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## Province meetings prepare for '86 Chapter

### Councils meet at Center

+ The American Brother Provincial Councils met at the Brothers' Center, Notre Dame, Indiana, from January 24 to 26. It is the first time since the three provinces were formed that such a gathering has taken place.

The five main topics on the agenda covered areas of skilled medical care, collaboration in pre and post novitiate formation, policy on interprovince personnel exchange, retirement, and future planning.

Medical care included the role of Dujarie House to include a six-man board, two Brothers from each province, to oversee its operation. This would also include the development of an intermediate care place for individuals who cannot be completely independent, but do not need skilled care. To date, St. Joseph Hall in Austin is such a facility serving the Brothers of the South-West Province. Future plans could possibly include all three provinces at the Austin facility.

Novitiate programs to date include a pre-novitiate program to be started in Austin for candidates, ages 18 to 25. The Eastern Province already has a 23 years and older program in operation. The South-West also has a post-novitiate program in San Antonio that completes the formation program with theological study. The question asked is whether or not all three provinces could participate in the programs that are and will be established. A policy for an inter-province exchange of personnel on such a question and other areas of cooperation was rewritten at the meeting and will be circulated in the near future.

There was an exchange of ideas on retirement regarding cooperation among assigned personnel, a choice of places, and



HOLY CROSS BROTHERS U.S. PROVINCE COUNCILS (SEATED, L-R): BROTHERS ROBERT LAVELLE (M), DONALD BLAUVELT (S-W), PAUL RAHAIM (PROV. E), PATRICK SOPHER (PROV. S-W), THOMAS MOSER (PROV. M), JAMES KELL (S-W), JOHN GLEASON (E). (STANDING): BROTHERS ROBERT DAILEY (M) JOEL GIALLANZA (S-W), PAUL KELLY (M), CHARLES SMITH (M), DAVID ANDREWS (E), PETER MARTIN (E), ROBERT HAMPTON (S-W), STEPHEN LAMENDOLA (E), GEORGE SCHMITZ (E), AND LAWRENCE SKITZKI.

the different expectations involved.

A Brothers' Assertiveness Committee was established by the three Councils, one member from each province, to promote preparation for the General Chapter, including the search for a candidate for the office of Superior General.

A good example of The Assertiveness Committee acting upon areas of concern to be addressed to the General Chapter is the the distribution of the request that the capitulants consider using the 1968 Constitution in the General Chapter instead of the working document of 1984. Inasmuch as the working document is considered to be basically the same as the 1968 version, why not keep the original, and update it.

A sharing of Province Future Planning rounded out the agenda for the three-day meeting. This included consolidating pro-

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vince level services, joint efforts in religious renewal activities, the maintenance of Holy Cross traditions and values in the different apostolates.

### CONGREGATION STEWARDS MEET

+ A meeting of the Provincial Stewards of the Congregation of Holy Cross took place at the Brothers' Center from January 28 to 30, 1986. The thirteen-member group and two translators covered three challenging topics during the course of the meetings: Equitable and practical ways of providing support for the General Administration, How to support Third World provinces that



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are unable to meet their financial needs, and the annual financial reports sent to the Generalate by the provinces.

All meetings were held in both English and French in the large meeting room in Andre Hall. A booth for translating English into French and French into English was set up in the general meeting room.

### ~ ~ Clarification ~ ~

#### COADJUTOR BROTHERS MEETING IN MARCH:

+ In a recent letter addressed to the community by Br. Thomas Moser, Provincial of the Brothers Midwest Province, and by Fr. Richard Warner, Provincial of the Indiana Priests Province, it was announced that a meeting for both provinces will be held on Friday, March 7, 1986, at the Brothers' Center in order to hear directly from the Coadjutor Brothers about their life and their work in the Congregation. To this end a series of regional meetings or hearings have been prepared. This is to be done in preparation for the General Chapter to be held this coming summer.

Although the letter states that all area delegates to the Chapter be present to achieve a better understanding of the issue and that anyone who would like to address the delegates on the issue are to notify their respective provincial offices of their intent so that plans can be made, it is not clear whether or not the session is open to all province members. The answer is YES. It is open to all religious of both societies.

### ● ANNOUNCEMENT ●

**RETREATS:** Columba Hall will hold its annual retreat during Holy Week. It will begin Palm Sunday evening, March 23, and end on Holy Saturday, March 29. The retreat will be given by Fr. Bill Reichl, OFM, and Sr. Sarah Sherman, RSM. Brothers interested in joining the Columba Hall community retreat, please contact Brother James Reddy as soon as possible.

The annual retreat for the Brothers' Center Community will be held from Sunday, June 8, to Thursday, June 12. Father Bede Jagoe, O.P., will be the Retreat Master. Brothers interested in joining the Center Retreat should contact Br. Isaac J. Motz.

## Around the Province... and then some

### PEACE AND JUSTICE...by Br. William Mewes

We consider our Third World apostolates as part of our social justice mission. Our 1985 Province Chapter recommended that the provincial provide leadership in "promoting the continued development of indigenous CSC communities in Ghana and Bangladesh as a priority ministry which necessitates a continuing commitment of Midwest Brothers and other resources." During this same Chapter, both district superiors appealed for help in their respective country.

In his report to the Chapter, Br. Joseph Tsiquaye stated: "For us in Ghana the schools are a very high priority. When more than 50% of the population is under 15, there is a lot that needs to be done. We in Holy Cross have got the expertise. I don't believe it is far fetched for us to dream about Catholic Higher Institutions in Africa run by Holy Cross. The future is wide open in Africa today.

Ghana sounds like a job for a young person, but our experience is that it is the older Brother who is actually answering the call. The Sisters of the Holy Cross have elderly Sisters working in Cameroon. These Sisters retired in the States, but who still have the vitality and desire to continue their teaching vocation.

Brother Joseph sees the schools leading the whole community towards building of true Christian community where justice and peace would prevail. The schools would build up lay apostoles and disciples and would be building strong bases for the development of priestly and religious vocations.

Of course, there is much need for help in other areas besides schools. There are also the catechetical and pastoral areas.

### LIFE/WORK PLANNING WORKSHOP AT CENTER:

+ Brother James Kell (S-W) will again conduct his Life/Work Planning Workshop at the Brothers' Center, March 8 and 9, 1986. Many Brothers in the province have already taken Brother James' Workshop and have enthusiastically recommended the program.

To date, twelve Brothers and six Sisters have enrolled. This already guarantees the number of participants necessary for interaction within the group as well as advantageous sharing of experiences. No one, however, is required at any point to do any self-disclosing in the group.

The workshop is a series of exercises designed to develop greater self-knowledge so as to take advantage of what may come along as a result of making new choices in life or dealing with a present situation. The workshop is for people of all ages who want greater independence for life direction; it's for youth, middle-age, and old.

Scholarships and rate reductions are available to province members who request them. For Further information, contact either Br. Charles Smith at the Provincial Office or Br. James Kell in Austin, Texas.

### CELEBRATING FR. MOREAU DAY

+ On Thursday, January 23, 1986, close to 385 Priests, Sisters, and Brothers of Holy Cross came together at Moreau Seminary on the Notre Dame Campus to celebrate Father Moreau Day. The celebration rotates annually between Moreau Seminary, St. Mary's, and the Brothers' Center.

The presiding celebrant for the 5:00 P.M. Liturgy was Rev. Richard Warner, Provincial Superior of the Indiana Province. Homilist for the occasion was Rev. Daniel Jenky, and Rev. Peter Rocca directed both the Seminary Choir and the congregation.

The Liturgy was followed by a social and a splendid meal in the main dining room. Shortly after 8:00 P.M. an evening Vespers service was held to conclude the celebration of Moreau Day.



COMMUNITY HONORS FOUNDER OF HOLY CROSS.

JANUARY AT DUJARIE HOUSE:

+ The two new Brother-patients this month brought the total to nineteen. Br. Hilarian Brezik (S-W) came on the 8th. Brother Daniel Lynch accompanied him from Austin. Br. Eymard Salzman came on the 29th. Both intend to recover sufficiently to return.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yeker (brother-in-law and sister of Br. Pedro) returned the 21st for several days: "rehabilitating" the last available patient room so that now all 20 of the original patient rooms are again available. The next patient will fill the capacity of the house.

Br. Bonaventure Foley returned on the 16th after five weeks of rehab therapy at St. Joseph Medical Center. He now walks with two canes, practically discarding his wheel chair. He has shown much personal resolve and courage through this period.

Chris Carr, a novice for the Eastern Province of Priests, spent his formation apostolic experience at Dujarie House from the 13th to the 31st, helping wherever his services and multiple talents were needed.

New mechanical additions to the house include a Toro Snow Thrower and an Exercise cycle (frequently used by Br. Bonnie).

Br. Columbkille Pickett (E) had to return to the hospital on the 3rd for four days. The brain surgeon who is treating Collie is hopeful of reducing a tumor without surgery.

On February 25th Br. Anselm Tatro will be 95 and on the 27th Br. Luke Bauer (S-W) will be 90. On March 3rd Bishop John D'Arcy of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese will celebrate Mass and be a dinner guest honoring the two nonagenarians. Anyone wishing to send cards of congratulations to these Brothers is invited to.



NEW GAZEBO IN THE BACK OF DUJARIE HOUSE.

FROM BOYSVILLE (CLINTON), MICHIGAN:

+ A recent Letter to the Editor of the DAILY TELEGRAM in Adrian, Michigan, by one of the coordinators for Life Services of Lenawee County, describes the link up between disabled adults with needed community resources, programs, and activities. Such obstacles encountered by the handicapped and the frail-elderly as lack of hand rails, wheelchair ramps and other safety features are being greatly reduced thanks to Boyssville of Michigan's Community Service Project, under the direction of Chaplain Gene Houseman.

Gene directs a crew of young Boyssville residents who go out into the community to volunteer their time and labor to build ramps and railings for the disabled, as well as doing porch-step repairs for the frail-elderly who are no longer able to do such work for themselves.

The Coordinator (Barb Smith) thanked Boyssville for their concern and involvement. Many individuals who were previously shut-ins now have access to a bigger and hopefully better world where they can again be active members.

Gene recently wrote to the Brothers' Justice and Peace Committee, thanking it for helping to get the project started by funding the cost of materials and loan repayments. The program, however, is still seeking funding sources for a carpenter so that the expansion will not drain the needed ministry resources.

C. S. C. HISTORY CONFERENCE

+ The Fifth Annual CSC History Conference will take place at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, on June 13 through 15.

As in the past, several papers will be presented on Holy Cross History. The Conference will include (for early arrivers) a tour of the historic Austin area on Friday, June 13. Socials will be held at the Brothers' Residence and at the Priests' Camp on Lake Austin. Housing will be provided at St. Edward's. Further details will be provided in a brochure which will be sent to those interested.

If you plan to attend, please write to Sister Mary Curran, CSC, 3201 East Side Drive, Austin, Texas 78704. You may also phone 512-443-0425 or 441-3850.

BROTHERS' CENTER, NOTRE DAME:

+ Twenty-one students from Holy Cross schools in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky came to the Center to participate in a Christian Lifestyle Retreat held from January 17 to 19. The twelve Brothers and presenters participating in the retreat program developed the theme of a Christian Lifestyle as part of the Vocations Office program of addressing high school students and their awareness of vocations in life.

Other than large and small group sessions, slide presentations, liturgies, and panel discussions, the first evening was topped off with a lively game of Bunco. Brother Don Gibbs, Vocations Director, was in charge of the planning and presentation of the Lifestyle Retreat.



RETREAT FACILITATORS: (SEATED, L-R) BROTHERS KEN HADERS, MATT PAWLAK, KEN KANE, EUGENE PHILLIPP, PHILIP SMITH. (STANDING) CHRIS DREYER, DON GIBBS, BOB LIVERNOIS, CARROLL POSEY, ED LIBBERS. (ABS) C. GREGG.



BR. CARROLL ILLUSTRATES POINT FOR THE GROUP

FROM RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS:

+ Brother Walter Duda is playing the part of Michelangelo as he goes through the process of painting the chapel walls and ceiling. However, no murals are included.

At the time of this writing, Brother Anthony Houser, is hospitalized for a blood clot in the head. Surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5. Please keep Br. Anthony in your prayers.

Brother Don Fleischhacker attended the annual Family Life League Benefit Luncheon at Nielson's Restaurant on Sun., Feb. 16. He also will be attending a one-day conference on faith and the family sponsored by the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation at the Chicago Holliday Inn-Mart on Saturday, March 1st.

The Brothers at Holy Cross High School made their annual four-day retreat the weekend of Feb. 9 at St. Francis Retreat House in Mayslake, Illinois. Rev. Eric, OFM, directed the retreat.

Bros. Chester Rachel and Don Fleischhacker enjoyed the 31st season of the Lyric Opera of Chicago by attending Verdi's LaTRAVIATA, and Puccini's MADAMA BUTTERFLY AND La Rondine. Br. Harold Ruplinger was their guest for MADAMA BUTTERFLY.

Br. Thomas Corcoran announced that the winner of the Super Bowl XX Sunday Football pool is Stephanie Dratwa. Not only did she win the \$2,500.00 first prize but an additional \$100 for having won twice on the same square. Stephanie has been a long-time member of the Holy Cross Chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph.

Congratulations to all Chicago-area Bears-Fans-Brothers on seeing their team go all the way in Super Bowl XX.

FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.:

+ Brother Joseph Berg, Associate Director: Special Programs, National Conference of Catholic Charities, is Chairperson for the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD).

In a recent report he emphasized the value of NVOAD, particularly in the recent Hurricane Elena and severe storms in Puerto Rico. The program is designed to help in preplanning for flood prevention as well as coordinating communications. It far outshines the "old days" when lack of communication added to the many miseries brought on by natural disasters.

FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

+ Holy Trinity High School student Salvador Gomez '87, was named to Chicago's first All-Catholic High School Band. Under the guidance of Donald DeRoche, DePaul University's Director of Bands, the newly organized band had made their first debut performance at the University on Saturday evening, January 18.

**NEWS FROM THE NOVITIATE**FROM WATERFORD, NEW YORK:

+ Novice Brother Len Rogus writes from the Holy Cross Novitiate that in the first weekend of November the novices enjoyed visiting with 80 Brothers of the Eastern Province in a three-day renewal at Valatie. The theme was "The Identity of the Religious Brother in the Church and in Holy Cross." The facilitator of the presentation was Br. David Andrews (E), with major addresses given by Brother Timothy Balfe, F.S.C., and Novicemaster Bro. John Paige (E). In the weekend's concluding plenary session, a statement delineating the identity of the Holy Cross Brother was formulated which will be forwarded as a proposal for consideration at the General Chapter this coming summer.

The weekly ministries to the hospitalized, shut-ins, and abused continue to have a profound effect on the novices. They review their experiences as a group and present valuable insights in preparation for future service to God's people.

On Tuesday, November 19, acting upon Br. William Mewes' suggestion for a prayer vigil for PEACE, the novices organized and conducted a vigil in the local parish. It gave them an opportunity to be public witnesses for a prayerful solution to the misunderstandings and problems faced by our country and other nations.

On November 26, the house attended an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service which was a project of the Waterford Clergy Association. It was held in the village's First United Church (an historic landmark).

In December the novices attended three workshops--The Vowed Life, Hispanic Ministry, and Social Justice.

In a follow-up letter, Len describes the area in which he lives and works. Just

hiking along the Erie Canal or along Peebles Island, or walking through the local villages, gives Len many opportunities to observe the many styles of early architecture or the beauty of New England scenery. He has also had the opportunity to meet some friendly and warmly generous people, most of whom are of French or Irish ancestry. Many of these people have a deep devotion to our Blessed Brother Andre.

In January Len experienced his special novitiate apostolate service by working with the school chaplain at St. Paul's High School in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He returned to the Waterford in early February to continue his novitiate year.

**Pray for them...**

**BROTHER ALBERT MARTIN, C.S.C., (S-W)**, 72, who died of cancer at Rehoboth-McKinley Christian Hospital, Gallup, New Mexico, on December 31, 1985. He made his perpetual profession August 15, 1953. After leaving Biloxi in 1984, he went to teach at St. Michael's School for Indians in St. Michael, Arizona, until his illness caused him to be hospitalized.

**MR. WILLIAM L. JUDGE**, brother of Bro. Kenan, who died in Albia, Iowa, on January 11, 1986.

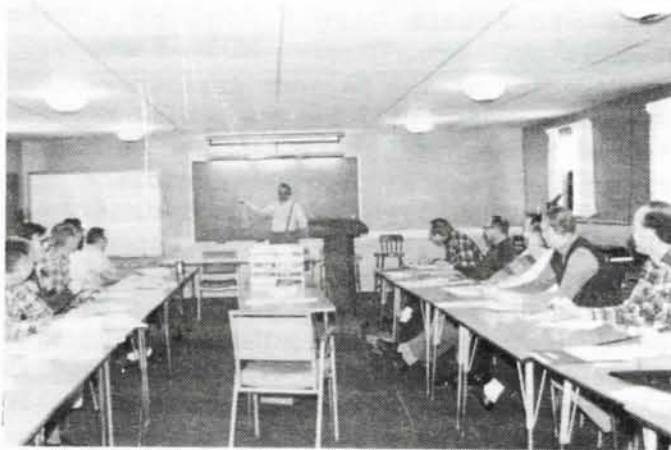
**BROTHER RODERIC GRIX, C.S.C., (Indiana Priests' Province)**, 78, who died at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, on January 13, 1986. He entered Holy Cross in 1927 and was professed in 1929. He was assigned to St. Joseph Farm in Granger, Indiana, from 1942 to 1954.

**REV. REGIS O'NEIL, C.S.C., (IP)**, who died at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, on January 28, 1986.

**PROSPER EMGE**, father of Lawrence Emge, who died in Evansville, Indiana, on January 16, 1986. Lawrence presently lives at 1420 W. Rascher Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60640.

**MARY SCHAPKER**, mother of Bro. Donald, who died in Evansville, Indiana, on January 28, 1986.

**JOHN SAGLETT**, former caretaker of our Notre Dame Camp at Bankson Lake, Lawton, Michigan, died on December 15. Mr. Saglett will always be remembered by those who either were on the camp staff or vacationed at the camp.

**BROTHER...FOR ALL SEASONS****BRO. TOM MOSER EXPLAINS S.L.I.P. PROFILE.**

+ Twenty-four Brothers from around the Midwest area and from various communities and orders gathered for the fifth annual workshop for Brothers titled **BROTHER...FOR ALL SEASONS** at the Brothers' Center from January 27 to February 8.

The program, directed by Brother Thomas Moser, places emphasis on daily common prayer and liturgy, frequent classes in communication, spiritual direction, the theology of vocation, personal orientation inventory, alcoholism, the uniqueness of self, community responsibility, and re-entry. Time was also set aside for personal spiritual direction, socializing, and recreation.

**BROTHER...FOR ALL SEASONS** was generously supported by a group of professional resource personnel, which included C.S.C. Brothers Robert Dailey, Pedro Haering, Lawrence Skitzki, Thomas Moser, Charles Smith and Lawrence Unfried; C.S.C. Fathers Ralph Fisher and William Simmons; Rev. Don Goergen, O.P.; Sr. Marlene Halpin, O.P.; Br. Andrew Kuhn, O.F.M. Cap.; Br. Brian Maloney, O.F.M.; and Sr. Laureen Wright, O.S.B.

Topics for the program differ from workshop to workshop, but for the participants to interact in small and large groups is again an opportunity to create a climate of personal and group support and affirmation.

**FROM MONROE, MICHIGAN:**

+ Super Bowl XX Sunday, January 26, 1986, was celebrated in the Brother Gerontius

Memorial Gymnasium. It was the third Super Bowl Party sponsored by the Catholic Central High School's Locker Room Club. Brother Leonard Siwierka oversaw the food preparation for the affair's gathering of football fans. Naturally, Chicago Bears fans were treated to a 46-10 victory over the New England Patriots and Catholic Central was treated to a profitable financial affair.

At the Co-Institutional Development Board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23, and the Catholic Central School Board Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14, a decision was made to begin a Development Office for the Co-Institution during the second semester of this year. This move will require some shifting of present work responsibilities. Br. Maynard Rabidous, therefore, will be joining the Principal as full-time office assistant.

Mr. Owen McNulty replaced Br. Jeffrey Michels in the English Department for the second semester.

**COLUMBA HALL, NOTRE DAME:**

+ The third meeting for Holy Cross Brothers interested in promoting peace and justice was held at Columba Hall on Wednesday, January 15. A prayerful reading and discussion of pages one through 17 of the BISHOPS' PASTORAL LETTER ON WAR AND PEACE, The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response took place.

**FROM ANCHORAGE, ALASKA:**

+ Brother Thomas Moser, Provincial of the Brothers of Holy Cross Midwest Province, made a visit to the Holy Cross Community in Anchorage from January 4-7. He was able to get a first hand look at the work being done in the Anchorage Diocese by Brothers Charles McBride, Diocesan director of Communications; John McMuldren, Director of the Youth Ministry Office; and Joseph Barry, also of the Youth Ministry Office. While in Anchorage he also visited with Archbishop Hurley.

Brother Thomas came to Anchorage after having attend the Unification Chapter of the Districts of Dhaka and Chittagong in Bangladesh in late December.

**BROTHER PHILIP ARMSTRONG RECENTLY COMPLETED HIS SABBATICAL AND IS NOW IN RESIDENCE AT MOREAU SEMINARY, NOTRE DAME, INDIANA.**

## Around the World

### News from the Missions

#### DHAKA AND CHITTAGONG UNIFY INTO ONE MISSION DISTRICT.

BR. JOHN ROZARIO ELECTED DISTRICT SUPERIOR.

#### FROM BANGLADESH:

+ The special Chapter on the Unification of Districts began on the morning of December 28, 1985, with a Mass offered by Fr. Thomas Barrosse, Superior General. He was assisted by Rt. Rev. Michael Rozario, Archbishop of Dhaka and Fr. Richard Timm. Forty-one Brothers from the Districts of Dhaka and Chittagong attended. Br. Thomas Moser, Midwest Provincial, and Br. Vianney Saint-Michel, Canadian Provincial, were also present for the historic occasion.



BR. JOHN ROZARIO

the affirmative. He asked if he would accept the post of District Superior.

Later Br. John Rozario announced the names of three Councillors that he had chosen: Brothers Marcel Duchesne, Lawrence Dias, and Gerald Kraeger. Next day there was an election for the three remaining Councillors. Brothers Thomas More Beere, Jarlath D'Souza, and Harold Bijoy Rodrigues were elected.

A statement was framed to empower the District Superior and his Council to reconcile rules of the former districts and to ensure a smooth administration. The name of the unified district is now known as the District of the Brothers of Holy Cross, Bangladesh.

The first meeting of the District Council was held on December 30, 1985 at Mohammedpur. Bro. John selected Br. Marcel

Duchesne as Assistant Superior, Br. Thomas More as Secretary and Br. Gerald Kraeger as Treasurer. Br. John Emminger will take over St. Joseph High School as acting Headmaster. Bro. Stephen Binoy Gomes will be Director at the Marinda Aspirancy. Br. Patrick D'Costa will be the Assistant. Br. Andrew Shushanta Purification will be Assistant Director of the Juniorate and teach in the high school. Bro. Ronald Christenson will teach at St. Joseph High School. Br. John was urged to cut down on the number of jobs he is holding. Besides being District Superior, he has eight other posts that take much time and energy.

Because the Council members are now in widely scattered places, it will meet once every two months.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brother Sylvester Mridha, who pronounced his final vows on the 30th of December, 1985. The profession Mass was celebrated by Fr. Barrosse, Superior General. At the Offertory, Bro. Sylvester's parents accompanied him to the altar to signify the presentation of their son to the religious life. He then made his profession of vows to the assembled Community, his relatives and friends.

On the afternoon of December 30, Father Barrosse met with the Priests and Brothers engaged in formation work. Past and proposed legislation on vocations and formation work was read out. There was a discussion on the methods and challenges in presenting life in Holy Cross.

NARINDA: Brothers Gerald, Robert, Benedict, and Nicholas attended the meeting of the heads of schools and colleges of the Archdiocese of Dhaka at Holy Cross High School on December 6 and 7.

At St. Joseph Trade School, Br. Brian Lyon is now taking more exercise after recovering from a heart attack. The doctor now allows him 30-minute walks.

Six new boys arrived recently at the Juniorate. This year there will be 21 boys and two Brothers in residence.

NAGARI: ST. Nicholas Parish is celebrating its 175th anniversary. There will be many occasions for celebration during the anniversary year.

THE BANGLADESH NEWS NOTES will come out every other month from now on.





FROM MONROVIA, LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA:

+ As a follow-up to Brother Thomas Dillman's letter in the December, 1985, issue of HCB (page nine), Brother Thomas shared a few insights on his work outside St. Patrick's High School (Liberia) while visiting the Brothers' Center in January.

Not only does Br. Tom teach Christian Instruction, math, and science but he is also in charge of maintenance, teaches math at St. Theresa's School for girls, spends some time on weekends at the SOS Children's Village for orphans, and assists at the Catholic Rehabilitation Center for handicapped children.

Much of his time at the Rehabilitation Center is to recreate with the children and show occasional films that he obtains from the Embassy or a local theater. Tom has done this along with his volunteered services at the orphanage for the past 15 years. Close collaboration with the many missionaries who serve the 1,500,000 of Liberia makes for a wonderful interchange of services to God's people in W. Africa.

The greatest need in Liberia is education. Even though there is still plenty of land to develop to take care of its population, 85% of the people are illiterate. Lack of government funds makes it nearly impossible to cope with the problem. The work of the missionaries and the support they receive from their homelands gives some hope to where circumstances seem next to impossible.

The dry season (December to March) is almost over. School starts again in March and will go to December--the rainy season. It is then that Brother Tom, along with



BR. TOM DILLMAN AT SOS CHILDRENS' VILLAGE

Brothers Jim Newberry and Edwin Mattingly, will be carrying out the business of life as a Holy Cross teaching and caring missionary in West Africa.

+ Brother Edwin Mattingly also recently wrote that he and Brother James Newberry held down the fort while Brothers Tom Dillman and Donard Steffes were out of the country. He, too, mentioned that all the Brothers were all right after the disturbances in November.

Brother Ed and a crew of students set about painting much of the school area during the vacation period. Whenever he could, he would go back into the "bush" and do a bit of ornithology.

On Dec. 20, Fr. Martin Whyte, an Irish SMA, announced the 42nd anniversary of his ordination. In preparing a fruit cocktail dessert, the cook went all the way and added a few peas, corn, green beans, and cubed potatoes. Strangely enough, the dessert was tasty, but a bit unusual. Br. Ed said that it provided a good laugh for many. "Lately," he added, "over here, good laughs are hard to come by. Nevertheless, the students still laugh readily and have a quick smile in spite of the many heartaches being endured."

● STILL AN OPEN INVITATION ●

"We issue an invitation to others to come and join us to help in building the Church in Ghana." --Statement on Mission, District of West Africa, 1981 and 1984.

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## Between the lines

By Brother Lawrence Miller, C.S.C.

LEARN TO GROW OLD by Paul Tournier. Harper and Row, Publishers. Paperback ed., 1983.

At the recent "Third Age Potential" workshop I attended, we were told that the expression "grouchy old man" is incorrect. It is more accurate to think of him as a grouchy man who has grown old.

It is too late to learn how to grow old if you are already old. This book is basically for middle-age persons. If you are old, you can nevertheless learn many facts of life from a thorough reading of this book. I say facts of life because Tournier knows them, expertly. He writes well.

Tournier is a doctor. All his professional life he practiced "medicine of the person." He did this so well he was asked by the publisher to write this book on the topic of old age. At the time he started writing LEARN TO GROW OLD, he was retired. He calls retirement a "second career." Don't look for a rocking chair, TV, golf bags, etc., in this book. Actually he relates his own success story and counts his blessings, and thanks the Lord for them. However, in his practice of "medicine of the person," he encountered many sick in mind and body, many poor and oppressed persons, and he understands humanity as it is today.

He not only understands the human condition, he also writes well about our times and the society in which we live. His approach is holistic. Anyone who is too busy, does not have time, is preoccupied with his or her work, needs to know the insights Tournier expresses in the section "Work and Leisure." "I write for men and women in the full vigor of life," He writes, "who willingly shut their eyes to what awaits them in ten or twenty years' time, when retirement will suddenly deprive them of the work which assures their position in society today. They are more conditioned than they think by our consumer society, even though they criticize it. Its dogma is inscribed in their hearts: productivity!"

The section on "Faith" and old age and dying is the best on this subject to my knowledge. If you don't like to visit the sick, if you feel uncomfortable about the prospect of being present with a dying person, read this part for starts. You will then want to read all of it.

Editor's note: This book may be a good introduction for those who plan to attend Brother James Kell's Life/Work Planning Workshop at the HCB's Center in March.



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