

❖ The Beautiful Jubilee ❖

Thanks to God and To You

The **JUBILEE CELEBRATION** is now history. It was an absolutely beautiful and outstanding affair - from beginning to end. It was grand and elegant, yet it was kept within the limits of good taste and the norms of frugality and Monastic Poverty - Holy Poverty, the distinguishing characteristic of Monks and Nuns. The Jubilee Mass was so lovely, and full of simplicity, reverence and thanksgiving. All the people of our Chapels and some from faraway places participated. It was so beautiful to see God working in the souls of those who joined me in giving thanks to Him. It was all for Him, and it was all so very beautiful.

A multitude of people wrote letters and sent cards, and they congratulated me and told me of the good things we do in our Monastery. Their letters were - every one of them - very encouraging and spiritual, and they were filled with the love of God. All the people wrote with great simplicity to me, in a most natural way, the way one writes to family; the way one writes to the father of the family. Many of these people I have never had the honor to meet, but I have come to feel as if I have known them for a long time. I am so grateful for them. I am grateful to God for the people He has sent me, to be with me, to pray with me, to form, together with me and the monks and nuns here, a very important part of the Great Benedictine Family. It is consoling to see how really genuine good people can be - not bitter or twisted or warped.

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