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Newsy-Bits-Of-News

BROTHER GEORGE KLAWITTER is the recipient of a \$3500 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to do research on Chaucer. He will spend two months this summer at the Huntington Library at UCLA. More immediately, George played violin with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Symphony Orchestra in a concert in Minneapolis's Symphony Hall.

From the "Catholic Commentary" page of the *Anchorage Daily News* we read an announcement of a Calendar Party for St. Theresa's Summer Camp. **BROTHER JOHN MC MULDER** is director of the camp.

The cross of Christ was the key symbol for more than 300 men and women religious from the Archdiocese of Chicago when they paused in their journey, March 9 at St. Eulalia's Church in Maywood, Illinois. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin led the prayer for the needs of the metropolitan area and the world. **BROTHERS THADDEUS, DONALD MORGAN, ROBERT FILLMORE** and **DON FLEISCHHACKER** participated in the Lenten activity.

BROTHER DON FLEISCHHACKER gave a talk at the Open Forum for Men and Women Religious held in Chicago. Other activities of Brother Don included his serving on the North Central Evaluation Visiting Team at De La Salle Institute on the Philosophy and Religion Committees. He recently was reappointed for another three-year term on the Chicago Archdiocesan Pastoral Council by the Chicago Archdiocesan Office for Religious.

BROTHER JOSEPH DUDEK recently won a Whirlpool washing machine in a Dominick's Sweepstake Promotion, which was donated to the Janitorial Services Department of Holy Cross High School.

BROTHER CARL SHONK was one of the co-authors of the bilingual Induction Ceremony for the Honor Societies of LaSalle High School, Miami, Florida. The theme of light as reflected in the gospels was utilized for the unique liturgical ceremony which was developed over several years.

From West Africa

BROTHER EDWIN MATTINGLY, Monrovia, Liberia, gave a one-week workshop for the teachers of the Cape Palmas Diocese.

BROTHER JAMES NEWBERRY, principal at St. Patrick's, Monrovia, made a two-day presentation to the religious teachers from all three major dioceses of Liberia.

BROTHERS JOSEPH ANAN, District Superior, **WILLIAM GATES** and **BILL MEWES** all participated in presenting retreats or days of recollection.

In his role of Diocesan Coordinator of Laity Formation, **BROTHER JOSEPH TSQUAYE** is working on a spirituality program for the laity. He also

BROTHER JEROME SCHWABE combined talents of organization, administration, art, music and food preparation for a benefit. The dinner was for the flood victims in Rio de Janeiro and was held at the Center for Social Concerns on the Notre Dame Campus. His helpers were a group of concerned Brazilians, with several Americans who have lived in Brazil. Over one hundred people attended. Jerome lived in Brazil for more than fourteen years and was Principal of both Brothers' schools there.



BROTHERS SIXTUS PERZYNSKI (pictured above) along with **CLARENCE LAMERE** and **STEPHEN CARTER** Midwest Province members spent their winter months in Sherman Oaks, California, and this year made their annual retreat with the Carmelites at Redlands. Also at the California post, **JOHN DOBROGOWSKI** joined other brothers at the annual Royal Knight (Notre Dame High School) silent auction held at the Universal-Sheraton Hotel. The fund raising activity was chaired by Kevin Dobson ("Knots' Landing"). David Carradine ("Kung-Fu") was also present. (Photo by Brother Nivard)

The *Gold & Blue* publication of St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, Winter 88, included an article by **BROTHER DAVID FITZGERALD**. "Earth Science is Everyone's Concern," was David's attempt to further educate society on the workings of our planet. David is Chairman of the Earth Science Dept. at the school.

serves as District representative exploring cooperation in the area of formation between the Districts of West and East Africa.

Those enrolled in the West Africa District Formation Program besides their classes participate in apostolic-service projects. **BROTHERS JAMES SANGE-DONKOR, SYLVESTER QUAYE, MICHAEL QUAIDOO-BLAY** and **TONY DADZIE** are involved at Jukwa where they give religious instruction at the local Catholic school as well as to adults. They work with the youth, visit the sick and aged, teach catechumens, and organize Marian devotions. **BROTHERS JOHN AIKINS** and **DANIEL DARDOE** are involved in New Takarodi where they teach in a local Catholic school, meet with the youth and conduct home visitations.

Lady Month May

God's chivalry delights us
Each Lady Month May
When web-thin weeping-willow branches
Quiver pale green-yellow hair
As the last of the white snow goes
And the brave forsythia sprays
A warm golden glow
Over the blue chilly air
To let Winter know
That it must go
And let Spring prepare Lady Month May.

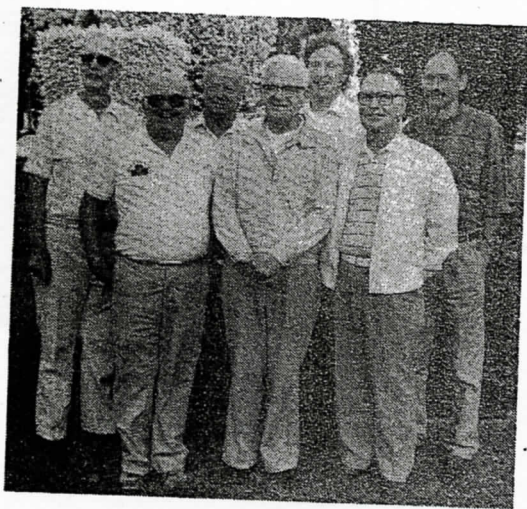
The lilac bushes burst lavender
As the trees leaf-out a shiny, tender greening
And tulips, many colored, raise
Strong cups up, gleaming.

Such riots of scent and color
From flower and fruit and grain
Proclaim Spring has now made ready
May-month for Mary
With rainbows of delights
In bouquets over the earth,
Proof of Our Lady's worth.

Then God added you to Mary's gifts
By a May-month request:
Give her your best,
Remain Mary's child,
Then her grace will keep you
Happy, meek, mild.

Happy summering.

Brother Remigius Bullinger, CSC



Of the 55 religious brothers present for the annual retreat sponsored by the National Assembly of Religious Brothers there were seven Brothers of Holy Cross. From l to r, **BROTHERS GONZAGA DAY, DONALD MCINTYRE, ROBERT SIEGEL, BARRY LAMBOUR, RICHARD KELLER, EDWARD HAGUS, and FRANCIS BOYLAN.** The retreat was held at the Passionist Retreat House, Our Lady of Florida, North Palm Beach.

Dujarie House News

This report is being filed just as spring is beginning to break ground.

BROTHER ANDREW STEFFES spent the weekend of March 12 at the hospital while his body sugar was being reassessed.

BROTHER ELIAS RYAN recovered from his several operations and has taken up residence again at Columba Hall.

The March 8 staff meeting was chaired by Mary Schaar and Barbara Baumer dealing with our preparations for patients who have AIDS. The response was good with a follow-up meeting probably in May. (Brother John Gleason has written an excellent policy statement on AIDS for the Eastern Brothers' Province.)

St. Patrick's Day celebration included a fine buffet dinner and musical entertainment. Coordinating the festivities was Head Nurse, Shirley Rasmussen. One of our nurses, Helen Pijut, was responsible for the organ as well as playing it to accompany the singing. Chef Richard Snyder and his staff prepared and served a fine buffet. The tables were decorated with green carnations

which had been sent by Eleanor Boyle of Hartford, Connecticut, in memory of **BROTHER JOHN O'FLAHERTY** who would have been 84 that day. Guests included **BROTHERS THOMAS MOSER and LAWRENCE MILLER**, Glenn Rousey and Sisters Siobhan and Carmel from St. Joseph's High School, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Jones.

May 31 will bring us the 86th birthdays of both **BROTHERS FLORIAN GILL and MICHAEL DONOVAN.** **BROTHER PAUL MATTINGLY** celebrates his 68th birthday on May 16.

We are once more prepared to welcome anyone who would give us a hand this summer. We can use help in annual housecleaning and fix-in' up, in the yards, with the windows, and, especially we could use charge cooks for any part of July and August when our two cooks plan to alternate their month's vacations. However, we would need cooks who could take care of the entire meal, as opposed to just assisting someone else. Our regular cooks would be away and would not be available to supervise someone willing to lend a hand but not caring for the entire responsibility. Please contact Brother Pedro if interested.

Brother Geenen
invites you
to celebrate
the dedication of
The Friendship Center
on
Friday, the Sixth of May
from
Six-thirty to Nine-thirty p.m.
1888 Alderman Street
Sarasota, Florida

From Brother William Geenen's first involvement in 1973 to this dedication fifteen years later, he has continuously fostered the growth of the Senior Friendship Centers of South West Florida.

"People helping people," elderly to elderly; this has been the basic philosophy. From medical care to free meals, over 2,000 people daily are the recipients of the services available through the network.

Sarasota, Naples, Ft. Myers and Leigh: all of these cities boast centers for seniors.

Other members of the Midwest Province who participate in this apostolate are Brothers Raymond Kelly and Robert Woodward.

(Pictured on the right: Brother William reviews the weekly schedule with a secretary.)



Between the Lines

by Brother Lawrence Miller, CSC

Showings

By Julian of Norwich
Paulist Press c.1978 \$9.95
545 Island Road, Ramsey, N.J. 07446

Showings is one of The Classics of Western Spirituality. Dr. Susan Muto, director of the Institute of Formative Spirituality at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, lists *Showings* as one of the top ten spiritual classics. Another word for showings, as used in the title of the book, would be revelations. Julian herself used the word "shewings." For examples, the following quote from a manuscript in the British Museum reads: "Here es a vision schewed be the goodness of God to a deuoute Woman and hir name es Julyan that es recluse atte Norwyche and yitt ys on lyfe." (Butler's Lives of the Saints, Vol. II, P. 302.)

As I started to write this column, it occurred to me that nowhere in my notes do I have mention of Saint Julian. So this was researched a bit. Butler's listing of her is "Blessed" and a Virgin. However, blessed was given her by friends in life. It seems she was given the name Julian by parishoners of the Church of St. Julian near which she had her hermitage. Her real name is now known. She lived in a "Anchoress-house" as a recluse, and in her old age had two maids to wait upon her. My own notes show she lived to age 81, but neither her birthday nor deathdate seemed to be accurately known. (c. 1342-1423)

Julian of Norwich is a contemporary of St. Catherine of Siena, one of two female Doctors in the Church. St. Teresa of Avila is the other. Little is known about Julian's education and it might well be that one of her two maids in her old age (some sources say one) was a kind of secretary. Julian is one of thousands of men and women during the middle ages who lived as solitaries for the love of God, but of whom nothing else is known. (Ibid. p. 19)

The anonymous author of *The Cloud of Unknowing* would also be a contemporary of Julian.

Another contemporary of Julian is Thomas a Kempis, who died in the year 1471 at age 92. Incidentally, there is a new translation of the *Imitation of Christ* from the original Latin by Joseph N. Tylenda, S.J. It was published about three or four years ago by Michael Glazier, Inc. It has a very interesting twelve page introduction worth the price of the book.

Background knowledge is important to the understanding of *Showings*. If you read it, be sure to study carefully the first 119 pages of Preface, Foreword, and Introduction. My approach to reading *Showings* is somewhat like my approach to reading the *Imitation of Christ* — a bit at a

time. *Showings* is also in short chapters, but the narration is altogether different from the *Imitation*.

Julian of Norwich's *Showings* is translated and introduced by Edmund Colledge, O.S.A., and James Walsh, S.J. It is an account of 16 "showings" or revelations of God's love in a series of experienced visions. These visions are recorded in what is referred to as the short text, and after Julian had time to pray and reflect on her experience, a longer version was written known as the long text.

Translators spent thirteen years of work on the critical edition of *Showings*. This work is important in view of the feminist movement of our day. Julian experienced God as "father" and as "mother." "As truly as God is our Father, so truly is God our Mother." Love of God is the theme of her writings and she was considered a mystic and a saint by her contemporaries in England." She wrote about the central problems of the spiritual life, particularly of those related to the encounter between the soul and God. Her writings are now considered to have universal and permanent value. As a woman, she represents the feminine teacher and feminine insight that are less rare in the Western Christian tradition than many of our contemporaries might think. In that age (Julian's) women and men who successfully sought to be alone with God had an enormous impact on the people of their areas precisely because they were able to achieve "divine solitude." (Preface P. 2) In order to understand this "divine solitude" in a more realistic way, let me quote and elaborate more completely: "Sometimes their influence extended beyond their immediate environs to a larger region or group of nations. They fulfilled a social function of praying, counseling, reconciling, settling political conflicts; . . . On occasion they were asked to share their spiritual insight and experience either orally or in writing." (Preface P. 2 See p. 3ff. for the character and the content of other feminine teachings.)

Elizabeth Dryer, writing in *America*, Aug. 5, 1978, lists five aspects of Julian's spirituality: "1) her simplicity; 2) her attitude toward the natural and its relation to the supernatural; 3) the trinitarian dimension of her spirituality; 4) her use of feminine imagery, and 5) her vision of hope." (P. 55) One of the most often quoted sayings of Julian is as follows: "Lord . . . I may make all things well, and I can make all things well, and I shall make all things well, and I will make all things well; and you will see yourself that every kind of thing will be well." (P. 229)

New Appointments

BROTHER DAVID NAPLES has been named the second president of Holy Cross Junior College, Notre Dame, Indiana. He took over the leadership of the school on April 16. The presidency has been vacant for a year since the death of Brother John Driscoll, one of the college's two founders. Brother James Leik, the other founder, has been serving as acting president.

The announcement was well covered by the local media including the three Michiana TV stations and the local papers. The announcement was made by William H. Shannon III, president of the 1-year-old Board of trustees.

Holy Cross Junior College was founded in 1966.

BROTHER JAMES SPOONER was selected by the Board of Trustees as principal for St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio. James, a 1964 alumnus of St. Ed's, is presently serving as associate principal of Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio.

BROTHER WALTER DAVENPORT will be the new president of Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois. His name was presented by the Lay Advisory Board and the search committee to Brother Thomas Moser, Provincial, who made the announcement. Walter served as first principal for a six year term at Holy Cross from 1961 to 1966 and returned for another three years from 1967 to 1971. During the last two years Walter was Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education in the Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Call To Assembly Of The Lay Society

C.S.C. Internazionale, dated Oct., 1987, has outlined a projected assembly for the lay society in the Congregation of Holy Cross.

My first reaction to reading this issue of *C.S.C. Internazionale* was positive. The more I read it, the more I discuss it, the greater seems the need for such an assembly. Now, after about three months of reflection, I am personally committed to the idea.

The need for, and the purpose of such an assembly, is not clearly spelled out in *C.S.C. Internazionale*. However, considering the times and keeping in mind our approach to recent provincial chapters, we are reluctant to have matters clearly spelled out in advance. It would seem to me it becomes the responsibility of the assembly to formulate its own agenda with help and guidance from the project coordinator. Hence, the agenda would grow out of our perceived needs, and that is why it is important to have full participation. That is the way God works among his people. *Lumen Gentium* issues a universal call to holiness (see especially Article 40), and this document could also be considered as a topic for discussion.

"Assemble and listen." (Gen. 49:2) I was really pleased with the use of the word assembly as used in *C.S.C. Internazionale*. These two words, "assemble," and "listen," have deep Biblical significance. Together they mean active participation. To assemble is more meaningful than to gather; to listen is more meaningful than to hear. One translation of 1 Kings 3:9 is a "listening heart." The Hebrew use of the word heart is what today we would call a holistic approach to life. What is our communal "heart" as Brothers of Holy Cross today?

We have had some good experiences flowing out of our assemblies as a province, and I'd expect no less of an assembly of the society. The Gathering '87, for example, was a good experience. Another good experience was the

Forum in 1978. During November, 1978, we had a Thanksgiving Forum at Adrian, Michigan. Fourteen Brothers gave prepared papers and compiled summary reports. These papers were subsequently distributed in a booklet of ninety-four pages called *Re-Creating A Vision*. I re-read these papers again recently and they are inspirational. Some of these papers need to be updated, and once updated, could again be used with considerable inspirational value.

It would seem to me that it is important for all Brothers to participate in the assembly of the lay society. In addition to being present, as many as possible need to express their views on the life of a lay religious today. So many scholarly books and scholarly papers have appeared about the religious life in our times, but what is that doing for us?

For the assembly to achieve its purpose, we need to prepare ourselves by way of reading, prayer, and reflection on the religious life in our times.

I suggest reading *Jesus Before Christianity* by Albert Nolan (*Holy Cross Brothers*, October, 1985 p. 10). Let this be part of the preparation. We know more about Jesus today than any generation in the past 2000 years! Why not let that influence our lives. Jesus was the turning point in history, and he can make a difference in our lives, not only individually, but also communally. The communal aspect is to be emphasized.

A second book I would suggest is *Following Christ In A Consumer Society*, by John Francis Kavanaugh (*Holy Cross Brothers*, December, 1984 p. 8). This book is difficult to read. However, most of us are at an age where we have the time to read more difficult works/classics.

Lawrence Miller, CSC

May 23, 1988 — Anniversary of the Beatification of Brother Andre (May 23, 1982):

Following is a commemoration prayer to Brother Andre composed by the Carmelite Sisters in Indianapolis suggested for use with morning/evening prayer, May 23, the anniversary of Blessed Andre's beatification.

Most gentle God, you continue to reveal your love for us through your faithful friends. In confidence we implore you: heal us and anoint us in your love. Through the intercession of Brother Andre, increase our faith in you that we may be vessels of your healing and reconciling love.

You inspired Brother Andre to cure the sick in the name of St. Joseph; enable us to serve the sick and the oppressed in humility and with grateful hearts.

Amen!

Announcement

3rd Age Potential Workshop

The University of Notre Dame will host this annual workshop June 3-8, at Fatima Retreat House.

"FOR healthy, active retirees and those working with them,

SO THAT, individuals may continue to grow as Christian persons and to contribute to both their civic and religious communities

BY using their experience, learning and faith commitment

TO continue the spread of God's Kingdom among humankind." Brothers in the Midwest Province who wish to participate in this workshop should contact Brother Charles Smith immediately.

Prayer Intentions

DECEASED: May O'Donnell, aunt of Brother James; Leo Bullinger, brother of Brother Remigius; Sister M. Sylvester, CSC; Sister Consuela Marie, CSC; Anastacia Zienty and Ernest Lenke, aunt and uncle of Brother Joseph Dudek; James Leimeister, grand nephew of Brother Lewis; Father James Leahy, CSC (IP), chaplain, St. Joseph Farm; Kim Frasz-Zuzmic; sister-in-law of Brother Marcellus.

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