



Once again, Christ the King Abbey was honored by the presence of Bishop Robert McKenna, O.P. The Bishop ordained Father Francis on October 22, 1997. The Monks will always be grateful to Bishop McKenna for all the good that he has so kindly extended toward the Abbey. We ask all to keep the Bishop, and the Dominican Sisters, in their best prayers.

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The Reverend Mister John Schreurs (Deacon) visited the Abbey recently. At the beautiful age of 87, and full of the strength of a young man, he inspired the Monks by the true and genuine holiness of his life and ways. A native of The Netherlands, he was a serious leader of the underground during the Nazi invasion. He was captured three times, imprisoned, tortured, starved and sentenced to death. Each time he was able to escape. He was awarded the Dutch Oorlogs-Herinnering War Cross and the Belgian Highest Cross of Honor. Truly a hero. He has authored several books.

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Reverend Father Jose Rodriguez traveled all the way from Mexico to be with the Monks on the occasion of the ordination. Father Jose helped a great deal by taking the part of Master of Ceremonies, a job he does so very well. We are grateful.

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We would be grateful if you would send us addresses of possible benefactors. Send, also, the address of persons who would like to receive this booklet.

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Mother Mary Catherine, O.P. and Sister Mary Philomena, O.P. joined us on the occasion of the ordination of Father Francis, OSB. The mere presence of these wonderful Nuns made the occasion that much more splendid and holy. The Sisters came here from The Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent, Monroe, Conn.

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Recently, Frater Francis, O.S.B. and Brother Augustine, O.S.B. Obl. traveled to Fort Recovery, Ohio, to the home of Mrs. Anna Rita Huelskamp. Mrs. Huelskamp gave the Abbey her books and many other items of interest. The Monks are very grateful to Mrs. Huelskamp for her kindness.

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With much impatience, the Monks await the arrival of four leaded stained glass windows. It is hoped that they can be installed before Christmas. We will tell you more about these windows in our next issue of the *Speculum*. The generous gifts of benefactors have made these windows possible. The Abbey was given the cost of a large bell (to be named JOSEPH). This bell is being crafted by the Schulmerich Carillons Company in The Netherlands. Hopefully, it will be delivered in January.

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