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Greetings from your interim Editor!

Until Brother Robert Siegel returns from Tiberias, I have been requested to publish the newsletter for the present year, with the generous assistance of Brother Pedro Haering.

As in the past, please send any news which would be of general interest to the province members. Each issue will use material that was received by the first day of that month.

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COMMUNITY GATHERING ! ! !

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE ARE URGED TO MARK THEIR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT PROVINCE GATHERING TO BE HELD AT THE BROTHERS' CENTER:

JULY 1 TO 4, 1987.....

THE CONVENTION WILL CULMINATE WITH THE CELEBRATION OF JUBILEES OF THE PROVINCE MEMBERS ON JULY 4TH.....

DUJARIE HOUSE

+ Highlight of the summer was the arrival in late June of Brother Just Paczesny as Assistant Director of the house. Brother Just's talents and interests pretty well complement those of the Director and it is already abundantly evident that two heads are better than one. Brother Just's exceptional sense of humor, his wealth of practical administrative experience, his generosity and kindness in helping to meet the needs of the patients have already been put to good use.

+ It is not possible to note all the visitors over the five months since the last appearing of this newsletter. But some, who stayed longer than a day or so, included: Brother August Sosa's (E) brother, John Sosa, who came from New York in May, and August's sister, Kathy Fonosch, who visited from the Los Angeles area in September. Brother Stefan Clarke (E) also came for a week in June to visit Brother August....Brother Paul Mattingly's mother and step-father (both in their early 90's) were her to visit in May and again in September...Many of the General Chapter delegates stopped over during and after Chapter...The newly-elected Superior-General, Father Claude Grou, visited the members of the house the evening of July 31. He was accompanied by Fr. Bernard LaFreniere.

+ The house received a new canary: bright yellow with a tuft of black above his eyes. The Staff dubbed him GRAUCHO, whom he resembles. He is a gift of Mr. George Miller of Avon, Ohio. George raises canaries and other birds. We are grateful to him -- and will be even more so when (if) Graucho begins to sing!

+ Brother Pedro and his sister and brother-in-law, Rose Lee and John Yeker, left on August 16 for a three-week automobile trip through the western states. Besides Indiana they were in twelve states during the 6500 mile junket, which included nine days in California.

+ The Dujarie culinary department had vacations this summer: Richard Snyder in July and Addie Hope in August.

+ Brothers Just and Pedro attended most of the sessions of a 5-day workshop on THIRD-AGE POTENTIAL at the Fatima Retreat House during the last week of July. Brother Raphael Wilson (S-W) was one of the principal presenters at the workshop.

HOLY CROSS JUNIOR COLLEGE

A very attractive admissions brochure has been published by the Junior College. We are not certain that the publication was responsible for the second highest enrollment in the college's history, but it may have helped.

Brother John Driscoll reports an enrollment of 372, representing 22 states and 12 foreign countries.

Among the new faculty members are Father Kenneth Grabner, C.S.C., Chaplain at the Brothers' Center, and (an historical appointment!) Sister Jeanne Finske, C.S.C., the first Holy Cross Sister to become a faculty member.

Brother John also announced that the entire Junior College operation is now computerized.

HOLY CROSS BROTHERS' CENTER

A new area for viewing the body of the religious during the wake has been created. It is in the southwest corner in an area previously occupied by confession booths. The area has been appropriately decorated with soft light and curtained backdrops.

The Center is host to a record high enrollment of fifty-one for the fall Clergy Institute. The immediate parking problem was solved after several days.

CHAPLAIN CHANGE

Effective October 1 was a change in the Chaplains at Dujarie House. Fr. Ray Cour, who has served so well and so generously since August of 1980 has been given a daily assignment at the FAITH+HOPE+CHARITY Chapel in downtown South Bend. Fr. Cour came for Mass each day except Sundays and Holy Days. Fr. Carl Hager had been coming on these days but he was taken ill last June and will no longer be able to come over. Father Jim Gillis of Holy Cross Parish in South Bend will be coming five days a week while Father Bob McKEE (EP) of Holy Cross House will come over on Wednesdays and Sundays.

+ This fall we welcome seven new members to our staff. This brings the total staff (teachers, administrators, and auxiliary personnel) to sixty-eight. Of this number, fifteen are Brothers of Holy Cross, one is a priest, and the remaining fifty-two are dedicated Christian educators and aides. Holy Cross has just completed a quarter century of service to the northwest side of Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

+ The school received a certificate of commendation from the Presidential Classroom Commission in recognition of the outstanding support and contribution made by Holy Cross to this program over the past eleven years.

The certificate reads: "The Board of Directors of A Presidential Classroom has conferred upon Holy Cross High School a certificate in appreciation of their support of a Presidential Classroom through participation in the program, and in recognition of their dedication to improved understanding of American Government."

Participation in the Presidential Classroom was initiated by former principal, Brother William Dygert and the Social Studies Department in 1975, and has been supported by the succeeding administration and the parents' organizations since then.

Twenty-two Holy Cross students have participated in the program in the last eleven years with ninety percent of their tuition being paid through the generosity of the Holy Cross parents' organizations. The individual students provided their own transportation and living expenses.

+ Brother Joseph Dudek gave the Invocation at the 45th Class Reunion of the (1941) Thornton Township High School class. The reunion was held at the Holiday Inn in Harvey, Illinois on September 6 with 230 persons in attendance.

+ Brother Don Fleischhacker will attend the JESUS DAY VI (entitled JESUS: COMFORT and CHALLENGE) on Saturday, October 11 at the Quigley-South Preparatory Seminary.

WANTED: DUJARIE PRESS BOOKS

William C. MacGregor, P.O.Box 67, Elk River, MN 55330 wants to buy the children's books published by Dujarie Press. He uses them in his CCD classes. Look around the house libraries and see if you can help this gentleman. You may call: (612)-441-2082 or 441-1446.

GERIATRIC CARE

The above is the title of a monthly publication from Reno, Nevada, purchased for all the staff members at our Infirmary. The September issue printed an article which, as members of a religious family, we might give some thought to. It follows:

HOW FAMILY MEMBERS CAN HELP

Nursing homes cannot, alone, satisfy all the needs of all the patients all the time. For them to receive the best of service and have their needs satisfied requires the involvement and cooperation of families. Sometimes families do not realize what they can do and wonder if it is permissible for them to help. They might even feel reluctant to interfere with the care process. The fact of the matter is that every bit of assistance they give benefits the patient greatly. The only caution is to check first with someone in charge so that what you wish to do will not be counter-productive. The following are some ways that families can help to care for their relatives when they visit a health facility:

- 1) take wearing apparel home to wash or to have cleaned.
- 2) shine patient's shoes
- 3) comb patient's hair
- 4) clean patient's fingernails
- 5) clean table tops and drawers
- 6) clean dentures
- 7) clean eyeglasses
- 8) feed patient
- 9) wash patient's hands
- 10) walk with patient
- 11) take patient outside
- 12) assist during recreational programs
- 13) take patient home for a day or a weekend
- 14) help with patient's exercises
- 15) help with the application of cosmetics
- 16) paint patient's fingernails
- 17) visit other patients who have few visitors
- 18) shave patient
- 19) take patient out to a restaurant
- 20) take patient to movies, concert, or church if practical
- 21) take patient for ride in automobile.

Naturally, what can be done depends upon the physical condition and abilities of the patient -- the nurse is a good guide.

A COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE IN GHANA

Brother William Gates writes to us: Experiments we have been carrying out with our students suggest that they are more likely to realize their potentialities if they are provided with inputs that would make learning more exciting, encourage their own research, and give them the opportunity to explore their own creativity. Setting up a Communications Centre is a step toward filling this need.

The Centre would serve as a research library, an audio-visual lab, and a rendezvous for writers, scientists, and artists. It would also serve as a workshop for constructing teaching aids to be used in the classroom.

A research library would place at the disposal of the students useful books and magazines that would provide them with all the basic information they need.

An audio-visual section would be very useful to students and teachers if equipped with materials which would expose students to more efficient and exciting ways of learning. Materials would be needed for the sciences, literature/language studies in English, French, and German. Typewriters and photo-copying machines would be very helpful.

Talented students would meet here to share ideas in creative writing, art, and science. They would also engage in practical work such as the writing of poems, plays, and short stories; painting, craftwork, scientific experiments, guided by qualified personnel.

Persons interested in assisting this project with equipment, hardware, software, or funds should write to: Brother William Gates, C.S.C.
P.O. Box 98
Cape Coast, Ghana (West Africa)

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NEWS FROM PERU

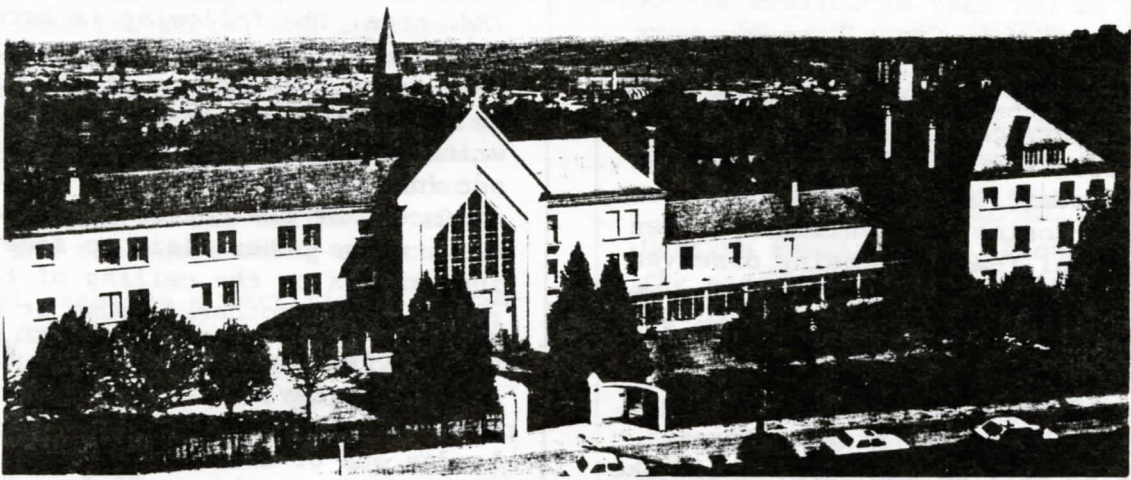
The Peruvian school year (primary and secondary) began on April 1 and Brother John Benesh is now at work in a high school, part time. He has five groups of secondary students for "Educacion Religiosa" in Colegio Fe y Alegria #16 on the south side of Chimbote.

Brother John finds that teaching in Spanish is difficult. Many times he cannot come up with the right word or phrase. He uses the diocesan religion program but there are no published texts for the classes. Students are eager to take notes in their ever-present notebooks but are hesitant to answer questions.

The Holy Cross community in Chimbote is "complete" right now. In March Sister Patti Deiringer, C.S.C. returned from the U.S. and Sister Patricia Clossey, C.S.C. came back from language studies in Lima.

In the parish, Parroquia Santa Cruz, the Holy Week Services were shared by the four chapels and their respective communities. The Good Friday ceremonies were especially impressive. Following a Communion Service in the La Union Chapel, members of the four communities processed through the dusty streets led by members carrying decorated wooden crosses. Passing through La Primavera and Esperanza Baja and stopping several times for readings, prayers, and commentaries, the group concluded with Veneration of the Cross in the Esperanza Alta Chapel. On Saturday night the direction was reversed, ending with the Eucharistic Liturgy in La Union followed by a brief fiesta.

February 20-23 found all CSCs in Peru meeting together in Canto Grande (Lima) along with "associates" (laymen and women from the Chimbote and Canto Grande parishes). On Sunday all went to Playa Hermosa, a beach south of Lima. It was a pleasant ending to a busy and profitable four days.



This return to the Solitude has all the marks of a symbol. The Solitude represented the mystical and apostolic past of the history of Holy Cross.

Bienvenue

"BIENVENUE CHEZ VOUS!" (WELCOME HOME)

These were the words that greeted me and were the keys to doors of my two-week experience this summer. My feeling of being a stranger in a foreign country with people I had never met soon changed after I arrived at the SOLITUDE, LeMans, France, and received this warm greeting.

All during the time spent there I always was aware of a welcome; I really felt that I was at home. Our directors, Father Griese and Sister Judith, our hostesses, the staff of the Solitude, the Marianist General Administration, along with the thirty participants, shared this reunion.

The theme, Holy Cross Educators look at the Option for the Poor, was reviewed through classes, discussion, extensive and meaningful pilgrimages to the places of Holy Cross roots and day-to-day communal exercises. Father Moreau and Dujarie and Mother Mary of the Seven Dolours were brought to life as we visited Laigne en Belin, Ruille sur Loir, Precigne, Solesme, Chartres, La Grande Trappe, Sainte Croix and L'Ousier. Our home was the Solitude which is basic to Holy Cross traditions. The concluding retreat put together what we previously experienced.

I enjoyed the reunion with representatives from the branches of the Holy Cross tree. I never realized that I had so many relatives, some whose language I could not speak nor understand. (I should have been more conscientious when I took French!) But this showed even further the international characteristics of Holy Cross, true today even as it was more than 100 years ago. We do have a large relation, even without any in-laws. There is variety as mentioned in the gathering of the early church at Pentecost with each of us hearing and understanding in our native tongue through Father Moreau.

Strangers from the American and European continents, we gathered together like cousins who had never met and of whom we had never heard. But we were home for a meaningful reunion experience.

Coming from and returning to the Holy Land of Jesus; visiting the Holy land of Holy Cross, LeMans; and concluding with a visit to the holy land of our Church, Rome, made my tour complete. The hospitality of Holy Cross was always present, positive, and helpful. I am appreciative of the opportunity and hope others might be able to experience these places so important to us in our Christian/Holy Cross tradition.

From Brother Robert Siegel, C.S.C.

FROM TIBERIAS

The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows was celebrated by two Holy Cross branches here in the Holy Land. Brothers Donald Allen, Eduardo Michalik, and Robert Siegel continue their service at Mater Ecclesiae Center. Four Sisters of the Holy Cross are on the staff: Carmen, the directress, and Celine, Rosine, and Juliette. Even as the special feast was being observed arrivals for the fall/winter program were coming from the airport. Seventeen sisters (capacity) have registered.

Donald continues as librarian, gardener, and lecturer. He will present Israeli geography as well as the gospels of Luke and Matthew. Ed wears many hats and each fits at an appropriate time. His traditional opening activity is a pre-dawn contemplative walk (before breakfast). Robert is preparing (but not for publication) a du jour recipe collection -a one-of-a-kind, enjoy while you can.

Holy Cross membership is enhanced by two CSC participants from Bangladesh, Sisters Philomena and Pushpo. Also during October Fr. Chester Soleta, formerly pastor of Sacred Heart at Notre Dame, will be our chaplain/visitor/pilgrim. Later, Fr. Jose Martelli (IP), Rome, will give a course on Liturgy.

Our summer program included three Sisters of the Holy Cross: Lillian (Utah), Leonora (Bangladesh), and St. Jean (Rome).

FLORIDA

Brother Raymond Kelly brought to our attention the following news item from the FT. MYERS NEWS-PRESS of May 5.

Senior Friendship Center, an organization that serves the elderly in Lee, Collier, and Sarasota counties, recently was presented an award for excellence in innovative use of volunteers, according to a spokesman...Medical services are offered to the elderly free or at low cost.

The health service program is staffed entirely by retired physicians, nurses, and office personnel. There are 38 doctors in Sarasota County, 16 doctors in Ft. My-

FROM BANGLADESH

(Ed. note: The following is excerpted from the June issue of the Bangladesh News Notes. We assume it is written by the editor of the News Notes -- he writes in the first person -- who does not identify himself. His style is reminiscent of that of Brother Charles Bi-beau, whose other claim to fame is smashing oranges on the ceiling of the rec' room of the Brothers' House at Cathedral.)

Brother Tom Maddix arrived by British Airways on May 27. His plane was over two hours late. On the way to Doha from London one of the engines developed a hole. Before taking off from Doha the pilot had radioed London and Rolls Royce for instructions. He was told that he could fly for fifteen more hours. Tom was telling me all this as we were on our way into the city. I realized that I had just left Brother J. Grandmont in the airport to take the same plane back to London! On checking the airline office the next morning I found that the plane had left on time. Haven't heard from Brother Grandmont yet!

In spite of the heat wave Brother Tom Maddix visited the Nagari area with Brother Bijoy and they walked for hours over many miles of winding village paths enjoying rural hospitality. He also went to Mymensingh town and Jalchatra with Brother Ronald Drahozal. He was able to see some of the tribal villages.

Our annual retreat began the evening of June 4 with 28 Brothers attending at Mdpur. Tom Maddix preached the retreat. It ended the evening of June 9.

Brother William Verstraete was here with one "Dave", a teacher from Hoban High School in Akron for a few days. William is presently working in the Virgin Islands where Brother Jerome Kroetsch was working for a year. They were going east -- Burma, Thailand, Singapore, China.

ers, and 25 doctors in Naples, along with more than 100 nurses and 150 other staff members in the three counties.

(Ed. Note -- This entire program in South Florida is under the direction of Brother William Geenan who organized it more than a dozen years ago.)

DUJARIE PATIENTS -- coming and going

+ Brother James Kumba was with us from May 10 to 15, recovering from surgery.

+ Brother Lucian Bliersch (S-W), who was with us last fall for several months returned on April 30. He suffered a heart attack on May 16 and was moved to coronary care at St. Joseph's Hospital in Mishawaka. The hospital released him on May 22 and he came back to us. He passed away quietly in his sleep on May 24. He was just two months short of his 87th birthday. The funeral and burial were in Austin.

+ Brother Eugene Weisenberger brightened our summer whether he was a patient or not. He came on May 29th to recover from lung surgery and for general rehabilitation after spending several months in bed. He and Brother Just "held court" at least daily in the gazebo and contributed quite a lot to the local color. He returned to River Grove August 22.

+ Brother Armand Amman spent two periods with us -- one in July and another in August to recover from a fall and to regulate some intestinal problems. He returned to Columba Hall on August 22.

+ Brother Columbkille Pickett (E), who came last November, has attained health sufficient to warrant a move to Columba Hall on July 7. He spent most of August on vacation in New Jersey and has now returned to permanent residence at Columba.

+ Following two brain surgeries and a stroke in the past several months Brother Anthony Houser came to Dujarie on August 22 when the Chicago hospital felt there was nothing further that could be done to effect a recovery. Several of his brothers and sisters gathered here during the following week but they returned in early September as Tony was still "hanging in there". While having little contact with reality he does often seem to respond to the prayers of the rosary and often receives Holy Communion. It is difficult for him to accept food most of the time. Two of his sisters who are Holy Cross nuns, Sister Rita and Sister Rose Anita, come over daily to visit.

+ Brother Fintan Kindilien joined our community on August 1 from Columba Hall.

+ Brother Crispin Reed (S-W) came on September 24 for a week to recover from foot surgery. Brother Crispin lives at St. Joseph Farm in Granger.

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BROTHER RICHARD WEBER HONORED

We all know of Brother Richard's generous service to the exceptional children and we rejoice in the following award he received this past May 8. It reads:

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

May it be known that this certificate has been presented to Brother Richard Weber, C.S.C.

for outstanding achievement in Community Service to Exceptional Children and Young Adults.

DENNIS HORRALL,
Board President for Task
Force on Education for
the handicapped.

The presentation took place at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

KANSAS

On the regional level, Brother James Greteman gave a workshop on divorce in Des Moines, Iowa; on the national level he conducted a similar workshop at St. Mary's College (Notre Dame) for persons from the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. In Kansas Jim has been training non-Catholic ministers along with family life directors from other dioceses on ministry.

With the economy being so bad more and more of the farm families are breaking up and Brother James' case load is very high with attempted suicides.....The diocese (Salina) is down to about seventy priests with no one having been ordained for five years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Before you sit down to write us a nasty letter saying, for example, "Why don't you call it DUJARIE BROTHERS instead of BROTHERS OF HOLY CROSS?"-- sit down and write us a nice letter, telling us what you are doing and what is new with you... We can only write in here what we know about -- so let us know about you.

(Brothers Just and Pedro)

SUMMER HELP at DUJARIE

We were blessed again this summer with several volunteer assistants in several areas:

Brother James Reilly (S-W) arrived in early June and worked as a nurse's aide for three weeks until the Retreats International program started at ND. He returned in late July and continued his service until mid-August. Jim was completing his first year of vows and on August 9 he renewed his vows in our chapel. His brother and two nieces were present for the ceremony.

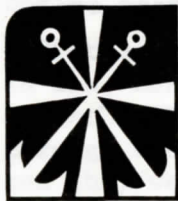
Brother Daniel Durig (S-W) volunteered his culinary expertise to spell our head cook, Richard Snyder, during Richard's vacation. One of the highlights of Daniel's kitchen tenure was re-stirring novitiate nostalgia by serving "Floating Island" several times for dessert. His continuing good humor and graciousness (not to mention breakfast oatmeal) will be long-remembered.

Brother Carroll Posey arrived on June 16 for his third summer with us. He combined outside work with some house maintenance, some choral efforts in the chapel, and was available almost daily for accompanying patients for medical appointments. Carroll stayed through early August.

Brother Richard Gilson continued, as he has for many summers, his assistance with the yard work on his free days from St. Joseph Medical Center.

OBITUARIES

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| + Brother Charles Andersen, C.S.C. (S-W) | + Edward Lee (former S-W member) |
| + Brother Lucian Blersch, C.S.C. (S-W) | + Paul Dailey (brother of Br. Edward) |
| + Brother David Martin, C.S.C. (S-W) | + Tim Roach (brother of Br. Douglas) |
| + Brother Andrew Sukenik, C.S.C. | + Mary Buckley (sister of Br. Alex-James) |
| + Rev. Bernard Mullahy, C.S.C. (I) | + John Newman (brother of Br. Polycarp) |
| + Rev. Nick Langendorfer, C.S.C. (I) | + Rosemary Sedatine (sister of
Br. Leo Geiger) |
| + Rev. Michael Foran, C.S.C. (I) | + Rosella Brazil (mother of Br. Lewis) |
| + Thomas Kocan (member of Midwest 1965-70) | + George Chvala (brother of Br. Joseph) |
| | + Mrs. Denis Beck (mother of Br. Charles) |



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