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He has risen, alleluia

CELEBRATE

the winter has passed
and spring has come...

day has dawned
and hope is born.



From TIBERIAS

Brother Robert Siegel writes:

"Joining the world-wide observance of the Sesquicentennial, we in the Holy Land celebrated the suggested liturgies with the participation of all Holy Cross "branches". Our celebrant was Tom McNally (IP), presently serving as our chaplain. Donald Allen led us in a dialogue homily and Robert Siegel was the music minister while Eduardo Michalik was the prayer leader. Sisters Carmen, Juliette, Rosine, and Celine, staff members from the Sisters of the Holy Cross completed the CSC family representation.

"Presently this is retreat time for the participants, but Celine was the guest chef for the Holy Cross community which was served her special dinner in our temporary dining room, i.e., a classroom.

"March visitors included Sisters Thomas More and Jeanette who are here for Visitation representing the Sisters' Administration. As they had come directly from the LeMans celebration we received an immediate report of that gathering.

"Earlier we had a short and surprise visit from the sister and niece of Brother Simon Murren as they were completing an around-the-world tour. Prior to their arrival in Israel they had been in Bangladesh visiting their cousin, Fr. Charles Houser.

"Looking ahead, the brother and sister of Brother Robert Siegel will be here during Holy Week joining members of the house in Jerusalem for the solemn observances.

"If you are planning a visit to Israel, please stop in at Tiberias."

From BOYSVILLE

As part of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of this Congregation Boysville dedicated its youngest house, Moreau Center in Monroe, Michigan. This building is the former seminary of the Verona Fathers.

Boysville serves children at campuses in Alpena, Saginaw, Mt.Clemens, Redford, Detroit, Ecorse, Clinton, Toledo, and Monroe. Other locations to open in the near future are two former convents on the east side of Detroit and a home in Frankenmuth, which will be called Andre House after Blessed Brother Andre.

From OAKLAND

Brother Bruce Lescher writes:

+ On March 7 the Oakland community participated in the Bay Area celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the Fundamental Act. About thirty Brothers, Priests, and Sisters gathered at St. Francis in Mountain View. After liturgy, a social hour, and supper, Bruce gave a talk about the General Chapter's decision to move to mixed provinces. Tom Maddix coordinated discussion following the talk.

+ Through the efforts of Richard Kearney, the Oakland house has become involved with a project for homeless people. The parish center at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral is being used to house homeless persons on an experimental basis for one month. The people are also given an evening meal and breakfast. Richard, Tom, and Bruce share a time slot in working on some Thursday evenings.

+ On March 4 Tom successfully defended his M.A. thesis in social ethics. The thesis is entitled: "Making Room for the Prophetic: Organizational Ethics and the Catholic Health Care Mission Statement." The examining committee approved the thesis as written (no changes suggested.)

+ On February 9 Bruce passed his oral comprehensive examination. He has now completed all requirements for the Ph.D. except the dissertation....Bruce spent March 12-17 at Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, CO, where he spoke to the novices about the Brother's vocation and also about Spirituality and Social Justice.

THE FUTURE of COLUMBA HALL

The Columba Hall Committee of the Physical Plant Task Force presented their draft to implement the Provincial Chapter's legislation concerning Columba Hall.

The options presented were:

1) Build a new Columba Hall on the present Columba Hall site.

A building for forty residents is estimated to cost two million dollars or about \$50,000 per Brother. The University of Notre Dame would oppose the demolition and the community would be dispersed for eighteen months during construction.

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2) Remodel the present structure to meet life safety standards and improvement of lifestyles.

Some difficulties with this option would be the cost, ranging from 2.3 to 4.1 million dollars. Again, the residents would have to be dispersed for about 12 months.

3) Build a new residence in cooperation with the Indiana Province.

The investment of the Brothers would be reduced by sharing the costs. Columba Hall residents were almost unanimous in the belief that it was a good idea but would not work at this time.

4) Build a new building on the Province Center land or remodel the Province Center to accommodate the present Columba Hall residents.

The difficulty with this option is that it does not meet the specific Chapter Decree to maintain a Brothers' residence on the (Notre Dame) campus. The community of Columba Hall would be dispersed permanently and Columba Hall residents did not support this option.

5) Do nothing.

This option had the most support of the present residents of Columba Hall. However, it does not follow the spirit of the Chapter legislation that clearly reflected the commitment of the Province members to insure that all of its members live in safe structures.

6) Build a new building on another site on the (Notre Dame) campus.

This option is recommended by the Task Force to the Advisory Board and the Provincial Administration. It meets the spirit of the Chapter Legislation, it maintains a residence, with life safety and lifestyle standards, on the Notre Dame campus for the Brothers. It would provide a structure to meet the needs of an increasingly older yet mobile population. It would require less maintenance than the present Columba Hall.

The Columba Hall committee is to be commended for their months of work and study of this vital issue for the province.

From LAKWOOD

In the February '87 NORTHERN OHIO LIVE magazine, Brother William Dygert was quoted about his fitness regimen:

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"You have to value exercise," says Brother William Dygert, principal of St. Edward High School. "When you value it, you'll take the time to do it. The 43-year-old administrator leaped over exercise's mental hurdle some time ago: he's been swimming half a mile at least three times a week for the past six years. "No matter how busy I am, I'll stop to do that," he says. His after school or early evening swimming workouts -- which he usually precedes with up to 100 sit-ups -- takes about an hour. "It's nice to do something purely physical. There's a lot to say for physical exercise relieving mental stress." When Dygert's workload eases in the summer he'll sometimes get to the pool seven days a week. Most days he cherishes that hour borrowed from his schedule. "Some days," he admits, "you just drag yourself." So drag himself he does. Once he's in the pool he never regrets making the effort: "Working out makes your blood flow, keeps your weight in order, and helps you get tension out of your system."

MARCH at DUJARIE HOUSE

+ Two of our longest residents died this month: Brother Matthew Gara (E) on the 4th and Brother Pius Leising (S-W) on the 15th. Brother Matthew was just a month short of having been with us 13 years while Brother Pius was but four months short of eight years. Brother Matthew was 76, Brother Pius was 83. Brother Matthew's funeral was at Valatie, NY, on the 9th, Brother Pius was buried here in the Brothers' Center Cemetery on the 18th. Pius' older brothers, Otto and Hugo, along with three nephews, came from Milwaukee for the funeral. Fr. Charles Hamel from Holy Cross House gave a eulogy at the wake and Brother Pedro Haering gave the homily during the funeral Mass....Brother Edward Sniatecki (E), gave the eulogy for Brother Matthew at Valatie.

+ Brother David DeCuir (S-W) has enjoyed frequent visits this month from Columba Hall. Brothers Edward Courtney and Paul Rosonke come over regularly and Father Armand, a priest from the east coast on sabbatical and living at Columba, comes over several times a week. Fr. Armand also celebrated Mass with us on the day of the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anoint-

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ing of the Sick. It was the first concelebrated Mass in our chapel in at least seven years.

+ Brother Bruce Lescher stayed overnight with us on the 21st before returning to Oakland. He had been in the ND area doing some preliminary research on the subject of his doctoral dissertation, Orestes Brownson.

+ Brother Florian Gill was in the hospital for one week and Brother Ives Kilroy for two weeks this month. Both suffer with congestive heart failure.

+ Spring housecleaning got into full swing the last week of the month. Each staff member has been assigned one patient room. Many items long stashed away and not being used (or even remembered) are being put up for "re-distribution".

+ Writing of housecleaning and, by extension outside work -- we would welcome any volunteers who might be willing to give us a couple of weeks of help in these areas this summer. In recent summers we have been blessed but up until now we see no signs of assistance on the horizon (except in the kitchen). You are welcome to write or call, there is always someone home!

From INDIANAPOLIS

Brother Camillus Kirsch writes us of the death of his sister (see Obituaries)..... and he also includes some other items:

+ Brother Donald Morgan gets together with Camillus regularly for a community visit. Brother Paul Kelly, after his return from Bangladesh, visited with his father and with Brother Donald.

+ Brother Camillus is a member of a prayer group which meets at Americana Nursing Home (North) where a local priest is a resident. Camillus was also invited to attend a Vocation Mass celebrated at Holy Angels' Church on March 15...

From MONROE

The co-institutional board of St. Mary's Academy and Monroe Catholic Central High decided to consolidate the two schools in the Catholic Central building beginning with

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the 1977-8 school year. The plan includes the lease of five portable classrooms and transforming the wood-working shop into classroom space.

St Mary/Catholic Central will use the Holy Cross Brothers residence for administrative offices and home economics. Even with the expansion it will be a snug fit for 87-8's projected enrollment of 600 students.

From RIVER GROVE

The student council of Holy Cross High School will sponsor its annual "Good Friday Walk" for hunger April 17th.

More than 300 students will participate to raise funds for the Missions of the Brothers of Holy Cross and for the Marillac Settlement House in Chicago. Over the past fourteen years \$56,000 has been divided between the two charities.

From the BROTHERS' CENTER

Many groups use the Center for meetings and retreats. April bookings include: Harvest House Day of Recollection on the 15th; St. Joseph High School will have its third retreat for student groups; during Easter week the CSC religious of Notre Dame High School in Niles, IL will have their annual retreat.

The Religious Community Treasurers of Indiana and Michigan met March 19 and 20. One of the speakers was Brother Peter Campbell, C.F.X., a lawyer with the Office of Legal Services. He addressed the group on the topic of civil disobedience, including the sanctuary movement.

Brother Peter stressed the need to keep clear the distinction between individual religious acting and the community doing so. Also, he stressed the need to keep separate the actions of the religious community as an association and as a legal corporation.

The members of the Provincial Councils of all three Provinces of the Brothers in the United States is holding one of its meetings at the Brothers Center as we go to press (April 1 to 5). Unfortunately we are unable to bring you any news as they have not yet been able to address the media.

From AKRON

+ The Board of Trustees gave approval to the renovation and enlargement of the library. The Board also approved the removal of the chrysotile insulation on the heating system.

+ Dr. Leo J. Schneider of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department at John Carroll University will deliver a talk entitled "Computer Programming Competition Problems" on April 28 to the Hoban students.

Each year Hoban has been sending a team to the contest authored by Dr. Schneider on programming competition. In 1984 Hoban won the second place trophy.

+ Hoban students will visit the Mayan ruins (Tulum and Chichen Itza) in the Yucatan Peninsula during spring break. Brother Joseph Fox will be one of the faculty members escorting the students who make the trip.

BOARD OF RECONCILIATION

The balloting to select two Brothers to serve on the Board of Reconciliation began January 3 and concluded March 1.

Every professed Brother in the Province (317) received a ballot. 138 ballots were cast. That's 44% who returned ballots and exercised their franchise. 94 Brothers received at least one vote. Brothers Charles Krupp and Robert Fillmore accepted election. Brother Francis Englert was appointed by the Provincial to complete the Board.

ANNUAL HOLY CROSS HISTORY CONFERENCE

This C.S.C. conference will be held this year June 19 to 21 at Notre Dame College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

The presentations will cover personalities who have figured in the history of Holy Cross: Bishop Luers, Rev. Andrew Morrissey, C.S.C., Mother Augusta (Amanda) Anderson, C.S.C., Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, C.S.C., and the Marianite Sisters who were held in concentration camps in France during World War II.

A second category will feature C.S.C. activities and foundations: the mission in the Black Hills of South Dakota 1878-97, the Solitude of the Savior in LeMans, early years of the Sisters in Canada,

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and the Sisters' first foundation in the U.S. at Bertrand, Michigan. For further information contact:

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OUR ELDER STATESMEN

Brothers who will be celebrating birthdays of more than 80 years in the near future. You may wish to send them a greeting:

May 16-Brother Rembert Sorg (82)
May 23-Brother Lorenzo Powers (80)
May 30-Brother Jacob Eppley (91)
May 31-Brother Michael Donovan (85)
May 31-Brother Florian Gill (85)

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

The annual retreat at the Brothers' Center begins June 7 and ends June 11. Sister Gloria Valdovinos and Sister Eileen Dewsnup from Mary's Solitude, St. Mary's College will be the retreat directors. There will be three conferences a day: one at Mass, the others at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. For reservations contact:

BROTHER ISAAC JOGUES MOTZ, C.S.C.

at the Brothers' Center.

OBITUARIES

In your prayers please remember the following and their families:

+ Amelia Schapker, aunt of Brother Donald.
+ Sister M. Novella Reinig, C.S.C.
+ Anna Wernsing, sister of Brother Camillus Kirsch, C.S.C.
+ Brother Matthew Gara, C.S.C. (E)
+ Brother Pius Leising, C.S.C. (S-W)



a Midwest Holy Cross Brothers Gathering



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FOR THE GATHERING,
JULY 1 - 2 - 3 - 4

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BROTHER CHARLES SMITH

AND TELL HIM YOU

WILL BE ATTENDING.....



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