

# Midwest . . . NEWS NOTES

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Staff and employees of the Ave Maria Press gathered for a party several weeks ago to pay their esteem and appreciation for Brother John O'Flaherty on the occasion of his retirement from the Ave after 21 years of loyal service. John has served as cashier, director of advertising, and as accountant during these many years at the Press. No sooner had he retired than he volunteered to assist at the Junior College and the Community Stores.

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Please pray for the deceased fathers of Brother Just Paczesny and Raymond Dufresne.

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FROM CATHOLIC CENTRAL, MONROE, MICHIGAN: On November 17, through the combined efforts of the school's Falcon Club, Ladies Auxiliary and the Alumni Association, a very successful fund-raising festival was held in the Brother Gerontius Memorial Gymnasium. . . . Brother Walter Davenport was recently elected representative from the Monroe Vicariate to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. . . . Br. Philip Alessandro has completed a set of study carrels for use in his Spanish classes. In his spare time Br. Philip helps promote karate classes which draw students from throughout the Monroe area. . . . Br. Donald Morgan, we learn, has completed requirements for his bus driver's license, and Br. Andrew Sukenik is converting a yard beside the school into a meandering garden complete with fountains, flora and fauna. . . . CC's football team finished with a 9-0 record, ranking 6th in the state among class B schools.

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Br. Jerome Meyer received his master's degree in education from St. Mary's College, Winona.

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Br. William Schubmehl was accepted as a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, the present counterpart of the old Robert Shaw Chorus, and claimed by the New York Times to be one of the finest in the world. This year the chorus will give twelve performances, one a Christmas concert to be broadcast on TV.

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On November 23-25 the chapter apostolate committee conducted a Community of Faith workshop at the Brothers Center to assess our efforts to develop greater Christian awareness and environment in our schools. Over 75 brothers, sisters, priests, and lay teachers participated in the workshop, which was conducted by Fr. Jim Hitchcock, superintendent of Catholic schools in Nashville. All said the workshop was a real challenge.

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Br. Arthur Le Bon has become a member on a special committee which is proposing an integration plan for public housing in Evansville, Indiana. The integration plan was ordered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Br. Arthur is program planner of the Community Action Program in the city.

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The Commission on Personal Growth met at the Center on the November 3 weekend. Preliminary discussions were held on the guidelines approved by the chapter and on ways the commission can fulfill them. Br. Robert Laveille was elected chairman and Br. Jerome Schwabe the executive secretary.

Br. Gonzaga Day again conducted a very successful fair for the missions on November 25 at Holy Cross Junior College gym.

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FROM ST. EDWARD'S, CLEVELAND: The SEHS Eagles posted their best football record in the school's history. They ranked No. 1 among teams in the Greater Cleveland area. . . . 228 seventh and eighth grade boys from over twenty elementary schools competed in a "Win with Words" spelling tournament at SEHS. The school also sponsors annually a speech tournament for eighth graders and a creative writing project for seventh graders. . . . The Brothers and some lay staff will again this Christmas sing in hospitals and nursing homes in and near Cleveland. . . . The U.S. Navy Band gave a concert to a 1000-plus audience in the school auditorium on November 24.

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NOTICE TO LAY AND RELIGIOUS SCIENCE TEACHERS: Any science teacher interested in an Earth Science-Ecology summer institute sponsored by NSF in the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico, please write to Br. Joseph Dudek at Holy Cross High School in River Grove for further information.

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Br. Thomas Minta at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago has been approved by the superior general to take final vows.

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At a Mass, reception and dinner at Le Mans Academy, Rolling Prairie, Br. Basil Thomas was honored on October 27 on the occasion of his silver jubilee. Fr. George Schidel, CSC, who was chaplain at the novitiate in 1948 when Basil pronounced his first vows, was the main celebrant at the Mass.

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Former students of Br. Godfrey Vassallo, and other faculty members of Portland University have so far contributed about \$35,000 toward the Brother Godfrey Student Aid Fund. The goal is \$100,000 and the money is to help needy students through college. One of Br. Godfrey's former students said of him: "Since he's been there, I don't suppose there has ever been a UP student or faculty member who didn't know him. And in one way or another he has personally helped most of them."

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In preparation for the general chapter this coming summer, Br. Charles Krupp and Br. Kieran Ryan will join with all the provincials, the first elected delegates to the chapter, and the general administration on December 3 for a week's session in Pineville, Louisiana.

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Br. Fulgence Dougherty (SW) will return to Bangladesh in early December.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES -- from the Personnel Office

Ministry of Housing: South Bend area. Work with Catholic parishes and CSC priest, Fr. Kenneth Maley. Administrative position is open for January or June 1974. Responsibilities: facilitating the buying and selling of houses. . . helping coordinate rehabilitation, talent and activity. . . seeing that the accounting is done and kept up to date. . . assist in the ongoing self-evaluation. . . help establish new programs for home ownership . . . help with fund raising . . . consult with lawyer on legal questions.

Ministry of Education:

1. Religious Education coordinator. Position open August 1974: St. Basil Parish, East Detroit: religion coordinator for high school and young adults.
2. Librarian: University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas.
3. Teacher: Economics & Theology, Fall 1974 - St. Mary of the Plains College, Dodge City, Kansas.
4. Director, School of Nursing: St. Xavier College, Chicago, Illinois.
5. Director of Development/Public Relations: Hilbert College, Hamburg, N.Y.

Ministry of Service: National office of Conference of Catholic Charities, Washington, D.C., seeking a full-time employee to work at bookkeeping and other tasks related to budget planning and development. Experience required.

For further information on any of the above, contact Br. Douglas Roach at the Personnel Office.

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##### From the Commission on Social Justice

In response to requests for information concerning social justice, a page from the Social Justice Commission will be a regular part of the News Notes. It will deal with statements on justice, facts and information to aid in growth in awareness of social sins in society, activities of our brothers engaged in related works, suggested reading materials, etc. If you have suggestions how this might be more helpful or interesting, please let me know.

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PROJECT EQUALITY: The 1972 meeting of Major Superior of Men passed the following resolution: "We pledge to exercise positive leadership regarding the following program of action . . . full cooperation with the principles advocated by Project Equality in hiring and purchasing practices."

What is Project Equality? It is a national ecumenical program for equal employment opportunity. It is a systematic program that enables religious institutions to support those businesses and industries that are committed to taking affirmative action for equal employment opportunity. It is an inter-religious program that provides religious bodies and their institutions with tools, techniques and procedures they need in order to contribute their moral suasion and economic power to the achievement of equal employment opportunities of all citizens. It has as its major goals:

- a. To change the system of discriminatory hiring, promotion, and other employment practices through use of religious purchasing power, bringing about more and better jobs for minorities;
- b. To alter similar patterns of employment discrimination in religious institutions themselves;
- c. To produce an attitudinal change on the part of employers--and ultimately workers--that will be another step on the road to abolishing white racism in America.

Further information can be obtained from: Project Equality, Inc., 1307 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60605. Or write me (Br. Rex) and I'll get information to you.

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Br. Richard Couture and two colleagues have established a "justice network" for Evansville. The purpose is to join together groups working for justice in the city to provide mutual support and action on issues requiring support. I will keep you informed of developments as I receive them.

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"The Synodal statement means that, in a very real sense, it is no less important for the Church to be doing the work of social justice every day than it is for it to provide for the celebration of the eucharist or to preach the gospel. If we hear of a part of the Church where these latter two activities are suppressed or ignored, we rightfully fear for the vitality of the faith in these areas. Since the Synod we should be aware that, if there are sections of the Church where the quest for justice among men is ignored or subordinated to other concerns, we should be equally alarmed about the life of the faith and the work of the Church in those places."--Bishop John Rausch, Gen. Secy., Nat. Council Catholic Bishops.

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The province contributed \$200 to the Campaign for Human Development as an indication of our concern for the poor in the United States.