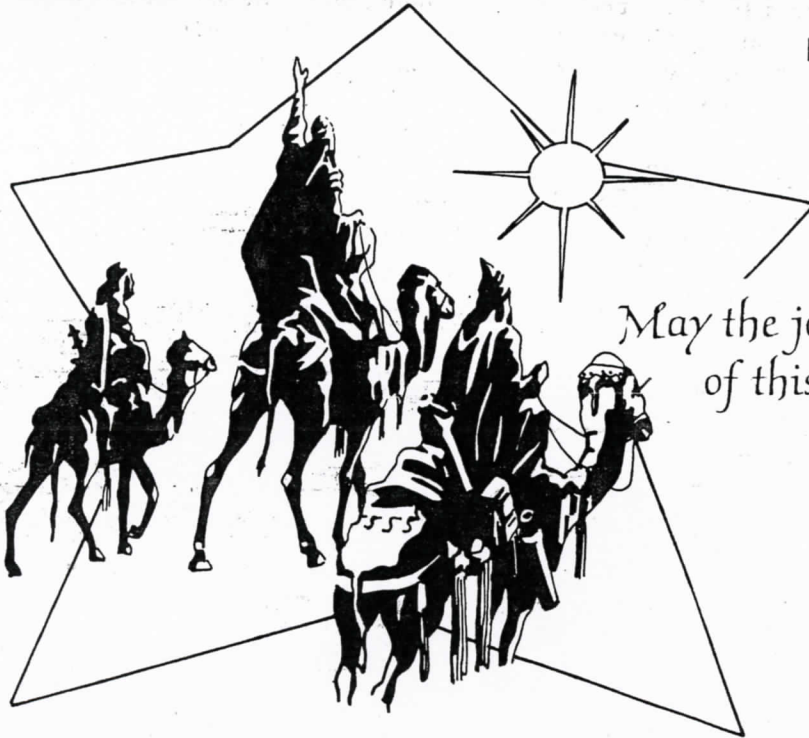


# Midwest Bits and Pieces

December 1, 1990



May the joys and blessings  
of this holy season be yours.

The Provincial and members of his council wish to extend warmest best wishes to all province members for a holy and happy Christmas and a New Year filled with every blessing from the Saviour.

## SE SQUICENTENNIAL

SAINT-MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, INDIANA

October 22, 1990

Of one hundred and fifty years ago today it was said:

"I cannot tell you what passed within me during the next half hour. I do not know myself, but I was so deeply moved that I could not utter a word. We continued to advance into the thick woods till suddenly Father Butex stopped the carriage and said, 'Come down, Sisters, we have arrived.'

We had agreed among ourselves that our first visit would be made to the Blessed Sacrament, and that we would not speak to anyone before having satisfied this longing in our hearts.... having prayed, wept, and thanked Almighty God for past favors and begged His assistance for the future; having prayed for you, dear Sisters, and for you all, dear friends and benefactors...we went to embrace the postulants who were awaiting us."

--Mother Theodore Guerin

Mother Theodore Guerin arrived with five Sisters to begin their mission in the United States, having left France one year earlier than our Brothers and Father Edward Sorin. They were the first to open a Female Academy in the United States. As you recall, they were founded by Father James Dujarie before he founded the Brothers of St. Joseph. As provincial, I was invited to be a part of this celebration and was delighted to do so in the name of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Hark! On The Windswept Breton Shore

LaFarge  
Text: A Sister of  
Providence

Hark! on the windswept Breton shore!  
Hark! on the windswept Breton shore!  
Jesus is calling ever more,  
To His child calling ever more.  
Soul that I love, leave thou thy father's home;  
Soul that I love, o'er western seas to roam;  
Soul that I love, a harvest waits for thee,  
Come garner souls for me!

See on the billows breaking high,  
Storm-tossed a ship to land draws high!  
Brave spouse of Christ, the faith you bring  
Into the wildwood, there to sing:  
"Magnificat! Anima mea Dominum!"  
Mary's sweet name bears your woodland convent home,  
There Christ shall dwell who Bread for us became,  
All hail! His Sacred Name!

Our Lady of Providence

Mother Rose Angela  
Horan, SP  
C.C. Bocard, SP

Hail to thee, O lady of Providence,  
Queen and Mother, hear our prayer.  
Bless us, guard us, ever keep us  
In thy providential care.

Refrain

Our Lady of Providence, pray for us.  
Our Lady of Providence, pray for us.  
(Queen of the Home,) Oh pray for us.

Bless our homes, O Lady of Providence,  
Guide our loved ones though they roam.  
At the throne of God unite us,  
Queen of mothers, Queen of home.  
(Refrain)

**YOU HAVE APPEARED, O CHRIST, THE  
LIGHT OF LIGHT! TO YOU THE MAGI  
BRING GIFTS! ALLELUJA-ALLELUJA!**





# NOTICIAS

## HOLY CROSS HISPANIC MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Holy Cross Hispanic Ministries Committee, seek to help one another and our Congregation meet the needs of the growing Hispanic population by implementing the NATIONAL PASTORAL PLAN FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY.\*

A. *Pastoral de Conjunto*: Our founder had a vision of collaboration. We collaborate with one another in various ways, including the following:

1. Affirming, encouraging and sharing with one another at regional and national meetings, and through phone calls, letters and visits.
2. Promoting our own growth by visiting Hispanic apostolates.
3. Exchanging information regarding job opportunities.
4. Supporting and promoting cluster groups of Hispanic ministry in Holy Cross, and collaborative planning among our congregations in our work with Hispanics.
5. Participating in "Renovacion" (the Holy Cross Latin American triennial renewal program).
6. Utilizing appropriate avenues of inter-congregational communications.



B. *Missionary Option and Evangelization*: In our role of advocacy, we bring to the attention of Holy Cross leadership and individual members the needs of Hispanics in various ways, including the following:

1. Consciousness-raising regarding the social reality of Hispanics, human rights issues, need for systematic change, and Hispanic Church leadership.
2. Planning a presentation at the time of our annual meeting, which would focus on issues affecting Hispanics and directed toward the broader Church community.
3. Advising leadership of personnel needs in our Hispanic apostolates and, when appropriate, advising leadership of men and women who might fill those needs.

C. *Formation*: As men and women working with Hispanics, we have concern for the future, and we manifest this concern in various ways, including the following:

1. Promoting Hispanic vocations to Holy Cross.
2. Encouraging initial and ongoing formation preparation for, and understanding of, Hispanic ministry.

\*The NATIONAL PASTORAL PLAN FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY was adopted by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on November 18, 1987.

The Bishops in their Pastoral Letter, "The Hispanic Presence," published on December 12, 1983, asked for a Tercer Encuentro process, which involved a consultation with Hispanics at the grass roots, parish, diocesan, regional, and national level. This provided the basis for the NATIONAL PLAN.

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## ...y mas noticias (and more news)

- Holy Cross Hispanic Ministry Committee has been meeting since 1976.
- Hispanics in the South Bend area are beginning to become a visible minority. The city recently sponsored Hispanic Heritage Week complete with an evening of Mariachi and regional dances of Mexico presented at the Century Theatre.
- The Observer, the official Notre Dame student newspaper, carried a front page colored picture and article on the Hispanic presence on campus.
- Notre Dame now has an office of Minority Affairs.
- Did you know that there is a formation house for Hispanic Ministry sponsored by Holy Cross in San Antonio? — Casa Santa Cruz. Seminarians attend Oblate College where the thrust of many of the courses is Hispanic.
- Hispanic representation in the Church is estimated to reach 50% of the Catholic population in the United States by the year 2000 A.D.
- The most rapid rise in Fundamentalist groups is from the Spanish-speaking people.
- The Hispanic Committee is seeking to have some input for the Holy Cross Sesquicentennial celebrations in the United States.
- Did you know that a sizeable number of Holy Cross religious live and work in Spanish-speaking countries, and that an equally sizeable proportion of Holy Cross religious are working in Hispanic apostolates in the U.S.?
- 1992 marks 500 years of LA RAZA—celebrating the coming of Christian Evangelization and reconciliation with indigenous groups.
- Anyone wishing to contribute items of Holy Cross people working with a Spanish apostolate can send information to Brother James Martin at Columba Hall before February 15. The second edition for this "year" will be published shortly after that date.
- Consult your Catholic Television Network to see if you can borrow the following tapes (video) for yourself or house discussion groups:
  - a. A Different Reality—the Hispanic Experience.
  - b. Foundation for the Church's Future—Hispanic Youth.
  - c. The Hispanic Woman—Stereotype and Reality.
  - d. On This Rock—The Hispanic Family in America.
  - e. Helping the Hispanic Poor.
  - f. Proselytisms and the Hispanic.
  - g. The Challenge and Reality of Ministering to Hispanics.
- NOVENARIO POR LOS DIFUNTOS: A Spanish prayerbook containing a nine-day series of prayers following the death of a family member, neighbor or friend, based on the ancient liturgy of the hours and popular Hispanic custom. The litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary is included—18 pages; single copies - \$2.00; 10 or more - \$1.25 each (as of this typing). Liturgy Training Publications, (312) 486-7008, or write: Archdiocese of Chicago, 1800 North Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60622-1101, (312) 486-8970.

Abrazos y bendiciones,  
Hermano Jaime, CSC

## HISPANIC MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** September 24, 1990  
**TO:** Major Superiors of United States Holy Cross Congregations  
Members of Hispanic Ministries Committee  
**FROM:** Sisters Jacinta Millan, CSC and Patricia Ann Thompson, CSC  
Co-chairpersons

In order to continue to focus on the NATIONAL PASTORAL PLAN FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY, the Hispanic Ministries, during the annual meeting, formulated a Mission Statement which embodies some of the key concepts of this PLAN. The national meeting of the Committee took place at the Holy Cross Brothers' Center, Notre Dame, Indiana, from April 22-25, 1990. We are attaching a copy of this Mission Statement.

We continue to urge all members of Holy Cross to familiarize themselves with the NATIONAL PLAN FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY (USCC publication available in a bilingual edition) as well as with the process of the PLAN, which was approved by the Bishops of the United States. Unfortunately, there have been some setbacks in the implementation of the PLAN on a nationwide basis, caused largely by budget cuts due to change of priorities as well as by the existing sin of racism which permeates our world reality.

The United States Bishops, at their spring meeting, were informed that an estimated 60,000 U.S. Hispanic Catholics a year are lost to fundamentalist proselytizing. The challenge the Committee poses to Holy Cross in the United States is: What resources, personnel, etc., are we willing to allot toward pastoral efforts of the fast-growing minority in the country?

The Committee also addressed issues involving the Hispanic community and culture relative to higher education, youth, religious formation programs, and health care.

The Committee drew up the following guidelines for membership:

1. The Holy Cross Hispanic Ministries Committee consists of the following:
  - Sisters of the Holy Cross - 2 members from each geographic region
  - Congregation of Holy Cross - 2 members from each province
  - Marianites - 2 membersThere are also 2 "ex officio" members:
  - 1 Provincial from the Congregation of Holy Cross
  - 1 Member from the General Administration of the Sisters of the Holy Cross
2. All meetings are open to any and all interested Holy Cross religious. Only appointed members vote.
3. The committee is supported by assessments from the general and/or provincial administrations.

The next annual meeting of the Committee is scheduled for:  
February 3-6, 1991 at Poverello Retreat Center, San Fernando, California  
Contact person: Sister Patricia Ann Thompson, CSC - (213) 732-5662

ALL ARE WELCOME

# Ave Maria 125th Anniversary

On October 25th the Ave Maria Press celebrated its 125th anniversary with a social, a talk by Father James Connelly and a dinner at the North Dining Hall at Notre Dame. During his talk, Father Connelly cited the contribution that the Brothers of Holy Cross have made over the years to the Ave Maria Press and to the spread of Catholic journalism in the United States. He reminded us that the Ave Maria Press was the first of its kind in the United States and helped shape the Catholic mind.

Father David Schlaver, Editor and Publisher of the Ave Maria, welcomed the Ave Maria Press family of about 150 people. Brothers Theodore Kapes, Elias Ryan, Raymond Trotman and Thomas Moser represented the large number of Brothers of Holy Cross who have served the Ave Maria Press over these years.

Brother Thomas Moser told a story to some of the guests of what took place on his way the celebration. He said that as he was passing the Provincial House kitchen on the way to the celebration, the new cook asked, "Where are you going?" He said, "I'm going over to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Ave Maria." The cook responded, "And who will sing it?"

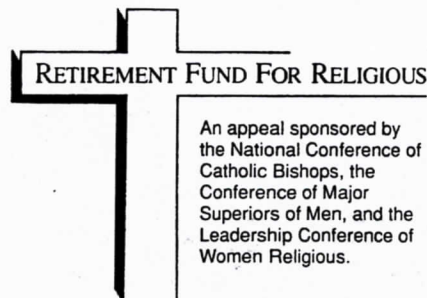
We wish the Ave Maria Press and its members the best for the next 25 years, hoping that they, and ourselves, will be around to celebrate their 150th anniversary.

## Directory Update

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# Priority of Values in our Society

Dear Friends,

I want to express my thoughts on a subject which I think should concern each of us, and the American public, in some way, shape or form. I hope you find this topic interesting and possibly challenging enough to reply to it.

The subject I have in mind is that of "Priority of Values in our Society". We can drive from state to state, from city to city and nearly everywhere see injustice and suffering inflicted upon people, by people. Drug abuse, street crime and violence flourish rampantly, out of control

In my view, the American people have been lulled into complacency and are unaware of the regressive road we seem to be travelling. Our society has been infected by a cancerous growth of misdirected values which, if not corrected, may destroy everything in its path. Our Christian based society and governmental structures are not immune to collapse any more than other societies and governments were in the past, including those of Eastern Europe today.

Today, we are, as a society, content to pay our policemen, firemen, teachers and nurses a modest living, which may range from \$15,000 to \$40,000 per year, depending upon area and time in service. At the same time we are paying our singers, actors and athletes anywhere from \$100,000 to several million for a season's entertainment.

I believe our Catholic School System has done an excellent job, for many, many years, in teaching not only academics, but also a sense of good morals and integrity. Unfortunately, I think, we are no longer reaching a large enough segment of society to stem the onrushing tide of corruption and greed sweeping across the country today.

The current S & L scandal, other big business and governmental displays of greed and dishonesty are a sign to me. There are many signs that the course of our society needs correction. Like any ship needs proper steering and guidance, our country needs it also. We may expect governmental officials to steer it in domestic and foreign affairs, but we cannot expect them to guide it in honesty and morality.

Guidance in the moral and ethical course of our society is the responsibility of our Church in America. I believe that we as Holy Cross members share that responsibility, and can possibly contribute to that guidance in a unique way.

I would like to see the Holy Cross Community try to form a team, perhaps a few members, to share and discuss ideas concerning the above.

Sincerely in Holy Cross,

Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC