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Monks, women and profits

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The New York Times' story of a holy coming together of women and monks is an uplifting employment-small business success story worth reading.

SPARTA, Wis. ? At the ringing of a bowl-shaped bell, five monks at a remote monastery congregated in the chapel here for the fourth of their seven daily rounds of prayer, their voices murmuring a Gregorian chant in Latin.

At the same time, in a nearby house on the monastery's property, the phone was ringing in a small office where two women and an office manager run a multimillion-dollar business that generates the money to run the monastery.

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