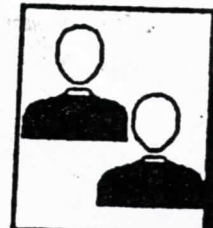


# Midwest Bits and Pieces

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## THE TEACHING VOCATION: No Substitute

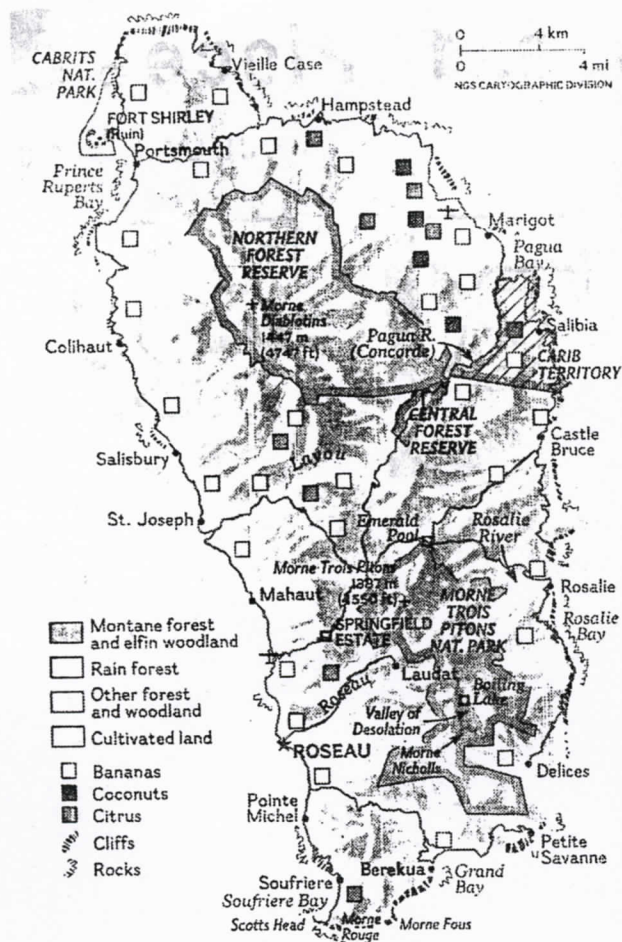
Brother Pedro submitted the following article and felt that it would be good reading for province members.

Teaching orders used to be in the business of teaching. These days, says Patrick Ellis, president of LaSalle University in Philadelphia, members of teaching orders "do everything on the property but teach"(America, (10/21/89)).

Ellis concedes that critics of the parish school system "have a point when they argue that we have gone too far at some levels in preparing people to do well in society while not preparing them to be critical of that society." And he agrees that today's teachers face "challenges their predecessors never had: drugs, the disintegration of the family, the day-care generation with its unpredictability, the latchkey children, the workers in fast food, the anesthetized rockers. I only suggest that we look closely at this vehicle that seems so integral to civilization, and that our founders and their collaborators saw as a fit instrument for an apostolate."

A close look reveals to Ellis the "beneficial relentlessness and predictability of the school as meeting a human need. I should also suggest that the variety of its human relationships, including all sorts of wit and by-play and catalogue of nonverbal understandings, are formative and, in fact, enjoyable. Class work, counselling activities, athletics and even the mechanics of discipline and of passing students on to further education can all bring people together in formative ways. Young people do realize that their teachers, religious and lay, are 'people for others,' that they have had other options, that they know more than they are called upon to teach. Students are, of course, almost ritually troublesome, but they don't want to win; they want to be seen by their peers to have given the game a good try. They know that in the absence of a strong adult, life reverts to that described in the Lord of the Flies.

"One qualified person can exert more influence working with medium-sized groups than those working with individuals or with millions through the media," Ellis writes. "Meeting students of whatever age forms minds and hearts better than any alternative I can think of."



## High, wild Dominica



The June issue of the National Geographic Magazine contains a very interesting article on the Island of Dominica (pronounced Dom-i-NEE-ca) where Brothers Jerome Meyer and Thomas Scheurer and three Marianite Sisters will begin working in September. Should you be able to get a copy, you would find it most interesting.

The picture on the left is that of Mary Eugenia Charles, the Caribbean's first woman prime minister. The picture above is that of St. Joseph Church in Soufriere. Dominica is about 80% Catholic.



# INFORMAZIONI

June 9, 1990

## Patrick D'Rozario Chosen Bishop

In a letter addressed to Fr. Claude Grou from Archbishop José Sanchez, secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, dated June 2, we were informed that "the Holy Father has established the Diocese of Rajshahi, a territorial subdivision of the present Diocese of Dinajpur in Bangladesh, and has nominated Rev. Patrick D'Rozario, C.S.C., as first bishop of the new diocese."

The letter went on to say that the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples expresses its gratitude for the significant assistance Holy Cross has been and continues to be in the ongoing establishment of the Church in Bangladesh.

Bishop-elect Patrick D'Rozario was born on October 1, 1943, in Padrishipur, Bangladesh. After initial schooling, he did his novitiate in Bangladesh in 1961 and made his first profession of vows in 1962. He studied his theology in Pakistan and in 1972 was ordained. Following that he was asked to do further studies to prepare himself for teaching in the new major seminary in Dhaka. He attended Lumen Vitae Institute in Belgium from 1973 to 1976, and in that year he returned to Dhaka, where he taught in the seminary, was active in Holy Cross formation programs, and served as a member of the district council for the District of Chittagong.

In 1982 he became the superior of the District of Chittagong and held that position until the district merged in 1984 with its counterpart in Dhaka. Bishop-elect D'Rozario was among the chief architects of the merger.

He returned to the Diocese of Chittagong and became parish priest in the southern town of Barisal, where the novitiate for the congregation in Bangladesh is located. He was also responsible for the organization of the diocesan pastoral center with its center at the Oriental Institute in Sagardi near Barisal.

The Diocese of Rajshahi will be formed from the southern part of the present Diocese of Dinajpur, which is presided over by Bishop Theotonijs Gomes, C.S.C.

The prayers and best wishes of all the members of the congregation go out to Bishop-elect D'Rozario. While conscious of the loss his selection means for Holy Cross, we are encouraged by the certainty that his leadership in the new diocese will mean significant development for the Catholic Church in Bangladesh.

As of this time no date has been set for the episcopal ordination of Bishop-elect D'Rozario.

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## Formators' Workshop in Rome

From May 30 till June 20, 1990, a workshop was held at the Holy Cross generalate in Rome, Italy, to assist Holy Cross men engaged in formation work throughout the world to study the particular application of our constitutions to their work.

Organized by the general administration, the workshop included these participants: Fr. José Prado (CP, Dist. of Brazil) from Brazil, Frs. Paul Doyle (I) and Bill Seetch (I) and Br. Joe Barry (M) from the U.S., Brs. Irénée d'Amours (CF) and Claude Hurtubise (CF) from Rwanda, Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal (In) and Br. Nicholas Ribelo (CF, Dist. of India) from India, Br. Prodip Placid Gomes (SJB) and Fr. Eugene Anjus (SHJB) from Bangladesh, Fr. Jim Rahilly (I, Dist. of E. Africa) and Br. Jim Nichols (EB, Dist. of E. Africa) from Uganda, Br. Bill Zaydak (EB, Dist. of E. Africa) from Kenya, and Fr. Jacques Lajoie (CP, Dist. of Haiti) and deacon Firto Regis (CP, Dist. of Haiti) from Haiti. Assisting in giving presentations during the workshop were Br. Joel Giallanza (SW), Fr. Arthur Colgan (EP, Dist. of Perù), and Fr. John Gerber (I), as well as members of the general council.

Besides engaging in a schedule of study each weekday during the course, the participants enjoyed the opportunity to visit the grounds of the former generalate on Via Aurelia Antica as well as Notre Dame International School on Via Aurelia, where the brothers on the staff hosted the participants at a cookout supper. Saturday, June 9, is given over to a pilgrimage to Assisi, and on another day visits will be made to early Holy Cross sites in Rome, including Santa Prisca and Santa Brigida. On Sundays, which are unscheduled, several plan to take small trips to various locations in and around the city.

This first effort at holding a workshop for Holy Cross formators is a decidedly positive step toward further planning for similar or expanded workshops in the future.

# EULOGY FOR BROTHER GREGOIRE BLEAU

Thomas Shaughnessy

On behalf of the Congregation of Holy Cross, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to the members of the Bleau Family. To you, Orville had a special place in your heart as a brother, uncle or cousin. Orville's concern for you was a constant in his life. He now follows his three sisters and his brother who have gone before him to their eternal reward.

In my eulogy this evening, I will not talk about Orville's family. I want you to know that it has been evident that Orville was who he was due to the strong love and faith commitment of his parents and family. And for this, even at this time of mourning, we thank you for sharing his life with our religious community.

During the last several weeks, I have spent a great deal of time with Gregoire. He had given me numerous instructions concerning what should be done upon his death. Some of those instructions had to do with the eulogy that he really did not want. As I ignore those instructions, I pray that it will not cause him to rise from his coffin, come and grab my cheeks and say, "I told you not to do that."

I am sure we all realize that wakes and funerals are for the living, not for the dead. We gather this evening to grieve over the death of Brother Gregoire. All of us here have experienced some degree of loss in his passing. We come together not to mourn for Gregoire but to grieve for ourselves. Each of us has lost a friend and each of us has been clearly reminded that we, too, are mortal. Perhaps this reminder of our mortality is a little more striking in the death of Brother Gregoire because he had such an imposing presence, and such a warm and positive personality. A number of the brothers have indicated disbelief at his death. He was one of those people in our midst that was never going to die. He would always be here. But he is dead and we are gathered to grieve our loss and to celebrate his victory.

Although I could share with you Gregoire's many assignments and accomplishments as a religious of Holy Cross, I prefer to share with you some of my personal thoughts and feelings about this unique human being. Gregoire was my teacher, my mentor and friend, my brother in Holy Cross. Some or all of these qualities were experienced by many others in this chapel and many who are not with us.

He was my teacher in assisting me to learn to relate to people, particularly children. He taught me that everyone had to be treated with dignity, respect and justice.

Greg taught the most needy of the children in our ministries. The children from broken homes at Boysville, the delinquent boys at Gibault, the emotionally disturbed children at St. Charles. He not only taught these children to believe in themselves, he taught numerous brothers and staff the skills they needed to relate effectively and help these children. Greg was one of the true experts in the treatment of children I have encountered in my professional life.

Yet, in a very human way, he had his doubts he was successful. I always use one simple definition of success and that is having a successor. On that basis, Greg has achieved great success in the many members of our community who learned from him and in the numerous children he assisted to adulthood.

Greg, to me, was a mentor and a friend. He was a person who lived life passionately and modeled his values to others consistently. He constantly encouraged me in my vocation and my professional development. Greg was a person to whom I could turn for advice. He was a person who would give me advice if I wanted it or not. He was one with whom I could share my discouragement as well as my success. Greg was one I could ask for help and know in advance the answer would be yes. He was a person who completed what he started. He could not do enough for me because of his love and concern.

As my brother in Holy Cross, Greg devoted 47 years to the vowed life. He devoted those years with the same passion and dedication that governed his entire life. His spirit of faith, of prayer and dedication to his religious community was clearly evident. He was always concerned about the Brothers of Holy Cross, each of us individually and the community in general. We were his adopted family. We received the same passionate love as his birth family. Greg worked hard to promote the Brothers in his many years as Moderator of the Association of St. Joseph in Milwaukee and Akron. He always threw himself into any activity that promoted community life and strengthened fraternity within our community. He knew and lived the vowed life in a spirit of faith. This would bring him to his eternal reward.

As a Brother he never wanted to stop his work in ministry serving his fellow Brothers within the community or serving others in various ministries in the Church. In his so-called retirement years, his enthusiasm and concern continued to be demonstrated in his assistance to his best friend, Brother James Linscott, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. There, just a day or so before his diagnosis with cancer, he was working hard assisting Brother James to minister to the people of that poor parish. Greg was a dynamic and faith-filled individual.

From my personal point of view, I have lost a person I loved and who taught me much about living. A few weeks ago, Greg said to me, "Tom, I would like to live, but I am not afraid to die." I think I could probably say that; I don't know if I could mean it. Gregoire meant it.

As Greg's cancer progressed, his faith in God and his love for us only grew stronger. He continued to teach me not only how to live but how to die. Greg consciously made that decision and then spent his last hours of consciousness expressing his concern and hopes for us.

Yes, I grieve, but I must also keep in mind Gregoire's great victory in his death. Gregoire has died in the season of joy within the Church, and how appropriate it will be for him to be buried on the Vigil of the Ascension. Greg would not want me or you to grieve long but want us to celebrate with him and join with him in our Easter anthem.

"ALLELUIA. THE STRIFE IS OE'R, THE BATTLE DONE. NOW IS  
VICTORY'S TRIUMPH WON. LET THE SONG OF PRAISE BE SUNG,  
ALLELUIA. O RISEN LORD, ALL PRAISE TO THEE  
WHO FROM OUR SIN HAS SET US FREE  
THAT WE MAY LIVE ETERNALLY: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

## GENERAL VISIT

### VISITATION BY GENERAL COUNCIL

Four members of the General Council will be visiting the Midwest and Indiana Provinces this fall. The tentative schedule is as follows:

September 10--20	Chicago Area Portland Area
September 23--October 7	Indiana Area
October 10-27	Ohio & Pennsylvania Area Michigan Area



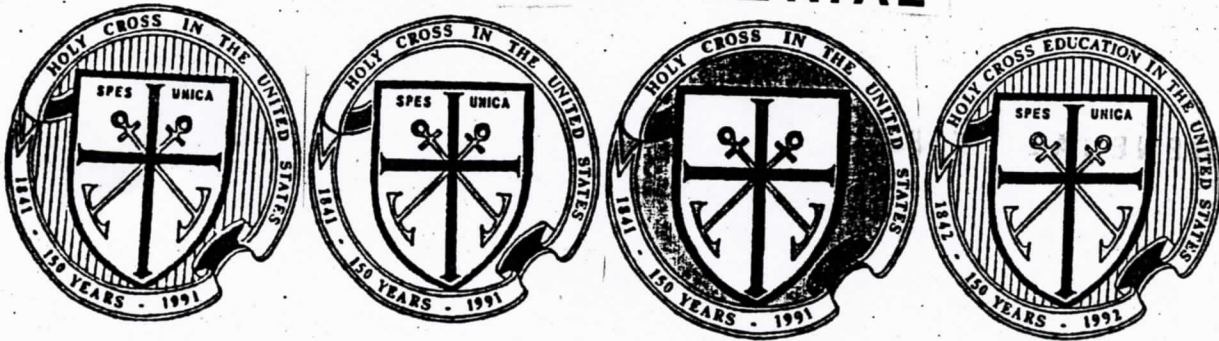
RICHARD F. CELESTE  
GOVERNOR

## **BROTHER JOSEPH CHVALA RECEIVES OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD**



Brother Joseph was one of ten teachers in Ohio to receive the Ashland Oil Company Outstanding teacher award in May. 4,856 teachers were nominated for the award in the State of Ohio by a person who remembered a teacher who made a difference in his or her life. Brother Joseph was the only award recipient from a Catholic school. Nominated teachers complete applications requiring a history of their classroom experiences, teaching innovations and philosophies. Applications are then evaluated according to specific criteria by a team of education experts, who then select the ten winners in each state. Awards are given also in Kentucky, West Virginia and Minnesota. The award carried with it a gift of \$2,500.00. Governor Richard F. Celeste also wrote to Brother Joseph, congratulating him on his award.

# SESQUICENTENIAL



Brother Harold Ruplinger has designed these symbols to help with the sesquicentennial celebrations of the arrival and educational apostolate of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States. Copies have been sent to superiors, directors, presidents, principals and provincials. The copies can be used to make letter heads, banners, stick-ons, stamps, etc. If you do not have access to a copy and have need of one, send word to the provincial office.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Brother Joseph Annan: Holy Cross District Center, P. O. Box A183, Adisadel, Cape Coast, Ghana, West Africa.  
Brother William Doherty: Columba Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556. (Summer)  
Brother Vincent Gross: Holy Cross District Center, P. O. Box A183, Adisadel, Cape Coast, Ghana, West Africa.  
Brother William Mewes: Columba Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.  
Brother James Newberry: St. Casimir Parish, 2122 S. Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48701. Tel.: (517) 752-6648.

## LIBERIA TURMOIL

A recent article in the Evansville Courier, LIBERIA TURMOIL NOT SCARING CITY NATIVE, reported that Brother Thomas Dillman refuses to leave Monrovia, Liberia, even as rebel troops close in on the city. "I've been here so long I feel I would be running out on my people if I left," Tom is reported saying. Tom has been at St. Patrick's High School for 21 years. Despite recent atrocities by government troops and rebels, Tom said: "I don't feel in danger....It could happen, but I don't feel someone would deliberately attack me. If the bullets start to fly I will try to find a safe hole."

The school is closed, but Tom feels he can be of real value to the people. The United Nations office has given him food to distribute to refugees. Because of the number of refugees in the city, Tom fears a bloodbath if the rebels were to attack the city. Negotiations are presently underway to stop the fighting. Keep Tom and the people of Liberia in your prayers.