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Nineteen Observe Jubilees of Profession

Just as the entire Church celebrates the Great Jubilee Year of 2000, nineteen members of the Midwest Province are also celebrating special years of Jubilee. We honor these longtime members and wish them many more years. A special Mass was celebrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame on Saturday, June 17, with families and friends of the jubilarians as well as many members of the province in attendance.

70 Years

Br. Liguori Denier celebrated the 70th anniversary of his first profession. A native of Cincinnati, and still a very loyal fan of the Reds, he spent 18 years in East Bengal (Bangladesh) as a missionary/teacher. He began his teaching career at Cathedral in Indianapolis.



Br. Liguori Denier

In 1937 he left the U.S. for East Bengal, where he served as a teacher of English in schools in Dhaka and Bandhura.

It was in East Bengal that he celebrated his 25th anniversary. Words written by the late Brother Jude Costello on that occasion ring true for the rest of Br. Liguori's life. "Brother is a firm believer in having students read good material and this belief led him into the library at St. Gregory's where he developed 'reading sprees' among students who formerly had read very little English outside their textbooks." Br. Jude goes on to cite the fact that many of Br. Liguori's former students visited him often. Br. Liguori's English students in the U.S. were no less grateful for



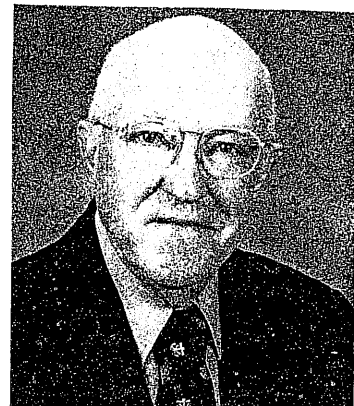
Br. John Benesh during a celebration of the "Día del Profesor" at the Colegio Fe Y Alegria in Lima, Peru.

his exactness and precision of language and his love of good literature. Back in the U.S. he taught at Flushing, N.Y., Lakewood, Oh., Indianapolis, Akron, and Chicago.

Br. Liguori officially retired from teaching at Holy Trinity in Chicago in 1977. He then took up an intense study of scripture which he continues to this day. For two years, he also served in the Pastoral Care department at Nazareth Hospital in Chicago. With weakening eyesight, he moved to Columba Hall at Notre Dame in 1990, and now resides at Dujarie House, where he often listens to ball games and continues to study scripture with the help of a magnifying glass. He is keenly alert and very interested in the activities around him.

60 Years

Br. Wilbert Leveling is celebrating his 60th jubilee. He entered the formation program at Watertown, Wisc., from Fort Madison, Ia., where he had worked in the Post Office in 1939 and went to the



novitiate the same year. After profession of vows in 1940, he studied at the University of Notre Dame and began teaching at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. Throughout his 60 years he has taught at Vincentian Institute, Albany, N.Y.; St. Joseph's High School, South Bend; Holy Trinity High School, Chicago; and Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Ill. He also worked at St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee. During several summers he worked as a counselor with the Foreign Study League, accompanying groups of students on European tours. A highlight of his experiences, however, would be the thirteen summers he worked as an English-speaking tour guide at the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal. Of this, he says, "Giving guided tours to people from all over the world gave me the opportunity to make St. Joseph and Blessed Brother Andre better known to the many pilgrims who had such deep faith and trust. Working with many sick and handicapped people made those summers very special." Br. Wilbert served the province for several years as archivist and still puts in several hours a week helping in the archives. A resident of Schubert Villa, he remains an avid reader, music listener, and bicyclist.

50 Years

The retired librarian at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Oh., **Br. Edward Wauchter** entered the community from Pittsburgh. He attended St. Edward's University and began his career as a teacher at Mt. Carmel School, Bronx, N.Y. His further assignments have been at the Holy Cross School, New Orleans; Holy Trinity High School, Chicago; Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Oh.; LeMans Academy, Rolling Prairie, Ind.; Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Ill.; and St. Edward High School in Lakewood.

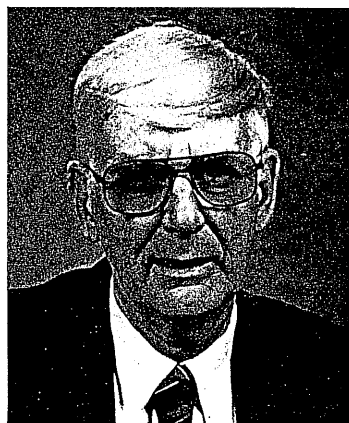


Br. Edward Wauchter

Br. Edward has remained at St. Edward after retirement.



After a long career as a teacher, counselor and administrator, **Br. James Sullivan**, originally from Chicago, is now retired in the Windy City. After profession and study at Notre Dame, he taught at Holy Cross schools in Long Beach, Cal., South Bend, Evansville, Akron, Indianapolis, and Louisville. He was also principal at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and Holy Cross High School in River Grove. He taught at Spalding University in Louisville. From 1976



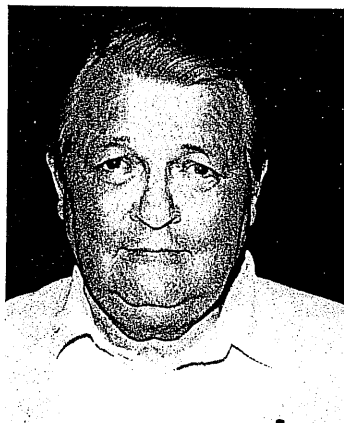
Br. James Sullivan

on most of his work was as a school psychologist in the Chicago area. He has enjoyed some periods of study at Chicago Catholic Theological Union. He states that he is "...grateful for the bond of friendship which exists between and among members of the community...a singular grace." He further quotes Dag Hammarskjold: "In our

age, the road to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action." He is most thankful that he has been very much a part of the world of action. Br. James has never met a stranger and is a most engaging and witty conversationalist.



A native of Racine, Wisconsin, **Br. Ronald Christenson** spent most of his religious life in Bangladesh. He began his teaching career in Brooklyn, and also served in Indianapolis. While waiting to go to Bangladesh (East Pakistan at the time) he helped out at boys' homes in Terre Haute and Milwaukee. The time in Bangladesh gave him many opportunities and varieties of work such as teaching, administration, and formation. Br. Ronald experienced a moment of great satisfaction when he turned over the formation job to a Bangladeshi brother

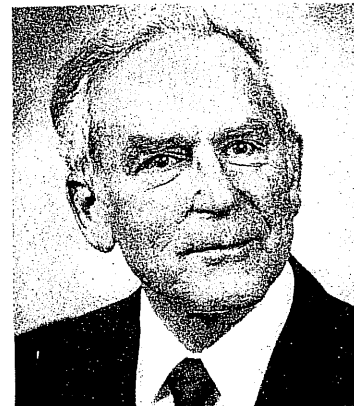


Br. Ronald Christenson

when that area became a province in its own right. A two-year break from 1986-1988 gave him time to be certified in a clinical pastoral education program. He returned to Bangladesh for two years and after 1991 worked in pastoral care in Brooklyn and in Taunton, Mass. He currently resides at Columba Hall.



Br. Joseph Chvala, a native of Ludington, Mich., entered Holy Cross after a period in the U.S. Navy. He spent some time at the University of Michigan before entering Holy Cross. He studied at the University of Notre Dame before starting his teaching career in Indianapolis. He ministered as an English teacher in Gates Mills, Chicago, and Akron and has spent 36 years on the faculty of St. Edward in Lakewood. This word-



Br. Joseph Chvala

smith's composition students have learned much because he made them work hard and many of his students have come back to thank him. A very disciplined man, Br. Joseph suffered a stroke in 1995. At the time, he was 71. Anyone with less discipline would probably have given up, but not Joseph. He took his therapy seriously and was back in the classroom in the fall of 1996. He continues his mission as a Eucharistic Minister at Lakewood Hospital.



Br. John Harris spent 36 of his 50 years serving the people on the Indian sub-continent. John grew up in Detroit. Early in his religious life he was assigned to St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee and Mt. Carmel School in the Bronx. From 1955 to 1972 he worked at most of the Holy Cross Schools in East Pakistan/Bangladesh. A year in the U.S. was spent at St. Francis High School in Mountain View, Cal., before returning to Asia at St. Xavier High School in Kathmandu, Nepal.



Br. John Harris

"I am particularly grateful to the Brothers of Holy Cross for the many opportunities they have provided to widen my scope in seeing the good and beautiful in so many people of this world." Many of his former students remain in contact with him. He delights in telling stories and reminiscing with friends.



Br. John Benesh is originally from South Milwaukee, Wisc. He began his teaching career at St. Edward in Lakewood and continued teaching at Sacred Heart in Watertown, Wisc., Archbishop Hoban High School, Holy Cross College, St. Joseph's High School, and Holy Trinity High School. He was also principal at Hoban and at Holy Trinity. Many times jobs ran concurrently. While teaching at Holy Cross College he was also, at various times, Director of Aspirants, Student Retreat Director, Rector of Alumni Hall at Notre Dame, Director of Student Activities at Notre Dame, and a member of the Midwest provincial council. In

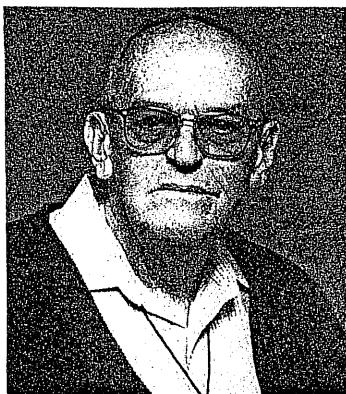


Br. John Benesh

1985, he took time to study in Lima, Peru, and has worked there ever since. Again his talents have been tapped several times, serving as Principal of Colegio Fe y Alegria in Lima and as a member of the District Council. He says that several of his appointments have been surprises. But John has handled each one with ability and class. He happily remembers his 25th jubilee and especially the remarks of the late Br. Columba Curran concerning growth in the religious life: Awareness, Openness, Joy, Love, Concern, Responsibility and Fidelity. John is pleased that he has striven for that growth and prays that it will continue for the rest of his life.



Serving in the missions seems to be popular among our Golden Jubilarians. Br. Frederick McGlynn, originally from Detroit, spent 32 years in Ghana. He taught at Boyssville of Michigan, Catholic Central High School, Monroe, Mich. and at Gilmour Academy before leaving for Ghana in 1965. He taught one more year in the U.S. at Archbishop Hoban High School in 1973-1974.



Br. Frederick McGlynn

At various times he served as teacher at St. Augustine's in Cape Coast and as headmaster of St. John's Secondary School in Sekondi. Besides the school positions, Br. Frederick was also District Superior from 1976-1979. "My years in Ghana were among the happiest years of my life. At times the work was arduous; we learned to do

without a number of things we took for granted...and learned to do things the Ghanaian way. But one of the sources of greatest happiness for me was getting to know the Ghanaian people, and I considered myself privileged to be able to work with them." Br. Frederick returned to the United States in 1998 and now resides at Columba Hall.

40 Years

Br. James Kumba was born in Beaver Dam, Wisc. and entered Holy Cross in 1959, professing his first vows in 1960. Prior to entering the community, James worked with his uncle as a plumber and his training has been useful in the community. He has worked on the grounds or in maintenance at Dujarie Hall, Lakewood, Boyssville of Michigan, Gates Mills, and the



Br. James Kumba

Brothers Center at Notre Dame. He has also worked in parish ministry in Cherry Creek, S.D. Currently he is on the staff of Holy Cross Village and resides at Columba Hall and he participates in several local prayer groups.

A memory James is fond of recalling concerns the summer before the house and school in River Grove opened. Five brothers were assigned there in the summer of 1962. When they arrived they had no water in the house and there were no real rooms. Furniture had to be picked up at Holy Trinity. A vacation at the end of that summer was most welcome!



Br. James Newberry from Downers Grove, Ill. was a teacher before he entered Holy Cross. With his education behind him, he began teaching at St. Joseph's High School in South Bend shortly after his first profession in 1960. He served on the faculty of Sacred Heart Military Academy at the time it became LeMans Academy and moved to Rolling Prairie. He later became headmaster there. From there it was on to River Grove, and then a year of study at Boston College. He returned to River Grove for three years, and then preceded Br. James Kumba in the parish work at Cherry Creek. From 1983 to 1990 he was in Liberia where he was principal of the school and director of the local community. Returning to the U.S., he worked in campus ministry at Boyssville before becoming superior at Columba Hall. When his term was completed, he worked in pastoral ministry at the inter-province apostolate in Adel, Ga. Currently Br. James works in the



Br. James Newberry

information office of Holy Cross Village and lives at Columba Hall.



Br. Thomas Moser from Keokuk, Ia., has spent a good part of his life working in the formation programs of the province. He taught at River Grove for eight years before studying at Aquinas Institute in Dubuque, preparing



Br. Thomas Moser

him for his next assignment, assistant novice master. After serving in that position for four years, he became director of student brothers and then director of aspirants. During this time, he also taught at LeMans Academy. In 1979 he moved to the Holy Cross Brothers Center as superior. A 9-year term as Provincial Superior of the Midwest Province started in 1985. Currently, he is on the staff of Holy Cross Novitiate at Cascade, Colorado.



A graduate of Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Br. Lawrence Unfried taught in Akron and Louisville before going to Holy Cross College in 1974. A year off to study at Ball State University punctuated his work at the college. He also obtained a Master of Divinity at Loyola of Chicago. During his time at Holy Cross he also worked with Br. Thomas Moser in formation work in the South Bend area. His keen interest in psychology and spirituality served well in this capacity. Currently Br. Lawrence is head of the Science and Math Division at Holy Cross College and lives at Holy Cross Village.



Br. Lawrence Unfried

Br. Gregory Teodecki, from Detroit, is a highly skilled maintenance technician. His talents have been appreciated in several ministries of the province in Akron, Gates Mills, and Chicago. His 19 years at St. Joseph's Farm in Granger, Ind., testify to Gregory's dedication. Since 1998, he has lived at Columba Hall and is on the staff of Holy Cross Village.



Br. Gregory Teodecki

Scholar, writer, and professor of English, Br. George Klawitter was the last Midwest brother to enter the formation program while still in high school. He was born in Steger, Ill. Before entering into studies leading to the Ph.D. in English, he taught in Monroe, Indianapolis, and Lakewood. After studies, he taught at Holy Cross College and was on the provincial council. Viterbo College in LaCrosse, Wisc., was his next teaching job and he currently is at St. Edward's University in Austin where he is chair of the Department of English Literature.

Br. George has a keen interest in community history and often gives talks at the annual Holy Cross History Conference. Several years ago he edited and published a collection of letters from and between the earliest brothers in the U.S.



Br. George Klawitter

A recent shorter work of his on Brother Vincent Pieau, the oldest of the early missionaries, was published on the occasion of the dedication of the Brother Vincent Residence on the campus of St. Edward's University. The multi-talented Br. George also plays the violin in the Austin Civic Orchestra and in the St. Edward's string quartet. George also plays the piano, the organ and the French horn.



At the time Br. Raymond Trotman joined Holy Cross in 1959, he was considered to have been a "late vocation" since he was 32 years old. He is a Chicago native and attended St. Michael's High School there. After a stint in the Navy he became a member of the Chicago



Br. Raymond Trotman

Typographical Union and worked as a typesetter for a dozen years. Answering a desire to serve God while also having an opportunity to practice his trade, he joined Holy Cross and worked 36 years for Ave Maria Press, an apostolate of the Indiana Province, first as a typesetter and later as a proofreader and tracker of jobs. Br. Raymond is fond of the press's mission statement, which describes the Ave Maria Press as "...a Catholic publishing entity serving the spiritual and formative needs of Christian individuals, families, the Church and its ministers, and all others seeking Christ's message through books and other resources." Brother Raymond is very proud to have been a part of this mission and finds great satisfaction in prayer and community during his retirement at Columba Hall.



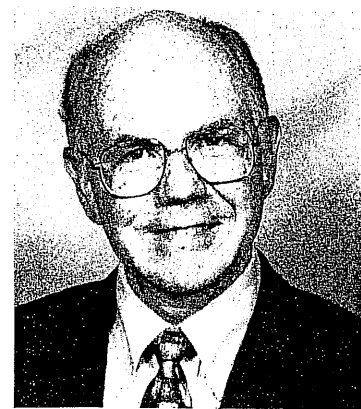
Br. Donald Kuchenmeister

Br. Donald Kuchenmeister, from Almena, Wisc., has spent almost all of his career in boys' homes. From 1963 to 1979 he was at Boysville of Michigan and while there earned a master's in social work at Wayne State University. He taught at Holy Trinity in Chicago for four years and spent the next three years at Hogar de Ninos de San Jose, Talagante, Chile. Since 1987, he has been at Hogar Santa Cruz in Santiago, Chile. He writes, "My time in Holy Cross has given me the tremendous opportunity to grow in so many ways. What is most gratifying for me is to be a part of a

group of individuals who have so many positive qualities and whom I admire very much. This has been a source of strength to me."



Cleveland native and St. Edward High School alumnus, **Br. Charles Smith** taught in Chicago, Lakewood, and River Grove in community schools and was active in the founding of two alternative high schools in Chicago. From 1978-1983 he was on the faculty of the City Colleges of Chicago. In 1984 he became Director of the



Br. Charles Smith

Office of Life Development for the Midwest Province and from 1985-1994 served on the provincial council. From that position he saw all of the works of the province and takes great pride in the work of the brothers in all of these places. For the last five years he has worked in administrative positions at Gilmour Academy. An avid gardener, Brother Charles now supervises the buildings and grounds at Gilmour.



Br. Donald Stabrowski was born in South Bend and graduated from St. Joseph's High School in 1959. That summer he entered the formation program at Watertown, Wisc. After graduating from the University of Notre Dame, he taught history for six years at Cathedral in Indianapolis. After Indianapolis he went on to Akron as assistant principal and then to Chicago as principal. While teach-



Br. Donald Stabrowski

ing at Holy Cross College, he earned a Ph.D. in Government at the University of Notre Dame. Since 1988 he has been at the University of Portland as faculty member, Academic Dean, and currently as Vice-President for Academic Affairs. He credits the brothers he had in high school with being excellent teachers and strong role models. Of his own years of teaching he writes, "Teaching has been a wonderful career, and as I complete my 36th year of teaching, I still remember all those years fondly and with no regrets."

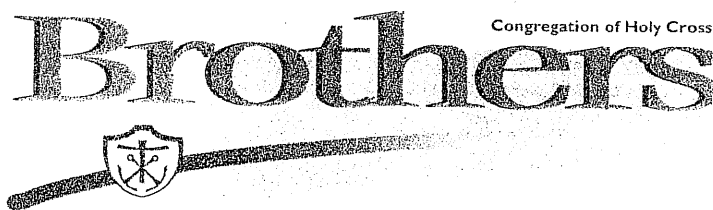
Brother Donald seems to have spoken for all of these Brothers of Holy Cross—"no regrets" for any of them. In celebrating these special anniversaries they all reaffirm their joy-filled dedication to their vocations.

Br. Donald Gibbs Elected Provincial

Six-Year Term Began June 16th
Ballots cast by over 200 members of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross for the election of a new provincial superior were opened and counted on March 1. Of the four candidates, Br. Donald Gibbs, current Assistant Provincial, received the required majority on the first ballot and was confirmed as the new provincial by the Superior General, Fr. Hugh Cleary. Following a period of transition between the election and the triennial provincial chapter of the Midwest Province, Br. Donald took office on June 16, the day the chapter ended. He succeeds Br. William Geenen, who had been provincial for the past six years.

Br. Donald was born in Sidney Ohio, in 1948 and joined the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1976. His background is in health care, both nursing and pastoral counseling, as well as in the formation of religious seminarians and brothers, and in province administration. He served a three-year term on the provincial council from 1982-1985 and was later appointed assistant provincial under Br. William in 1994, a position that assures continuity between the two administrations.

Our congratulations and prayerful best wishes go to Br. Donald as he begins his term as provincial.



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Lenten Series for the Friends of the Brothers

Friends of the Holy Cross Brothers was formed several years ago by a local group whose primary connection with the Brothers was attendance at the Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Chapel. The mission of the Friends is to "...support the Brothers of Holy Cross by sharing through prayer and action, in the spiritual life and ministries of the Brothers and by providing resources to help further their work. [They] educate the public about the Brothers and foster interaction with them to build community and encourage religious vocations."

During the past two Lenten seasons, the Brothers have made a series of presentations to the Friends, this year after the 10 A.M. Mass. Last year's theme was prayer; this year's theme was spirituality.

In the opening session, Br. Raymond Papenfuss defined spirituality as the relationship that one has with God, who, in turn, wants to have an intimate relationship with everyone and takes the initiative. The difficulty, he pointed out, is ours. We are frequently unaware of God's actions in our lives. Br. Raymond used a biblical structure to present his thoughts on spirituality. He said that his theology of spirituality rests on three great intuitions and a single commandment. The first great intuition is the Berith: "I will be your God; you will be my people"—the relationship God wants with everyone. The second intuition is the Shema: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is Lord alone and you will love Him with all your heart, soul and strength." This is how our Jewish ancestors understood their relationship with God. The third great intuition is the "Abba" experience, that is, God coming to us in unconditional love as a father—the relationship we are all called to. Jesus then gave us a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." Living this commandment enables us to live out our spirituality.

In the second session, Br. Raymond continued his discussion on spirituality with the concept of spiritual direction. Frequently, he said, people come to a point where they want to develop a deeper relationship with God and will seek out, for direction, another person they perceive has a deeper experience of God. The key to spiritual direction is being aware of personal experiences that one has of God's action in his or her life. For the most part, we are not aware of God's constant activity in our lives. Once we become aware of God's "finger" in our lives, we have the "stuff" of spiritual direction. A good spiritual director helps a person discern what God is calling them to. As human beings we come to God together, as a community. We help each other in the development of our spirituality, our relationship with God. Not all people need spiritual direction all the time but, frequently, we do need help in defining our relationship with God. Talking with another committed Christian enables a person to objectify what is happening in his or her life. The goal is always a deeper, more vibrant relationship with God.

In the third session, Br. Philip Armstrong spoke on identifying and fitting new mysteries into the traditional structure of the rosary as a popular devotion. The purpose of the rosary, he pointed out, is to meditate on events in the life of Jesus. The Joyful mysteries focus on the birth of Jesus and his early life; the Sorrowful mysteries draw attention to his passion and death; the Glorious mysteries reflect on the resurrection and beyond. The whole of Jesus's public life, which is the greater part of the gospels, and our personal experience of Jesus is missing from the three traditional sets of mysteries. Why? Another mystery! Br. Philip felt personally challenged to uncover "characteristics" of Jesus or "processes" that he engaged in from

his public life that would fit the overall nature of the other rosary mysteries. Five situations emerged which he calls the WONDERFUL mysteries because each situation evokes "wonder at Jesus's development as both a human being and Son of God."

The five WONDERFUL mysteries are: 1. Jesus Encounters the Desert: This mystery reflects Jesus's coming of age and his response to maturity and its accompanying responsibilities. The mystery is how Jesus came so quickly and confidently to a sense of who he was and what he was to do in this world. 2. Jesus Assembles a Community: His first act, following his return from the desert as an itinerant preacher, was to select followers to help with his mission. The mystery is what foundation and boldness did Jesus have enabling him to approach total strangers, asking them to give up their livelihood on faith alone to follow an unproven young teacher with unusually intriguing ideas that challenged people's lifestyles and religious principles. 3. Jesus Restores Health and Life: In executing his ministry of preaching and teaching, Jesus encountered human suffering everywhere. He could not help but be who he was and do for the needy what he knew he could to alleviate their suffering. The mystery, if there is one, is what prompted his conviction that he had the right and the ability to cure on his own authority, and do so whenever he wished. 4. Jesus Teaches with Authority: Several times it was remarked that "Jesus taught with authority, not as the scribes." The scribes imposed their interpretation of life and the laws governing it through the power of their office. Jesus lived his teachings and taught out of clear conviction. He understood that laws were guidelines and allowed for conscientious personal interpretation according to time, place and circumstance. Given his humble back-

ground and education, the mystery is that because Jesus's teachings departed so significantly from the usual legalistic regulations, he had the courage and depth of wisdom to differ openly with authorities even as his life was threatened for doing so. 5. Jesus Feeds the Multitudes: Through food and drink Jesus found a way to remain with his disciples beyond death. Hospitality was a key virtue among the Semitic peoples. Providing others, especially strangers, with food, drink and shelter was the equivalent of conferring on them life itself. Everything Jesus did was geared toward creating or enhancing life. The mystery here is what compelled Jesus to find a way of remaining present to his disciples after his death, and what it was that made it possible for them to accept the means he chose and see it as not only symbolic but as authentic.

The fourth and final session concerning spirituality and aging was presented by Br. Donald Gibbs. Spirituality, he said, means constantly being called forward to God by the spirit within us. Even though spirituality does not differ in age, we need to be accepting of our physical and/or mental limitations and not use them as excuses for not serving God and others. As we age, we must not let our world get smaller but find ways of serving others if only through telephone calls, e-mail and support of family and friends. "The young dream dreams and the older see visions" but we must always follow our dreams and move forward to God. Once we are in existence, no matter what our age we are loved by God in the same way. Br. Don encouraged spiritual direction. He said the spirit will lead us regardless, but spiritual direction is another way to be led and for getting help in moving forward.

The Friends are forever grateful to the Brothers for their sharing of spiritual insights. The Friends are blessed to be part of their lives.

CSC Educational Ministries Conference Held

The first Holy Cross Educational Ministries Conference was held in late February for more than 40 Holy Cross educators and provincial administrators from the East and Midwest Provinces. The conference, with the theme, "In the Holy Cross Tradition..." was held at Fatima Retreat Center at Notre Dame.

The chief administrators from 14 Holy Cross educational institutions—representing two middle schools, one two-year college, one child-care facility, one pre-K through grade 12 school, and nine secondary schools from Chicago to Washington, D.C.—met to discuss their common heritage, traditions, and values. Representatives from some of the local boards were also in attendance. It was a true Holy Cross family gathering as Holy Cross brothers, priests, and sisters, and their "first cousins"—the Sisters of Providence from Mother Theodore Guerin High School in River Grove, Ill.—were all gathered together for this conference.

Daniel F. Curtin, Executive Director of Chief Administrators of Catholic Education (CACE) of the National Educational Association in Washington, D.C., opened the conference with the first Basil Moreau

Lecture entitled, "In the Holy Cross Tradition." Mr. Curtin, a long-time associate of Holy Cross, reflected on the history of the Congregation of Holy Cross and his experience of Holy Cross education. He said, "Holy Cross schools have always enjoyed a well-earned reputation for providing a sound Catholic education to meet a variety of student needs. Perhaps it is always easier to take the best and the brightest, but it is a special challenge to accept those who may have special learning needs. Most importantly, students are instilled with a strong desire to learn and to develop their skills according to their God-given abilities."

Br. Donald Blauvelt, CSC, former provincial of the South-West Province of Brothers and currently a member of the General Council of the Congregation of Holy Cross, presented the first James Dujarie Lecture, "Boards as Stewards of the Mission." In his presentation, Br. Donald stressed the importance of boards being mission-focused. "I see a mission-focused board as one that can think on its own in seeing the relationship between policy, program, and mission in the institution and as one that approaches

policy development with at least some consideration of how that policy being developed will further or hinder the stated mission of the institution. In order to be mission-focused, a board and its leadership need time to reflect on and build a deep awareness of the mission of the institution and the mission of Holy Cross."

In addition to the informative and thought-provoking presentations, there was ample time for discussion, networking, sharing ideas and strategies, and socializing. The Admissions Offices of the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, and Holy Cross College—all Holy Cross sponsored institutions—hosted a reception for the participants in the newly renovated Main Building on the Notre Dame campus.

Br. Thomas Dziekan, Director of Mission Effectiveness, pronounced the first conference an overwhelming success. He stated that it was a wonderful opportunity for Holy Cross educators to gather, network, and strategize to enhance the Catholic identity and Holy Cross character of these institutions.



Br. Donald Blauvelt, Assistant General, delivers the James Dujarie lecture, "Boards as Stewards of the Mission" at the Holy Cross Educational Ministries Conference.

Holy Cross Village Residents Move into Villas

The sounds of bulldozers, heavy equipment, and hammers continue to punctuate the quiet and peaceful setting along the circular drive surrounding the pond in the East Village where villas are one by one becoming occupied by new residents of the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The first lay resident of the Village moved into her unit at the end of March.

Units are combinations of single family homes, duplexes, and one fourplex. The residents have made their choices of floor plans, color selections, and finishes in their new homes. Two brothers have moved into duplexes and several other lay men and women are moved in or are in the process of moving into their completed villas.

The residents look forward to joining with the brothers in their ministry at Holy Cross Village and taking advantage of the stimulating educational and spiritual setting of the Village. The beautiful natural setting and the proximity of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, and Holy Cross College afford countless opportunities for cultural, spiritual, educational, and athletic events, and

active involvement in service to others. In addition, the intergenerational aspect of the community is unique. People who are drawn to Holy Cross Village want to live an active lifestyle in which they can share their talents, values, and experiences with others.

Frank Macknick, a consultant for Holy Cross Village, says: "It's a stimulating way for people to live. Loneliness isn't going to exist here."

Midwest Province Holds Chapter

From Discernment to Decision to Action

June 16th saw the completion of the 2000 Chapter of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Every three years province members gather formally to discuss issues of interest and concern and to arrive at decisions about directions intended to guide themselves and their leadership in community life and mission during the coming three years. This year's chapter was held on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, with residence in Siegfried Hall, meetings and meals in the North Dining Hall, and liturgy and prayer in the

chapel of Keenan-Stanford Hall.

Preparation for the chapter began many months earlier with the election of a planning group that would also act as a steering committee during the chapter. Regional gatherings of brothers were then organized and held, at which possible topics for the chapter agenda surfaced. Subsequently the planning group collated the regional input, identifying the principal issues as aging, retirement, and health care; the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame; vocations and associate membership; finances; congregational planning and structures; mission and

ministry; identity, community life and spirituality; and congregational or provincial mandates for chapters to consider.

The chapter began with a solemn prayer service on the evening of Sunday, June 11. Full time was given through the week to discussion—both in small groups and in plenary sessions—of the agenda, and to decisions emerging from consensus on each item.

Provincial chapters are valued not only for the opportunity afforded the members to review and influence province life, but also to renew and strengthen the bonds of fraternity among the

members, many of whom meet only infrequently between major gatherings of the province. Prayer, meals, informal conversation and social activities play an important role in the week devoted to chapter, all traditionally ending with the joyful celebration of the anniversaries of first profession of vows. Always, a renewed sense of bonding and enthusiasm for the future of life in Holy Cross and in service to others comes out of the chapter experience and is carried by participants back to their local communities and ministries.

Jerry Kearns New Development Director



Jerome (Jerry) Kearns
Development Director

In early March Jerome (Jerry) B. Kearns was appointed by Br. William Geenen, provincial, as Director of Development for the Midwest Province to replace David Hurley, who resigned to take another position after three years as the province's first development director. Jerry, a 1961 Notre Dame graduate with a degree in finance, comes to the Brothers of Holy Cross with an extensive background in banking, finance and community service. He served as president of two South Bend banks and most recently, as executive vice-president of the Valley

American Bank & Trust Co., South Bend. He currently serves on the boards of the United Way of St. Joseph County, the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce and the Ancilla Health Systems Foundation. In addition, he is a trustee of Holy Cross College and a member of the Fort Wayne/South Bend Diocesan Finance Council.

Jerry is quite familiar with the Brothers of Holy Cross through Holy Cross College where two of his children (Sean and Ann) were students, and through his membership in the Friends of the Holy

Cross Brothers. Jerry's wife, Judy, works for *Today's Catholic*, the weekly newspaper for the Fort Wayne/South Bend diocese.

Jerry's principal strength is an ability to identify objectives and achieve results through effort and the recognition of all individuals associated with various assignments. He sees himself primarily as a marketer of the Brothers of Holy Cross as men who reach out in a variety of ways in service to others and who are in need of resources to do so creatively and effectively.

African Learning Experience for HCC Students

"Through the Eyes of Faith" is an African and Holy Cross learning experience in which Holy Cross College students will learn about the mission and tradition of the Brothers' Ghana mission and learn to view the world through African

and Holy Cross eyes. In July, 15 Holy Cross students will study on the Holy Cross College campus for a week and then travel to the Brothers' Continuing Education Center at Brafuyaw in Ghana to live with the community there

and examine many theological and moral issues as they explore the country of Ghana.

Robert Kloska, campus minister at Holy Cross College, and Br. Raymond Papenfuss, the Ghana Mission Promoter, put together

this program which will benefit the college students and the young religious in the West African district.

In Memoriam

Br. Lucidus Millenbach spent nearly 45 years of his religious life assisting in the care of infirm members of Holy Cross at the Community Infirmary and Holy Cross House. Cheerful but retiring, he was a prayerful man devoted to serving the needs of Holy Cross religious with care and devotion.



A man of generosity, precision, and punctuality, Br. Thomas Mittendorf spent several years working as a clerk in the Notre Dame Post Office and then for as many more years in the province business office. After 1968, ill health forced him to confine his service to business activities at Columba Hall for many years, and then at Schubert Villa until the time of his death. He had suffered ill health for many years but was always willing to be of service to his Brothers in the areas of business and bookkeeping in the houses in which he lived.



Br. James O'Donnell died unexpectedly after battling infection, kidney failure, and pneumonia. James spent much of his time in recent years at Gilmour Academy where he helped students heighten their self-image and confidence. He followed their academic progress, their athletic competition, and their extracurricular participation, encouraging, motivating, and even

letting out big, booming cheers of "We are G.A.!" Students at LeMans Academy, and later at Gilmour Academy, knew to expect him on the sidelines at every event, cheering them on. He kept in contact with many former students who valued the interest he had taken in them in their formative years and the help he had been to them during this important time of their lives.



Although not a member of the Midwest Province, Br. Paul Schwoyer was well-known by alumni of several Midwest schools. Br. Paul was at Dujarie House for several years. During that time he became reacquainted with several former students. Bishop Joseph Crowley, retired auxiliary bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, was a Latin student of Br. Paul's at Central Catholic in Fort Wayne, and Phil Donahue, the former talk show host, was in Br. Paul's band at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Oh. Students from Cathedral in Indianapolis and Notre Dame International School in Rome also remembered him fondly and visited him. Bishop Crowley presided at the Mass of the Resurrection for Br. Paul at Dujarie House.



An English teacher, writer, theology teacher, counselor, province administrator, and the formator of young religious were all ministries which Br. James Moroney performed during his many years of service. Br. James served on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Brothers* and contributed a number of articles related to theology, religious life, and ministry. He faced ill health and the limiting effects of

his condition without complaint. Br. James would have celebrated his 50th jubilee as a religious this summer. He had a strong and lasting effect on the students whom he taught, especially on the young Brothers he had challenged and nurtured in their spiritual growth.



Br. Jonas Moran also would have celebrated his 50th jubilee this summer. Br. Jonas, known for his Irish wit and humor, served in several Holy Cross ministries related to the apostolate of the press—the Ave Maria magazine and the sale of Dujarie Press books for young readers. He also served as the commissioner/buyer for the Brothers at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron before heart problems required his retiring to Columba Hall, where he lived until seriously declining health required him to reside at Schubert Villa.



After a long career as a math and science teacher, school principal, and missionary, Br. Giles Martin continued to serve his local communities by answering the phone, delivering mail, and helping out wherever he could. He was gentle, kind, and loved animals—be it his faithful dog, Mitzi, at Gilmour Academy, or his beloved birds at Schubert Villa and Dujarie House. He spent many years in retirement at Gilmour Academy where he was like a resident grandfather to students and faculty alike. Failing eyesight required him to retire to Columba Hall where he lived a number of years before moving to Schubert Villa and Dujarie House.

July 27, 1999

Br. Lucidus Millenbach, CSC, 88
Professed for 60 Years

October 2, 1999

Br. Thomas Mittendorf, CSC, 62
Professed for 43 Years

November 1, 1999

Br. James O'Donnell, CSC, 54
Professed for 34 Years

December 31, 1999

Br. Paul Schwoyer, CSC, 93
Professed for 75 Years

March 28, 2000

Br. James Moroney, CSC, 73
Professed for 50 Years

April 4, 2000

Br. Jonas Moran, CSC, 85
Professed for 50 Years

April 23, 2000

Br. Giles Martin, CSC, 91
Professed for 69 Years

Touched by Holy Cross: Mary Anne Beiting



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Mary Anne Beiting first encountered the Brothers of Holy Cross when visiting Archbishop Hoban High School as part of a field experience for a graduate course in educational administration at the University of Akron. She vividly recalls her conversation with then-principal Br. Richard Gilman. "As we spoke about the Holy Cross philosophy of education, it was as though he was reading my heart."

Perhaps Br. Richard was reading her heart; clearly he saw in the soft-spoken French teacher from Kentucky an educator who believed in the pedagogy of the heart as well as the mind. And so it was that upon earning her master's degree in educational administration in 1988 that Mrs. Beiting was invited to become the associate principal at Archbishop Hoban High School. Two years later, when the school adopted a new administrative structure, Br. Richard became its first president and Mary Anne became the principal.

In her ten-year tenure as principal, Mary Anne has served under three presidents, all of whom praise her leadership, knowledge, and commitment to the Holy Cross tradition as educators in the faith. Current president Br. Kenneth Haders says, "The Archbishop Hoban community is fortunate to have Mary Anne Beiting as our principal. She has immersed her-

self in the traditions of Holy Cross education. With fewer brothers available to serve in our schools, the commitment of lay co-ministers with her sense of mission is vital to the continuation of Holy Cross values."

Mrs. Beiting's dedication to the Holy Cross vision of Catholic education is not contained within the halls of Archbishop Hoban High School or even the school's trustee boardroom. She is a member of the School Leadership Committee of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross and served on subcommittees to nominate the inter-province Mission Effectiveness Director and write the Midwest Province school mission statement.

In addition to her unstinting ministry in Holy Cross, Mary Anne is frequently tapped by professional organizations to serve on, and often chair, committees and panels. Most recently—after guiding Archbishop Hoban to national recognition as a Blue Ribbon High School—she was named to the National Review Panel for the Blue Ribbon Schools Program of the U. S. Department of Education, 2000.

Mary Anne's twelve-year journey with Holy Cross has been a blessing for the Archbishop Hoban community and the Midwest Province of Brothers. She is quick to point out, however, that she and

her family have been touched by Holy Cross. In Mary Anne's words, "Working with Holy Cross has been a real source of joy for me and a blessing for our children." Of her ministry with Holy Cross, Mary Anne states, "The brothers have been very welcoming and have openly shared their educational mission with me. I am honored to be able to serve the Congregation, to promote this vital educational mission and to build for its future...I feel truly blessed that I have been invited to walk with all of you."

Clearly, Mary Anne Beiting articulates that which is best in the tradition of Holy Cross. Perhaps that should come as no surprise, for the best of Holy Cross tradition, the Holy Cross charism, is the sense of family. And Mrs. Beiting virtually glows with pride and love when speaking about her family. She and husband Mike celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this August. They have four children: Melissa (Notre Dame '01) and Tony (John Carroll '04) are graduates of Hoban; Jake is a sophomore at Hoban, and Steve will be a member of the Hoban Class of '04.

Person To Person

—A Word from Brother Geenen



Br. William Geenen, CSC, Provincial

This column will be my final opportunity to address you. My six-year term as provincial of the Midwest Province expired on June 16 at the conclusion of our province chapter.

Many readers may not be acquainted with the administrative structures of most religious orders and congregations. In most cases, terms of office as superior at any level are limited both by Church and congregational law. Normally, leaders are elected to their offices by delegated electors or by the entire membership. In Holy Cross, all our brothers in vows for more than five years are eligible for the office of superior on the local, district or province level, and almost all members have the right to cast votes. So, regular and fairly frequent transition is common.

During the past six years I have had the privilege of occupying a position that offers unique experiences and wide exposure to people, places and issues, Church-related as well as secular. Personally, these years have been most rewarding

because of my meeting new people, visiting new places around the world, and seeing the results of God's presence in the lives of people everywhere through the work of the Church.

I owe thanks to so many who, by their loyal support and encouragement, have sustained me in this office, and I refer here not only to members of the Midwest Province, especially my councilors and staff, but to other parts of the Congregation of Holy Cross and to a multitude of others—religious, laity, priests—who have helped in significant ways. I especially want to thank the editor and contributors to this publication, *Brothers*, for giving so generously of their professional skills in order to provide us all with valuable insights into the lives of brothers and others who have dedicated themselves to the mission of Holy Cross.

I have tried continuously as provincial to be open to opportunities we could seize that would better the lives of people and make our mission as brothers in Holy Cross more effective.

As I leave office, I look forward to continuing my ministry of service to others in challenging ways. As one of our late brothers used to say, "a religious may retire from his professional occupation, but a religious never retires from being a religious." The implication here is that, whatever the age or circumstances of a religious, service to others always remains an operative demand in his or her life to the extent possible.

I certainly hope that in the near future I will hear from you, and that our paths might cross as well so that we may maintain the closer relationships that have been forged over these six years. I, for one, am much the richer for them and trust I have also been able to contribute my small part to your own ongoing personal development.

—Br. William Geenen, CSC,
Provincial

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