



Birds are an important part of our Benedictine Family. Father Michael, O.S.B. is here holding what appears to be a very tame member of the family — actually, the little fellow is regaining his wits after having crashed into one of the church windows. Father Sebastian, O.S.B. reports that during the year 1997, there were 137 Bird Sightings at Christ the King Abbey. This, he says, is about right for our area of the country. We are working to attract Purple Martins, but this has not been too successful, at least as we go to press with this issue. We are hoping for success this year.



The Reverend Mr. John Schreurs stands here with Father Abbot, who continues to insist that this chariot is not quite in keeping with at least one of the Monastic Fundamentals. You will recall from the last *Speculum* — “Notes” that John is our wonderful 87 year old Deacon Friend. Incidentally, the Limo is not a part of the Deacon’s possessions. He rode in the front seat with the Airport Chauffeur.