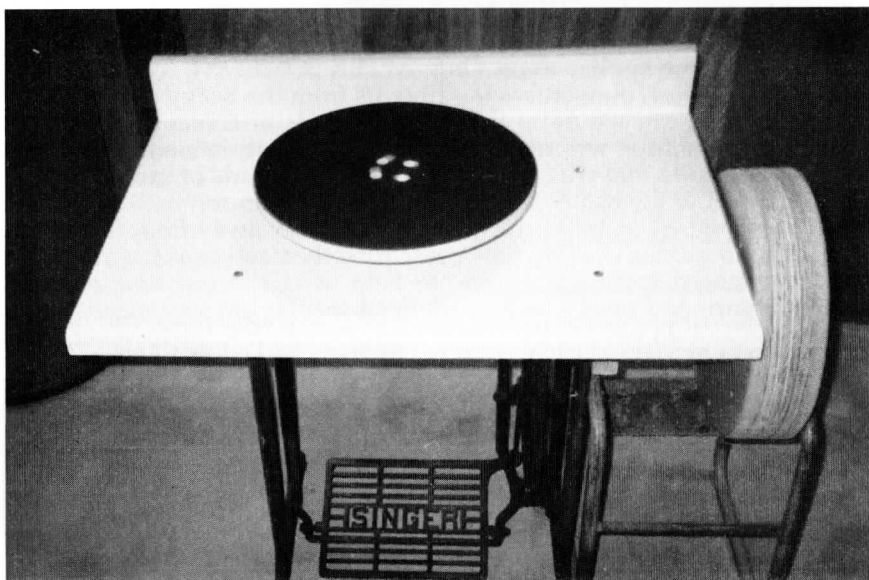


God does not live in a soul (individual or corporate) which is without Charity: a soul without delicacy of manner, and which is not generous, nor has it compassion or acceptance for another. In such a soul (individual or corporate) the love of God will never reach perfection. In such a soul (individual or corporate) the love of God remains ungentle and counterfeit, and its synthetic qualities are easy to detect. The honest mental disposition of that soul has a forced element about it.

No circumstance, no atmosphere, no external activity is more favorable for the development of the love of God than that in which Charity reigns. There is no greater or more impossible obstacle than an atmosphere from which true Charity has been banished. In a house, or a monastery, or a seminary, or convent or any place in which Charity flourishes, souls are carried on the wings of Grace towards the love of God, but in those places in which failings of Charity are the order of the day, and where aloofness, arrogance, exclusiveness and disdain for others exist, everything is tarnished and the love of God is hindered.

“Charity is patient, is kind: charity envieth not,  
dealeth not perversely; is not puffed up;  
is not ambitious, seeketh not her own.” □



*Our homemade potter's wheel – Note the old “Singer” sewing machine base still in use..*

#### — We Get Letters —

“After reading Chapters I, II and III of the Special edition of the biography of Abbot Leonard, O.S.B., I suggest you check and see what he is drinking and put a stop to it.”

Anonymous  
Green Bay, WI