

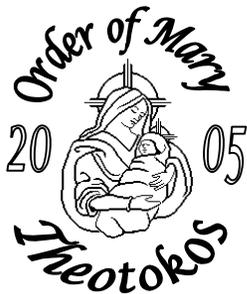
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**~Mark your Calendar~
Important dates to put
on your calendar:**

**Your Profession dates
because you need to
remember to request
First and Final
Profession documents
from the Abbot.**

Report from the Synod.
Our 2006 ECC+USA Synod and Retreat was held at St. Meinrad Abby in Indiana. (See pictures at www.ecc-usa.org/Synod_2006.html) About twenty-five people attended all or part of the activities of the weekend. We had Mass every day in a chapel that is over a hundred years old. We ordained one deacon. My personal highlight was on Sunday morning when I celebrated Mass for our participants outside, in front of the old Monte Cassino Chapel. You were remembered in the "Memento" of the Mass.

A Sacred Place

When we talk to a real estate salesperson, they often speak of the quality of the house's location as the major thing that determines the sale value of the house. What determines a house's value: "Location, Location, Location". In this newsletter, I want to talk about the importance of "Location" in your prayer life as a Brother or Sister in the OMT.

While it is true that we can pray anywhere, having a special place in our home where we can come to pray and worship Almighty God and our brother Jesus through Mary is an essential aid to prayer. Having our own prayer space helps us move quickly from our worldly concerns to our Order's duty to pray for the World, the Church, people-in-general, and the intentions brought to us in particular.

Where should your prayer space be? Any quiet corner of your home or office will do fine. I remember a few years ago being shown by a high school assistant principal his altar which he kept in a small closed cabinet and opened it for a few minutes of prayer and to refocus on God when his job got stressful.

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From the Abbot

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Let me begin my congratulating **Brother Randy, OMT** from Summerville, South Carolina, on his Solemn and Perpetual Profession as a religious of this Order. His name has been inscribed in our Church Sacramental registry as having made this solemn and life-long commitment. While religious profession is not one of the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Faith, it is, like the Sacraments, a life-altering event that deserves to be

recorded for now and eternity. Keep us all in your prayers, Brother Randy.

As we live our lives as professed men and women, let us remember that we must be examples for each other and for everyone we know and meet and for all who see us. Christ is in the world today through us. Show the love that Christ has for humankind by living a loving life. +CTS

Designing your Altar



Monte Cassino Chapel
St. Meinrad, Indiana

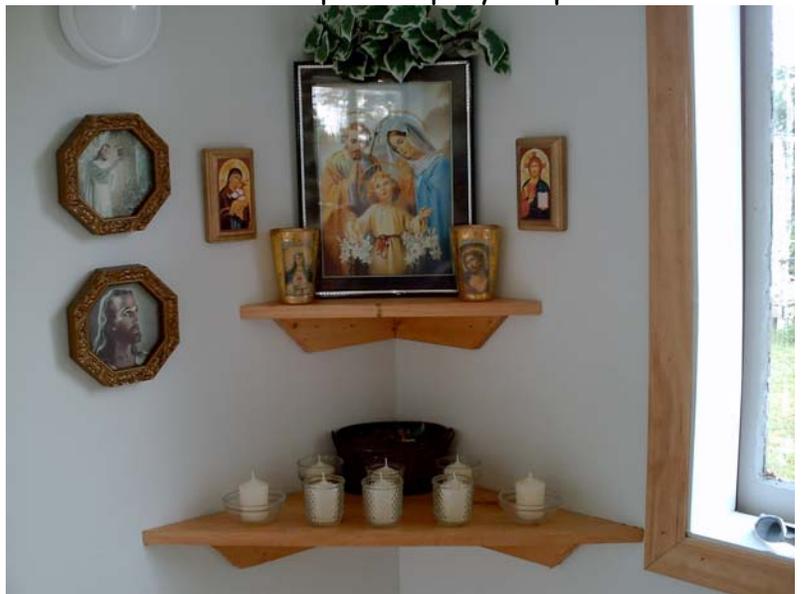


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Ecumenical Catholic
Church+USA.
Professed membership is open
to all men and women of faith,
married or single,
regardless of their
denominational affiliation.

What should your prayer space look like? It should at least be a simple altar with a candle or two, a cross or icon of Jesus, a small statue or icon of Mary, perhaps some flowers (real or artificial), all placed on an altar cloth. Keep your *Magnificat* prayer book nearby, and have a place to sit or kneel as you say your daily prayers, meditate or do spiritual reading.



Two examples of prayer space.



See additional prayer space pictures on following pages.



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