

**PROFESSION OF SOLEMN
PERPETUAL VOWS**

FRATER MICHAEL SAUTNER O.S.B.

Joseph Sautner - of
Tacoma, Washington
Born: April 16, 1966

Entered the Novitiate
January 11, 1989

Becoming Frater Michael O.S.B.

Pronounced Simple
Triennial Vows
January 21, 1990

Pronounced Solemn
Perpetual Vows
January 24, 1993



The greatest of the Blessings of Religious Profession makes the Soul very pleasing to God. It is solidly established in Tradition that Solemn Profession is like a Second Baptism which restores to the Christian his entire purity. At the moment of the pronouncing of the Holy Vows, God forgets all the past and grants a universal forgiveness to the Monk. At that moment, God sees before Him only a creature totally renewed. At this blessed hour the Soul is given to Jesus as the bride to the bridegroom, and the Heavenly Father can say of this Soul: "This is My beloved child in whom I am well pleased." What bounty is lavished upon this Soul by the God Who is so pleased in him. Such is the Solemn Profession of a Monk.