

The enemy continues. Now it applies detraction: “They are guilty of immorality. They take money from improper and immoral groups.” The monks did not stop to answer or to prove. “Where do they get all of their money?” “He is disobedient.”

Through it all, the monks remained unmoved and never gave in to slander or threat. The work on the church continued without interruption, and



never was the quiet prayer life of the monks disturbed. The prayer and the work of the monks continued as is required by the Holy Rule they have pledged to live. And so with the generous help of so many, many wonderful people from all parts of the world, the monks have finished the church.

When the large crowd of people finally arrived, they joined the abbot and the monks. Together they called upon God to bless His new church. Together, in solemn procession, they brought the Most Blessed Sacrament into the church for the first time. Together they sang songs and gave thanks and praise to the good and all providing God. Then, together, they celebrated a solemn Mass in honor of the glory of God and his Angels and Saints. The moment was glorious — made more so by the Easter glory that was still everywhere to be seen. All the assembled people said: “THEY HAVE FINISHED THE CHURCH!” And the monks said: “THAT IN ALL THINGS MAY GOD BE GLORIFIED!”