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wanted: a little bit of you  
at the Fall Festival street of shops



Work in the woods along entrance road to provide firewood.

Br William "tuning-up."



During most of the winter the refectory was not heated. An area near the kitchen was pressed into service as a temporary (and warm) refectory. Cheerfully crowded!



Brother Aelred painting an icon of the Nativity for the monastery chapel.



Mailing the last CHRONICLE with the help of some guests. We changed our mailing system last year, and some names may have been lost in the process. Please advise us of any losses.



Catholic Workers, including our old friend Tony Equale, with Jennifer, granddaughter of our deceased Gull Axel, gift to the CW Farm at Siroli, New York. Goodbye!



Brother Peter, who is editor of our journal, MONASTIC STUDIES, as well as Guestmaster, is helped by Bill Hood, lay oblate. The forthcoming issue will contain articles on the spirit & theology of "hospitality" by our late Reverend Father Damasus, by Henri Nouwen & others, an essay on pilgrimage by Br David, and other good things. \$5.00 from Mount Saviour.



David Burrell, professor at the University of Notre Dame, gave two weeks on the language about God in St. Thomas, basis for the mystical life.



Bro Sebastian on his feastday.

A second photographer arises in the community... reactions!



Dear Friends of Mount Saviour,

The Easter event is altogether extraordinary and entirely unprecedented. But it was and is prepared for by the most ordinary and pressing events of our lives. Somehow this has always been the pattern of God's working with us. The liberation of Israel which David accomplished by overcoming Goliath and the Philistines was prepared for day after day and night after night in watchful concern for his father's flock. He gradually acquired the courage and skill to slay lion or bear which endangered the sheep. Our liberation from Satan and sin accomplished by Jesus was prepared for gradually in the labor of obedience at Nazareth, in the fasting and temptation of the desert, by the work in the cities of Gallilee and Judea. He watched and now watches. He gives us not only his peace - his own relationship with the Father, but he gives us this word which the Father gave him: "WATCH: Watch with me."

The photos by Br. Peter and Br. Pierre show our preparation here at Mount Saviour - day after day and night after night in very ordinary tasks. Somehow we must come to know the glory of God in all things before we can come to know that special glory of the resurrection whose power and splendor is operative in us even now.

Americans, and Westerners in general, are often accused of impatience and one thing we do seem to be impatient about is preparation. One dimension of the command to WATCH is to be prepared. Even the boy scouts understand this! But do we understand that Christ in going to prepare a place for us is inviting us to prepare a place for him - who has no place to lay his head. What could be sweeter than the voice of the Lord calling to us! We imitate Christ in a very real and wonderful way as we prepare for the joy of Easter, the glory of the Resurrection.

To prepare is to express the relationship to God which we call contemplation. Moses prepared the Tent of Meeting with the Lord after the pattern given him by God on Mt. Sinai. The Temple in Jerusalem also represented the dwelling of God in heaven. Our mass canon prays that '...these things be carried to your altar on high...that as many of us who by participation at this altar (in the Church)...' Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us and we here prepare a place for him. This double preparation of place - the temple in heaven and the temple on earth, the dwelling of God in heaven and the dwelling of God on earth - is one meaning of con-templation. We build together two temples as one. We do on earth what God 'does' in heaven. 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven' to quote a well known source!

We send this Chronicle as a very ordinary bit of mail. But to make you aware that your courage and compassion in routine and pressing things are daily building you as a temple of the Lord and supplying you with a strength with which you exult under any 'weight' of glory Christ will share with you on the day of our full resurrection. Let your hearts take courage, all you who hope in the Lord.

In Christ,



Emilio Del Junco  
friend of Mount Saviour  
1916-1974