

EASTER WISHES

THE GOOD WISHES, PRAYERS AND WORKS OF OUR COMMUNITIES OF MONKS AND NUNS ASK GOD THAT YOUR LOVE FOR GOD REBOUND FIRST UPON YOU IN GRACES OF PERSONAL SANCTIFICATION, THEN THAT IT MAY REBOUND ON YOUR DEAR FAMILIES, YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, YOUR SICK AND YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES.

IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY
THAT GOD'S BLESSING BE UPON
OUR MONKS AND NUNS.

Catholic doctrine was presented in one way or another in a good and well-performed Liturgy. The Liturgy has always been a reliable source of instruction and edification and joyful fulfillment of the people. The Liturgy was not, and it should not ever be, a presentation of a series of antiquated externalisms and empty ceremonials. Should that be the case, the Liturgy would be no more than a cold and dead pageant. A pageant meant to attract only the elite, the haughty and the well educated. The Liturgy would be a show, not a valid act of religious worship. In some places, the Liturgy has become such a show. The Liturgy must not force people into conformity, neither is it meant to entertain the people in attendance. The Liturgy has one purpose, and one purpose alone - it must LEAD people to God! The Sacred Liturgy is not an art form, and must not be treated as such. Those who believe that the restoration of the true Catholic Life is going to be accomplished by way of the ceremonial of ancient days, are quite naive, indeed, and are quite mistaken. They defeat the entire purpose of and reason for Traditional Roman Catholicism.

In any Monastery worthy of the name, the Liturgy is the very life of those who live within monastic walls. And so it is with the monks and nuns of our institutes. There is only one reason for the monk's existence: not farming, not chanting of the psalms, not building beautiful monasteries, not wearing a certain kind of costume, not fasting, not manual labor, not reading, not meditation, not vigils in the night, BUT ONLY GOD! And that means: love. For God is love. If we love Him we possess Him. Everything else about the monastic life is only a means to that end. When prayer and penance and all the rest cease to be means and become ends in themselves, the contemplative life stops dead and the monk begins to amble along the broad, dreary paths that are trodden by the multitudes of the world. The Sacred Liturgy must be alive, it must be living, it must be NOW, and everything the monks in their monasteries and the nuns in their convents