

Immaculate Conception

December 8

Hail to thee, O Mary,
the daughter of the Father.
Hail to thee, O Mary,
conceived without sin.



A CLARIFICATION

In the Easter issue of the SPECULUM, the article entitled "Preface to the Ordo" was misinterpreted by some of our readers. There are those who took the article to mean that Christ the King Abbey has gone (or is going) to a vernacular liturgy – to a vernacular Mass. Nothing is father from the truth. The article was meant to be a WARNING SIGNAL to the lovers of Latin. In many places today, Latin is being inserted into the Novus Ordo Mass, to the delight of those who love the sounds of Latin. In quite a number of places, the LATIN NOVUS ORDO MASS IS REPLACING THE LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS – and the people do not know the difference, since many see no difference between one or other rite as long as it is in Latin! The term "LATIN MASS" is extremely deceptive. That term, today, can be taken to mean either the Novus Ordo Mass or the Tridentine Mass. Henceforth, it would be very wise to insist on the exclusive use of the term "TRIDENTINE" when speaking of the Mass of the Council of Trent. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the fundamental issue – NOT LATIN! A word to the WISE: check out "Protocol Number 1411" issued by the Sacred Congregation of Rites on July 3, 1999. Ignore the verbiage! Look only at the bottom line! The overemphasis on the use of Latin helped pave the way to this development which demands of all who have "ecclesiastical approval to say the Tridentine Mass", that they now give EQUAL FIDELITY to both the Tridentine Mass and the Novus Ordo Mass. We know this to be true since WE HAVE BEEN RECENTLY APPROACHED!! – even though we have never had "ecclesiastical approval". But we resisted, as we have always resisted. We said NO! and the heavy hand of persecution rests heavier than ever. Please pray for Christ the King Abbey and St. Joseph Monastery – that the Holy Angel of God will always stand guard over us.