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Items needed for
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home made
candles mittens
stuffed animals
plant hangers
Xmas. ornaments
boutique items ... and...

save bonus + green stamps for us.



A few years ago the Theater of the Absurd was very popular. At this moment I feel like a lead in its revival. It is 4 AM and I'm writing this article on leisure! I wondered if it was even honest to write about leisure at Mount Saviour because someone will certainly say, 'The world is coming apart and those monks sit around all day doing nothing!' I must confess I have no idea how anyone here finds leisure time. And yet I do know - they stole it! Sister José Hobday once told us that is how people today must get time for prayer. If we really want it, go ahead and steal it. When I looked at the pictures - Br Luke with the flowers, Fr Placid with the cello, I realized they had stolen . . . from themselves and enriched us who live with them. Just as someone else became poor that we might be made rich with the Glory of eternal life, our brothers have made that mystery believable and even palpable by their generous use of leisure.

Out of the great Sabbath rest of death came new life. We on earth cannot completely rest yet even though Christ has risen and entered into the rest God promised his people. We have to go on until we enter His rest, yet in some way leisure embodies the reality of the rest of Christ's Resurrection - new life, new horizons, new joy. Leisure used as we see in our pictures delights and enlivens the person and is a blessing to all who dwell with him.

Br Pierre practiced the harp one half hour a day, but now its music blends with our prayer in the Chapel. Brothers John and Peter stole some time to attend a Seminar on Saint Aelred at Gethsemani. Now they are leading our own seminar every week. We are grateful to all the brothers, and to all the guests, who share their leisure with us as foretaste of the life to come.

Most of us have a time there is no need to steal. It is rather like a source or treasure which simply needs to be tapped. We utilize a vast amount of time grumbling, complaining, and talking to ourselves in a somewhat circular pattern productive of nothing at all. What do you think about when you have nothing specific to think about? You have all that leisure time to share with God. You can roll and ponder some simple line in your mind as the sea rolls and pounds the waves on a shore. Take this line from Saint Aelred

'We have said that God's rest is His love'

or let a phrase from the psalms find itself a million melodies in your heart.

We thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you. Ps. 137(138)

Do try this in your leisure moments and you will find you are stealing more and more time with the Spirit dwelling in you - and making more and more melodies 'which excel all we ever knew of you.

Fr Martin



IN AND
CYCLE

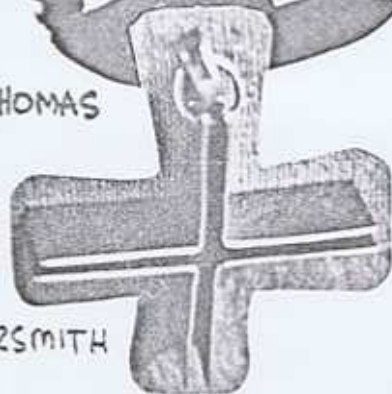
LEISURE



BR. THOMAS



BR. PETER
WEAVES A BELT



SILVERSMITH



BR. BRUNO
BR. ANTHONY
AND GUITARS



HYBRIDIZING

BR. GABRIEL
SELECTS A
RECORD

. PLACID
WITH THE CELLO





Dear friends,
 Thank you for all your concern and for your prayers. The doctor said, recently, that I am doing 'miraculously well'. This is due, I know, to your prayers, as well as to medicine. It is sobering to realize that though I was so close to death, the Lord did not take me. -

This must mean that he wants me to have the opportunity to respond more generously to his love in the time that is left. I need your prayers more than ever, therefore, that I may do so. Be assured you are remembered in mine. A blessed and joyful Easter to you.

- Devotionally in Christ, of Gregory

RECOMMENDED

A Christian's Prayer Book, Psalms, Poems and Prayers for the Church's Year. Franciscan Herald Press, Chicago. PB \$2.95.

"Poetry, prayer, psalms, canticles and bible readings provide a regular pattern of Morning and Evening Prayer, varied to reflect the seasons of the year and the major Christian festivals." The best "short breviary" we have seen.

Out of the Depths by Burchard W. Anderson. Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1974. PB \$3.50.

An excellent, thorough, readable study of the psalms. The variety of their forms and richness of their content are well analyzed, and their relevance for us in daily life and worship is convincingly shown.

Introduction to Christianity by Joseph Ratzinger. The Seabury Press, New York. 1970. HC \$6.95.

A great theologian's study of the Apostles' Creed. Illuminating and well worth the careful reading it requires.

This Man Jesus by Bruce Vawter. Doubleday, N.Y. HC \$5.95.

A distinguished Scripture scholar's brilliant study of Christ. Difficult matter handled with clarity.

The Founder of Christianity by C.W. Dodd, Macmillan, N.Y. 1970. PB \$1.95.

A beautiful, simple and moving account of the life and teaching of Christ by one of the greatest contemporary biblical scholars. His last and crowning work.

Courage to Pray by Anthony Bloom and Georges Lefebvre. Paulist Press, N.Y. 1974. PB \$3.95.

Two well-known authors provide much help for prayer, at once profound and practical.

A Grief Observed by C.S. Lewis. The Seabury Press, N.Y. 1961. HC \$4.95.

This great Christian's frank probing of the sorrow and rebellion which overwhelmed him on the death of his wife. A rare "word of comfort" for those who are bereaved. A splendid meditation for everyone.

Asking the Fathers by Aelred Squire. Morehouse-Barlow, N.Y. 1973. HB \$5.95.

The author "seeks to help his readers discover an overall view of life consistent with the practice of authentic prayer by tracing the main lines of the teaching on this subject as found in the spiritual giants throughout Christian history." Theology Digest

Augustine of Hippo. A biography by Peter Brown. University of California Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles. 1969. PB \$2.95.

"A model biography. Mr. Brown is an impeccable scholar but also a vivid biographer and a delightful writer he brings Augustine and his whole age persuasively to life." Hugh Trevor-Roper in The Sunday Times