

- (9) The Holy Guardian Angels Chapel
Gift of:
Paul and Iva Roy
Montgomery, Alabama
- (10) The Chapel of St. Scholastica
Gift of:
Wolfgang and Dorothy Smith
Hayden, Idaho
- (11) St. Joseph Chapel
Gift of:
Peter Schmitz-Hille
Switzerland
- (12) The Chapel of the Holy Relics
Gift of:
Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel
Montgomery, Alabama
- (13) The Chapel of the Poor Souls
Gift of:
Niklas Schrenck von Notzing
Vienna, Virginia

The Main Body of our Abbey Church was the gift of so many of God's faithful people – a multitude of people from every part of the world. Countless gifts were received from everywhere – many from people who did not really know us. These gifts, big and small (the very first gift was 75¢), raised this temple from out of a cotton field in North Alabama to the Glory of God – “That in ALL Things God May be Glorified”. The building of this Benedictine House of Prayer was not the affair of one or two interested sponsors. It is the gift of a large number of people, many of whom gave from their limited incomes. EVERY BRICK IN THIS BENEDICTINE CHURCH HAS SOMEBODY'S NAME ON IT!! Every brick in this Church raises its voice in song, and a chorus – a multitude of voices – is giving perpetual praise, reaching the very vaults of the highest heavens of God. Every brick gives constant adoration to God. Every brick is a prayer. Every brick in this church stands guard around the Tabernacle, where Our Lord, Jesus, remains the Eternal Prisoner of Love. As long as this Church stands, may it be a sturdy symbol of The True Faith to every one who gave, as well as to the WHOLE WORLD. May it never be a disappointment to God. The Monks, too, contributed. Heaven alone knows how much! The labor – hard, grubby labor; in bitter cold, in pouring rain, in searing heat, from early morning and even into the dark when they were forced to use the light of automobile headlights. The monks were water-proofers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters, concrete mixers, plasterers, janitors and all of the rest.

The gratitude of the Monks is prayerful and truly profound, and the Monks' feeling of obligation and loyalty and duty to the many benefactors is truly real and genuine. The promise of the Monks to continue the eternal and true Sacrifice of the Mass, and to adhere without exception to the established forms of Holy Tradition – in the names of all who gave – is, God Willing – unquestionable and certain!