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NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE

Ceremony at Ruille-sur-Loir.--At three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, September 4, 1977, the bells of the church tower at the motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence pealed jubilantly, as a group of over three hundred persons, mostly religious of the Sisters of Providence and the Holy Cross religious of France, assembled at the cemetery at Ruille-sur-Loir. As the choir sang "I was filled with joy as I went up to the house of the Lord," there truly was joy, because the bells and the singing opened the ceremony for the transfer of the remains of three outstanding servants of God: the Rev. James Francis Dujarié, founder of both the Sisters of Providence and the Brothers of St. Joseph, now the Brothers of Holy Cross; the Mère Marie Madeleine du Roscoât and the Mère Marie Lecor, the first two superiors general of the Sisters of Providence.

Participating in the ceremony were the general administration of Holy Cross and the Sisters of Providence, the priests and brothers of Holy Cross in France, Frère Louis Leduc from Rome, the Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross from La Solitude du Sacre Coeur at Le Mans, and several local clergy, including the Vicar General of Le Mans, Père Louis Housoin, who represented the bishop. The master of ceremonies was Pere Maurice Berthé, chaplain to the Sisters of Providence.

In his homily Father Barrosse stressed the importance of our past since God is a God of history who reveals himself in the events of our lives and in the course of our history as his people. As part of his homily Father Barrosse said:

Today we celebrate the memory of three of our ancestors in the faith and in our religious life. . . . They deserve this honor because of the remarkable feats they accomplished in the face of great odds, but more especially because what they did and were lies at the very beginnings of our history as religious communities. . . .

It is hard to imagine the immensity of the tasks that faced the Church after the French Revolution. . . . We can well understand why Father Dujarié called the house he built "La Providence," for he saw the hand of Providence at work in the early history of his congregation of sisters. . . .

Surely, too, the history of Father Dujarié's brothers . . . shows just as clearly the presence and activity of God's Providence despite the inadequacy of human means. How providentially they were given (by whom we do not know) the name of "Brothers of Saint Joseph," a man of Providence, whose life was guided by divine directives that often pointed him in a way other than the one he had chosen.

From September 17 to 20, Fr. Barrosse and Br. Elmo Bransby attended a meeting at the generalate of the Brothers of Christian Schools. Experts from various continents (the Americas, Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe) presented information on Catholic schools in these areas. The general ideas agreed upon by the group were:

1. Despite the diversity of its expression, the Catholic School in the various parts of the world is one of the most efficient and important as well as the most essential means for catechesis and for the mission of the Church.
2. The Catholic School should be more than merely a school. It should be more and more associated with the local Christian community, which itself should realize its own mission in fostering catechesis, and its need to be continually educated. The Catholic School must be inserted into the pastoral mission of the ecclesial community.
3. Catechesis cannot nor should not be reduced only to the teaching of religion. Everything done in the school should constitute a progressive discovery of Christian values for its students and teachers.

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On October 7, the 60th anniversary of his reception of the habit, Br. Damian Daele was honored at St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, where he is still active as a substitute teacher. The event was marked by a faculty celebration complete with an anniversary cake and a special visit to the school by Mayor Peter Nemeth (Class of '59) who presented Damian with a key to the city. ** Br. Francis Meduri, postmaster at Notre Dame, reports that in a recent semiannual evaluation, the Notre Dame Post Office was praised for its efficiency and overall good performance. ** Br. Simon Murren taught a four-week course in auto mechanics to 120 Notre Dame students this fall. He is also active in the CCD program for high school students at St. Casimir's Parish, South Bend. ** Br. Bruce Lescher is a volunteer teacher in the religion department at St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, and is coordinator for the Christian Service Program there. Twenty-five students do volunteer service in the community, for which they receive school credit. Br. Christopher Dreyer conducts retreats for juniors and seniors and leadership sessions for underclassmen. ** Br. Walter Foken is a two-gallon donor to the Monroe County Blood Bank. He also has an extensive collection of African stamps, mostly from Liberia and Ghana, and has given talks on stamp collecting to various local groups. ** Br. James Greteman, on the staff of Catholic Charities in Sioux City, is developing work-

shops for priests and has compiled a book used by ten organizations for pro-divorced persons. He was a delegate and an advisor to the executive committee at the National Conference for Divorced Catholics at Notre Dame in October. A resolution he wrote on divorce was passed at the recent Conference of Catholic Charities meeting in New York. ** The Louisville community reports that they continue to use the Genesis II program for their house meetings and find it very beneficial. For alternate house meetings, a brother or priest from the house gives a conference. The brothers serve as hosts for a liturgy and breakfast one Sunday each month for the school faculty. On the last weekend in October they joined the Evansville community and the local Xaverian brothers for a retreat on religious commitment at Mt. St. Francis, IN. ** Br. Leo Legendre, chairman of the Studies Department at St. Joseph's High School, has submitted a study of the history of Watergate to several publishers. Interested teachers may contact Leo for a copy. ** Approximately 1,000 persons, including the bishop and military officials, attended a memorial service for deceased faculty members and students, sponsored by the Monroe Catholic Central Alumni Association on October 14. ** Br. Carl Posey is director of communications for the Louisville Senate of Religious and recently attended a weekend planning session. ** In Louisville, Br. Joseph Ballard has been asked to plan a weekend seminar on ministry to divorced or remarried Catholics. The Friday session for priests and religious

had 270 persons attending. Fr. James [unclear] of Boston conducted the Saturday and Sunday seminars for 400 divorced Catholics. Archbishop McDonough was celebrant at the liturgy.

Living at the Brothers Center, Notre Dame, during October were participants in the CCUM conference, the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, and the Conference for Divorced Catholics.

St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, has been nominated for a five-year term on the College Entrance Examination Board, according to Br. Francis Rotsaert, principal. Two semi-finalists, one a black student and the only one in South Bend, were named by the National Merit Scholarship program.

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NEWS NOTES EXTRA

WORKSHOPS

November 11-12: "Social Justice: Its Role in Catholic Schools," a conference to be held at Cathedral High School, 5225 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

Contact: Br. Bruce Lescher, Justice & Peace Center, 136 S. Chapin St., South Bend, IN 46625.

Weber Center : Nov. 18-20: "A Merton Weekend." Fee: \$45.
1257 E. Siena Heights Drive : Dec. 9-11: "Life Planning Workshop." Fee: \$50.
Adrian Michigan 19221 : Dec. 16-23: Individually directed retreats.
Fee: \$110.

St. Joseph's Abbey : Ten different workshops on Centering Prayer
Spencer, Massachusetts : will be offered by the Spencer Trappists in
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Spencer, MA 01562

RECOMMENDED: *MID-LIFE: CRISIS OF LIMITS*, by Brother James Zullo, F.S.C.
Four cassettes. NCR Cassettes, National Catholic Reporter
Publishing Company, P.O. Box 281, Kansas City, MO 64141. \$32.00.

In an excellent presentation, Br. Zullo of Loyola University, Chicago, outlines the psychological changes that occur in mid-life (ages 30 to 55) characterized by intensified needs for inwardness, meaning and depth in human life. He explains the changes that trigger a new perspective

on life: What can I do in the time left? He goes beyond psychological considerations to offer St. Paul as a healthy model for spirituality in the mid-years.

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"Hope-Filled Deeds and Critical Thought: The Experience of U.S. American Men Religious and Their Need to Reflect on It," a report to be delivered at the Inter-American Conference of Religious.

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