle fancy seekers. Worldly living is marked by the sign of the useful and the profitable. Regardless of the world’s evaluation of him, the Monk clothes himself with the beautiful robe of his Holy Vows, taken in full freedom. Then he insures his way of life by taking additional Vows: Stability and



Conversion of Life.

Stability is the specific quality of the Benedictine Rule. It is by “persevering in the Monastery until death” that the Monk develops his likeness to Christ.

