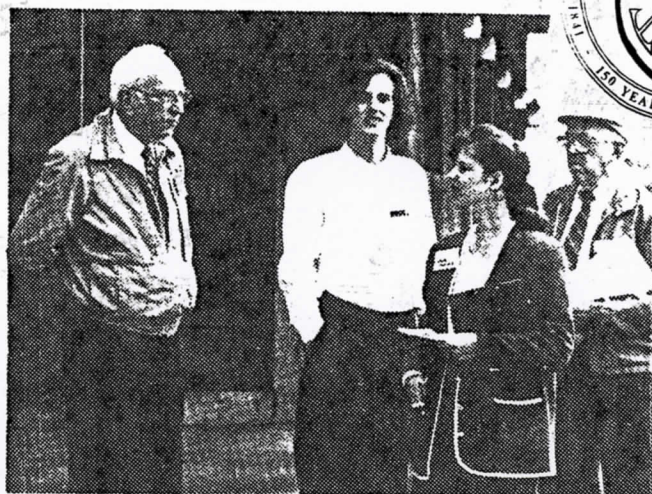
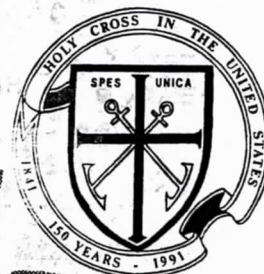


Midwest Bits and Pieces

MAY 1, 1991



SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER



Summer Guides

All summer long, at the Oratory, ten youths served as guides or worked in the toll booths. The director of the Office of Pilgrimages, Father Paul Saint-Onge, CSC, gives a positive account of what took place this summer. He noticed the fine cooperation between the young guides Stephanie Bacon, Eric Paquin, Shawn Windsor, Catherine Yorksie, and the American Holy Cross Brothers Robert Dierker, Wilbert Leveling and Donald Martin.

"The young have been able to get a lot from the experience of the brothers, while the brothers had to keep up with the dynamism of the young. By such a sharing, visitors and pilgrims were able to see all the sights and find out what makes the Oratory a place of pilgrimage." Those who operated the toll booths, Antoine, Corinne, Josée, and Richard, welcomed all with warmth and were much appreciated for their smiling civility.

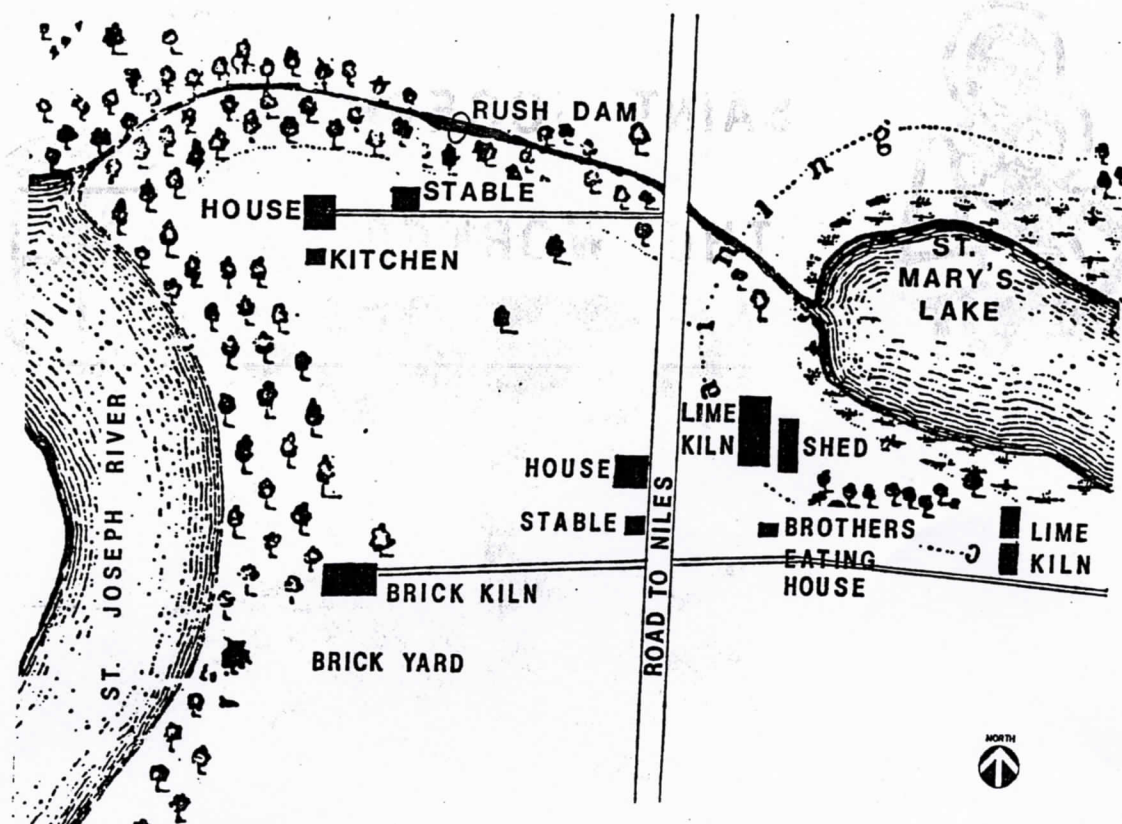


James Greteman Writes



Brother Jim Greteman had the feature article in the winter issue of the diocesan magazine, Jacob's Well. The article was entitled, "Leaving Home".

NOTRE DAME LIME



Shortly after the first group of religious arrived at what is now Notre Dame, deposits of marl for making lime were discovered around St. Mary's Lake and along the banks of the St. Joseph River across what is now Michigan Avenue. This founding group, pressed on all sides for money to live and to develop the new mission, saw the marl as a source of much needed income. Investigation showed that the marl deposits were thirty feet deep and that the marl was superior in quality to that found anywhere else in the vicinity. Not long after the discovery was made, the following announcement was placed in the St. Joseph Valley Register.

"The Brothers of the Community of St. Joseph (Brothers of Holy Cross) beg leave to inform the public that they have an excellent quality of lime for sale at Notre Dame du Lac. It may be purchased on application from the Steward for cash or merchandise." St. Joseph Valley Register, I, p. 4., Col. 6.

The new community faced a serious health problem: malaria and cholera. The cause of these illnesses was a dam built for milling purposes resulting in marsh waters around St. Mary's Lake. It seemed advisable to get the property on which the dam was located to lower the lake level and do away with the marsh waters. A second reason for being interested in the property across Michigan Avenue was to secure access to the marl deposits under the St. Joseph River and obtain a monopoly for the sale of marl in the area.

Arrangements were made to purchase the land. The lower parcel of land belonged to Mr. Graham and is now occupied by St. Joseph High School, Holy Cross College, The Brothers' Center, Dujarie House and the Provincial House of the Brothers of Holy Cross. The upper portion belonged to Mr. Rush and is now the home of St. Mary's College.

The earliest published price for the marl was twenty cents a bushel. By 1857 the price had risen to twenty-five cents a bushel. In 1861, the local council minutes note that the published price would be twenty-two cents a bushel. In 1862, the price rose to thirty cents a bushel. By 1864, the price had risen to fifty cents a bushel in small lots, and forty-five cents a bushel in lots of five hundred bushels or more.

Records of early use show that lime was taken from Notre Dame to Mishawaka for use in fluxing of iron in their blast furnaces. It was also used for Indiana's first Portland Cement factory and to dust the fields on the surrounding farms.

By 1859, the sale of marl and making of lime had become a large undertaking. The Guide to Notre Dame du Lac for that year says: "Utility seems to be the law of being in the 19th century, and accordingly, the bed of one of the Lakes (St. Mary's) is converted into quite a source of revenue. You see over on the South Side quite a villa of shanties? Well, during seven months of the year active laborers are employed here making lime out of the white marl which forms the floor of the lake. From recent comparative analyses it has been satisfactorily proved that this marl is superior for the manufacture of lime to any that has yet been discovered; and since an improved method of working and burning it has been adopted, the entire surrounding country has been convinced of its superiority, even to lime stone, especially for plastering purposes. Every year adds to its celebrity, so that it is now shipped by car loads to the neighboring cities, and before long, I doubt not, it will give rise to a very important trade."

Much of the early development at St. Mary's and Notre Dame involved the use of this lime for mortar and plastering purposes. In 1858, the lime was also used in the construction of the first parochial school in South Bend. The school was located at South Bend Avenue and Notre Dame Avenue and was a joint effort between Notre Dame and St. Patrick's Parish. In the 1860's, an academy for the Sisters was built in Lowell (now a part of South Bend). A jail was also built in South Bend. N. D. lime was used in building them.

A number of men in the area were interested in securing the right to mine the marl and make lime. In the minutes of the local council in 1869, it was noted: "The lime yard will be let to Mr. McCabe for twelve and one-half cents a bushel; we furnish everything, such as good wheelbarrows, a cart and a shed, the horse alone excepted." In 1871, the local council minutes noted: "The offer of Miller and Company to contract for marl at ten cents a barrel was not accepted. The council favors the manufacture of Portland cement by ourselves." In 1880, the local council minutes note: "It was decided to accept the offer of the Stone Pipe Co. to rent one acre of marl for \$500 for three years." Two years later, the council "decided to contract the sale of marl to the Stone Manufacturing Co. by the load or square yard instead of by the acre."

A number of Brothers were involved in the work with the lime. In 1848, the minutes state: "Brother Lawrence shall try to find customers for the sale of our lime." In 1858 the local council minutes say: "As many Brothers as possible shall be employed in our lime yard." Another entry the same year states: "Less corn and potatoes shall be planted this year in order to give more hands to the lime yard." In 1861, the local council minutes report: "The following men will be on the lime yard: Brothers William, Michael, Thomas, Cornelius, Oswald...." The minutes of the local council for 1862 state: "Brother Narcissus was given charge of the lime yard. It is resolved to make lime."

By 1899, the business of selling marl was not as important as it had been. The last mention of it appears in the local council minutes of December 22, 1899, which says: "Committees (shall be set up) to make arrangements about a contemplated lease to take marl from St. Mary's Lake."



AGING MEMBERSHIP



Jesus intended that all of life should be lived in fullness. Society often fosters attitudes that inhibit fullness of life: chronological age, social security eligibility, retirement.

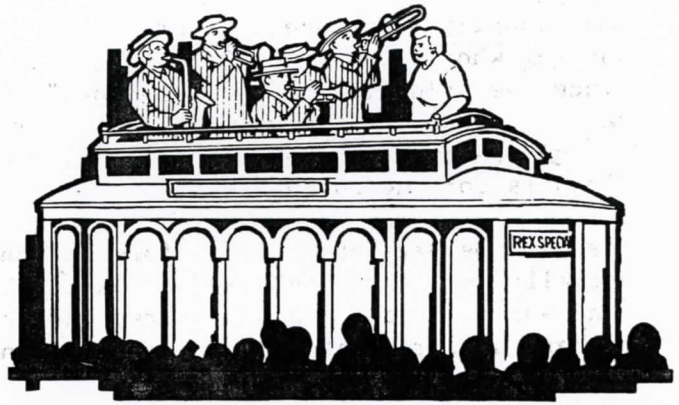
Aging is a process of growth and development, a process that is lifelong and should be life-enhancing for both the individual and for others.

In the last third of life, aging often becomes a challenge--a challenge to continue life with vigor and a sense of self-direction. The more mature person has many opportunities for continuing service.

The word "retirement" is not applicable to religious in the sense that the word is defined by contemporary society. One does not retire from a vowed commitment, a vocation to religious life. As physical and psychic energy diminishes, the ministry is rechanneled to other areas of activity and/or to prayer.

Many of the more mature members of the Congregation are in non-compensated ministries: tutoring, researching, writing, visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved and ministering in other activities that enhance their lives and the lives of others. (Adrian Dominicans)

HOLY CROSS HISTORY CONFERENCE



The Tenth Annual Conference on the History of the Congregation of Holy Cross will be held July 5-7, 1991, at the Holy Cross Brothers' Center, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Dual themes of this year's Conference will be the Sesquicentennial of the American Mission and the Sesquicentennial of the Founding of the Sisters. Papers will be presented at the Conference by members of each of the Sisters' Congregations as well as by the Priests and Brothers of Holy Cross.

Anyone wishing to attend the conference should contact Br. Raymond Dufresne, C.S.C., Holy Cross Brothers' Center, Box 716, Notre Dame, IN 46556 before May 30, 1991.



JOHN ROZARIO REELECTED VICE PROVINCIAL

Word was received recently that Brother John Rozario has been reelected Vice-Provincial of the St. Joseph Vice-Province of Bangladesh. Elected to serve with Brother John on the council were Brothers Bijoy Harold Rodrigues and Stephen Binoy Gomes. Appointed to complete the council were Brothers Lawrence Subal Rozario, Marcel Duchesne, and Theodore Robi Purification.

REMAIN CALM SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY

It is important that the brothers live together in great love. Whether they pray, or read the Bible, or are busy with any kind of work, brotherly love should be the foundation. If it is, then they will be aware of sharing these diverse occupations, and those who are praying, or reading, or working will be able to edify one another in simplicity and transparency...

Whatever they may be doing, the brothers should bear themselves lovingly and happily with one another. Then one who is working will speak thus of another who is praying: "The treasure which my brother has is mine too, since we hold all things in common." On his part, one who is praying will say of another who is reading: "The profit which he derives from his reading will enrich me too." And again, a brother who is working will say: "This is for the community."

The many members of the body form but one body and they support one another mutually as each fulfils his task. The eye sees for the whole body; the hand works for the other members; the foot as it walks bears them all; one member suffers what another is suffering. This is how the brothers should behave with one another.

The one who prays shall not judge another who is working, for not praying. One who is working shall not judge one who is praying, and say: "Look at that loiterer, while as for me, "I'm working!" A worker must not judge the others.

On the contrary, everyone, whatever he does, shall do it for the glory of God. A brother who is reading shall think lovingly of one who is praying, and say to himself: "He is praying for me too." And a brother who is praying shall think thus of one who is working: "He is doing that for the benefit of the whole community."

Thus great tranquility and serene harmony will form "the bond of peace" which will unite the brothers one with another and make them live in transparency and simplicity under God's loving glance. The essential thing, obviously, is perseverance in prayer. But something else is also required: each one must keep in his heart the treasure of the Lord's living and spiritual presence. Whether he works, prays, or reads, each one must be able to say that he possesses that imperishable good which is the Holy Spirit.

4th Century Anonymous

Thomas Shaughnessy to replace James Martin at Dujarie House

Brother Thomas Shaughnessy has been selected by the Tri-Province Board of Dujarie House to succeed Brother James Martin as Director. Tom will complete his activities as Director of the Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Ft. Wayne/South Bend at the conclusion of the special fund raising activity - a duck race down the St. Joseph River. He is scheduled to assume his new position on July 1st. We welcome Tom and assure him of our prayers and support.

On behalf of the Midwest Province, I would like to thank Brother James Martin for his kind work for and consideration given to our membership. We wish him every success in his new ministry.