

Notes

■ For one reason or another, this "Notes" section has not been included in recent *Speculum*s. Many readers have asked that this section be once again included, as it provides a sort of visit with the Monks and Nuns. We are happy to revive "Notes" once again.

■ The year is spent, and summer is now over. Summer this year was quite unusual. The garden was far from a success. The only really good tomatoes we were able to harvest were from a very small kitchen garden looked after by Father Michael. These tomatoes were all canned. Our winter supply of tomatoes is secure, as are our corn and beans. However, our canning was not as good as in former years. Our blueberries, figs, and grapes were all poor this year.

■ At long last, a wheelchair ramp has been added to the entrance of the Abbey Church. The job, too big for the monks alone, was contracted out, with the monks playing a major part in the construction process, amid much heat and humidity.

■ At the same time the wheelchair ramp was being constructed, the monks also helped build a beautiful brick and wrought iron cloister fence next to the Church.

■ God is good. We were able to purchase an additional 60 acres of land immediately east of and joining us. This insures us of the privacy we need on that side. The monks will soon be involved in building new fences and repairing a barn on our new property. Recent pictures show cows on the east field. The cows are not ours – we rent the property to them.

■ The Abbot likes chipmunks (probably because they are the only monks which don't talk back!). We had no chipmunks but the Abbot was able to have a friend trap just TWO chipmunks, which he happily and carefully released around the Abbey. The Abbot now has chipmunks EVERYWHERE! Woe is the Abbot!

■ The Sisters are always busy doing what Sisters do. We are very grateful for the prayers and for all the Altar work they perform in keeping the Abbey Church in good order. Sacristy work never ends. The Sisters, too, have been busy in the various works of summer.

■ Father Prior and the Clerics (Junior Monks) have been ever so busy in the library with the horrendous (and endless!) job of cataloging all our books. □

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