Christ the King Abbey

January 1, 1999

Dear Beloved and Cherished Members of our Family in our Holy Father St. Benedict,

> (This is part of the Christmas Letter of gratitude mailed to all of our Benefactors. The many favorable comments we received concerning this letter have caused us to reprint it so that all may read it.)

The main importance of this letter is to speak to you of the predictions that are being made concerning the coming year of 2000 A.D. As you know, these predictions are of a very serious nature, and because they are so serious, we must address ourselves to them seriously. That the predictions will all come true as described, no one can tell. They may not even take place at all. But some of our sources of information are such that we at least need to listen, and at best prepare ourselves to the extent suggested. It is very important that we organize our physical preparations and that we begin with these very soon. It is wise that we prepare. Remember the story of Joseph, who, in a dream was

told by God to prepare Egypt for seven years of famine?

Most important, however, are our spiritual preparations. To begin with NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, we must impress upon ourselves to stick to our Holy Faith, never departing from our Holy Religion. This is best done by honest and humble prayer. Keep spiritually fit by the way of personal mortification, penance, reparation, fasting and prayer. If suffering (or persecution) is involved, give it all to God from your heart. If you are told: "do this" or "do that"; or "go here" or "go there", do what the Gospel tells you to do: DO NOT BELIEVE IT! Stay at home, mind your own business and PRAY! Above all: DO NOT BE AFRAID AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROTECTION! Improve your devotions to Our Most Blessed Mother. You know only too well the power of her intercession. Say the Rosary every day. If possible each day, pray the prayers of the Mass and try to spend about one hour (or more) every day in reading your Missal and other spiritual and holy reading.

Seek out an important place or corner in your house or in your room and there put together a small shrine – we call it a MONASTIC ALTAR. Go there to give your praise and honor to God. Go there to give thanksgiving to God. Go there to ask God for His protection. Let this little area serve as a place of comfort and peace and serenity for you. USE IT WELL! Leave all those who wish only to debate, to argue or to prove, and who think that their debating and their arguing and their proving give service to God. You stay at home, and quietly put the matter in God's hands by means of your humble prayer. If circumstances become such that you cannot go to Mass on Sunday, go to this holy place in your house or room, and there you can be certain that God will gladly receive the greatness of the little that you are able to give Him. Do not become despondent that you do not attend Holy Mass. He knows the circumstances and He reads your heart! You know that God will not hold us responsible for the things that are impossible. God looks at our GOOD WILL IN ALL THINGS! Pray for those who refuse to listen to sound advice. Pray for those who do not grasp the workings of God. Debating and arguing and proving mean nothing to such people, mainly because they do not wish to understand. Your own soul comes first, and to your own soul you are bound to give your first and very best!

Recently, we asked you (because of the great number of unsaid masses in our Mass Register) to temporarily stop sending masses to us. This you have done, and the number of masses has decreased, even though, not completely. However, because of current circumstances, we have decided to lift this restriction. Therefore, you may resume sending masses to us. We cannot accept