

WE DEDICATE THIS WORK . . .

The Monks of Christ the King Abbey in Alabama proudly dedicate this issue of the *Speculum Benedictinum* to all those great men — Priests: the Traditional PRIESTS in the Roman Catholic Church. We turn our thoughts to those good priests. We are grateful to them for their great courage and their genuine and profound dedication to the FACT of and the observance of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: the Mass according to the form ordained by the Council of Trent. We admire these men. They have not acted stubbornly. Neither have they exhibited a spirit of rebellion. Rather, they have courageously adhered to the established doctrine and the traditional ceremonies and usages of our venerable Catholic Religion. They have never faltered. Their devotion to the catholicism taught them by their forefathers has always been genuine and constant. Without exception, they have been loyal — always loyal — to the immemorial and awe-inspiring forms of Sacred Tradition. In every circumstance they have maintained due reverence in their observance of that which is sacred and which they consider as alone proper and fitting for the Divine Cult. With never a thought of compromise to distract them, they have valiantly shunned all novel and strange forms of modern catholic worship. They believe such ceremonial rites to be unfit, alien and unworthy in the expression of the true Catholic Faith.

And so these good men have been punished! Because of their legitimate convictions, they have been forced to sacrifice all of their earthly security and every comfort of life they once had good and lawful claim to. They were pushed into exile! Happily, the graces they received at their ordination to the priesthood continued to operate in them. When the church they have always loved began to crumble before their eyes, undaunted, they automatically and in full possession of their instincts turned their efforts to the