SACKCLOTH AND ASHES

Conventions, marches, books, speeches, articles in magazines, debates, arguments without end, and all such like – all taken together – what has it accomplished for the good of a Godless, materialistic, and hedonistic world and church, both in serious trouble? Has any of the unending manmade effort to correct the ills of the times brought a halt to the alarming advances of evil in almost every area known to mankind? People read, they listen, they grumble, they complain – but nothing helpful ever happens. People continue to go about life with a "business as usual" attitude!

Nobody seems to grasp the cosmic peril that we are all in today. We live in a world which is racing pell-mell at full speed and with unbending determination toward a conflagration which at any moment can burst forth with infernal force, such as cannot be imagined. We are facing a power that can easily bring death and destruction – morally and physically – to us all. Man is the cause of the problem, and he now **by his own effort** is totally unable to control the inevitable result.

If man does not turn to God in all haste, with active commitment and solemn prayer, with responsible and humble penance and mortification (even as of old "in sackcloth and ashes), let us not be surprised at what is in store for **all of us.** ❑

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Pray the Rosary daily!

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 NOVEMBER 1, 2006. This paper will be kept on the High Altar next to the Tabernacle until after Christmas. The Monks, in their daily prayer and work, will remember you and your dear loved ones - both living and departed.
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