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Br. Richard Smith, studying at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, is working on a 60-hour master's degree program in pastoral care and counseling. He is also working for clinical certification in the International Transactional Analysis Association. He hopes soon to begin work to be certified for the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors as well as the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. In addition to his classes, he does marriage and family counseling at Buchanan Counseling Center and leads therapy groups at the Institute for Transactional Analysis. Recently Richard wrote: "It is difficult for me to be living away from the community. . . . I'm busy and that helps. I'm living with five excellent men, who have been very good to me, and the excellent Carmelite liturgies help too, . . . but it's not community. I've been in Holy Cross since 1962 and am finally beginning to appreciate the people and the Community. I've taken a lot for granted. . . . Thank you for being."

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On the occasion of the closing of the anniversary year of the death of Father Moreau, the Sisters at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, invited sisters, priests and brothers in the area to vespers and dinner on January 20.

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The NEWSNOTES failed to mention Br. John McMuldren's final profession at River Grove on November 10. Sorry, John. Those present will not soon forget the impressive ceremony, the happy festivities that followed, and those memorable words of John's mother following the dinner.

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The provincial chapter decreed that the provincial should appoint a member of the apostolate committee to help in establishing local boards for our separately incorporated institutions. Br. Charles appointed Br. Barry Lambour to his position.

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FROM BANGLADESH: Please remember Br. Patrick Ruram, who is recovering rather slowly from a recent operation. Patrick is from St. Joseph School of Industrial Trades in Dacca. \* As of January 6, the District had 18 aspirants, and although some of these men are quite young, the future looks very promising for the District.

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Mark your calendar. On May 4 at the Brothers Center there will be a group jubilee celebration, honoring our golden and silver jubilarians. Br. Gonzaga is handling the arrangements and Bishop Crowley from South Bend will be the principal celebrant.

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Br. Francis Hattoh is presently living at St. Augustine's Secondary School in Cape Coast, Ghana, and teaching religion there to Forms 1, 2, and 3. He spent last year at the Junior College at Notre Dame.

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At Holy Trinity in Chicago on January 26, Br. Robert Mosher celebrated his silver jubilee and Br. Thomas Minta made his final profession. Following the liturgy, concelebrated by Fathers Richard Downes, Casimir Czaplicki and Andrew Guljas, guests gathered in the school cafeteria for a social, dinner and dance.

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FROM THE WAUWATOSA COMMUNITY: The brothers have been living in their new residence at St. Jude's for five months now and we learn that they are truly enjoying the experience of sharing the responsibilities for housework shopping and cooking, as well as the friendships developing with the parishioners. Often one can find kids from the parish at the brothers' home playing ping-pong, pool, and chatting with the brothers and even joining them at midday prayers. At Christmas time about fifty adults from the parish and vicinity joined the brothers at their new home for liturgy, social and dinner. \*\* Brothers Roy Smith and James Blume will conduct another retreat in March for the young people at St. Jude's. \*\* The pastor is most enthusiastic about having the brothers serve on weekends in the capacity of extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. \*\* As one brother from that community wrote recently: "I think we're beginning to find our security in Jesus Christ and in each other rather than in our work or a particular institution. Thanks be to God."

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On December 8 the Akron community honored Br. Richard Foley on the occasion of his silver jubilee. Congratulations, Br. Richard!

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RECENT ASSIGNMENTS: Br. James Van Dyke to Holy Trinity School in Chicago. \*\* Br. Walter Gluhm to Gibault School in Terre Haute.

RECENT GRADUATIONS: From de Paul University in Chicago: Br. Michael Flanagan, M. A. in English. \*\* Br. John McMuldren, M.A. in Guidance.

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FROM LOUISVILLE: On January 17 Archbishop McDonough visited the brothers at their residence for a social hour and dinner at which he praised the brothers for their dynamic community life and their work in the archdiocese. \*\* Br. Carroll Posey is representing Holy Cross in the national organization NETWORK, which provides information and also lobbies on behalf of federal legislation for social justice. \*\* Br. Ken Chappuis recently conducted a prayer assembly for the students on the theme "Respect for Life." \*\* Br. Michael Coudriet has been assisting the house chaplain Father Hackett to conduct retreats for the seniors of Bishop David High and girls from a nearby academy.

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Father Richard Vincellette, former assistant general and recently procurator general for the Congregation, died in Montreal on January 15. He had been ill for some time but his death came unexpectedly for many.

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Prayers are requested for Br. Maurice's brother, Francis Wertzberger, who died in Decatur, Indiana, on January 18..

Prayers are requested also for Jim Armstrong (father of Br. Philip), who was buried from Sacred Heart Church at Notre Dame on January 19. Father Hesburgh was the principal celebrant and delivered a very moving homily. Jim Armstrong had been executive secretary of the Notre Dame Alumni Association from 1926 until his retirement in 1967.

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Br. James Linscott's new address: Juan de la Berrera 70, Colonia Condesa, Mexico 11, D.F., Mexico. Telephone: (905) 511-71-77.

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Br. Edwin Mattingly has returned from New Mexico and is in residence at Le Mans Academy, Rolling Prairie, Indiana.

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Please correct the listing in the province directory of Br. Camillus Kirsch's telephone number. It should be (317) 255-3378.

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At the interprovince formation meetings in Washington, D.C., on January 7 and 8, these topics were discussed: "Formation and the Missionary Vocation," and "Psychosexual and Psychosocial Development." Speakers were Fathers Ralph Dunn, Arnold Fell, and Brothers John Houlihan and Tadeus Las. Twenty-three religious attended the meetings, representing seven provinces.

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From the Social Justice Commission:

A THOUGHT FOR YOU. In his book, Followers of Jesus, Jean Vanier wrote: "When you are rich, when you have a name, when you have friends, or when you are a member of a respected group, you are never really oppressed. When in difficulty, only a telephone call and everything is fixed. I know this myself, I've never been poor in this way as I have enough friends and contacts. When you have no friends, when you are an immigrant and you speak the language badly, you are quickly oppressed, for you cannot defend yourself. This is true of the mentally deficient, the sick, and the handicapped, the prisoners, and all those who have no voice. They are oppressed ones and they are numerous in our society. There are many without work, with no security, living off meagre wages, living day by day in unbearable situations of fear and anxiety, with children sick or other dependents. We all know these situations. Each of us has met them; they are in the cities, they are all around us. But what is frightening is that the disciples of Jesus are so frequently in comfort. On which side of the road is Jesus? On which side of the road are his disciples?"

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Speaking to more than a hundred nun-superiors in Washington, Dom Helder Camara, Archbishop of Recife and Olinda, Brazil, said that the U.S. concept of Church-state separation is one hundred percent wrong because it denies the Church its moral right and duty to interfere in political questions affecting the common good. "To face the present situation of growing injustice in the world is not only a right, it is a Christian duty, a consequence of the gospel."

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In supporting the boycott of Farah products, the Committee on Social Development and World Peace of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops gave the following reasons: The company will not divulge the average pay of its workers; will not divulge how many, if any, retirees benefit from its profit-sharing plan, noting that reportedly few, if any, do; the company admittedly has no grievance procedure other than appeals to management; the company asserts there is no need for a union and that it will not even discuss negotiations with the union.

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In the Foreword to the book, Black Rage, Senator Fred Harris wrote that the real cause of the riots in the cities was white racism. He said

further, "To be sure, there are many evils which derive from racism that are more easily identified, including the existence of ghetto neighborhoods, joblessness, stultifying classrooms, and poor health. But there should be no mistake about this, for the future of America is too important; the root cause of the black wrath that now threatens to destroy this nation is the unwillingness of white Americans to accept Negroes as fellow human beings. This is precisely what we meant by racism."

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"Religious poverty . . . must be a realistic poverty, it must say something to religious themselves and it very definitely better say something to others. It must tell others unmistakably that religious really mean it when they say that God and his Kingdom come first in their lives. If it does not do this, vowed poverty remains a neuter thing. Voluntary poverty, lived for the sake of the Kingdom, must speak significantly of a love for God and for people. And it will speak of this deeper dimension of religious life when its inner aspirations are translated into external actions." -- "Vowed Poverty in an Affluent Society," Compassion, December, 1972.

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