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Local directors meet for workshop

+ Fourteen directors from local Midwest communities gathered at the Brothers' Center for a weekend workshop from September 28-30, 1983. The workshop was prepared and facilitated by the newly formed Office of Life Development under the direction of Brother Charles Smith.

This was the first such gathering since the Office of Life Development was established as decreed by the Life Planning Committee of the 1982 Provincial Chapter.

Brother Philip Armstrong's letter to the Province (No. 12) of November 27-29, 1983, is entirely given over to the description and explanation of the Office of Life Development. In it he names Brother Charles Smith as director and points out the expectations that he and the province membership could anticipate.

Since Br. Charles's responsibilities include group education and development and working directly with local community needs as well as those of individuals, he organized the workshop in order to allow new directors to meet with experienced ones from around the province and to allow all directors to participate in small group meetings and open discussions. He was ably assisted by Mr. Allan Scharr of the Loyola Pastoral Institute.

The focus of the workshop was on the role of the local director and the necessary skills needed to develop effective communication between himself and members of his community and, in turn, have members of all community types understand, appreciate, and support that role.

Two areas presented and discussed in detail were the quality of life within community in terms of satisfactions gained as well as the difficulties and frustrations experienced. Support, challenge, group pride, innovation, spiritual and personal growth, respect, understanding, accountability, confrontation, leadership,



WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS (SEATED, L-R): BROTH-ERS CHESTER FREEL, ROBERT KELLY, LEO KO-WALSI, GONZAGA DAY, KENNETH KANE (STAND-ING) BROTHERS THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, CHARLES DREVON, MR. ALLAN SCHARR (FACILITATER) BROTHERS PAUL KELLY, BERNARD PLATTE JAMES REDDY, CHARLES SMITH 9DIRECTOR), DOUGLAS ROACH, PEDRO HAERING, CHRIS DREYER, JEFF-REY MICHELS, AND LAWRENCE SKITTEIN

resistance, cooperation, etc., were among the many terms and expressions that were presented, analyzed, and discussed by the presenters and group.

Concluding responses to the day surfaced the need for the directors to convene themselves regularly and to focus in on specific and practical issues. This can be reinforced by task groups of local directors in a given area who will meet more frequently to zero in on issues of importance to be presented at larger meetings in the future.

PROVINCIAL CALENDAR FOR OCT. & NOV.

- 14-20 VACATION
- 22-23 MILWAUKEE, BOARD MEETING & VISIT
- 23-28 CHICAGO, TRINITY-HOUSES-INDVDL'S
- 29-30 CMSM REGION V MEET., GLENVIEW, IL
- NOV.4-7 PROVINCIAL LETTER
- NOV. 9 COUNCIL MEETING
- NOV,11-21 EVANSVILLE, LOUISVILLE, HAR-RIMAN, ASHLAND, WASHINGTON,D.C.

The Magnificent Five

+ An unusual reunion took place this past summer in Coitsville, Ohio. It was a follow-up of a golden jubilee celebration of Sr. Rita Houser at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Not one, but five of the 10 living children of the late Fred and Katherine Houser of Youngstown, Ohio, were present for the reunion.

That which is unusual about the reunion is that all five members of the Houser family are religious of Holy Cross. With Sr. Rita's 50 years of religious life, Fr. Joseph Houser's 57, Br. Anthony's 48, Sr. Rose Anita's 52, and Fr. Charles' 46, their mother's prayers to have at least one of her children in the religious life were more than answered. A total of 253 years represents the Houser family's years of religious commitment.

All five Holy Cross religious came from miles around--Sr. Rita from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame; Sr. Rose Anita from St. Edward Convent at Peoria, Illinois; Fr. Joseph from Austin, Texas; Br. Anthony from Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois; and Fr. Charles from Hashnabad, Pangladesh

Bangladesh.

Looking back, they know how much their parents sacrificed and how difficult it must have been for them. Yet the Houser household was singularly blessed in a way very few families can be blessed. Today Holy Cross, the Church, and the people of God reap the benefits of the commitments of five dedicated religious whose decisions, made long ago, enrich the world around them in a way that even their parents could have hardly imagined.



THE HOUSER HOLY CROSS FAMILY (L-R): FATHER JOSEPH, BROTHER ANTHONY, FATHER CHARLES, SISTER'RITA, AND SISTER'ROSE ANITA.

Sister Rita now works for the general administration at St. Mary's College, after having taught kindergarten through eighth grade for 44 years. Sister Rose Anita, who serves St. Martin de Porres parish by visiting the sick and the elderly, taught elementary school for 41 years.

In the Bangladeah mission field since 1946, Father Charles' parish at Holy Rosary Church serves 2,800 people from seven villages. Father Joseph, who taught European history, Latin, Spanish "and more" until his retirement a year ago, is now working with Spanish-speaking Americans in Austin, Texas.

Brother Anthony, however, is remarkable in his own right. From the time he started cooking for Holy Cross houses in 1937 to the present, he has been twice to Watertown, Wisconsin; twice to Columba Hall; and twice to the former Dujarie Hall. He also cooked at Our Lady of Holy Cross Seminary in North Easton, Massachusetts, and Moreau Seminary during World War II; and at Hoban High School in Akron, and St. Edward High School in Cleveland before going to Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois, where he has been stationed The only break in that long since 1965. line of assignments was to attend the Milwaukee School of Cooking in 1952. Brother Anthony is a legend in Holy Cross to many who have known him over the years. He not only developed his gift for the culinary arts in Holy Cross, but developed a kindness and gentleness that has been a special Hallmark to an already exceptional person.

DUJARIE HOUSE BIRTHDAYS

On September 29 Brother Francis Assisi Davis celebrated his 76th birthday. On the 20th of October Br. Theophilus Machalinski will be 93. Br. Matthew Gara (E) also celebrates an October birthday.

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Around the World

News from the Missions

NEWS NOTES FROM BANGLADESH

+ The District Council met on September 6 to review the illness and death of Brother Donald Schmitz and to express thanks for those who generously helped out...Brother Benedict Rozario was appointed director of the Bandura house...The Council considered the applications of Brothers Bijoy and Bino for making final vows in January.

St. Nicholas High School closed on August 20 out of respect for Br. Donald. Fr. Lloyd said Mass for him in the chapel.

Br. Dominic Mree left for the North from St. Joseph High School to give talks on vocations to the Mandi areas north of Mymensingh...Br. John Emminger gave a talk on "Education, Christian Apostolate" at the pastoral meeting of all the priests in the Dhaka Diocese. His talk and paper were well received and thought provoking...Br. James Talarovic received news from a publisher in India who wants to publish his translated works into English at lower rates for sale in India... Brother John Emminger was appointed as member of the Administration Committee of the Christian Hostel for Boys. The Hostel is for collegiate Christians and is located next to the Asad Gate by the school.

Both teachers and students at Holy Cross High School in Bandura were shocked at the sudden death of Br. Donald. Many teachers there were his students. "All of us will miss his friendship badly. There was hardly anything in his room; of all the Brothers, he had the fewest clothes and material things."

The ten-day Eid holiday was spent doing much needed work on screens, barbed wire, algae cycles, and the kitchen at the Aspirancy in Narinda. The new school year started with orientation day on September 10 and classes began on the 11th.

Br. Jerome Kroetsch returned to his classes at St. Joseph's School of Industrial Trades after spending some months on study leave in Barisal...Br. Joachim Rozario has recovered from his severe case of juandice and is back at work in the shop...Br. Robert Hughes spoke to one of the Rotary Clubs of Dhaka on September 2

on "Technical Schools and their place in the Education System."

At the Nagari Juniorate, several students were unable to take second term exams, and one after, because of high fevers. All were well again after one week ... Brother Subal is completing plans for the Vocation Camp. More than 30 boys will be there; so they expect a record number of aspirants next year.

Brothers Prodip and Patrick renewed their vows on August 16.

THE ROMAN CONNECTION

FROM ROME, ITALY

+ Brother Raymond Dufresne writes that all goes well in Rome. The Writing Committee for revision of the Constitutions worked very assiduously this past summer. Many hours of attending to details consumed much time and energy.

Br. Ray did get away earlier in the summer to make a retreat in LeMans at the Solitude. Sponsored by the Marianites, it was a two-week session, one for Holy Cross heritage and the other for the retreat. It was geared for priests, Brothers, and Sisters. He was only able to make the retreat session, which alone was a truly great experience. Fr. Jim Mulligan, Anglo-Canadian provincial, gave the talks. Just being at the Solitude, being able to visit and pray where CSC was born, to visit Fr. Moreau's church, where he spent his last days, and where he is buried was genuinely uplifiting for Ray's spirit. also got out to Ruille to visit the parish church of Fr. Dujarie, to visit La Fosse-Garnier (a farm outside Ruille where Fr. Dujarie celebrated his first Mass in secret during the French Revolution), and to visit his burial place. He was also received by the Sisters of Providence at their Motherhouse.

After that memorable experience, Ray went on to search out a bit of his family history in Ancenis, France. Luckily, he was there on the day the town celebrated its 1000th anniversary. All was done up beautifully in Medieval trappings. Before returning to Rome, Ray spent six days at our Holy Cross house in Paris.

More news will come out of Rome in the October issue of NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE.

In Formation

Meet Len Rogus

+ In the past, it was not the unusual when a person came to Holy Cross after having spent a number of years going to school, serving in the military, working at a regular job, and/or taking care of an aging parent. Len Rogus, who came to Holy Cross this past August, has done all of these. His candidate program is, there-

fore, somewhat different from the usual.



LEN ROGUS

Len now resides at Columba Hall on the Notre Dame Campus. He is a member of the Religious Leadership Program and takes classes at the University as part of his formation program. If he so desires, he will then continue on at the novitiate in

Waterford, New York, at the end of the school year in order to complete his formation.

A native of Chicago, he attended St. Hedwig Grade School and Holy Trinity High School. After graduating from high school in 1952, he attended DePaul University until he received his degree in 1962. "He did it the hard way—he earned it!" It took him 10 years of working during the day and attending classes at night. During that time he also served in the military from 1957 to 1959. He did his graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin in both English and education.

From 1963 to 1968 he taught English at Xavier High School, Appleton, Wisconsin, conducted by the Christian Brothers. He then taught at Bonduel High School, Bonduel, Wisconsin, till the spring of 1984.

Len was part of the pilot program for lay ministers in the Green Bay Diocese, serving as lector after three years. For six years he was treasurer-trustee for the St. Casimir Parish Council in Krakow, Wisconsin. During the past few years he cared for his aging mother until the time of her death.

If one were to ask Len what his major talent is, he would more than likely say

that of being a teacher. Having taught English for a number of years, he still has room for his many interests. His taste in music ranges from Pavarotti to Roy Clark and his desire to travel has taken him to most points of mainland United States to even a bit of Canada.

Len brings much with him to Holy Cross, even his ability to speak and understand Polish. Not only does he believe in developing his potential to the fullest but he hopes to make the best of every opportunity in serving others as a Brother of Holy Cross.

When asked why he chose to come to Holy Cross, Len replied, "I had always admired the example given by the Brothers at Holy Trinity when I was there as a student and had hoped that some day that I could be one of them. They influenced my life greatly."

Holy Cross welcomes Len into its midst. Even in this day and age it is still a wonderful thing to start a new life at 50.



BROTHER BASIL ROTHWEILER, F.S.C., OF MINNE-APOLIS AND FELLOW MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM MEETS WITH LEN FOR A CLASS REVIEW.

MATH FUN

Here is something to test your arithmetic:

Double your house number
Next add 5
Then multiply by 50
Add your age
Add number of days in a year
Subtract 615

Result: The last two numbers are your age.

The first four numbers are your house number.

Around the Province...

FROM ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

+ Brother Donald Allen writes that he and Brother Carl Sternberg had an enjoyable and enriching experience while visiting many places of scriptural interest in Israel this past summer. They ended up their tour with a week's stay at MATER ECCLESIAE, a school in Tiberias that is conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Cross from Notre Dame. Brother Eduardo Michalik, who works at the school during the year, was there to host their stay.

While in Tiberias, Brothers Donald and Carl met Fathers Gene Burke and Malcolm

Johnson, also on tour in Israel.

From Tiberias Don and Carl spent a week in Lower Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, located in southwest England. It was there that Don met one of his paternal uncles and two of his three living British aunts.

While waiting for their return flight to the States at the London Gatwick Airport, Don and Carl met former Br. John Ryan. John is currently teaching math at Brother Rice High School in Detroit. All three returned home on the same flight.

During the summer, Brother Walter Davenport remained in Ashland to take care of school work and plans for this year. He maintained a small garden at the house, raising plenty of tomatoes, beets and beans. The Ashland community is still eating its way through the tomatoes and had to freeze a lot that were left over.

On September 30, the Brothers were bid spotters at the auction held during the Parish Festival. It actually started the night before with Brothers Walter and James Spooner helping out to raise money. The Festival helps the parish with its financial obligations as well as helping the community kitchen and food program for the needy people in the area. The kitchen is actually operated out of the local Episcopal church, with the Catholic parish joining in on this ecumenical venture.

Br. James is active in the Parish Council. Br. Walter, as principal is involved with the PIP (Parental Involvement Program) of the school and with the Athletic Board, an organization that helps to raise money for the athletic program. He is also a member of the Parish Education Com-

mittee and is a Diocesan Representative for the OCEA (Ohio Catholic Education Association) Committee. Ashland is part of the Covington Diocese and takes part in the Ohio Catholic Education Association meetings for teachers.

The Ashland Community welcomes visitors to its home. The beauty of Eastern Kentucky alone would be worth the visit.

FROM RIVER GROVE

+ Holy Cross High School observed its Homecoming Weekend from Friday, October 5 to Saturday, October 7. Friday's activities included a float parade down Belmont Avenue, a fireworks display, and an informal dance. After Saturday's football game with St. Jospeh High School, Westchester, the traditional evening semiformal was held in the school gymnasium.

On Sunday, September 30, Brother Donald Fleischhacker and Father Richard Downs, School Chaplain, attended a training workshop for counseling children from single-parent families and step-families at the Rainbows For All God's Children Center. Br. Don will also attend the Sixth Annual DAY OF THE PHOENIX, a workshop concerning separated and divorced persons, at Mother Theodore Guerin High School (River Grove) on Saturday, October 27.

With no school on Columbus Day, October 8, teachers joined forces with members of the alumni for the annual golf outing.

The week of October 14 was MISSION A-WARENESS AND VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK. Fr. Garcia of the Christian Life Office did the planning for the week of special activities throughout the school.

Pray for him.

+ "The Brothers of the South-West Province lost a kind friend and a capable administrator with the death of Father Gordon Wilcox (C.S.C.)," said Br. Gerald Como (S-W), who was attending meetings here at the Center at the time of Father's death. Father Gordon died at the St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend, on Thursday, October 4. For nine years he was assistant principal and principal at Moreau High School, Hayward, California. At the time of his death, he was establishing a Holy Cross house of contemplative prayer near Three Oaks, Michigan.

FROM THE SOLITUDE

+ Sister Laureen Wright, a Benedictine Sister from Cottonwood, Idaho, and a recent graduate of the Catholic University of America, has joined the staff of the Solitude of St. Joseph, Notre Dame, Indiana. At the Solitude, Sister Laureen is a member of the spiritual direction/retreat team and a member of the core community.

Besides her work in spiritual direction and individually directed retreats, she offers to individuals and groups input on personal growth and spiritual development. To facilitate this work, she uses the psychology of Carl Jung and the spirituality of the Christian mystics. Her expertise covers such areas as: dream and art creativity, spiritual gifts of our personality types (Myers-Briggs Type Inventory), monastic spirituality, Christian sexuality, and Native American spirituality.

In her ministry prior to the Solitude, Sr. Laureen had 18 years of experience as a religious educator, youth minister and spiritual director.

The present staff at the Solitude now consists of Br. Tom Maddix, director; Brs. Francis Englert and Douglas Roach; and Kelley Kelsey. Together, they assist people of all faith experiences and maintain a place for people to nourish their relationship with God, self and others.

FROM CASPER, WYOMING

+ Three Brothers from the Midwest and South-West Provinces recently joined the Casper, Wyoming community, originally made up of three Brothers exclusively from the South-West Province.

The three already in Casper are Brother Daniel Durig, who is the director of the local religious community, a baker at St. Anthony's School and part-time worker with the elderly; Brother Michael Brickman, who is the South-West Province's vocations director and counselor; and Brother Gerard Hagemann, who is the director of the Holy Cross Center, a food bank for the poor, located in North Casper.

Joining them from the Midwest Province is Brother Edward Dailey, administrator at St. Anthony's Parish, who arrived from St. Edward's High School, Cleveland, Ohio, where he was director of the local religious community, a teacher, and alumni di-

rector. In the past he worked 12 years in Ghana and Liberia, West Africa, as a missionary. Also from the Midwest Province is Brother Robert (Cyprian) Milke, director of the new Inter-Faith Task Force projects on a clearing house for social services in Casper and for transitional housing, who arrived from Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California, where he was the assistant business manager for the plant.

The third member of the new arrivals is Brother Raymond Phillips of the South-West Province, who is a student at Casper College. He arrived from Rancho San Antonio "Boystown of the West," Chatsworth, California, where he was the director of food services. A native of New York, he recently held positions at Moreau High School, Hayward, California, and St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas.

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FROM MILWAUKEE

WORLD KARTING MAGAZINE, SEPTEMBER, 1984

+ Brother Warren is a person whose lifelong commitment to underprivileged and emotionally disturbed boys, combined with an interest in racing, eventually led him to Badger Kart Club.

For many years Br. Warren Shea has worked with the young men, ages 12 through 17, at St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As one of the home's recreational counselors, he is responsible for developing a number of activities for the boys, among them, a program of mechanics and driving, through kart racing.

Before a boy receives approval to race, he must pass a mechanics and racing test. The home has its own paved oval track where the boys practice. Each participant must maintain his own kart and engine, and nearly every Sunday during the racing season, Br. Warren takes several of the boys to Dousman, Wisconsin for competition.

At one time Br. Warren allowed some of the sons of former stock car drivers to use the Home's track to race 4 cycle karts. The boys formed a 4 cycle kart club called the Karting Knights. The older boys eventually came to Badger Raceway to run the faster 2 cycle class. That led to the expansion of the Home's program to Badger Kart Club.

Originally from Indianapolis, Br. Warren is an avid race fan. He is an active member of the Badger Kart Club, pitching in to help whenever he is needed. He has been on the Board of Directors of BKC for over seven years and head of communications at the Club's Road America event.

FROM LOUISVILLE

+ Holy Cross High School in Louisville opened on August 27. The student body of 800 crowds the old Bishop David building, but ground breaking for the new wing took place in early September. Archbishop Kelly offered the dedicatory Mass on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Departmental offices are temporarily housed in the Brothers' house.

The Brothers had a beginning of the year workshop at Knobs Haven (the Sisters of Loretto Motherhouse) on the second weekend in September. The yearly calendar and house schedule were planned at that time.

Carl Sternberg is teaching a class at Spalding University this fall. The class is titled Adolescent Faith Development.

Br. Jude continues to lead a very active "retirement" visiting nursing homes and shut-ins in the area while coaching chess and working in the school bookstore.

FROM INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

+ Brother William Mewes is absorbed in a rare moment of anger, and his blue eyes are flashing.

"I have a very hard time with people who claim to support nuclear weapons from a Christian perspective," he said. "I can't see Jesus saying, 'Kill a Commie for Christ.' His own words were, 'You've got to love your enemy.'"

In 1981 Brother Bill helped found the Indiana Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign and today is state coordinator.

He first became aware of the catastrophic nature of nuclear weapons while living in Louisville in the mid-1970s. A psychiatric social worker for the Kentucky Department of Mental Health, he juggled a handful of social issues in his spare time.

It was Randall Forsberg, often considered the founding mother of the freeze movement, who called Bill's attention to



BROTHER MEWES PUTTING WORDS INTO ACTION

the issue: "It is time to say, 'enough is enough.' The social, economic and environmental costs of preparing for nuclear war represent policy-making gone mad."

Then Bill moved to South Bend, serving as executive secretary of Holy Cross' Social Justice Commission. He persuaded the priests, Brothers and Sisters of Holy Cross to endorse Ms. Forsberg's manifesto.

"God didn't put us on Earth to destroy ourselves," he said in explaining his motivation to join the movement. "We have an obligation to work against destroying ourselves."

He enjoys the lobbying, media work, demonstrations and meetings that are indelibly linked to the job.

With the many aspects of coordinating the State's Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign weighing heavily on his mind, Brother Bill concludes, "If we reflect on Christ's words, I don't see how we can keep on with this building up (of nuclear weapons) rather than feeding our neighbors who are starving."

FROM AKRON

+ Contributions from the Alumni of Archbishop Hoban High School totaled \$18,000 from the '83-'84 Development Fund Drive. School programs which received contributions included Grant-in-Aid Scholarships, Alumni Scholarship Awards, Summer Enrichment, Merit Scholarships, Testing Enhancement and Student Retreats. The annual phone-a-thon which produced the funds in the past begins at the end of October for the '84-'85 Development Drive.

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Hoban High School received a letter from James T. Fey, Academic Director, Woodrow Wilson Institute on High School Mathematics, commending Br. Richard Gilman for his participation and substantial contribution in the institute's math program held on the campus of Princeton University during July and August.

Akron area Brothers joined an all-Ohio Holy Cross social hosted by St. Ed's to celebrate the Holy Cross feast of the Mother of Sorrows on September 15. A liturgy followed by a clam bake highlighted

the get-together.

Hoban completed its annual World's Finest Chocolate Sale October 2. The anticipated goal of \$25,000 net seemed a reality as the books were being closed. As a part of a trophy case display, clippings were included which were taken from the school paper of '62 and '63 recalling when a 48/50 cents-bar goal for each student netted the school \$10,000. Times change!

FROM HOLY CROSS JUNIOR COLLEGE

+ The establishment of the first Board of Advisors for Holy Cross Junior College was announced by Br. John Driscoll, President and Dean.

The Articles of Establishment state, "The Board is established by, and functions under, the authority of the College Board of Directors....The Responsibilities of the Board of Advisors shall be the implementation of the principle of accountability of the College Administration, the assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the institution and the setting of goals and objectives for the improvement and growth in all areas of College concern."

The most recent Brothers' Provincial Chapter initially directed that a Board be constituted. To respond to the wishes of the Community and to meet one of the criteria for the North Central Association accreditation, the administration of the College began early last spring to select individuals for Board membership.

Since the College could greatly benefit from the counsel of others, it was determined that individuals with extensive experience and varied areas of expertise, relevant to the functions and mission of the College, would be selected.

Brother Goodwrench

+ Brother Bernard Platte came to Holy Cross in 1950 from Grand Rapids, Michigan, as a junior in high school. When he finished his studies at Watertown in 1952, he went to the novitiate and was professed in 1953. What was important to him at that point in his life was that he was a Brother of Holy Cross.

Bernard stayed on at the novitiate, working on the farm for a year and a half. From there he went to the St. Joseph Farm in Granger for two years. Then it was back to the novitiate farm for ten and a half years. By then it was 1967. He took on the maintenance of Holy Trinity High School in Chicago as a change of pace for the next eleven years.

After 25 years of experience on two farms and in one high school, he went to the Brothers' Center at Notre Dame and was guestmaster at James Hall till 1979.

1979 was the beginning of a new challenge as Bernard took over servicing cars in the Center garage. At that time he only had a basic knowledge of cars; so he decided to take evening classes at the Indiana Vocational Technical College, IVY Tech as it is more familiarily known in the South Bend area.

Starting with one class in the fall of 1979, he then began to take as many as three and four classes per quarter, till he completed 36 classes at the end of the fall quarter in 1983. He received his associate degree in February of '84. That amounted to four hours of class each night for eleven weeks of each quarter—thirteen quarters to reach his degree.



BROTHER BERNARD AT THE CENTER GARAGE

In May of '84, Bernard took his certification tests given by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. The test covered eight major areas of automobile repair and maintenance in a series of 360 questions, taking eight hours to complete--four hours for two nights.

The results were published in July and Bernard was happy to learn that he passed in all eight areas of testing. He received his Master Auto Technician Certification, which is recognized nationally until retesting time in 1989.

Brother Bernard is not about to sit back and rest on his laurels till 1989. Presently he is back in the classroom at IVY Teach; this time concentrating on residential and commercial heating and air conditioning.

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

+ As a result of the gift of a new VCR, members of Dujarie House have two, sometimes three movies on weekends. Favorites have been "Tender Mercies", "Windwalker", "Mary Poppins", "Old Yeller", and "The Gold Seal".

Brother Charles Smith visited the house during the first weekend in September...Br. Romard Barthel (Gen'l Assistant) and James Kell (S-W) paid short visits later in the month...Father Tom Barrosse visited most of the patients on Sunday afternoon, September 16.

Brother Majella Hegarty joined the crew on September 5. He is recovering from a blood clot in his leg and a few other complications.

The largest crowd (nearly 30) packed the chapel on September 8 for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, administered by Fr. Raymond Cour, C.S.C., who is starting his fifth year as daily chaplain. Fr. Carl Hager, C.S.C., continues as the Sunday chaplain.

Brother Pedro and Ms. Shirley Rasmussen (Head Nurse) drove to Ann Arbor, Michigan, on September 21 to visit Br. Florian Gill. Florian is a patient at Mercywood Hospital. He is expected to be realeased by mid-October.

Brother James Kumba has been cleaning all the readiators that carry both heat and air-conditioning to the individual rooms.

Other visitors to members of the house were the sister and brother-in-law of Br. Paul (Anton) Mattingly and friends of Br. Henry O'Rourke, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Nungesser of Cleveland. Brother Luke Bauer's (S-W) sister, Gertrude, came by bus from Fresno, California, for a two-week visit.

FROM MONROE, MICHIGAN

+ Brother James Rottenbucher presented the typical American sound with the band from Monroe Catholic Central High School for a stand-up concert in the square behind the Church of Our Lady in Wasserburg, Bavaria during his summer tour.

The students presented their concert in uniform dress to create a smart setting for their performance. That rare setting was a real contrast to the Blasmusic that is usually presented in Bavaria. It was while in Wasserburg that Brother James celebrated his birthday.

This year's three-week concert tour for the MCC band included Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, and Austria. Students and accompanying teachers and parents paid for the tour from their own savings. The band was well received.

Brother James has been asked to teach two sessions at the University of Graz in music education and composition for next year. For the present, between teaching duties and other commitments, Br. James is trying to perfect his knowledge of the German language—enough to be an effective teacher while in Graz.

The next tour is already in the planning stages for 1986. This year 80 participated in the summer tour, the largest to date.

Marco Riha, son of Mrs. Aranca Riha who had arranged the six band concert tours for Catholic Central, was the guest of the Brothers in Monroe for six weeks. Marco would have been a freshman at CC this year, but government red tape prevented it. However, having spent six weeks with American students, he gained a great appreciation for the American way of life. He attended a few classes and worked in the main office in his free time. In a recent letter, he stated that he enjoyed being with the Brothers most of all because of their kindness and interest in the students that they serve.

Between the lines

By Brother Lawrence Miller, C.S.C.

+ Spiritual reading has been an area of interest to me for many, many years. My own experience tells me that reading the Scriptures is work. It takes time, the sacrifice of time; and patience. To keep motivated, it helps to study the Bible and even attend formal classes as the opportunity presents itself. However, reading about the Bible, studying the Bible, should never replace reading—meditative—ly, the Bible.

Brother James Kell of the South-West Province compiled a 75-page booklet under the title: GROWING THROUGH PRAYER, A Means of Developing As Individuals; A Resource Guide. Section III is devoted to Scripture: Reading, Praying, Meditating. There is a program of prayer and suggested Scripture readings to be found on page 53 of his book. Following the program with some degree of regularity will take about three or four months. This is work, about three years worth when following the

chronological order of Scripture. After three years worth, however, I found the effort very rewarding. For this reason I keep Brother James' booklet on my desk as a handy reference.

Contact Brother James Kell at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, for a copy of his booklet. It is one program that should help with regulating the required daily spiritual reading progam in the life of a religious.

Happy Halloween!

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