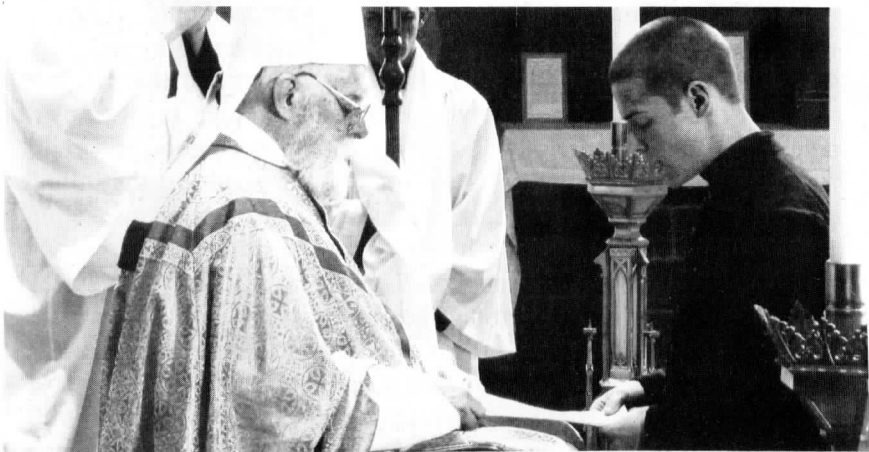
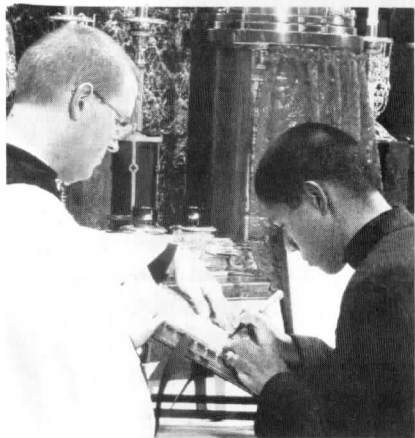


Thanks be to God for His wonderful grace, for, on November 4, 2007,  
Brother Louis McHenry, OSB,  
Frater Boniface Corley, OSB,  
Frater Matthew Linder, OSB,  
after having completed their Novitiate,  
pronounced their Simple Triennial (Three Year) Vows.



As clearly outlined in Chapter 58 of the Holy Rule of St. Benedict, the holy Vows pronounced by a Benedictine monk are: ***Stability, Conversion of Life, and Obedience.*** The virtues of Poverty and Chastity are not actually articulated but are certainly included, as are all the virtues, in the one single vow of Conversion of Life (*CONVERSIO*).

When pronouncing his vows, the only proper place for the voice of the monk to be heard is within the walls of his own monastery and at the knee of his own abbot (superior), who alone and before all others, regardless of rank or title, holds the place of Christ for that monk.