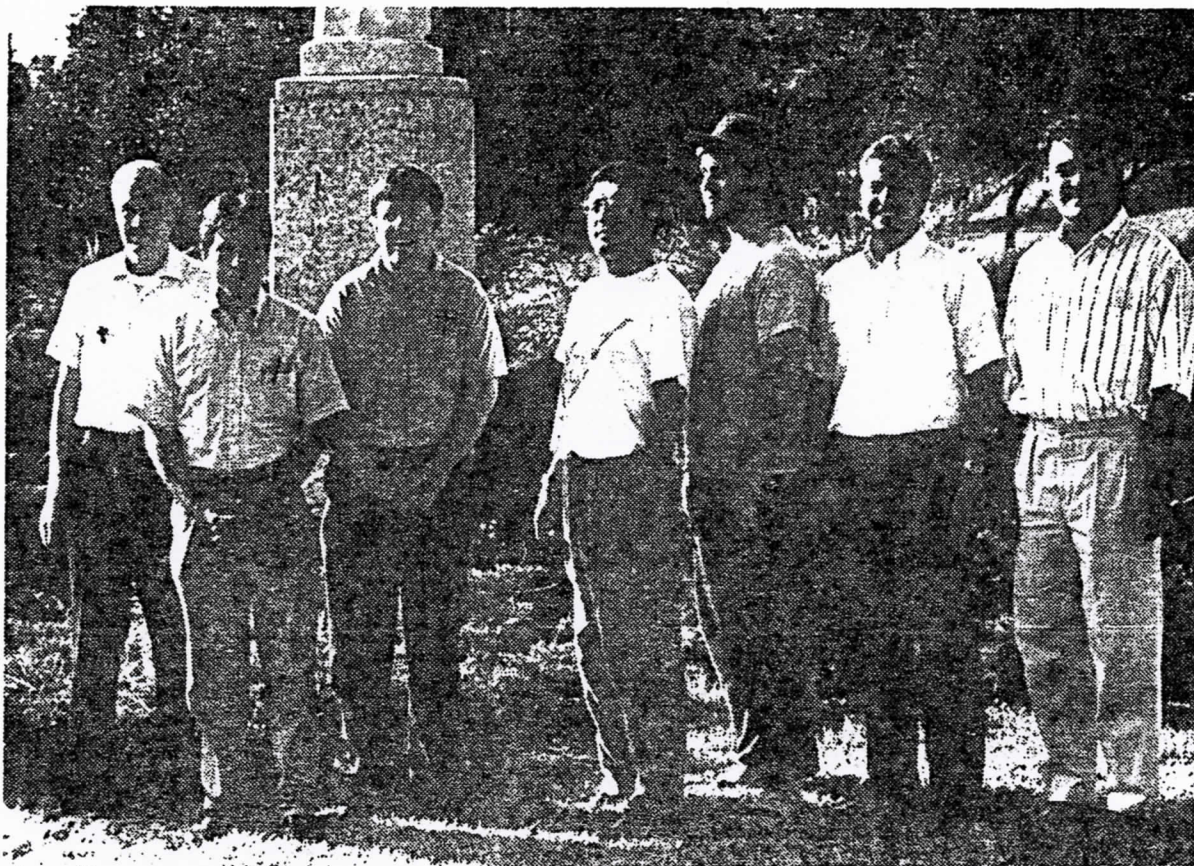


Midwest Bits and Pieces

September 22, 1989

Welcome



Moreau House Community--August 28, 1989

Brother Romard Barthel (SW), Ivan Soto (SW), Gerry Counihan (MW), Javier Pacheco (SW), Ted Greene (MW), Brother Joe Barry (MW), Bailey Clemens (SP)

Council of the Congregation

In the recent issue of Informazioni, the Superior General announced that the next meeting of the Council of the Congregation will be held in Elmina, Ghana, West Africa, from December 6th to 13th, 1989. This meeting will provide us with an opportunity to reflect together on our role and mission in Africa. We will also study how we can better express our solidarity and common responsibility for the future of Holy Cross, taking into consideration the international character of our congregation.

Prior to this meeting of the Council of the Congregation, the members of the general council will visit all our houses in Africa. The Midwest provincial visit will take place during that same time.

Elmina is on the coast of Ghana, a few miles west of Cape Coast and about forty miles from Sekondi/Takoradi. It has been called the "cradle of Catholicity in Ghana", since the missionaries first landed there. There is a large castle at Elmina where slaves were held until they were transported for sale in other countries. Major income for the city comes from the fishing industry. Large fishing boats go out in early morning and return at mid-day with their catch. There is a government rest house in Elmina. The members of the Council of the Congregation will stay there and have their meetings at the rest house.

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John Erringer and William Dusseau have received dispensations from vows and we wish them well in their new direction in life. John is working at St. Joseph High School in the Virgin islands. William is living in La Porte, Indiana.

Catholic Moment

The following bits of information comes from an article, "Capitalizing on the Catholic Moment" by Father Eugene Hemrick, who was chaplain at the Center for several years. The material was presented at the meeting of the Major Superiors in Louisville in late August.

In 1960 25% of the college graduates in the U.S. were Catholic; now 45% are Catholic.

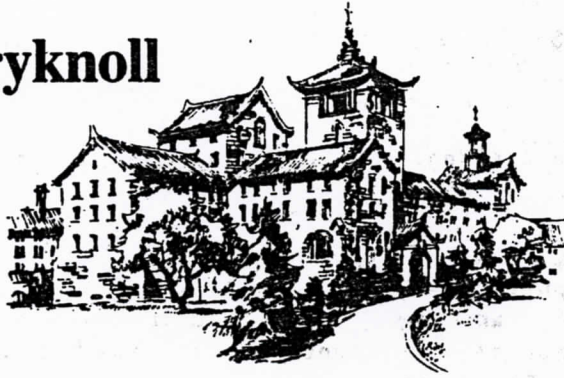
In the Coleman report it was found that Catholic high schools generally do a better job of educating students than do either the public schools or most non-Catholic private schools. In particular, students who attend Catholic schools master more verbal and mathematical skills, have lower dropout rates and are more likely to enroll in college than are their public peers.

Moreover, it was found that the benefits of Catholic high schools are greatest for the poor, black, and Hispanic children, as well as for those from single-parent homes, homes in which both parents work and families in which the parents and children seldom talk about school.

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I want to thank all of you for your prayerful support during my last illness to remove the gall bladder and clean out the common duct. The operation to remove my gall bladder may well be the solution to the problems I have faced for the last three years.

Maryknoll



Dear Tom and confreres,

It's time to send greetings from Maryknoll and keep my promise to "keep in touch" with you at Notre Dame. The program began on August 28th and it is indeed a splendid one! We are a group of 4 Associates (priests and brothers) plus 16 lay missionaries who attend many of our classes together and do a lot of sharing, listening and the like. Being a seasoned missionary, I'm considered a "resource person" and contribute my two-cents worth readily. I'm most impressed with the lay missionaries who are very articulate and dedicated people. I believe that they are the Church of the future and see God directing them in that direction wonderfully well. Being with them here at Maryknoll and knowing that I'll meet some of them abroad or in the future has bonded our relationship all the better. Three of the lay missionary-couples have children with them as well!

John is an associate member of Maryknoll. The associates are composed of priests, brothers, sisters and lay people. John hopes to return to Nepal where he has worked for a number of years.

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Brother Thomas Maddix recently received the following letter congratulating him for an article he had written for Sisters Today:

Dear Brother Thomas:

You will be pleased to learn that Sisters Today was the Third Place Winner of the Fourth Annual Serra International Winter Contest for the publication of your article: "The Religious Vocation Today: A Response". It was considered "outstanding in terms of quality of writing, creativity, and coverage of subject matter".

Feel congratulated with us!

Sincerely,
S Mary Anthony Wagner, O.S.B., Editor

History in the works

Cathedral High School opened its doors in 1918 and will complete 75 years of instruction in June of 1993.

Mr. William Shover, a 1946 graduate of Cathedral, former writer for the Indianapolis STAR and Indianapolis NEWS, and presently Director of Public Affairs for the Arizona REPUBLIC and the Phoenix GAZETTE has undertaken the writing of a history of Cathedral High School to be ready for the 75th anniversary. (In the early 70s Bill compiled an interesting book called DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS WITH CATHEDRAL FOOTBALL.)

During the 1979-80 school year Brother Pedro Haering undertook research on Cathedral, during which time he gathered, read, and took notes on all the Cathedral school papers and year books from the beginning as well as other information from clubs connected with the school. With his appointment to the Brothers' Infirmary in August 1980, Pedro was unable to continue the work but offered all of his research to Bill Shover when he learned, in the summer of 1988, of this new and similar endeavor.

In addition to the notes and research, Pedro is currently writing a series of recollections and anecdotes from his two assignments at Cathedral: 1952-1959 and 1975-1980. Anyone wishing to contribute an anecdote, story, or other information which might find its way into this history is welcome to send it to Pedro at the Holy Cross Brothers' Center.

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Thanks to those who have sent information for this issue of "Bits and Pieces". These notes are published when information becomes available. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated. Thank you!

Brother Thomas Moser, C.S.C.