Holy Christmas — Happy Christmas!



The 10:00 a.m. (C.S.T.) Mass on Christmas Morning will be offered for the following intentions:

- (1) For the welfare of all benefactors, and for those who contributed toward the construction of our Abbey Church, our monastery, and our life.
- (2) For the welfare of all those to whom we have promised our prayers and who have asked us for our prayers.
- (3) For the welfare of all those who are on the mailing list of our monastery, and who, because of that, are lovingly numbered among the Members of our Benedictine Family.

May God Keep You One and All!!!

It was because of this danger that St. Paul wanted the people of his day — and those of ages yet to come — to be "transformed in the newness of their minds, that they might discern what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

To be transformed into such newness means that all men of good will must fearlessly "act against" prevailing trends — trends that enslave. We must "act against" prevailing trends and seek out the things of the Spirit. It is only in the Spirit that true freedom can be found. And only when one walks in the Spirit can one be given PEACE! Not the peace that the world gives, but the PEACE that was brought to nameless shepherds on the Night when all the Hosts of HEAVEN COULD NOT CONTAIN THEIR JUBILATION.

Today, it seems, man has come to doubt that it is only in the Spirit that reality exists. Is it any wonder, then, that futility, frustration, and distraction plague a mankind bent on seeking salvation by its own efforts, and trying to make the relative values of life absolute?