From St. Gregory the Great:

"Piety is of little use when not directed by intelligence."

"Reason and religion teach us that we ought to act virtuously. This is why examples have more power to move us, and why our individual actions are of such crucial importance for others as well as for ourselves . . . "

"Most of mankind is more moved to the desire of heavenly things by example than by argument."

GOD DOES NOT PREDESTINE ANYONE TO DAMNATION: JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR THE REDEMPTION OF ALL MEN!

The graces necessary for salvation are given to all. Damnation is the work of man alone who refuses obstinately to accept the divine dispensation and prefers to turn away from God forever rather than submit himself to Him in the spirit of hope and love. It is a horribly blasphemy to say that God, Who is Justice itself, could condemn a soul without its having merited that condemnation. In the light of these truths we shall understand more clearly the part which the personal responsibility of the individual plays in the loss of his soul. IT IS NOT GOD WHO CONDEMNS HIM: IT IS THE DAMNED SOUL ITSELF which, by its final choice of rebellion, persists for all eternity in its impotent resistance to its Creator.

"Christ the Ideal of the Priest"
Abbot Marmion

PLEASE CUT ON THE DOTTED LINE AND RETURN

Please list here your very special INTENTIONS for which you wish our prayers and good works (confidential information) and return to the Abbey BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1998. This paper will be kept on the High Altar next to the Tabernacle until after Christmas. The Monks, in their daily prayers and work will remember you and your dear loved ones – both living and departed.