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Chronicle

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FALL FESTIVAL 1975   sept.21

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GREETINGS FOR EASTERTIDE 1975
A few years ago the Theater of the Absurd was very popular. At this moment I feel like a load 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 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 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 a 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
Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your concern and for your prayers. The doctor says, 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.

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