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Brother Benjamin McNulty, 84, of Columba Hall, died at 5:15 p.m. Sunday, March 28th, in St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend. This coming July he was to celebrate his golden jubilee of religious profession. For 38 years he served most conscientiously as a canvasser for the Ave Maria magazine. All his religious life he has been an admirable example to his fellow religious.

This letter from Father Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame, written to Br. Charles Krupp shortly after Benjamin's death, sums up our own fond recollections of Benjamin and expresses our sense of loss. "I just learned this morning before offering Mass that Brother Benjamin had died over the weekend. He was a great old fellow whom I admired very much. My best remembrance of him is sitting back in the corner of the basement chapel quietly praying and always ready to serve Mass for those of us who arrived at odd hours. He was doing this for so many years that it almost seemed like he was part of the place. When I heard of his death this morning, I offered Mass for the repose of his good soul and thought long thoughts about his great fidelity over so many years. I regret that I have to go to Washington on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week to launch the 1976 AGENDA of the Overseas Development Council of which I am chairman. Otherwise, I would be at his funeral on Wednesday. However, I will offer Mass for him again on Wednesday in Washington. My sympathy to Brother's family and to the Brothers for losing a fine religious."

FROM THE BROTHERS CENTER: On March 13th the Notre Dame Department of Chemistry sponsored a retirement party for Br. Columba Curran, who in June completes 39 years of teaching at Notre Dame. A Mass, reception and dinner were held in recognition of his dedicated service. Among those in attendance were 27 former graduate students from various part of the U.S. *** A group of college seniors who are pre-novitiate Moreau seminarians held a renewal program at the Center on March 5th and 6th. *** On March 18th, 23 persons in the leadership program of St. Vincent's Parish, Elkhart, had Mass and dinner here. *** A 100 members of the Michiana Chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph attended a Communion breakfast on March 21st. *** On March 25th, Sr. Patricia Mullin, a post-doctoral student in chemistry at Notre Dame, and a former student of Br. Columba, celebrated her silver jubilee at the Center with Mass and dinner. Guests included Fr. Jim Shilts, CSC, and several members of Msgr. Jack Egan's religious leadership program at ND. *** Several Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph were guests while attending their general chapter at the motherhouse in South Bend. *** On Sunday, March 28th, 100 students from Alumni Hall, of which Br. John Benesh is rector, held their annual spring banquet at the Center.

FROM BOYSVILLE: Brs. Francis Boylan and Donald Kuchenmeister were photographed with Mr. Eugene Cafiero, president of Chrysler Corporation, who presented a Volare station wagon to Boysville to be used as a prize for a hole-in-one contest June 14th, the day of the Boysville golf outing. *** Br. Jeffrey Michels shared a fondue supper with the Boysville community on the feast of St. Joseph. *** Following the feast day, all the Brothers, along with Fr. Steve Sedlock, enjoyed a delicious soiree at the Monroe house. *** This spring Boysville hopes to put out a quarterly newsletter.

FROM CATHOLIC CENTRAL IN MONROE: The varsity basketball team, under coach Ray Lauwers, a veteran of many years at the school, set a new record of 18-2 in this season's play. The team was ranked 4th in the state (Class B) with 12...

of victories the school has had. *** Br. Ronald LaLonde, president of the Monroe County Guidance Counselors Association, is primarily responsible for planning the Career Day--vocational talks and displays--being arranged for county junior high and secondary schools. *** Br. James Rottenbacher was asked by Cardinal Dearden to help organize the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council's general meeting for April. James attended two planning sessions with the Cardinal and other Detroit bishops. *** A band boosters club has been organized to provide uniforms for the marching band and to help support the band's upcoming overseas tour. Band director Br. James Rottenbacher and his group have been invited on a cultural music tour of Austria and Germany this summer.

VOCATIONS DEPARTMENT: The MW Vocations Department sponsored a high school retreat the weekend of March 12th at the Brothers Center. Seven students from Hoban and five from Holy Trinity attended. Brs. Robert Fillmore, Eugene Hausmann, Joe McTaggart, and Tom Moser made presentations. Tim Lavallee, John Lindner, Rick Riedford, and Randy Smith, candidates in the community, helped organize the weekend and worked with the small-group discussions and prayer sessions. Rick's "initial mountain" image introduced the first night and strongly colored the experience. Special thanks to the Brothers at Hoban and Trinity for their support.

FROM HOLY CROSS HIGH IN RIVER GROVE: The first week of March some 380 boys registered for the class of 1980. *** Under direction of Br. Edward Olszowka, the Ladies Guild enjoyed a most colorful dinner-dance the evening of March 6th. *** On March 24th the faculty gathered for a covered-dish dinner, the ladies each bringing her own culinary creation. *** As a double-header on the Feast of St. Joseph, following the community celebration, Br. Thomas Corcoran invited all the Brothers to celebrate with the local chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph. Following a special liturgy, a most attractive St. Joseph Table was enjoyed by everyone. *** Frs. Downs and Greaney have prepared special lenten services for Wednesday afternoons.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING DECEASED: Br. Benjamin McNulty CSC; brother of Br. Kenneth Kane; father of Br. James Spooner; sister of Br. Florian Gill.

FROM KATHMANDU IN NEPAL: Br. John Harris has contracted to stay on for another year at the Jesuits' St. Xavier High School. In a recent letter John wrote: "...Our annual leave was during January and I spent it mainly in Calcutta. Twelve of our scouts and Fr. Chambers from Nepal spent two weeks working at the various clinics staffed by the Missionary Brothers of Charity and operated by the famous Mother Teresa of Calcutta. I likewise got involved with the scouts to give them encouragement and moral support... In another three months Holy Cross members should be popping in for their annual vacation here in Kathmandu (CSC men in Bangladesh). Brs. Gerald Kraeger and Ronald Christenson had a good time up here in November and were forced to stay additional days because of the two coups that occurred in Dacca.... Even Fr. Hesburgh was here some six years ago..."

FROM SOUTH BEND: Br. Leo Legendre (E), teacher at St. Joseph's High School, presented one of the workshops in Indianapolis on March 18-20 for the Midwest Regional Conference of the National Council for Social Studies. Br. Leo's workshop was titled "A Multiple Text Approach to Inquiry" and dealt with methods and projects and ideas on inquiry testing on the secondary school level.

RESULTS OF STRAW VOTE FOR OFFICE OF PROVINCIAL: Between 675-650 points: Br. Charles Krupar; between 175-150: Br. Walter Davenport; between 125-100: Br. James Moroney; between 99-75: Br. Douglas Roach; between 74-50: Brs. Francis Englert, Robert Lavelle, Donald Stabrowski; between 49-25: Brs. Bernard Donahoe, Barry Lambour, James Linscott, Just Paczesny; between 24-10: Brs. Philip Armstrong, Donald Bailer, Columba Curran, Robert Fillmore, Pedro Haering, Rex Hennel, Bruce Lescher, James Newberry, Kieran Ryan, Donald Schmitz, Jerome Schwabe, Carl Shonk, Andrew Sukenik.

Brother Charles Krupp left April 1st to visit our missionaries in West Africa. He will attend their district chapter and plans to return the last week in April.

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Final nominating ballots for office of provincial are due at the provincial office on April 8th. Send both ballot #1 and the duplicate ballot #2.

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Rev. Pierre Guitton is the new provincial of the French Province.

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HOLY CROSS APPRECIATION DAYS - SOUTH BEND, INDIANA: As part of St. Joseph County's bi-centennial celebration, March 19, 20, and 21 were designated "Holy Cross Appreciation Days." A committee of lay people in the South Bend area, chaired by Chuck Lennon, planned the three-day celebration to commemorate the 135 years of service to the area by Holy Cross priests, brothers, and sisters.

Highlighting the events were: a talent review and fashion show in the Morris Civic Auditorium; the Presbyterian Players' production of "You Can't Take It with You" in the O'Laughlin Auditorium; a dinner in St. Mary's College dining hall; and various activities in local parishes.

The South Bend Tribune ran a four-page article in its Sunday magazine edition, and WNDU-TV showed a half-hour program commemorating the event and in which Br. Donatus was a member of the panel.

Bumper stickers were printed up for the occasion. Each provincial was given an impressive booklet containing letters and telegrams from President Ford, Governor Bowen, bishops, congressmen, mayors, and other civic and religious groups of the area.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 13TH, at Monroe: First item for discussion was the two sessions of Midwest Focus and how the spirit engendered at the Focus could be sustained throughout the province. Br. Barry reported that all sessions of Focus had been taped, and that the complete series of Fr. Gorman's talks could be procured for \$12 through Br. John Miller at Louisville. *** Next item under discussion was the possibility of having two "information days" at the beginning of the chapter in June, with prepared talks by religious or lay people, capitulants or non-capitulants, on major province concerns. The purpose would be to educate members of the province and to enrich backgrounds of the capitulants for committee work. The chapter committees would determine what topics should be covered and who would deliver the presentation. Committees are being asked to give this consideration at their April meetings. *** It was decided that the chapter will begin on the morning of June 13th.

FROM DACCA DISTRICT: In early March, Fr. Barrosse visited the Holy Cross communities in the district. *** The aspirants at Nagari have been teaching two mentally handicapped young men preparing for their First Communion. *** St. Nicholas High School, in Nagari, was visited by Halloween-type jokers one night. Opposition party members painted anti-government slogans on the school with tar. Nearby schools received the same treatment. *** At St. Joseph School of Industrial Trades, roofing of the fitting shop is now complete and the floor is ready for pouring. March 26th was the date set for shifting the machine shop equipment to temporary quarters so that the old quarters can be removed. *** St. St. Joseph High School, Mohammedpur, as part of the "Martyrs' Day" observance, Br. Thomas gave about 200 students one taka each to be used for the poor. This was intended to raise the students' consciousness regarding the poor.

PERSONNEL CHANGES (effective at varying times between now and the beginning of the academic year)

Donald Allen: Holy Trinity High School, Chicago.

Philip Armstrong: Study, University of Notre Dame.

James Caley: Study (MSW), University of Tulane, New Orleans.

Columba Curran: Colegio Notre Dame, Campinas, Brazil.

Donald Fleischhacker: Holy Cross High School, River Grove.

Robert Fillmore: Study, Institute for Spirituality, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley.

Richard Fischenich: St. Coletta School, Jefferson, Wis.

Peter Graham: Headermast (June 1st), Le Mans Academy, Rolling Prairie.

Eugene Hausmann: Study (Theology), Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

Thomas C. Henning: Study (Special Ed.), Indiana University, South Bend.

John Kuhn: Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills.

Leo Kowalski: Sangre de Cristo Center, Santa Fe (1st semester); full-time study, 2nd sem.

Jerome Kroetsch: St. Joseph School of Industrial Trades, Dacca; to go as soon as visa is cleared.

Joseph LeBon: Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron.

Anton Mattingly: Instituto Mexico (a Marist school), Mexico City.

James Newberry: Holy Cross High School, River Grove.

Joseph Walter Olszowka: Holy Cross Junior College, Notre Dame.

Jerome Schwabe: Study (M.A.T.), Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley.

Philip Smith: Catholic Central High School, Monroe.

Edward Wauchter: St. Edward High School, Lakewood.

Marius Wittner: Catholic Central High School, Monroe.

Lawrence Unfried: Holy Cross Junior College, Notre Dame.

(Additional personnel changes to be announced in May issue of News Notes.)