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Brother Charles Krupp recently attended the meeting of major superiors of men at Catholic University recently. The theme of this year's meetings was "Young America Challenges the Church." At the closing session, Father John Haughey, associate editor of America, addressed the group. Several points made by him are worth sharing since they seem to apply to many gatherings of religious and priests, including some of our meetings.

Father told the major superiors that he found no excitement in the meetings, no deep religious convictions coming from the heart. There was no real faith exchange, no real communication about God. A lack of felt prayer, he said, contributed the lack of enthusiasm. In meeting the challenges we face, too often human answers are sought in dignitaries or national figures, instead of from a true faith experience, from the Holy Spirit.

Father said, further, that if there is no explicit exchange of faith in our religious communities we have no reason for being. Those who are truly alive look to the Spirit as a source of power. Too often we make ourselves the ones who must "give the answers" to our problems. As a consequence, religious communities and the Church are suffering humiliations since we have made ourselves Lords and have not really looked to Christ and the Spirit for our answers.

The real anxiety religious superiors should have is that they be led by the Spirit, not that they be leaders. The Lordship of Jesus has to be central in our lives and our considerations. There is certainly seed for thought in these remarks for all of us.

Among the resolutions passed at the meeting, two are of particular interest to us. The first, dealing with social justice and religious, resulted from last year's theme, JUSTICE AND PEACE. The second, on prison justice, was presented by one of the members. Both resolutions are aimed at correcting sub-human or nearly sub-human conditions in society, conditions about which we should be concerned even though we in the Midwest Province may not be in a position to make a substantially positive contribution at the moment. There is, however, much that we can do, particularly through our influence on youth in our schools, and there is the possibility that some of our members would be willing to engage part-time or even full-time in these areas.

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Fall assignments not previously announced include the appointment of Brother Richard Gilson as Director of Dujarie House, effective August 15. Brother Frederick Raehsler will continue to serve at Dujarie House. Brother Thomas Balthazor has been named Director of Clay Township Neighborhood Center in South Bend. He will live at Columba Hall. Brother Donald Johnroe will teach at Gilmour Academy.

Recent graduates are: Brother Norbert Allerton, BA, St. Edward's University; Brother Donald Fleischhacker, BA, St. Edward's University; Brother John Kuhn, MA in counselling, Spalding College; Brother James Spooner, BS, Eastern Michigan University; and Brother William Wickham, AA in Child Care, Cardinal Stritch College. The NEWS NOTES mistakenly reported that Brother Dennis Van Gemert's MA degree was in Child Care; It should have been READING.

The governor of Montana has reappointed Brother John Federowicz to that state's Library Advisory Council. The Council, in turn, has elected Brother John to a second term as chairman. The Council, one of fifty such required by Congress to be established in each state, is charged with statewide library development and planning, and advising on disbursement of federal and state moneys for strengthening library resources throughout the state.

Brothers Paul Dittmer and Rosaire Foos, who have been on exclaustation, recently signed dispensation. Brothers Thomas Matthes, Robert Saltsman and Thomas Nieb also signed dispensations. Brother Michael Mayer did not renew his temporary vows.

The Sage Foundation recently granted \$4,000 to St. Patrick's High School for the purchase of a school bus. The request had been made by Brother William Healy when he was on home leave.

At the insistence of the Ghana Government, St. John's School, Sekondi, will become a three-stream school---three sections in each of the five lower forms. This will add approximately 200 students to their enrollment over the next five years. The first three stream group will begin form one in September. To accommodate the increased enrollment, the government has agreed to build a dining hall for 650 and housing for six teachers, beginning in September, 1972. In 1973, a new dormitory and a classroom building will be erected to take care of the added student body.

Brother Frederick Raehsler reports that as of June 1, reports on physical examinations by province members have been received from 83 Brothers. Those who are over 50 are advised to have an annual physical examination. Those under 50 every four years. Brother Frederick will advise members when it is time for the examination.

Brother Norbert Allerton suffered serious burns while tending a fire at Gilmour Academy on June 21. His condition has improved since he entered Hillcrest Hospital, but it will be some time before he is able to be released.

Brother Edwin Mattingly has been engaged to do an environmental impact study for a proposed recreation area about 25 miles north of Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the Army Engineers. A 1969 law requires such a survey before construction can be undertaken. The study will include a proposed dam which would create a 1,500 acre lake for the area. The study, for which Brother Edwin will receive \$2,400, is scheduled for completion by August 15.

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At the June meetings of chapter committees, it was definitely decided to proceed with plans for the Thanksgiving Province Forum for all province members. The dates for the meeting were set for November 23, 24 and 25, and it is hoped that all province members can attend. The following were appointed to a planning committee: Brothers Chester Caster, Columba Curran, Robert Fillmore, Robert Lavelle, James Linscott, Jeffrey Michels and Douglas Roach. They will hold their first meeting at the Province Center on July 5 and 6. Any suggestions for the meeting may be made to any of the planning committee members. Further information on the forum will be sent to the province members after the first meeting has been completed.

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Balloting for the 1973 provincial chapter delegates will get underway in early July. Delegates from the special areas will be selected first. Election of delegates from individual houses will take place the first week of September. Area delegates will be selected during the second week of September. Selection of at-large delegates will begin the third week of September and it is hoped that all elections, except for the missions, will be completed by the end of October. The missions will select their delegates at the district chapters in November and December.

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