

## Midwest Bits and Pieces

**A**t that time Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of James, and Salome, bought perfumed oils, intending to come and anoint Jesus. Then, very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, after sunrise. They were saying to one another, Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb? But when they looked up, they observed that the stone had been rolled back, and it was indeed huge. On entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. This thoroughly amazed them. But he reassured them. No need to be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised: he is not here. See the spot where they laid him. Now go, tell his disciples and Peter; he is going to Galilee ahead of you, where you will see him, just as he told you.

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HOMILY FOR FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH - Brother Robert Dailey

Readings: 2 Sam 7:4-16 Rom 4:13,16-18-22 Luke 2:41-51

Today's readings revolve around the theme of parents: the second book of Samuel speaks of the power that comes to the son through his parents, while the letter to the Romans assures us that the promises made to Abraham will be realized by his descendants. The Gospel then narrates a story about the child Jesus, relating the parents' concern for their son, not to mention their bewilderment and confusion. Can you even imagine trying to raise the Messiah in your home?

The Gospel reading contains one of the very few references to Joseph in the New Testament. We really don't know very much about the man, despite all the books for sale at the Oratory in Montreal. Perhaps it is his very obscurity that makes him a fitting choice as patron and model for the Brothers of Holy Cross, who were first known as the Brothers of St. Joseph.

As a religious brother in North America, I often felt as though I were something of a curiosity, an oddity, maybe even an anachronism. Here in South America, even within the Congregation, that experience has only intensified. So many times we must tell others who we are not: we are not sacramental ministers; we are not ordained (not even "half-way"); we do not fit neatly into the hierarchical administrative structure of the Church.

Unfortunately, not even our Constitutions help us out of this identity dilemma. Except for the highest authority in the Congregation, the Constitutions make little distinction between brothers and priests. The entire question appears to be highly charged emotionally: an interprovince conference dealing with this topic, which had been planned by the general administration a few years ago, had to be canceled -- and not for lack of interest!

Gratefully, we can turn to Joseph as our model. Despite the little that is known about him as an historical figure, we can surmise that he was a devoted husband and father, certainly an apt choice to raise Jesus. In Joseph we see a person dedicated to service, a humble man who sought neither fame nor power. Above all, he must have been a man of faith, one who was able to accept what had to seem like a very unusual assignment (namely, to marry this pregnant virgin.)

Inspired by Joseph, what then can I affirm in our vocation as brothers?

- We are laymen -- that's all, but that's good enough.
- We are service oriented and hospitable, dedicated to making people feel at home, both figuratively and literally.
- We are witnesses to the Good News in our daily lives.
- We are men of prayer who strive to integrate word and action.



Furthermore, I believe that we are called to be prophets in a world whose values have become distorted. What we profess is fundamentally counter-cultural, and at times is bound to appear every bit as strange as what Joseph agreed to do.

The promises made to Abraham will be realized by his descendants. And the fruit of Joseph's labors is grace for each of us.

#### ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, MONROVIA

A letter from Archbishop Michael Francis, Archbishop of Monrovia, sent to Fr. Pat Harrington, SMA in Rome, details the damage done to church institutions during the civil war in Liberia. It is clear from the Archbishop's extensive listing that very few of the churches, schools or clinics escaped damage.

In Monrovia the most extensive damage was done in the Sinkor area, the area near the government mansion, and the site of St. Patrick's High School. St. Patrick's was extensively damaged structurally and the building was vandalized and looted. The Brothers' house, as well as the other buildings, have nothing in them. Roofs are blown off and anything moveable was taken away. Everything at St. Patrick's needs extensive repairs and/or reconstruction.

Our Lady of Lebanon Church, on the grounds of St. Patrick's, was also extensively damaged. The roof is full of bullet holes. The parish house was completely destroyed.

Brother Tom Dillman is back in Monrovia now helping to put things back together.

#### DONALD STABROWSKI APPOINTED DEAN AT UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

Father David Tyson, President of the University of Portland, announced on March 1, 1991, the appointment of Brother Donald Stabrowski as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University. Brother Donald holds a doctorate in Government from Notre Dame, master's degrees in American History and Education from Indiana University and a master's degree in Government from Notre Dame. He graduated magna cum laude from St. Edward's University.

Brother Donald received the Outstanding Advisor Award from the Associated Students of the University of Portland. He has also held a William Robinson Coe Fellowship in American Studies at the State University of New York at Stonybrook and was Eli Lilly Fellow in American History at Indiana University. He is currently President of the Holy Cross History Association, Secretary of the Oregon Academy of Science, And secretary of the Oregon Catholic Historical Society.

Summer Work at Dujarie House

Dear Brother,

This is the time of year that newsletters are going out regarding the Province membership and summer ministry opportunities. By May 1, I would like to have lined up any community member who might wish to come to Dujarie House to help out in some way. I am including the guidelines that were agreed upon by the Board of Dujarie House and me.

1. Travel expense will be covered by the Provincial Office of the Brother involved.
2. Room and Board will be picked up by Dujarie House.
3. Brothers should be willing to work at least four hours per day for the week period (5 days).
4. Requests for summer ministry at Dujarie House are to be sent to the Director of Dujarie House who will determine if the time period the Brother wishes to work can be utilized.
5. Minimum time period for the summer ministry is four weeks.

The summer residence of the Brother will be either at Columba Hall or the Holy Cross Brothers' Center. Please have the Brother indicate to the Director where he would prefer to live during his time here.

Requests for summer work at Dujarie should be made by the end of April.

Type of work: Nurses aide, light maintenance, transportation aide, typing and paper work, yard work (grass, flowers, etc.), dining room setup and other light work, letter writing for some of the men, etc. The needs are too varied to specify each one.

In case of doubt about some one's use of his abilities, please feel free to call the Director -- (219) 233-8166.

Brother James Martin, CSC  
Director

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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Brother Richard Johnson, Holy Cross Brothers' Center, P. O. Box 716, Notre Dame, IN 4655. (219) 233-8273.

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#### BROTHER JOHN BENESH WRITES

"During the months since I returned to Peru ... we have been negotiating a number of changes. Phil Devlin decided to complete three years as superior and not leave his name in for reelection. Others in the district urged him to take some type of sabbatical, but his response was that there was no one to replace him in the Fe y Alegria School, a school entrusted to the Congregation since its beginning 13 years ago. Phil Devlin has been principal of the school all during this time and has done much to expand and develop the school from its simple beginning in classrooms whose walls and ceilings were bamboo mats to a well built brick and reinforced concrete structure, now holding about 2,200 primary and secondary students, with two sessions each school day: one group from 8 am to 1 pm and the other from 1 pm to 6 pm.

"I'm not eager to get back into administration but, nevertheless, I volunteered to take Phil's place as director (principal) for at least three years, with another three possible....These arrangements were ratified by the district chapter in February, 1991.

"You may have heard of the cholera epidemic in Peru, mainly in coastal cities and centered in Chimbote. There have been about 20 deaths in Chimbote and 115 in the whole country, with hundreds more hospitalized. The source has not been identified nor are they sure how the disease is being spread. Fish and other sea foods are being blamed, but poor water supplies and unsanitary procedures for handling sewage and garbage are probably surer causes. Officials expect the epidemic stage to last one or two more months!"

#### RETREAT AT BROTHERS' CENTER

The Community Retreat at Holy Cross Brothers' Center will be from June 2 to June 6, 1991. It will begin with the conference at 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 2 and will end with liturgy and renewal of vows at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 6, 1991. Father Francis Quinlivan, CSC, the Director of Novices at Holy Cross Novitiate, Cascade, Colorado will be the retreat master. If you are interested in participating in the retreat, please notify Brother Isaac Motz, Superior of the Brothers' Center.