

BUILDING THE CHURCH

A big project.



All projects start with a plan ...



... and then Fr. Coenraad Daniels, the Rector, brings out the liturgical shovel so that work can begin, ...

The Saint Bernard Novitiate has not changed. It will not change! It was founded for the formation of Religious Brothers and this remains our aim. The Church needs religious. The Church cannot do without them. Hidden away and fulfilling the most humble of tasks, the Religious unites his heart to Our Lord in everything he does. His consecration to Our Lord requires it of him. The Church, in having allowed him to make his vows, requires of him in return this perpetual act of oblation. The heart of his oblation is at the altar where Our Lord Jesus Christ offers himself as the sacrificial lamb. Here is where the Religious Brother begins his life, here it perpetuates, and here it ends. Truly, without the altar the Religious Brother is nothing. Without the altar, his life and consecration is without meaning.

It is for this purpose that we have begun the construction of the



... then Fr. Baudot, the great Bursar from HQ, discovers the project, ...



... but the hole is already dug, so there's no going back...



... until Satan organizes torrential rain to fill it up again ...



... but it takes more than a few drops of water to stop Fr. Daniels. The water was pumped out and the project continued...



On the feast of St. Michael, patron of the brothers of the Society, the brothers who have not made perpetual vows either take their first vows or renew them. Here (from the left, front row:) Brs. James Mary (2nd) Jonathan (3rd), Vincent Mary (4th) renewed their vows.



... and now the brothers are working overtime on their new hollow-block maker.



*We judged not ourselves to know anything among you, but Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. (1 Cor 2:2).
Thanks to our benefactors, a new Calvary has been constructed and solemnly blessed at the novitiate.*

church. Whether there be many faithful or no faithful at all makes little difference to the immense importance that the church building plays in the life of the Novitiate. It is the home of the consecrated soul.

We hope, by God's blessing

that the construction will be completed in about two years. For this and for souls we ask but two things: Many young men who, with magnanimous and generous hearts, may come to the Novitiate to give their lives to God and the Church, and, generous folk who

may be able to help us in the financing of this construction of the church for the greater glory of God.

May God and His Holy Mother bless and guide you.

Rev. Fr. Coenraad Daniels



28th September 2012 : a postulant becomes a novice. This is the last step before taking vows. The novice, according to canon law, will prepare himself for one complete year (plus one day) in the practice of the vows. Here Eudison David, takes the cassock, engages himself into the Society and receives his religious name; Br. Pascual Joseph