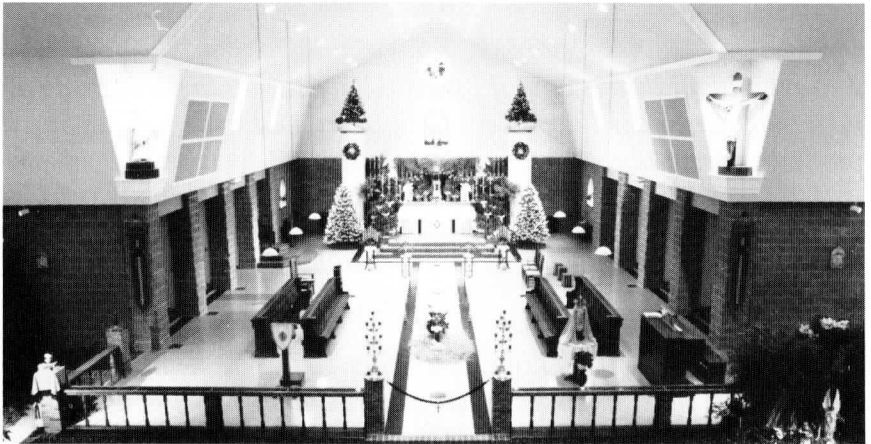


good – are not God’s tasks, but OUR tasks, and therefore we remain the beneficiaries of our activities. The revenue of the works of a saint goes DIRECTLY to God, not to the saint himself. He keeps nothing for himself, he has not even given himself the slightest thought. When charity, or humility, or whatever, reach the heart of man, then it is that he loses his awareness of his charity or goodness of life. His virtue becomes such a part of his very being, it is no longer an activity of his mind. It is genuine and not forced into shape by some mental exercise or gymnastic.

The saints do the same things we do, but they do them differently from us in that they do all things for God. We do them because we wish to benefit from them; we build up OUR lives; we work to build up OUR security and safety. We remain the center of our concern. As a consequence we stand the chance of losing the best of both worlds. Forgetful of self altogether, God is the center of the saint’s concern. That is what makes him a saint!



The Christmas Sanctuary

~ MEDAL ON THE MOON ~

On January 31, 1971, America launched Apollo 14 which landed on the moon. On Apollo 14 there was a man whose name and title were: Lt. Col. Stuart Roosa, and he was the pilot of the command module for Apollo 14. Lt. Col. Roosa had an aunt by the name of Sister Mary Lucy Barrett, O.S.B. of Sacred Heart Benedictine Convent in Cullman, Alabama. Always ready to do important things, Sister Lucy gave Col. Roosa some Benedictine Medals to be with him to and from his trip to the Moon. She instructed her nephew to bring all the medals back – ALL EXCEPT ONE – which he was to leave behind and have it placed on the Moon. He did just that. Therefore, **THAT IN ALL THINGS MAY GOD BE GLORIFIED**, in the Fra Maura Valley of the Moon, there is a Benedictine Medal. May St. Benedict guard and protect us all. Sister Lucy died on April 16, 1999. Let us all pray for her Soul.