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SESQUICENTENNIAL of HOLY CROSS

Sunday, March 1, 1987, will be the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of Holy Cross. On that day in 1837, the Brothers of St. Joseph and the Auxiliary Priests of LeMans entered into a covenant with one another which united them as a single congregation. The covenant is now referred to as the Fundamental Act of Union.

Since July 1986 a committee composed of members of the Indiana and Midwest provinces has been working to prepare materials which local communities of the congregation can use to celebrate the sesquicentennial. Texts suitable for mass, morning prayer, and evening song have been assembled by Father Peter Rocca. Brother John Kuhn is consulting with a Mishawaka artist, Timothy MacDonald, who will paint a portrait showing Fathers Dujarie and Moreau together and which will depict the moment when Dujarie handed over the direction of the Brothers of St. Joseph to Moreau. Photographic reproductions suitable for framing will be made available.

The Indiana Province Archives Center will distribute a booklet containing an English translation of the Fundamental Act of Union and an historical essay describing the course of events which led up to it.

A model press release has been prepared which local communities can use to announce the celebration to the news media.

Father Claude Grou, the superior general, has informed the committee that he will issue a circular letter about the event. Some documents recommended by Father Thomas Barrosse will be distributed by the committee at the behest of Father Grou. The general administration will undertake to have translated and to distribute to the non-English-speaking parts of the congregation the texts prepared by the committee.

The interprovincial committee is charged only with preparing suitable materials which local communities can use in observing the sesquicentennial. Each local community will organize its own celebration.

FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

+ Brother Charles Drevon, physics and electronics teacher, recently received from the University of Chicago a certificate honoring him as an outstanding teacher. The award is to outstanding and inspiring high school teachers on the recommendation of University of Chicago college students.

+ Brother Donald Fleischhacker and Mrs. Kathleen Jones have been nominated as candidates for the 1987-7 Academy of Educators. Their nomination comes as a result of someone in their community feeling that they have had a profound, positive impact on the lives of their students and presenting their names to the Foundation for Excellence in Education, a non-profit foundation funded by Chicago area businesses and foundations, which makes the nominations to the Academy. The ten teachers selected from among the nominees will receive the Foundation's Golden Apple Award and appointment to the Chicago area Academy of Educators.

+ Brother Thomas Corcoran, Principal, announced recently that he had received word from the Illinois State Scholarship Commission that twenty-seven Holy Cross seniors (of the sixty-seven presented) had been named 1987-8 Illinois State scholars. The twenty-seven are among the top ten percent of all students presented for consideration.

from CHILE

Brother Richard MacDonald (E) writes from Hogar Santa Cruz (Santiago): "We have an old, big, sturdy house in center city for eight orphaned or abandoned boys ages 5 to 12. Lots of hard, long days of work. Brother Donald Nadeau (of Canada), a "Tia" and I eagerly await the return of Brother Donald Kuchenmeister in January.....There is such a need here for so many orphaned and abandoned children. Religious Brothers are needed in this rewarding apostolate."

from GILMOUR ACADEMY

+ Not everybody knows that the Academy's Chapel of the Holy Spirit was named and dedicated on September 1, 1946, ten days before the school's official opening. At the time a major benefactor of the chapel was Mrs. Premont, from Texas. During the past year or so regular attendants at the Saturday evening liturgy have noticed, one by one, new chapel accouterments, all gifts of a generous anonymous donor. Most recently there appeared the new tabernacle and new red carpeting; preceding these were a new sanctuary lamp, a pair of floor-based candlesticks, and the liturgical season altar covers. The Gilmour community, including the Brothers, thank the donor for these beautiful contributions.

+ The Thanksgiving food collection this year netted a van load of food that went to the near West Side Ecumenical Hunger Center as well as Templum House for Battered Women.

+ The Student Council collected \$500 from the Council-sponsored Halloween costume day. Students and faculty who participated paid two dollars to wear a costume throughout the school day. The money collected helps to fund the Inner City Christmas Party on campus, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and United Way.

from SHERMAN OAKS

Brother John Dobrogowski writes that Brother Elias Ryan is visiting New Orleans and that Brother Sixtus Perzynski is keeping the lawns and gardens in beautiful California style.

Brother John D. has been on crutches for the past four months and "raising cane" for the replacement of the prosthesis on his knee. This has not, however, kept him from his "HAVE YOU HEARD" columns. Two examples: (Have you heard) that the new pro football team in the Philippines will be known as the "Manila Folders"?....that the Pope uses the Vatican Express Credit Card: he never leaves Rome without it."

From HOLY TRINITY, CHICAGO

+ Exciting times at HTHS! Enrollment increases 14% over last year for a total of 501 students. It is part of a trend in which Holy Trinity's enrollment has risen 24% in the last three years.

+ The other sweet news in that the chocolate drive sold 28,650 bars and the school realized \$14,000. Having exceeded the goal by raising \$33,000 last year, the Founders' Annual Fund Drive goal has been set at \$50,000 for the current school year.

+ Honorary Chairperson, Robert (Yesokietous) Young, '51, of the campaign said, "Holy Trinity High School has been doing a terrific job for over 76 years. If we stop to think about it, so many of us have received so much from our association with the Brothers of Holy Cross and their self-sacrificing efforts at the school since its foundation." Brother John Tryon, Director of Development stated, "Quite simply, we need it, and I think we can do it."

(Ed. note: Let's share from our abundance. Pass the word.)

COMING EVENTS

Jan 23: Moreau Day. Celebration at St. Mary's, Notre Dame

Feb 25 to Mar 4: Council of the Congregation meets at LeMans.
(We don't know which LeMans!)

May 24-25: U.S. Provincials will meet in Austin, Texas

June 19-21: Holy Cross History Conference. (Manchester, N.H.)

July 1-4: Midwest Province Gathering and celebration of jubilees.

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

Holy Cross Junior College and the chapel at the Brothers' Center was the scene for the Diocesan Day of Reflection held on November 22nd. The day was preparatory for the National Black Catholic Congress to be held in May of 1987 at Catholic University in Washington.

Rev. Clarence Waldon of Holy Angels parish in Indianapolis was the keynote speaker. In attendance were people from Ft. Wayne, South Bend, Elkhart, and other cities in the diocese. Bishop John D'Arcy attended the entire day and was the celebrant and homilist at the closing liturgy. Bishop Joseph Crowley was also in attendance for a portion of the day.

The focus was to surface issues concerning evangelization in the Black community, decide which issues would be sent to Washington for the National Congress and to select ten delegates from the diocese for the May, 1987 event.

Brother Roy Smith is the Diocesan Coordinator for the Ft. Wayne-South Bend Diocese.

VOICE of the PEOPLE

A Chicago ministry known as Voice of the People has Brother Robert Dailey on the Board of Directors for the second year. Previously, Brother Charles Smith served on the board for eight years, two as president.

Since 1968, Voice of the People has meant decent shelter, resident control, community involvement, family stabilization, and affordable rents. Voice housing is cooperatively managed with tenants having a "say so" about how their building is run.

Their motto tells it all: "Decent Housing is a Right, not a Privilege."

from DUJARIE HOUSE, NOTRE DAME

+Social highlight of the month was the annual Christmas party the late afternoon of the 16th. For at least the 7th consecutive year Brother Simon Murren favored us in the role of Santa Claus. He arrived about 4:30 and distributed gifts to all the patients and members of the staff. The Christmas decorations were all in place and a sumptuous meal had been prepared by Mr. Richard Snyder and Mrs. Addie Hope. Nearly 95% of the staff was on hand to help with the proceedings. Guests included seven Brothers from the Provincial Residence, our recent chaplain for six years, Fr. Ray Cour, three CSC Sisters from St. Joe High School, and recently retired nurse, Donna Holcomb and her husband, Lee. Head Nurse, Mrs. Shirley Rasmussen headed up arrangements. Everyone seemed to be pleased.

+Another high spot of the month was the arrival on the 9th of Brother Leonardo Bebetu from Akron for prostate surgery. Brother's surgery (on the 12th) was successful and he remained with us to recover until Brother Guy Eckels came to fetch him on the 30th. It was our pleasure to assist and, we hope, somewhat entertain Leonardo during the Christmas season.

+A favorite time for guests is our Sunday Mass and brunch. Members of the Provincial Residence, especially Brother Lawrence Miller, favor us frequently with their presence. Other guests this month were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Paczesny (brother and sister-in-law of Brother Just). Also Brothers Donald Morrison and Bruce Lescher. Bruce visited overnight from his vacation at home in Avon, Ohio.

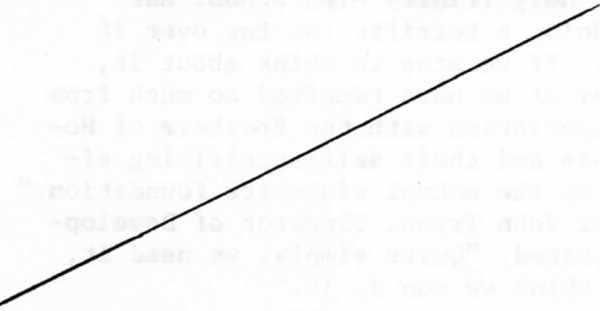
+The Christmas season was enlivened by two false fire alarms. One of the patients, still able to read PULL DOWN, did, when he saw this on the alarm box. On Christmas Eve some nearly undetectable smoke from the oven was detected by one of the super sensitive corridor detectors. Since installation a year ago we have had a dozen false fire alarms -- set off by the weather (lightning), mild smoke (oven or toasters), the patients (PULL DOWN -- three times!) but, we are happy to note, not yet by even the semblance of a fire. God is good! And the Notre Dame Fire Department is always gracious.

+The Stanley Steamer cleaned our dining room and south corridor carpets on the Monday evening before Christmas.

+Brothers Just and Pedro, along with several Brothers from the Center, attended Mr. Glenn Rousey's Christmas Party in the "old" Brothers' Residence at St. Joe High School on the 14th.

+Father Tom Barrosse visited most of the patients and staff shortly before Christmas.

+Brother Donald Stabrowski is expected to join us temporarily on New Year's as he recovers from surgery.



POTPOURRI

Columba Hall's '86 Cribbage Tournament was won by a Canadian visitor, Father Albert Laisnez.

+ During Boysville's annual Appreciation Dinner, Brother Roy Smith received recognition for having been a member of the board for the past six years. The dinner was held at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House. One of the highlights, making for a festive and enjoyable evening, was the piano concert by Brother Daniel Kane...Brother Gregoire Bleau also received a certificate of recognition for his services to Boysville.

+ Brother George Klawitter of the English Department at Viterbo College (LaCrosse, Wisconsin) had a busy year rewriting a book on Renaissance poetry and put together two more books of his own poetry....He has joined the University Orchestra and is a member of the Viterbo College string ensemble. (Will the New York Philharmonic be far behind?) ...George teaches creative writing and a literature course in 17th Century poetry.

THE ART OF LISTENING

(Excerpted and condensed from an article written by Brother Edward Courtney and appearing in the December 11, 1986 issue of the Notre Dame student publication, THE OBSERVER.)

Listening is a virtue rather than an art because it lies in both the human and spiritual dimensions. Taking time to listen with sensitivity and compassion to those who wish to talk about themselves or their concerns requires compassion. We must be available to whoever crosses our path.

Listening is a ministry -- one of great value. How often have we ourselves sought in vain for a special someone to listen to our heartbreak, our history, or the obstacles we face in our lives? How many have been the successes, joys, and personal good news we longed to share with someone? Would that more of us responded to the quiet call to be ministers of listening!

By being listeners we are not going to solve people's problems. They will solve their own. Simply put, as compassionate listeners we allow others to lay it all out. (It is sad that such healing often cannot take place because our mouths are more eager for exercise than our ears.) Healing begins from the inside.

Bartenders, barbers, and hairdressers must be excellent listeners. God bless these unsung heroines and heroes. Christians would do well to remember that it helps the business of the Gospel to be compassionate listeners. It is sad that people have to frequent a bar to seek out someone who will listen to them. Religious places and homes do not provide listeners.

It is well established that many people check into a hospital because they are lonely and need someone to whom they can talk. The most effective balm that hospitals dispense is, often, compassionate listening. Ask any nurse.

Pope Pius XII said: "To be a Christian is to be a missionary." To whom? and where? Wherever we meet our burdened brothers and sisters. There is much unhappiness in the world. We could bring much happiness to others if we would take the time to be good listeners. Still, it is not time itself, but the quality of the time that is important. We must learn to feel the hurt and the pain that the other person is relating. Unless we can do this we cannot relate.

We are all responsible before God for the happiness of our brothers and sisters in the Lord. The prayer of a compassionate listener undoubtedly will be heard much sooner than that of one who can't be bothered with the troubles of others.

The Principal of one eastern school once sent a questionnaire to 800 members of the student body. One question was: "If you were experiencing a difficulty in your life, whom would you approach for assistance?" The majority of the students said the janitor or sexton. Why? He would care, he would listen, he would understand, he would take the time. He would keep the confidence. So, no matter what our background, social standing, or qualifications, we can all do much good. Just look around and be available. But we must avoid the ministry of listening out of a sense of duty. Go beyond that. That is where real, loving concern is apparent.

Our own Blessed Brother Andre, C.S.C., was one who went far beyond the call of duty because there were brothers and sisters who needed just one word of consolation, one word of sympathy. This loving and caring Holy Cross Brother would receive up to 300 people a day at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal from 1904 to 1937. He would travel by car in the evening to visit the homes of shut-ins and patients in hospitals. This is love personified.

Permit me to touch on one other area of the virtue of listening. It's about listening to our children. Children, like anyone else, enjoy talking. Child abuse is on the increase today. It is especially important that we make our-

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selves available to listen to them, or we may never know what is happening in their lives until it is too late. Praise children for tasks well done. Correct them when they are wrong. Talk things out. Hear them out. Don't interrupt in the middle of their sentences. Listen. If we, as adults, are wrong in our assessments sometimes, apologize and admit our mistakes. Children are our greatest investment; they are God's gift to us. We educate our children by listening to them, by playing with them, talking to them, reading to them.

May these reflections be of some assistance and motivation to someone, somewhere, sometime.

OBITUARIES

- + Rev. John Haley, C.S.C. (S.P.)
- + Brother Mark (Bartel) Rufe, C.S.C.,
(South-West Province)
- + Mrs. Anna Ehrhardt (Mother of Brother Ronald.)



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