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FROM THE GENERALATE
RE: UGANDA

In the March "News from the Generalate," Fr. Barrosse reports: "Despite the anti-foreigner sentiments being fomented and the expulsion of many, including missionaries, Holy Cross religious have not, until now, been refused work permits or their renewal by the government. They are mostly engaged in educational work, especially in the seminaries in Fort Portal and in other dioceses. Some, especially the priests, are also involved in parochial activities. Two sisters are in hospital work. The difficult times seem to have brought many Catholics to a more fervent practice of their faith. The three national seminaries are full to overflowing, as are many of the minor seminaries and formation houses of various diocesan religious congregations.

"In 1972, Bishop McCauley resigned as bishop of Fort Portal and was succeeded by Bishop Serapio Magambo. He and the other Ugandan bishops (there are twelve dioceses) feel a continuing need of foreign missionaries at the present. Holy Cross is practically the only international religious community in the country which is not an exclusively missionary community. There have been applications for entry into the congregation, though no one has been accepted as yet.

"Holy Cross has at present 16 priests, 7 brothers, and 9 sisters in Uganda. (Bishop McCauley is in neighboring Kenya, secretary of the East African Bishops' Association, 2 brothers are in Tanzania and 2 priests in nearby Rwanda, making a total of 37 Holy Cross religious in East Africa.) The pressures on our fellow religious in Uganda are not light, and their deprivations are such that we do not experience in most other parts of the congregation, but their spirit is very good. These fellow religious of ours deserve the support of our prayers, our admiration, and whatever collaboration any of us may be called on to give."

FROM LE MANS ACADEMY
ROLLING PRAIRIE, INDIANA

The community will have a retreat during the Easter break at Our Lady of Lourdes Retreat House, Cedar Lake, Indiana.... Fr. Edward Ruetz conducted a day of recollection for Associates of St. Joseph on February 27.... The Academy religious commission arranged a Christian unity service with two local ministers, with the school chaplain participating.... Women employees at the Academy raised funds for new drapes for the main floor corridors with a card party on March 13.... Br. Ives Kilroy has returned from the infirmary after a two-month illness.... The community was snowed in for three days while the students were on vacation in February.... Br. Leo Kowalski instructed some members in making Ojos, Indian symbols made from colored yarn, a hobby he learned while at Sangre de Cristo Center in Santa Fe.... Br. Sixtus was finally able to open the road to Rolling Prairie after a weekend of isolation during the "big snow."

FROM CATHOLIC CENTRAL H.S.
MONROE, MICHIGAN

Br. Walter Davenport is a member of the steering committee reorganizing the High School Principals Association for the Archdiocese of Detroit....

On March 20 the annual pops concert was held in the gym, with Br. James

Rottenbucher directing the band, Br. Philip Smith the chorus.... On a trip to Troy, Ohio, Brs. Walter Davenport and Maynard Rabidoux visited Sister Mary Alacoque, sister of the late Br. Claude Hartman, whose funeral she was unable to attend in January.... Since Claude's death, Br. James Spooner has been doing the maintenance work in the house and school.... On March 26-27, Br. Alberto Bondy attended the Archdiocesan Pastoral Assembly as the representative for religious from the Monroe vicariate.... The community observed the Feast of St. Joseph with a special dinner prepared by Br. Leonard Siwierka.... Brs. Marius Wittner and Alberto Bondy judged the science fair entries at St. Mary's Academy.

FROM HOLY CROSS H.S.
RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS

Br. Paul Kelly gave a presentation on "Teaching as Mission" at a faculty meeting devoted to the topic, "Communicating Christian Values."....

A school Lenten project involved teams of boys and faculty working at a nursing home for a month.... On March 26, Br. Richard Shea celebrated his 25th anniversary of religious profession with a liturgy at St. Cyprian Church followed by reception and dinner at the school.... The basketball team had the best season in the history of the school, with a 23-4 record.... Br. Donald Fleischhacker has attended recent province meetings on formation and social justice.

FROM THE BROTHERS CENTER
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA

Students from Alumni Hall, Notre Dame, and their rector, Br. John Benesh, had their annual dinner at the Center on March 6.... The Notre Dame

Murphy Center for Liturgical Research held a workshop in Andre Hall from March 6 to 11.... On the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, Bishop William E. McManus, the new Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, joined the brothers for liturgy, reception and dinner. Ninety brothers from the Notre Dame area attended.... The CSC provincials and formation representatives from the English-speaking provinces met in Andre Hall on March 25 to discuss formation programs.... Br. Joseph Walter Olszowka had an appendectomy on March 11 and had also a quick recovery.

FROM BLAINE SCHOLASTICATE
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

The community has been inviting various Holy Cross religious to house meetings to share views of the congregation and religious life.

Guests in the past two months have been Fr. William Lewers, provincial of the Indiana province, Br. Bernard Donahoe, Fr. Germaine Lalande, and Fr. Martin Garate of the Justice and Peace Center.... The community made a retreat at Nazareth College, Kalamazoo, from March 17-19.... Br. Roman Smith is a volunteer worker one night a week at Corvillia, a house for retarded children directed by Br. Flavius Ellison.... Br. Chris Dreyer appeared with a team of Notre Dame students on WSBT-TV outlining the local program of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Later he conducted the program for students at Our Lady of Hungary school.... Brs. Thomas Kavanagh and Chris Dreyer will receive their bachelor degrees from Notre Dame on May 22.

FROM THE DACCA DISTRICT
BANGLADESH

Br. John Rozario was appointed headmaster of St. Gregory High School, Dacca, effective April 1.... In early March the demolition

of the old school building at Holy Cross High School, Bandura, was completed and foundations begun for the new classrooms.... Br. Patrick Ruram signed acceptance of dispensation on February 28.

FROM ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL
LAKEWOOD, OHIO

Class renewal days were held during Lent under direction of Fr. John Blazek. The brief prayer services in chapel before each lunch period were very well attended.... The students' Key Club is sponsoring a pancake breakfast for the benefit of Kiwanis Club charities.... The SEHS debaters qualified for the national tournament of the National Forensic League to be held in Seattle in June.... The Associates of St. Joseph chapter sponsored two very successful events recently. The sing-a-long attracted 700 guests, and the communion breakfast in honor of St. Joseph was attended by over 100 persons.... The swing band directed by Br. Lewis Brazil entertained at the annual Cleveland Home and Garden Show.... Br. Roger Berg is encouraging student participation in an ice skating marathon to benefit the American Cancer Society.... Br. Thomas Henning, principal, is a member of the evaluation team at Collinwood High School.... Br. Charles Pinto is organizing the acquisition of the many thousands of dollars worth of books and materials allocated to private schools with state funds. Also, Charles recently had his entry used in the Texaco Opera Quiz during a recent radio broadcast from Lincoln Center.

MISCELLANEOUS The Commission on the Apostolate met March 12, elected Br. Thomas Maddix permanent chairman, and established goals. Next meeting: April 30. Purpose: formulation of objectives. *** Over 400 brothers, sisters, and priests of Holy Cross attended a liturgy in Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame, and dinner in the South Dining Hall on campus, on March 25, celebrating twenty-five years of service in the apostolate of higher education of Fr. Theodore Hesburgh and Fr. Edmund Joyce. *** Br. Chester Caster has been appointed chief resident physician at St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend, for 1977-78. *** Br. James Linscott returned to Milwaukee from Mexico on March 17 to visit his ailing father. *** Br. Gregoire Bleau had heart by-pass surgery in Milwaukee on March 18 and is having a satisfactory recovery. *** Br. Stephen Withey signed acceptance of dispensation on March 12. *** Br. Finbarr Buckley observed his ninetieth birthday on March 13. Twenty relatives and friends celebrated the event at a surprise party and dinner at Morris Inn arranged by his nephew, Fr. James Buckley. Mass was offered at Columba Hall with Fr. Buckley as celebrant. Some reflections by Br. Finbarr on this occasion:

"Ten years ago I was eighty years old and was rewarded, as they say, with retirement. Retirement! It may seem an exaggeration to say I do not find each day long enough to do what is constructive. I once read that the meaning of contemplation is 'the awareness of God's presence'. I continue trying to acquire the habit of being aware of His constant presence."

RECOMMENDED READING:

"Grace at the Center," by Thomas Clarke, The Way, January, 1977. Those who found "Centering Prayer: The Prayer of Quiet" helpful may appreciate the insights Fr. Clarke shares in this article.

Passages: Predictable Crises in Adult Life, by Gail Sheehy (Dutton, \$10.95). A best seller, this book treats the stages of adult personality development and the crises that individuals can healthily anticipate.

The Religious Life Today, by Karl Rahner (Seabury, \$5.95). Rahner said he wrote these essays for all who chose or will choose to live out their lives as members of religious communities. He summarizes the theology of religious life, gives wise, sensible approaches to common problems facing religious today. Some excerpts:

"It is a truism that religious life is changing. All religious notice it: their numbers are falling, their work load is increasing. They find themselves asking what works they must abandon as their various activities are reorganized to accommodate reduced manpower. This change, which all orders are experiencing more or less harshly as a crisis or even as a threat to their own self-consciousness as religious Christians, has to be integrated into the general change taking place in the Church as a whole and often in forms which we find less than gratifying, or which horrify us, or which are uncomfortable for us, or which force us into unaccustomed paths.

"The changes in religious life are only a part of the change in the Church, which, viewed as a whole, is necessary. Because the world changes, the Church must change with it if it is to remain itself, if, that is, it is to remain the ambassador of the living God, of his gifts and his grace, because otherwise it could no longer be heard and understood. If we really belong to the Church and have to share its mission and mandate, it is self-evident that in a world of rapid change, and therefore in a necessarily changing Church, things cannot stay the same in religious life. Other and new forms of religious life will perhaps emerge. Orders will have to evolve a new life-style, perhaps more 'individualistic' and 'anti-authoritarian' and in some sense, seen from without, more secular, more consistent with the life-style of modern man, who has 'come of age'.

"The fact remains that there will always be people in the Church who come together, renouncing marriage, for a common work in the service of their neighbor, out of love for the crucified Jesus and in the hope of eternal life. There will always be people (because there is no other way of doing things) who organize, institutionalize, plan, put into action such a common service, in distributing the various tasks that satisfy a common aim. In other words, as long as there are Christians, there will be religious, even in a changed world, even with a changed style of religious life. . . .

"The idea, then, that new times need new orders does not at all mean that the old orders must necessarily be so rheumatic and unadaptable that they cannot hope to keep up with the times. There must evidently be in these old orders a certain reappraisal in the light of the new requirements and the old tradition, but there is no a priori reason why such a tension should not be worked out fruitfully and successfully. The person who denies a past is not the person most suitable for a future; on the contrary, the person who tries to master the future's new challenge with an undimmed insight into his past will win the greater future.

"Religious life will change, even in the 'old' orders. That doesn't mean, as far as the individual is concerned, that he must be despondent when he has the impression that his own order is responding to the force of circumstances more slowly than according to his ideas it should. In any community there are bound to be those who step on the gas and those who apply the brake, and they must all possess that love for each other and for their common service in which such tensions between 'traditionalists' and 'progressivists' are sustained. It is also part of a rational, selfless person's maturity to adapt himself, serve, love and be faithful wherever he finds himself in a situation which he does not always find to his liking, or which he would not have thought up in his own ideas and plans for the future. The same is surely true of family life:

there are older and younger people, and different tendencies. If a family is healthy and vital, it can cope with such tensions. If the younger members of a religious institution are intent only on raising the dust and the older members only on lamenting the good old days, both sides show merely that they do not have the proper spirit appropriate to an order: the spirit of selfless love.

"That spirit demands that we understand, accept and tolerate the gifts and particular abilities of others, even though we might not appreciate them at first. When Paul, in 1 Corinthians (chapter 12) and other letters, expressly instructs Christians that there is one Spirit in the Church and yet many gifts and functions and members in that one Church, it goes without saying that the diversity of gifts necessarily brings with it difficulties in mutual understanding. If I absolutely understood the other person in his own particular personality, I should have his gifts. In reality, however, I do not possess them, or at least not in the same way, and I must learn to coexist with him, to share with him the loving unity of the one community. Such behavior is not, of course, exclusive to the Christian: every rational, selfless, well-intentioned person needs it. If religious can't manage this love-inspired toleration in the tensions and changes of today within a religious community, it's high time to make themselves scarce in the Church and in the world.

"These new times, with their inevitable change even in religious life, give ample opportunity for mutual responsibility, mutual love, and in my opinion also for what we call, in somewhat emotive religious language, sharing Christ's cross. As Christians we have confessed this cross; daily we celebrate the Lord's death in the Eucharist. Now there are certainly situations in human life in which we directly feel man's relationship to the mystery of Christ's cross. We should, however, soberly and objectively discover and accept Christ's cross in our everyday lives: where we bear with each other; where we must and should persevere without exactly knowing the outcome; where we make a stand and, as Paul says, 'hope against hope'; where our fellows perhaps smile at us as old-fashioned and yet cheerfully accept our service. This cross of Christ extends very 'anonymously', very unexplicitly, very unemotionally, in a very everyday fashion, over our lives. If we can find it there, we shall also manage to endure with resignation and even cheerful hope, the change, the insecurity, the aggression suffered by a religious community today."

--Karl Rahner, The Religious Life Today (Seabury Press, 1976), pp. 10-14.

WORKSHOPS

June 27 - July 15

Pastoral Institute for Social Ministry
"Response to a Call to Action"

Write to:
Catholic Committee on Urban Ministry
Box 606
Notre Dame, IN 46556

April 29 - May 1

"Poverty: Call to Discipleship"
Don Goergen, O.P.

Write to:
Weber Center
1257 E. Siena Heights Blvd.
Adrian, MI 49221

May 6 - 8

"Trust in the Teachings of Jesus"
James Burke, O.P.

Write to:
Weber Center
1257 E. Siena Heights Blvd.
Adrian, MI 49221

April 24 - 30

"Experiential Theology: Life-
Growth Issues"

Write to:
Bergamo Center
4435 E. Patterson Road
Dayton, OH 45430

June 19 - 26

"The Vowed Life Today"
Thomas Clarke, S.J. and
Don Goergen, O.P.

Write to:
Gonzaga
Jesuit Center for Renewal
Monroe, NY 10950

Locations where 6 and 8-day indi-
vidually directed retreats are
offered during the summer months:

Longwood Cenacle
11600 S. Longwood Drive
Chicago, IL 60643

Cenacle Retreat House
513 Fullerton Parkway
Chicago, IL 60614

Christian Life Center
1209 W. Ogden
LaGrange Park, IL 60525

Fatima Retreat Center
Notre Dame, IN 46556

Maria Stein Retreat Center
Maria Stein, OH 45860

Jesuit Renewal Center
Box 289
Milford, OH 45150

St. Joseph Christian Life Center
18485 Lake Shore Blvd.
Cleveland, OH 44119

Jesuit Retreat House
5629 State Road
Cleveland, OH 44134

Loyola of the Lakes Jesuit
Retreat House
700 Killinger Road
Clinton, OH 44216

Jesuit Retreat House
4800 Fahrwald Road
Oshkosh, WI 54901