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Association of St. Joseph continues growth

FROM THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE:

+ The month of March is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph. It is during this time that the Brothers of Holy Cross not only become mindful of St. Joseph as their patron, but also mindful of the prayers to be said for vocations to the priestly and religious life and of the supportive role of the Association of St. Joseph in the apostolates of the Brothers.

Even though the Association of St. Joseph was founded 150 years ago by Father Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, as a means to supplement the income of the Brothers, it still remains not only a means of assistance for the Brothers today but, more importantly, it is a sharing of the spiritual benefits derived from the Masses and prayers offered on behalf of those enrolled in the Association. It is a spiritual family of members who share their prayers with each other and who involve themselves in a personal commitment to make Christ present in the world through the apostolates of the Brothers of Holy Cross. It is also, for the most part, the Holy Cross Brothers' present way of increasing devotion to St. Joseph and of making Blessed Brother Andre better known throughout the Christian community.

Last summer, Brother Eymard Salzman, who had been director of the Association for 20 years, turned over the operation of the office of the Association to Brother Flavius Ellison, former administrator of CORVILLA, a home for the retarded in the South Bend area. Brother Flavius admits that the dedication of Brother Eymard to the work of the Association is a very difficult responsibility to follow.

Addressing and stuffing envelopes, filling out enrollment cards, writing newsletters, speaking to groups, updating reg-



BROTHER FLAVIUS ELLISON, NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ST. JOSEPH

istrations, bookkeeping, publishing notices of special novenas and Masses, personal correspondence, and more, tends to keep Brother Flavius busy each day in his office. The job description is awesome.

Other than the supportive and spiritual

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ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE BROTHERS OF HOLY CROSS, PRAY FOR US.



+ Saint Joseph, Foster Father of Christ, intercede with your Son to help us become more like Him and to renew dedication to the religious life.

May He teach us respect and love for those whom we serve. May He through your intercession enable us to strengthen the vocations now in our

religious family and to encourage others to follow the evangelical counsels as His devoted servants.

benefits, the personal letters that arrive daily on Brother's desk (about 50 letters a day) consume much attention and response. Most letters contain personal intentions that people want the Brothers to remember in their prayers, whether it be for themselves or for others.

"There are many lonely and suffering people out there," Brother Flavius commented, "that desperately count on the prayers of religious to help them." The benefits of the Association of St. Joseph are many and far reaching. It is not only an effective apostolate within Holy Cross but also a reflection of the devotion to St. Joseph and that of his apostle, Blessed Brother Andre.

Announcement:

+ Father Egidio Nkaijanabwo, a missionary priest from Uganda is in the Religious Leaders Workshop at Notre Dame during his sabbatical year and is living with the Brothers at Columba Hall.

Before Father Nkaijanabwo left Uganda in August of 1984 to come to the States, the Headmaster of St. Michael High School in Uganda, through the chairman of the board of governors, gave Father a list of books needed in the school, with a note saying, "We need books badly--these or any others, and any other assistance you can get."

The school itself, started four years ago, services an area of 400 square miles. With an enrollment of 200, the school lacks space and funds to make it possible for many others to attend. Many sacrifices are made to maintain the facilities and its operation. Inflation makes it even more difficult to develop.

Any financial contributions, text and reference books, or any other library reading material would be gratefully accepted. Contact Father Nkaijanabwo at

Columba Hall before May 1st if assistance in this matter is forthcoming.

FROM FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

+ Bishop William McManus of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese has resigned his Church leadership position for reasons of age and health. John D'Arcy of Boston has been named as his successor.

McManus, a Chicago native, had been spiritual head of the Diocese since October 19, 1976. The Diocese is the third largest in Indiana after Indianapolis and Gary.

Not only a friend and staunch supporter of Holy Cross and the University of Notre Dame, he was also instrumental in pointing out the Brothers of Holy Cross to Archbishop Francis T. Hurley of Anchorage as a source of help in directing and maintaining the diocesan summer camp for Alaskan youth. That response eventually caused the Brothers to move full time to Alaska and to develop a youth ministry program for the diocese as well as an office of communications. Brothers John McMuldren and Joseph Barry are presently in the Youth Ministry Office and Br. Charles McBride is head of communications for the Diocese.

Holy Cross is grateful to Bishop McManus for his friendship and support over the past nine years.

Pray for them...

Rev. James V. Lowery, C.S.C., of Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, who died at the St. Joseph Medical Center on Sunday, February 3, 1985. Burial was at Holy Cross Fathers' Cemetery, North Easton, Massachusetts.

Stanley Kowalski, brother of Brother Leo Kowalski, who died the week of February 10th.

Mabel Lyon, mother of Brother Brian Lyon, who died after a long illness in Loretto, Kentucky, at the age of 94 on February 22nd.

Pauline Varnak, the mother of Brother Charles Varnak (E), who died in Republic, Pennsylvania, at the age of 91 on Friday, February 22nd.

MAY THEY REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.

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Around the Province... and then some

FROM WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA:

+ Brother Just Paczesny informs us that Brother Raphael Wilson is finally out of the hospital after his heart operation in Houston, Texas. He is still very weak at the time of this writing, and a long recovery period is needed. He is presently staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oppermann, 6134 Valkeith, Houston, Texas 77096.

FROM INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA:

+ Brother Camillus Kirsch writes to us about the happenings taking place at the Gibault School in Terre Haute.

On June 29, 1985 the renovated Alerding Hall at the school will be dedicated by Archbishop Edward O'Meara and be renamed Holy Cross Hall in honor of the Brothers and priests of Holy Cross who directed and staffed Gibault for 47 years. Holy Cross Hall was officially occupied the first week of February, 1985 after nearly a year of complete renovation at the cost of 2.5 million dollars.

Brother Rupert Poudrier was named Gibault's first Brother Director in 1934. Brother Thomas Balthazor was the last Brother Director in 1981. During much of that time, the school was staffed by 15 to 17 Brothers and a priest of Holy Cross. For the nine months' school term, the same Brothers were constantly at the school, but during the summer, many other Brothers from the community day schools were assigned to Gibault so that regular staff members could take a vacation and/or pursue advanced studies.

Alerding Hall was built in 1926 as the main building on the Gibault campus. It was named after Bishop Herman Alerding, fourth Bishop of the Ft. Wayne Diocese from 1900 to 1924.

At its quarterly meeting on January 19, 1985, the Board of Trustees of Gibault unanimously voted to rename Alerding Hall.

After receiving his MSW degree, Brother Thomas Balthazor returned to Gibault in May of 1984 as the Assistant Director in Charge of Fiscal Affairs. Since October of 1980, Brother Camillus has acted as the Provincial's CSC representative on the Gibault Board of Trustees.

FROM ROME, ITALY:

+ Italy, as well as the United States, was hit by the rigors of winter this year. Although there were not the sub-zero readings as found in the States, still there was snow and much damage to the trees.

Brother Bernard Klim will be coming to the States for a sabbatical starting in mid-March. In the course of the year, he will be making a couple of rather extended Zen sessions. Bernard is well known for his metal art work. He plans to send a several pieces ahead for display at the Province Center at Notre Dame.

On Sunday, February 17, Vince McAloon, host for the University of Notre Dame International Club in Rome, was honored with a surprise party celebrating his 75th birthday. It was a real surprise for him. He was presented with a beautiful scroll praising him for his dedication to Holy Cross and Notre Dame over the past 35 years. He spent many years teaching at our International School in Rome.

Brother Ray Dufresne is on the Midwest Provincial Chapter committee on Organization and Administration. He plans to arrive in the States in early May for a home "vacation" and visits; and then on to the business of the Midwest Chapter and an all-district superiors meeting at Stonehill before returning to Rome. It's little wonder that he put the word vacation in quotation marks.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Brother Albert Kern, Holy Cross Brothers' Center, will be at:

Lebh Shomea House of Prayer

La Parra Ranch

Sarita, Texas 78385

from February 25th to May 31st, 1985.

FROM SARASOTA, FLORIDA:

+ Brother Ray Kelly writes that former Holy Cross Brother Arthur Hannaway was ordained to the the Diaconate by Bishop John Nevins of Venice, Florida, at the Church of the Incarnation in Sarasota on December 16, 1984. Ordination to the priesthood is to take place in May or June in Venice. He will be the first priest ordained in the new Venice Diocese.

FROM MONROE, MICHIGAN:

+ All the Brothers of the Monroe Community attended the "Evening Dialogue with Archbishop Szoka and Bishop Schoenherr" at St. Timothy's in Trenton, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m. on March 4th. The dialogue covered the second request from the Pope regarding the Religious Life in America today. Last May the Monroe Community attended a similar meeting along with 300 religious from the Detroit area.

+ Brothers Maynard Rabidoux and Walter Foken were among the judges for an investment project that picked student Michael Norman as the top investor. After months of preparation and following the stock market, Michael's project of 15 pages of data that showed the largest yield in competition, was declared the top entry. The three entries in the competition will be taken to St. Louis to compete in the N.C.B.E.A. Business Fair on April 10, 1985.

FROM AKRON, OHIO:

+ Brother Leonardo Bebetu and Grace and Larry Fanelly will be honored as the 1985 Friends of Hoban. The award, which recognizes continued service to the Hoban community will be presented on March 30. Also honored at the ceremony will be two distinguished alumni, Dr. Charles Peter and Mr. William Considine. The Brothers' community is invited to be present at the Award Night.

+ Brother Joseph Fox was welcomed back to Archbishop Hoban High School after two and a half years with the Youth Ministry Office for the Archdiocese of Anchorage.

After Joe thawed out, or maybe closer to the fact, after he adjusted to the sub-zero climate in Akron, he began organizing his new office. He will re-develop a service program for the students as part of the Religious Studies Program.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS OF HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL IN FLUSHING, NEW YORK, ON THE JOYFUL OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL. MAY GOD BLESS ALL THOSE, PAST AND PRESENT, WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO THE GROWTH OF HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL OVER THE YEARS.

FROM SOUTH BEND, INDIANA:

+ A West Side Church's Concert was held at St. Stanislaus B.M. Parish, on Sunday, March 3rd, at 3:00 p.m. The concert was sponsored by the Ministers of Music of the parish and also included eight other parishes from South Bend's West Side.

None of the church choirs is professional but has dedicated parishioners who combine their talents to share with all those present their gift of music and to strengthen the unity of Christian communities in the neighborhood.

There were also several congregational hymns and a short message from Father Steve Sedlock, C.S.C., Pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish.

Brother Jerry Schwabe, C.S.C., Parish Music Director, was the Concert Master for the occasion.

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE:

+ February has been the most active month in recent memory. The severity of the weather during one period kept at least four staff members from getting here for work. Head nurse Shirley Rasmussen stayed on for 72 consecutive hours, working about 80% of them. Several others had to stay overnight.

+ Brother Quentin Hegarty plans to return to River Grove on March 1. Br. James Kell (S-W) came for a week's visit on Feb. 26.

+ Mrs. Rasmussen accompanied Br. Paul Mattingly to the Mayo Clinic on the 18th for his sixth-month check and for tests. Br. Lawrence Miller replaces Mrs. Rasmussen until Br. Paul's release.

+ New members at Dujarie House include Br. Philbert Cook, who arrived on the 18th from St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend. He is alert but is unable to leave his room. Brother Ives Kilroy arrived on Ash Wednesday and is doing well. He moves about in a wheel chair because of shortness of breath. Br. Roger Jamison arrived from the Medical Center on the 26th. He has had severe pneumonia and still needs oxygen as does Br. Philbert.

+ Brother Majella Hegarty spent several days at St. Joseph Medical Center late last month while attempting to calm an irregular heartbeat.

+ The first annual Sweethearts' Ball, planned for Feb. 18, also became a victim

of the worst week of the winter. It will be rescheduled for after Easter.

+ Brother August Sosa (E) completed four sessions of a rehab program at South Bend Memorial Hospital but did not feel that he would be helped by continuing the program.

+ Dujarie House Chaplain, Fr. Ray Cour, was ill and a patient at Holy Cross House for a good part of the month. Fathers Bill Morrison and Mike O'Brien filled in.

+ Brother John O'Flaherty will be 81, appropriately enough, on St. Patrick's Day. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the profession of Brother Pius Leising (S-W), who will be 82 on April 11th.

A Vocation Profile . . .

FROM CLINTON, MICHIGAN:

+ A recent article in the MICHIGAN CATHOLIC entitled "Brothers: Prophetic Ministers," recently featured Brother Francis Boylan's reflections on being a Brother of Holy Cross and what it means to him. March, being the month of St. Joseph, is also vocations month; and it is also a time for us to reflect on our own vocations in what Francis has to say.

"Our family doctor was an important person who stirred my interest in medicine. He was compassionate and always seemed to help people. I wanted to be like him. Then in my senior year in high school, I became aware of a new yearning: I became interested in the possibility of

living and working in a religious community as a Brother. I joined the Holy Cross Brothers at Notre Dame, Indiana, and both of my dreams were fulfilled.

"My personal ministry was undefined when I was called to serve the young men of Boyssville of Michigan, a school where I could be of service to the rich and the poor, learning disabled and the intelligent, the religious and the non-religious. Since I came to Boyssville, I have taught on all levels in the school and I have helped design programs that will bring peace, love and joy back to troubled families."

Brother Francis also reflected on the lives of fellow Holy Cross Brothers.

"Brother Robert Fillmore, a youth minister," Francis continued, "having just finished listening to a troubled young man who said when he was saying good-bye, 'Now I now what it is like to have a brother', is a good example of what a Brother's role is all about.

Francis concluded his article by recalling what Brother Luke Pearson said, "Religious Brothers, called to be disciples of Jesus, are prophetic ministers. They speak with the quality of their lives. This witness, by example, to the prophetic aspect of Jesus' ministry, is dynamic. It is seen when Brothers live together and involve themselves completely in the lives of one another and of the people they serve. Brothers are prophetic when we know our brothers' hopes and failures and take them upon ourselves."

The Winter of 1985 ties up Midwest for one week



NOT ONLY DID THE SNOWS OF '85 ADD BEAUTY TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE BROTHERS' CENTER--



BUT ALSO ADDED MOUNDS OF SNOW AT THE JUNIOR COLLEGE TO CLOSE IT UP FOR FOUR DAYS.

FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

+ Brother Charles Pinto has announced that the Midwest Provincial Administration has honored his request not to be reappointed as principal of Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, at the conclusion of his three-year term in June, 1985.

At the request of Brother Philip Armstrong, Provincial, the Holy Trinity High School Advisory Board has established a Principal's Search Committee and announces the opening of the position.

Applications of qualified candidates for the position of principal are to be submitted to the Holy Trinity High School Search Committee by Friday, March 22, 1985.

FROM RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS:

+ Two seniors, Phillip Robertson and Steve Migalski, participated in the Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C., from February 9 to 17. They were privileged to meet with President Reagan at the White House. It is the first time in the 13 years of Holy Cross students going to Washington that they actually had a personal audience with the President.

+ On Sunday, February 17, some 400 students and guests were present for the Junior Class Ring Mass. The "Ring Mass" is one of the highlights for third year students at Holy Cross. The ceremony and the ring represent a significant point in the life of the student. By linking the ring with its blessing and presentation at the Mass, the event receives a special spiritual significance.

The liturgy was concelebrated by Rev. Michael Garcia, O.P., Director of the Christian Life Office at Holy Cross, who acted as president of the assembly; and Rev. Richard Downs, C.S.C., head of the Guidance Department and chaplain to the Brothers' community at Holy Cross.

Brother Thomas Corcoran, Principal, closed the ceremony with brief remarks and expressions of thanks.

+ The Holy Cross High School Music Department presented its Fourteenth Annual Pops Concert at the school gymnasium on Friday, March 8, 1985, at 7:30 p.m. The Beginning, Intermediate, Varsity and Jazz Bands were all featured.

+ The Holy Cross High School Chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph will feature

a mini St. Joseph Table on Friday, March 15, for members of its local chapter.

+ Brother Don Fleischhacker attended the first formal Archdiocesan Pastoral Council meeting on March 9 at Holy Name Cathedral. Don is on the Spirituality Committee of the Council.

Don will be attending "The Seventh Annual National Catholic Lay Celebration of Evangelization" from March 22 to 24 at the Bismark Hotel in Chicago. The meeting will be a concrete response to Pope Paul VI's exhortation on evangelization and to Pope John Paul II's renewed call for evangelization for sharing the fullness of life in Christ will all people.

FROM ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS:

+ Brothers Joe Ballard, Paul (William) Verstraete, and Richard Johnson helped out for three days (February 16 to 18) at the Virgin Islands Agricultural Fair by spending time at the St. Joseph High School booth. They showed slides of the school and a video tape of the school's last two musicals.

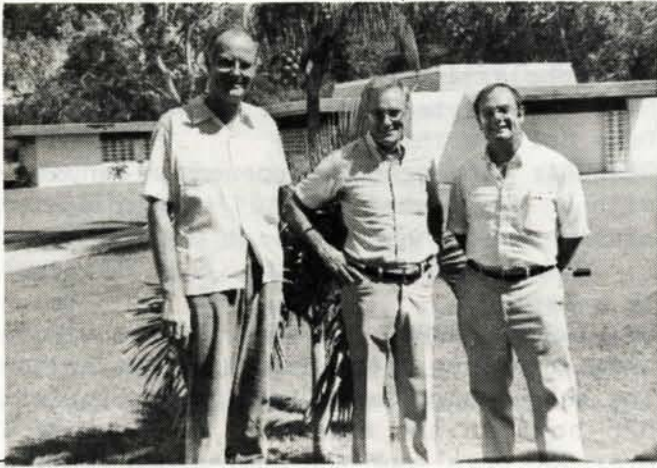
On Monday, February 18, Brother Paul prepared a meal (He took the role of Martha while Brothers Joe and Richard took the role of Mary) for twenty priests and Brothers for the regular weekly get-together. Paul used a special chicken recipe from Washington, D.C., and his own

The weather has been the coldest in 15 years -- 80s during the day and 70 in the evening. The coldest on record is 62 F.

The English spoken in St. Croix is difficult to understand at times. The varied backgrounds of African, French, Danish, Carib Indian, and Spanish flavor the language a bit. But, like all over, there are the rich and the poor to give the usual balance in a given culture. Although the American flag is flown, there is a slow paced way of life similar to that of Latin America.

The school is quite poor, having a bare concrete floor in the gym and a cafeteria squeezed onto a stage area. But, a building of concrete block and concrete floors is sufficient for the warm climate.

Br. Joe teaches Religious Studies, Br. Richard teaches computer science and physics, and Br. Paul is the Principal. Br. Richard says that the physics equipment sent from Holy Cross High School in River



BROTHERS (L-R) PAUL (WILLIAM), JOSEPH AND RICHARD AT SUNNY ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Grove has been very helpful. Special thanks to Brothers Thomas Corcoran and Charles Drevon from Br. Richard and the St. Joseph High School physics students.

Bishop Sean O'Malley conducted a retreat for the faculty to open the second semester.

FROM ANCHORAGE, ALASKA:

+ The Fur Rendezvous celebration in mid-February is the highlight of winter activities in the Anchorage area. Many activities from fur trading to dog sled races and from parades to special exhibits are the order of the day. The Office of Youth Ministry, under the direction of Brother John McMuldren and assisted by Brother Joe Barry, held its Fifth Annual "Faith" Rendezvous from February 15 to 17, to correspond with the closing days of the city's Fur Rondy. It is a combined faith and social experience for the youth of the Archdiocese of Anchorage.

The youth weekend began with opening night registration and activities. Youth guests from outlying areas of the Diocese were then welcomed to host homes of Anchorage youth for the weekend.

On Saturday, February 16, events included the C.Y.O. float in the Fur Rondy parade at 10:00 a.m. and the second Annual Catholic College fair at the Sheffield Hotel from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eleven Catholic colleges and universities were present for the fair. The schools ranged from those found along the Lower 48's West Coast to Marquette University in Milwaukee. The evening activities, which started with a dinner at 5:00 and followed by a Youth Mass at 7:30, was concluded with a

dance from 9:00 to Midnight at St. Anthony Parish.

The weekend ended with the Archbishop's Breakfast held at the Officers' Club of Elmendorf Air Force Base. Archbishop Francis T. Hurley gave his blessing to all who participated in the memorable weekend.

It was the good fortune of Br. Robert Filmore, Formation Director, to be visiting the Anchorage Brothers' community during the period of the Rendezvous.

FROM LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

+ St. Edward High School's third annual Phon-a-thon to raise funds for scholarships and the school's computer center began on February 25 and will end March 25.

+ Brother Robert Berthiaume, moderator of the St. Edward Chapter of the National Honor Society, inducted ten seniors and 25 juniors into the Honor Society on Tuesday, February 26. Dr. Daniel M. Kalish, Superintendent of Lakewood schools, was the guest speaker.

+ Mr. Vernon Stover and Brother Kenneth Kane directed the annual Pops Concert held at the school on March 1 and 2. The Eagle Band will be marching in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 17.

+ I.D.C., a New Jersey fund raising company is currently doing a feasibility study, commissioned by the Board of Trustees, for a capital campaign to build a new fine arts wing for the school.

+ The North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges will announce at the Association's meeting in Chicago (March 17 to 19) that St. Ed's is proposed for full membership. The school is currently half way through its institutional self study. The Association's visiting team arrives in October.

+ The Eagle wrestling, hockey, and basketball teams have all reached state tournament levels this year.

+ Four Masses were held for the students on Ash Wednesday. Priests from local parishes assisted with the Masses.

+ Br. Kenneth Kane and Fr. William Hickens, C.S.C., recently attended discussion sessions with Bishop Pilla on the pastoral letter on religious issued from Rome.

+ Brother William Dygert, Principal, was part of the North Central evaluation team for St. Augustine Academy on March 5, 6, and 7.

Around the World

News from the Missions

FROM GHANA, WEST AFRICA:

+ Brother Paul Mensah writes that Brother John Paige (E), Director of Novices in Waterford, New York, paid a two-week visit to Ghana from January 31 to February 13. While in Cape Coast, Br. John rescued a boy from drowning at the St. Augustine's beach. He also taught some classes in the school and gave a conference to the Sister candidates of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles. At Sekondi, he met with the formation team for a round of talks.



BR. JOHN AIKINS, CSC

Brother John Aikins pronounced his first vows on February 9, 1985, in Holy Cross Chapel at St. John's Secondary School in Sekondi. All the Holy Cross family, John's family, members of other communities, and friends of Holy Cross and students from St. John's were present for the celebration.

It was a time of joy for Holy Cross in Ghana. Brother Joseph Tsiquaye, District Superior, received Br. John's vows. Father Bob Gilmour was the main celebrant, with nine priests from the diocese concelebrating. Expressions of congratulations and a celebration followed the joyous ceremony.

+ All members of Holy Cross around the world take this occasion to welcome Brother John into their midst. God grant John good health, peace, and happiness in his life as a Brother of Holy Cross.

FROM BANGLADESH:

ST. GREGORY'S: Brother Jerome Kroetsch returned to the States for a home leave.

On February 1st Brother Charles Garnier celebrated the 37th anniversary of his entering the novitiate. Where have all the years gone?

The rush for admissions to St. Gregory High School is nearly over, and Br. Gerald Kraeger can begin to recover from the deluge of papers and phone calls that plagued

him during the admissions period.

SCHOLASTICATE: Brother Leo Pereira joined the Scholasticate (Sadhana Griha) on Jan. 5th. He started his B.A. classes at Notre Dame College this year.

BANDURA: The school reopened on January 9 with an enrollment of 1103 students. Admission tests were held on January 3 and 5. Out of 415 applicants, only 235 could be accepted.

ST. JOSEPH, MDPUR: Brother Ralph Baird is under pressure with admissions quotas too. The school enrollment is highest ever with 826 boys in the school. On January 12 over 500 boys took the admissions test; of them only 99 could be admitted.

Br. Robert Hughes has joined the faculty and is teaching science and physics. Br. James Talarovic is still working on more translations and is getting ready to have another book published soon.

NARINDA: On January 14 Br. John Rozario presided over the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bangladesh Conference of Religious. It was the first meeting of the new committee.

+ The official opening of the International Year of Youth was opened by the four bishops of Bangladesh on January 25 at the the Cathedral. Representatives were invited from each parish of the country. With Holy Cross Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters helping to organize the day, close to 750 boys and girls attended.

+ The Archdiocesan meeting for religious and clergy was held on January 30 and 31. Br. John Rozario gave an introductory talk on the youth apostolate in the morning. Brothers John Emminger and Nicholas Thielman gave several reflections on the apostolate at the meeting as well.

JUNIORATE, NAGARI: There is a full house with 19 candidates and two Brothers.

Workers finished putting a cement wash on the building. Two Brothers and about 30 boys managed the job of casting a concrete ping-pong table, carrying it, and setting it on brick legs. The boys enjoyed the exercise but Brother Thomas More got a crick in his back and hopes never to lift anything heavier than a spoonful of rice to his mouth.

Seminarians Edmund and Elias, staying at the parish house, help out with the singing classes and with conferences.

ST. NICHOLAS H.S., NAGARI: The new year brought a new policy to the school. There is school every day except Friday, with

four periods on Sunday and seven on the other days.

ASPIRANCY, NARINDA: A boy was found in the lane at the aspirancy who was quite weak from not eating. The aspirants fed him and saw him on his way back home. His uncle had abandoned him.

Father Moreau Day, January 21, was celebrated with a prayer service and a short party in the evening.

The aspirants attended the opening of the International Year of Youth at Ramna on Friday, January 25. On the 26th, was recollection day with the theme, "Salvation in Jesus' Coming". Father Abraham was retreat master for the day.

MISSIONARIES' HOLIDAY:

+ When it comes time for a missionary to take a break from the rigors of work, climate, etc., where does he go and what does he do with the time allotted?

Brother Donard Steffes describes the holiday that he and Brother Edwin Mattingly took during their school term vacation period from St. Patrick's High School in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.

They left Liberia on KLM the evening of December 7, 1984. They arrived in Amsterdam the same day and stayed with the St. Louis Brothers, some of whose members are co-workers in Liberia.

On December 9 they flew to Rome and stayed at the Eastern Province's International School on the Via Aurelia. Since Donard was familiar with the city of Rome, he gave Ed a grand tour of the sites. A stay in Rome would be incomplete without having dinner at the famous Scoglio de Friseo where Vince McAloon, host for the University of Notre Dame Club of Rome, rolled out the carpet of hospitality.

While in Italy, they motored to Assisi, Florence, and Pisa. Ed was overwhelmed.

On December 18 the two missionaries arrived in Chicago and went directly on to Notre Dame, Indiana. While in Indiana, Ed visited family and friends. Donard went on to Akron, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan, to visit his relatives and friends.

The two eventually got together in Florida, and with a car and a canoe borrowed from the Brothers' Center, camped and canoed in Flamingo National Park, took a tour into the Sawgrass Country, and camped in the Great Cyprus Swamps and in several places along Alligator Alley.



**BROTHERS (L-R) DONARD AND EDWIN BID FOND
FAREWELL TO THE U.S., NOTRE DAME & SNOW.**

Both, having a deep love and appreciation of nature, were at the apex of their vacation experience.

They then drove to New Orleans to spend several days with the Brothers at Holy Cross High School. Happily they say two Mardi Gras parades; for it was already that time of year.

"With tears in their eyes", they headed north. While visiting one of Ed's brothers in Indianapolis, they were held up for an extra day because of heavy snows closing many roads. Continuing north on opened but dangerous roads, they worked their way to Notre Dame by way of Chicago.

Donard and Ed were packed and ready to return to Liberia on February 18. "God was good to us all the way," said Donard. "We had good camping weather and enjoyed our vacation trip very much. Now we are ready to face the rigors of Africa for another term."

SUMMER RENEWAL PROGRAM AT NOTRE DAME:

The 1985 Summer Institute, Sponsored by Retreats International, will again offer its program at the University of Notre Dame from July 1 to 26, 1985. Retreats International is a service organization to those engaged in retreat and pastoral ministry. The program is designed for people in Parish Ministry, Education, Campus Ministry, Spiritual Direction, Health Ministry, Counseling, Retreat Ministry, Ministry to the Aging, and Peace and Justice Ministry. For further information, write to: RETREATS INTERNATIONAL, P.O. BOX 1067, NOTRE DAME, IN 46556. (Highly Recommended)

Between the lines

By Brother Lawrence Miller, C.S.C.

+ THE WORD AMONG US, P.O. Box 3646, Washington, D.C. 20037. It sells for \$1.50 per copy; subscription rate is \$15.00 per year. This is a booklet, scriptural in nature as the title implies, published monthly, and consists of essays, daily meditations, and occasional special features.

The February, 1985 issue contains four essays. Each essay sets the theme for the Scripture readings and daily meditations for the coming week. The special feature is under the title "God Speaks to His People." There are several essays on the theme, and Part One is a reflection on the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. There are seven pages of material composed for use in small group discussion.

Last year this time, the publisher put out a special Lenten issue. It impressed me sufficiently that I searched it out to prepare for this present Lenten season. "Lent is a spiritual springtime. The word Lent comes from the Old English word Lencen, which probably referred to the time of spring....There is ample biblical precedent for linking the spiritual seasons with the natural seasons...."

A recently completed feature consists of a series of six essays on "Background To The Scriptures." Part Six is on Archaeology and the Bible, Part Four is on

the Lands of the Bible, and Part Three is "Making Full Use of Your Bible." I Missed three parts because I had not yet become a regular subscriber at the time the series started. These essays are well written, instructive, and can also be used for small group discussion.

I have been following THE WORD AMONG US faithfully since Lent of last year. I am delighted with it. It helps me daily with personal prayer and examination of conscience. It also helps me with my daily reading of the Bible and with combining the study of Christian teachings (Fathers of the Church) with participation in the life of the Church.

THE WORD AMONG US is put out in an attractive and colorful format, with a list of daily readings from the general liturgical calendar. I always look forward to the next issue with interest.

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