



MESSAGE FROM THE PRIORESS

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As we are surrounded by the many signs of fall, in colors, textures, sounds and smells, our minds and hearts turn to giving thanks. We have been blessed with many willing hands and hearts, coming to fill the numerous needs which our lives present. Much has come to fulfillment enabling us to be more present to our mission in the Church. This newsletter will attempt to bring to awareness some of the major projects and events. It is our daily task to hold in prayer all of you and your gifts, especially at Mass, the ultimate Thanksgiving.

MONASTERY NEWS

Summer at OLR was most fruitful especially in terms of friends, guests and families. We truly are thankful to so many people this season. In August we had a wonderful group of 36 teens and their leaders come for a week. They camped, brought their own cooks and spent most of the time building for us. We have new decks and a beautiful new area at the pond where we can spread out and enjoy the fish, sun, and our guests. We thank Bob & Polly Alexander for the new generator for the monastery and Chapel. Bob worked closely in the installation to make sure things went smoothly. We have had 2 major outages in the past 2 weeks and the new generator provided us with full power.



Dwight Fagothy is bringing us a new hot water heater in November for which we are very grateful. We thank the many who contributed linens for the two guest houses and the monastery. Thanks is also extended to Larry and Karen McDonald who brought their family over to make some repairs to the bells, and washed the chapel windows. The Mc Donalds donated the monastery bells to us in 1998.

We feel a very special gratitude to Carol Durak of Maine who has taken on the very unique task of rebinding our choir books. We have looked for someone to do this for

Teen work party

years and now we have Carol.

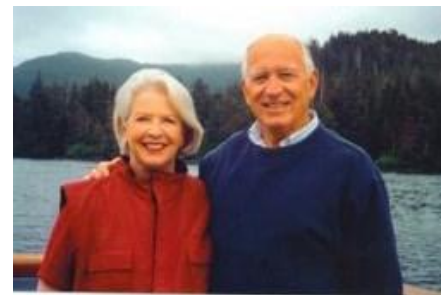
We have been graced with two young women this fall. Katherine is a senior in pre-med at Washington State University and has been with us 2 months. She leaves at the end of October. Danielle is a senior at Evergreen State in agriculture and is interested in all things related to the farm. She is a great cheese maker.

In late August Mother Hildegard went to Peru with benefactors, Judy and Cliff Schexnayder, for 5 weeks. It was a most unique experience as she was in the far north where few tourists go. Among the highlights of the trip were visits to two Benedictine monasteries: Sacred Heart Monastery in Sechura and the Monastery of the Incarnation.

Mother Dilecta spent two weeks in California to celebrate her father's 90th birthday.

Mother Felicitas is very involved with the violin these days, with five students. In September she and two friends, pianist John Brantigan of Shaw and Celia Rosenberger of Lopez, presented a concert attended by about 70 Shaw Islanders. The program included works by Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert. A few days later they repeated the program for the monastic community, Fr John, and our three interns.

Mother Mary Grace had major back surgery at the University of Washington hospital in Seattle on October 7th and is progressing well. Her recovery will be about 6 months though she is already up and walking.



Bob and Polly Alexander

ANIMAL NEWS

We thank Tom Broselle, the son of our good friends of many years, Muggs and Jerre, for the slaughter of chickens and turkeys, the removal of old cars, and for taking care of our slippery decks.

Thanks to Richard Hutchins we have a new chicken shed for supplies and tools.

Our new pigs will have a new trough thanks to Fred Vanderveen. This is one of many things Fred did for us thru the year, as well as supplying us with our winter wood with the help of Chuck Conner and friends.

OBLATE NEWS

The oblates were to all meet at OLR in October but unfortunately the weekend had to be cancelled due to life interfering with the best laid plans. But all are doing well. Maria has been enjoying time in Italy and the Grumneys in the eastern United States. Gigi and her family were in Kenya and Italy this summer where Gigi was studying the "slow food movement." Rob and Gretchen will be grandparents again in the spring. But our best news of all is that we have a new Oblate novice, Jude Petrea Penland of San Francisco. She is a radiologist and one of her jobs is for the San Francisco Giants baseball team. She is a most delightful person and deeply spiritual and will be a great asset to our Oblate community.

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PRAYERS:

Please pray for Jerre Broselle, our friend and benefactor of over 30 years, who has battled leukemia for over 22 years and is rapidly fading. As well, please keep in your prayers Lynette Byer, a beloved former Shaw School teacher who is battling cancer of the liver. Mother Ruth broke her hip this week and is having hip replacement surgery. Prayers and visitors are welcome



**Mother Hildegard with founder and Prioress
At Sacred Heart Monastery, Sechura, Peru**

The Future

Here are the things we are looking for as winter fast approaches. If you know of any suppliers or are in the position to donate yourself, please let us know.

- Gravel for our roads to fill the many pot holes
- Screens for St. Joseph's
- Old- but in running condition- cars for the use on monastery property
- Bird Seed & Suet
- Generator for the farm and guest house areas

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