

Midwest Bits and Pieces

AUGUST 1, 1991

BROTHER THOMAS CUNNINGHAM WRITES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the province for the support that they have given to the Chrysalis Ministry retreat team. Chrysalis Ministry is a New Jersey based retreat program for people living with HIV/AIDS. So far we have given two retreats for over ninety infected persons and the results have been very rewarding, both for the retreatants and the retreat team.

Thanks to the generosity of Brother Thomas Moser and the Brothers of the Midwest Province, a total of ten persons have been able to attend the retreats. The Brothers have contributed a total of \$1,600.00 in support of our retreat program. Since all our retreat expenses are covered by donations, I can assure you that the Brothers of Holy Cross are greatly appreciated.

I Thank you as a member of the Chrysalis Retreat Team and as a member of the province. It makes me proud to know that the province is ready and willing to support our effort to bring people who have been marginalized by society into a more loving and supportive environment where they can and do find a new relationship with their higher power....I hope that the Chrysalis Ministry will be able to count on the generosity of the Brothers in the 1991-1992 fiscal year. On our first two retreats, we have had to turn down over fifty persons because we lacked the finances.

I thank you for your support in my ministry to persons infected with HIV/AIDS. Although it can be a very emotionally draining experience to work with those whom you know will all eventually die from this disease, it can also be very rewarding helping them realize that there is a lot of living left for them and helping them come into contact with a spiritual awakening within themselves...All of us in this ministry really need your prayerful support.

In Holy Cross, Tom

BROTHER DAVID MARTIN RECEIVES AWARD

Brother David Martin has been named as one of ten participants in the 1991 Secondary School Enhancement Program in Physics at Kenyon College. Brother will receive a stipend of \$1,000, plus room and board at Kenyon as he furthers his studies. The program, underwritten by grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Joyce Foundation, is designed to give teachers of high school physics courses additional breadth and depth to assist them with their courses and to help them upgrade course content. The province extends congratulations and best wishes to David.

BROTHER LEO GEIGER HONORED

To mark Brother Leo Geiger's retirement at St. Edward High School, after thirty-seven years of dedicated service, a plaque was presented to him on which it was proclaimed that the industrial arts area of the school would be named the "Brother Leo Geiger Industrial Arts Center". The presentation was made by Thomas O'Linn, a former community member, and the father of two St. Edward's students.

The plaque will be hung over the door of the Woodshop Area for future generations of Edsmen to see and know the great service given the school by Brother Leo.

The Midwest Province joins in acknowledging Brother Leo's dedicated and loving service to St. Ed's and shares with him the happiness and joy of having it publicly acknowledged.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCED

Brother Thomas Moser has announced the membership of the Provincial Council for the next three years. It is:

Brother Robert Siegel, Assistant Provincial - Superior Brother Paul Kelly, Secretary.
Brother Lawrence Skitzki, Treasurer Brother Robert Fillmore, Provincial Councilor
Brother Richard Gilman, Provincial Councilor Brother Charles Smith, Provincial Councilor

Family Talk

"Little Red Hen"

by Brother James Gretman, C.S.C.

One day a little red hen found some seed in the barnyard and called out to the other barnyard animals to help her plant it. They all made excuses for why they could not help her, and so the little red hen said, "Well, I will then."

NEXT the little red hen called out to the other barnyard animals to help her water the seed, but again they all made excuses for why they could not help, and so the little red hen said, "Well, I will then."

THE LITTLE RED HEN asked for help with weeding, harvesting, grinding, and finally baking the bread made from the plants that had grown from the seeds. Each time the other barnyard animals made excuses, and each time the little red hen said, "Well, I will then."

WHEN IT CAME time to eat the bread, all the barnyard animals volunteered to help the little red hen eat it, and the little red hen ended up being angry.

SOME OF US ALSO HAVE the same pattern and accept the excuses of others with a sweet little smile, and end up being angry.

IN PSYCHOLOGICAL TERMS, a person who becomes aware of patterns is able to function in a more balanced and healthy way. The more conscious a person becomes, the more conscious they are of choices, and do not let the pattern control themselves.



Bro. James Gretman



WALK THEN,
AS CHILDREN
OF LIGHT,
FOR THE FRUIT
OF THE
LIGHT IS IN
GOODNESS
AND JUSTICE
AND TRUTH

