



Against a hot afternoon sky, a Monk harvests the land's richness.

A Place of Peace in a World of Strife

Within a world generally in turmoil there are still patches of peace and among them is Mount Savior Monastery atop a fertile hill in the verdant countryside about eight miles west of Elmira.

Living in sequestered serenity the some 25 monks of the Benedictine community in Pine City spice their meditative life with the savor of manual labor, raising dairy cows and the hay to sustain them.

"Peace is the fruit of monastic life," says a folder describing Mount Savior and in a crypt in the monastery is an original sculpture of Our Lady Queen of Peace which symbolizes the quest for placidity. The beautiful work of the 14th Century School of

Paris is but one of the many outstanding art pieces beautifying the monastery. Also are many contemporary paintings and craftsmanship pieces done by Father Nicholas.

Organizations may arrange retreats by contacting the monastery. A spiritual visitor is welcomed as a Child of Christ. And as his eyes are soothed by the Holsteins on a hillside, of men at peace working God's earth, of the peace at home there, and of the panoply of beauty stretching off into distance, being with the pulse of nature, he revels in the majesty of the real world. It is indeed a member of the Family of God.



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