— RESOLUTIONS —

In reality, RESOLUTIONS (spiritual or otherwise) have little lasting good effect on the life of one who is serious about his salvation. Resolutions may make a man more aware of the seriousness of his purpose here on earth, but they will not enable him to claim the full reward of his service. It is of the very essence that anyone anxious about his salvation go beyond mere resolution. While in the midst of a good resolution, one may do much that is right and good and even avoid much that is evil, BUT WITHOUT BEING RIGHT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. Such a man may have a truce with this or that bad or evil habit, yet lack the essential quality of a conscientious Christian, which does not admit of any compromise where evil is concerned. The absolute turning to God – which is against the tendency of fallen human nature (which is to depart from Him) – the *CONVERSIO* – this is what is necessary for everyone of serious intention. Half turning to God, like half repentance, is nothing but worthless self-deception. If one makes no attempt to change his life except to avoid one or two faults, while allowing others to remain in his soul, he will find, too late, that he has done nothing, and that he is unacceptable to his God! ❑

PLEASE CUT ON THE DOTTED LINE AND RETURN

Please list here your very special INTENTIONS for which you wish our prayers and good works (confidential information) and return to the Abbey BEFORE JUNE 1, 2004. This paper will be kept on the High Altar next to the Tabernacle for the months of the Sacred Heart and the Precious Blood. The Monks, in their daily prayer and work, will remember you and your dear loved ones - both living and departed.

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