



**FROM THE  
PRIORESS**

The garden this summer was quite prolific, providing us with many red

and green cabbages and some picture perfect tomatoes, as well as an abundance of greens - beans, lettuce, chard, kale and of course carrots. And the Chapel was graced with lovely flowers from gladiola and zinnias to lofty sun flowers! But we are now experiencing the shorter days of fall with more darkness and chilly temperatures. Nonetheless the liturgy of the Church urges and leads us on toward Advent, the season of anticipation with the promise of the full Light of Christ's coming. Our prayer is that this holy Light may fill your heart and the hearts of all you hold dear.



Among the many donations we received this year was a new Highland bull calf, donated by Cathy & Kevin Ferguson. Coming from an old farm on Lopez Island, he is being weaned now and should come to us in the next few months. He will be named Fergus.



Bob Alexander, once again, sent the generator maintenance man from Seattle for

the annual check-up. Our good friends Deacon and Karen McDonald bid on and won for us a quilt over 125 years old made by the grandmother of Ernest Graham, who grew up in what is now our St. Scholastica guesthouse.

Mother Prioress' cheese making venture has been a tremendous success. We sold at sites off the farm, including the Orcas Outdoor Market and the Shaw General Store.



**PEOPLE AND PLACES**

Preston, born and raised in New York, graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont this year. As he wants to be a monk, working on our land program is great preparation. He is not only bright he is also very personable and can do anything with good spirit. Tari, who was here

before Preston and created our lovely new website, has decided to return to college to get her degree in photo-journalism. She, like Kristina (who moved to Lopez Island) visits when she can. Catherine will be coming to us from Kansas at the end of this month. She just finished the Camino de Santiago Compostela in Spain. Father Mathew Thelly is still with us and we hope adjusting to the cold weather. We are most grateful to him for daily Mass and Benediction on Sundays.

**SUPPORT**

With the generous support from all of you this year, it is hard to believe we still have a list of needed



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items. But that is life on a farm. If you can support us in any way towards obtaining these gifts, we would appreciate it.

- \$8,000 for new fencing to keep the new bull in with his girls.
- Two used cars - Mother Caterina's old "Bertha" finally died after 30 years of faithful service and Mother Hildegard's SUV (which has seen many a 4-H bird count) is on its last leg/wheel. Unfortunately the car donated by neighbors lasted only one week.
- Nice, matching linens for guest houses. Contact us for more details.
- Bird seed always!



**MONASTERY NEWS**

This summer and fall found us the recipients of many wonderful gifts. The Youth Group came in July to complete 22 projects, among them a new bathroom at St. Scholastica guest house and a huge new shed for storing building materials and farm equipment. The stone around the greenhouse was added, new Trex decks at the monastery were built, and many stairs replaced. The Chapel was stained top to bottom, a new area for the dogs to run below the Chapel was created, and a beautiful new gate to the cemetery & bay pasture was installed. To top it off, they also brought in over 1,200 bales of hay!

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