

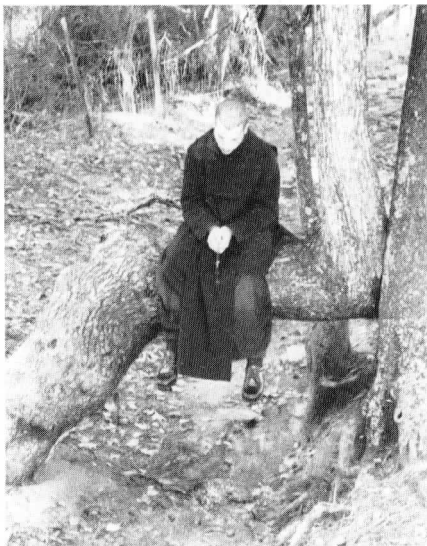
We must give ourselves entirely to Our Lord, as He gives Himself entirely to us. Let there be no reserve in our gift to God, no division in our hearts, no division in our love. Note well that this love in no way takes away from the normal and natural love we should have for our neighbor - for those around us, especially the members of our own families.

We must never consider ourselves in the mirror of self-love, nor must we look for any comforting feeling from creature love. In the same way we must never look at the scales of our own merits and self-worth, for our destitution will tilt the scales very much against us. What a mistake we make when we look for the false light of human words, praise, and appreciation - for we will always be deceived. We must not keep an "account book" of what we give to our Father in Heaven, nor must we estimate what we are lacking. **THE ONE WHO TRULY LOVES KEEPS NO RECORDS.** His only concern is to give and give and give. He has neither time for nor interest in record keeping.

The best sacrifice to offer to God is our **EGO (SELF)** - our personalities, moods, likes, and dislikes. The best and only gift to offer to Jesus is our hearts emptied of all that caters to self. Our love of God is the best test of duty fulfilled, of our virtue, of our **CHARITY.** Our love of God is the only scale by which to regulate our judgments and our desires. □



A monk at work



The same monk at prayer
in the Cathedral of his God