



*The Monastery Cemetery with a solitary grave.*

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*A view from atop the bell tower of the church.*

at all. It requires no energy at all to make an act of the will. When our wills are possessed and moved always by the Grace of God, Charity becomes as spontaneous and constant and continuous as breathing itself. Every Mass that a priest offers up to God is a solemn petition that every man on earth might come to be moved to answer the call of Charity.

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The priest lives to utter the Mass, even though he may be the weakest of the weak. His is not a career in business administration nor is he a social worker. Neither is he a professional instructor in a class room. And because of his calling, the priest is not just a “regular guy,” he is no longer just one of the boys. He is priest,