



■ We have a small, rather serene lake on our monastic grounds. From the very beginning the dam has leaked and the water always disappeared. This summer, due to the severe drought, the lake dried up completely. The monks took advantage of this and had the dam repaired (see picture on page 10). We hope the problem has been permanently solved. We shall see! Two heavy downpours of rain have begun to refill the lake.

■ Speaking of rain, we recently experienced a really heavy rain. Water started flowing into the basement, as the downspouts and drains could not handle all the extra water. No damage, but much work to keep damage from happening, and many all-wet monks!

■ As noted elsewhere, the former St. Francis Chapel is now no more. As noted, the last service to take place in this chapel was on December 18, 1994. From that date to this present year, the building remained empty and idle, and out of the way for any practical use. Being idle, it deteriorated greatly, and its dismantling became a matter of necessity. Never has a building been dismantled with such great care and respect. The building went to its grave with the utmost dignity. In its use, the history of this building left behind many beautiful and wonderful memories.

■ We are glad that the summer season is now quite over. It was a very severe time, with months on end of no rain. Even the ground began to crack in certain areas. In general the weather lately has been rather out of the ordinary.

■ Vandalism has shown its ugly face. Recently, vandals pulled down the large statue of the Sacred Heart located at the entrance of the monastery grounds. After repairing it, we painted it before replacing it upon its pedestal.

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