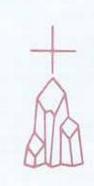


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Dear Friends of Mount Saviour,

It has been suggested that we share with a wider audience one of the statements of monastic principles at Mount Saviour that we send to candidates. Our goal is to live a simple, genuine and full monastic life according to the Rule of St. Benedict.

By'simple' we mean: "truly seeking God", i.e. a life of faith, faith in God's ever-present love; a life concentrated in all its aspects on transformation in Christ and purity of heart through stability, monastic obedience and conversion of life; renunciation of activities which distract from this goal, cause frequent absence from the monastery and make observance of the Rule difficult; a community the size and organization of which help to create and maintain an atmosphere of brotherhood, wherein we strive to make the love of God manifest in relationships of mutual support, healing and growth; a restraint in our use of material goods which bespeaks our continual dependence on God and which promotes the appreciation and cultivation of the chaste beauty of essentials in all forms of expression.

By 'genuine' we mean: "return to the sources", especially Scripture and the Holy Rule (interpreted in the light of earlier tradition which it presupposes and completes),

enriched by later genuine developments, and modified to conform to Canon Law; commitment to "the law of the Rule", not in a legalistic sense but in the sense in which the Rule presents itself as a canon, an objective norm for the life of a true brotherhood under a spiritual father, all sharing equally in Chapter rights and choir duties, the lay monk being the normal case; an effort to recover and maintain our authentic tradition, with courage to replace obsolete forms by meaningful ones in humility, patience and discretion.

By 'full' we mean: our whole-hearted identification with the mind of the universal church, ready to serve her as a contemplative community as a visible sign or sacrament of the saving unity established by God's love in the risen Jesus Christ; being conscious of our solidarity with all people on earth committed to the quest for communion with God and with one another in God; responsiveness to the challenges, possibilities and true human values of a given time and place; generous and prudent hospitality, encouraging guests to take their part in worship, work and instruction without impairing the community life; responsible obedience on the part of the monk and fatherly concern on the part of the abbot for the full development of the personalities entrusted to his care, their special talents and skills; the wise balance of the Divine Office, sacred reading and manual work according to the pattern of the Rule, for each individual monk, in the rhythm of hours and seasons; lifelong methodical training in the school of the heart, the responsible living out of the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection, with the mutual help of the brethren in the life of the Spirit, "that in all things God may be glorified".

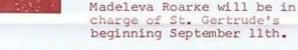
It is impossible to define monastic life but it is helpful to give expression to our ideals in a variety of ways.

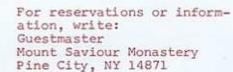
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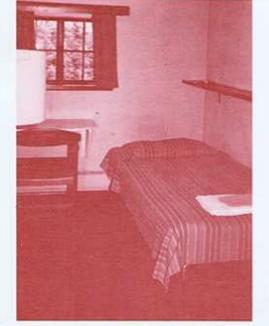


The guest house is still an important apostolate among the many commitments that a small community requires. We finished painting the outside. The bathroom and small kitchen were remodeld. During the winter months we try to accommodate our guests in a comfortable atmosphere without submitting them to the more austere regime of the monks.













Seventeen years ago, Fr. Damasus and Fr. Gregory, who were the Moses and Aaron of the monastery, gave Miss Juliane Schiefer a mandate to receive women guests as our representative and to know that we entrusted the guests and St. Gertrude's guest house to her as to one of the community. No trust has been more faithfully carried out. li and Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht arrived here from Portsmouth, R.I. on June 27th, 1961. The Albrechts retired in April of 1969. Uli remained with us living out monastic vows in her own inimitable way. Her retirement after Labor Day will be the end of an era. She has created an environment and atmosphere that has been a blessing to all who came under her care. The good and faithful steward of the Gospel, the wise householder, the incomparable woman of the wisdom books, found flesh and blood in our times in 'our' Uli. Our love, gratitude and admiration are without limit as was her care of us as well as the guests. Her retirement is well deserved and she will return to Portsmouth to be with Mrs. Albrecht whom many of you member.











Wet weather conditions of the past two years prompted the adding of a roof over this bunker silo which now shelters hay stacks for convenient use during the winter months. Recently we changed our haying system from conventional (small) bales to large 3 ton stacks which required some retooling and adjustment. With most of the "bugs" out of the system now and more favorable haying weather this year things are looking "up" once again on the farm. Milk production is up, the cows in good health and an ample supply of good feed in the barn. Thanks be to God!

Selections from the book store:

Daniel Rees & other members of the English Benedictine Congregation:
Consider Your Call, a theology of monastic life today. Foreword by Cardinal Basil Hume, archbishop of Westminster: '...I recommand it in the belief that it will have something to say not only to monks and nuns but also to Christian laymen and laywomen, and to all who are concerned for our common humanity.'

The Lord by Romano Guardini. A paperback of a classic. \$ 6.95

This Man Jesus by Bruce Vawter. Highly recommended: paper. \$ 2.45

Jesus the Christ by Walter Kasper. Excellent, not light reading. \$ 2.95

The Founder of Christianity by C. H. Dodd.
I wish everyone would read this. \$ 1.95

Christ in Eclipse. A clinical study of the good Christian by J. F. Sheed. \$ 8.95

Festal Icons of the Lord. Sister M. Helen Weier, osc. A study and commentary on Russian icons of Rublev & others. Color and black and white. A fine introduction to an experience of God through perception. \$11.50

New Testament Essays by Raymond E. Brown, s.s.

Thirsting for the Lord by Carroll Stuhlmueller. #1: \$ 7.95

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The Bible Speaks to You by Robert McAfee Brown.

The Psalms, their Origin and Meaning by Leopold Sabourin, s.j. Meaning \$ 5.95

For the Life of the World by Alexander Schmemann. \$ 4.00

Of Water and the Spirit by Alexander Schmemann. \$ 4.50

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History of Spirituality. 3 volumes by Louis Bouver. \$45.00

Learning to Grow Old by Paul Tournier.\$ 5.95

Simply Same by Gerald May. Quite good. 7.95

The Open Way: a meditation handbook by Gerald May \$ 8.95

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Loneliness is for Loving by Rev. Robert Lauder. \$ 2.75

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