



**Mother Prioress teaching Western Washington University students about cheese making.**

**FROM THE PRIORESS**

A strong impression I have is that Fall came upon us as quickly as a curtain pulled down with not much warning. Knowing that our barns are full of hay, our woodsheds are full of split wood, our monastery building is fully enclosed after bathroom restorations, and the lovely greenhouse is already producing young, tender lettuce, we can move forward into the new season with confidence, rejoicing in the gift of many willing and skilled hands and hearts. Our liturgical life is greatly enriched by the presence and ministry of Father Scott Braathen, S.O.L.T. and we are grateful for each day that he is with us. We pray that your lives will be enriched through the preparations and the beauty of the coming season of Advent.

**MONASTERY NEWS**



This summer we again have been blessed with many hands to help: our youth group came for a week in July building us a new greenhouse (picture above), an addition to the pig house, fences, and completing much needed work at St. Scholastica's

guest house. The Community joined the youth for supper each evening to share news of the day's work projects and spiritual insights.

The 'nightmare' of the summer has



been the gutting of our two monastery bathrooms . As we said in the last

newsletter, the "simple" one turned into a total reconstruction project due to dry rot in the outer walls. The second one, which we knew would require a total overhaul, was completed at the end of September. Both are now beautiful and a joy to use. Our Shaw builder, Carl, has been a delight to work with, donating some of his services.

We have three women in the land program. Alex left us at the end of September and Kathleen and Noel joined Kristina. All are very energetic, gifted women, good cooks, great hostesses and willing to do anything that is needed.

Our Pre-postulant, Mary, from Colorado, made her three month trial period but prayers are asked as she may be delayed in entering due to a financial crises with a business she owned. We hope all will be settled by the first of the year. Meanwhile, we have several women coming for "exploration" of our life.

Mother Hildegard will have her 2<sup>nd</sup> knee replacement on Oct. 17 and like Mother Dilecta, will go to Friday Harbor for three weeks of rehab. This saves a lot traveling on and off the island for PT. When

Mother Dilecta did this type of rehab she returned ready to go and good as new!

**OUR CHAPLAIN**

Father Scott has been granted an extension of his time with us till Jan. 1, 2014. Then we will be looking for a replacement- not that anyone could replace his generosity of spirit.

**TRAVELS**

In late May Mother Hildegard returned to Peru, invited by the University in Piura. In September Mother Catarina traveled to Pecos, NM for a workshop she gives there regularly and Mother Mary Grace was in Alaska with her family. Mother Dilecta's family came for a visit, including her 92 year old father. Mother Felicitas had cousins come from Switzerland. She goes to Connecticut and New Hampshire to visit her son and family soon.



**Hard at work in the vege. garden.**

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