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BR. AMADEUS CONNOR died suddenly at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, on March 22. "Amie," as we all knew him, suffered from a heart condition in recent years, but it did not slow him down nor change that pleasant manner which so many loved. Except for a year with the Ave Maria, Amadeus spent his thirty-three years of active community life in the kitchens of the various houses around the province. In a eulogy delivered at the wake service on Holy Saturday afternoon, BR. JOSEPH CHVALA re-created a typical day in Amadeus' life--his baking and cooking, his greeting the men of the community and the delivery men as they came and went during the day. Joseph concluded: "He created unity in our diversity. His kitchen was the hub--and the heart--of our house. And St. Edward's is no less a microcosm of the larger community, be it Lakewood or the Province. Can you name many others who brought together so many people, so much diversity? . . . Brother Amadeus left a lot. His spirit of hospitality exemplified Holy Cross. The measure of his service--measure beyond measure!--was truly the measure of his love for men."

BR. RALPH KUDER has been appointed director of Dujarie House, Notre Dame, effective July 15. A member of the South-West province, Ralph has served as provincial treasurer for a number of years.

The new principal at Monroe Catholic Central High School effective July 1 is MR. ALAN ESPER. An alumnus of the school and a member of the faculty for twelve years, Mr. Esper is currently director of athletics and dean of students. He succeeds BR. WALTER DAVENPORT, who has been principal since 1971.

BR. JOHN GLEASON, of the Eastern province of Brothers, has been appointed director of novices at the Bennington novitiate for a three-year term beginning in August. Currently assistant director of the novitiate, John will replace FR. NICHOLAS AYO, who will move to Colorado as director of the new Indiana Province novitiate there. Six provinces will continue to use the Bennington program: Midwest Province of Brothers, Eastern Province of Priests, English Canadian Province of Priests, South-West Province

of Brothers, Eastern Province of Brothers, and the Southern Province of Priests.

Several guests have shared their experience of ministry with the Blaine community, South Bend, in recent weeks. BR. PAUL SCHAEFER, Le Mans Academy, discussed the role of the brothers in Brazil; SR. KATHLEEN REICHERT, CSC, director of campus ministry at St. Mary's College, spoke on consecrated celibacy; and REV. HENRY MASCATTE, pastor of a South Bend black parish, discussed inner-city parish ministry.

During the Easter break the varsity chorus from Monroe Catholic Central High School visited Rome to give several concerts. They participated in the Easter vigil services at St. Peter's and the Easter Sunday liturgy at the cathedral in Florence. BR. PHILIP SMITH is the director of the group and BR. ALBERTO BONDY accompanied them.

The community at the Brothers Center, Notre Dame, had a retreat during Holy Week conducted by Redemptorist Father JAMES SPRINGER from Holy Redeemer College, Waterford, Wisconsin.

- APRIL 21-23 WORKSHOP: "For Brothers Only; Who Am I Called to Be?"
Edward Merrienboer, O.P., James Zullo, F.S.C.
Weber Center, 1257 E. Siena Heights Blvd.
Adrian, MI 49221. \$45.00
Highly recommended.
- APRIL 29 Celebration honoring ten brothers who are observing anniversaries of religious profession.
Le Mans Academy, Rolling Prairie.
3:30 P.M. (CST)
Chaplains in brothers' houses are invited to concelebrate the liturgy; bring an alb and white stole.
Reservations by April 19 to Br. Edwin Mattingly
Le Mans Academy
Rolling Prairie, IN 46371
- WEEK OF JUNE 12: June Province Meeting: "Reflectin '78."
Cavanaugh Hall, Notre Dame.

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NEWS FROM THE GENERALATE

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May the peace and joy of the Paschal Season fill all our hearts!

Bishop James H. MacDonald, C.S.C.

On February 16, 1978, Pope Paul VI nominated Father James H. MacDonald as Titular Bishop of Gibba in Numidia and Auxiliary to Bishop Paul Reding of Hamilton, Ontario. This is an historic date for Holy Cross: our confrere is the first Holy Cross religious to become a member of the Canadian hierarchy.

Father MacDonald is of Scottish extraction. He was born April 28, 1925, at Why-cocomagh in Cap-Breton, Nova Scotia. He studied at the University of Saint Joseph in New Brunswick (1941-45) and then at the University of Notre Dame (1946-49) at which time he became a member of the Anglo-Canadian Province of the congregation. He pronounced his first vows at the novitiate of North Easton, Mass., on August 21, 1946. After finishing his theological studies at the scholasticate of Notre-Dame de Sainte-Croix at Sainte-Geneviève in Pierrefonds, Quebec, he was ordained a priest in Woodstock, Ontario, on June 28, 1953.

From 1954 to 1956 he was a missionary-preacher. In 1956 he was named assistant director of the Holy Cross House of Studies at St. Joseph, New Brunswick--a position he held until 1960 when he was named director there (1960-63). In 1963 he became director of vocations and the following year, in addition to this task he once again took on the direction of Holy Cross House of Studies. (The house had been transferred to the campus of the New Brunswick University at Fredericton). During this time, Father MacDonald was also a member of the provincial committee for education and president of the committee for vocations. In 1969 he was named pastor of St. Michael's Church in Waterloo, Ontario, where, thanks to his pastoral capacities he was able to give new impetus to the parish.

This confrere has now found a vaster field for his pastoral zeal. We congratulate him on his elevation to the episcopate and offer him our prayerful best wishes for the future of his new apostolate.--Leandre M. Fréchet, C.S.C.

The Council of the Congregation

The council of the congregation met March 12 and 13 at St. Joseph Spiritual Life Center, Valatie, New York. The primary point of the agenda was to determine a process of preparation for the 1980 general chapter. It was clearly the thought of the group that the forthcoming general chapter must be different from the type of chapter to which we have been accustomed; this chapter should not be preoccupied with putting our constitutions into definitive form for approval by the Holy See unless the capitulants as a group determine otherwise. (Permission has already been obtained from the Sacred Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes to defer submitting our constitution texts until after the 1986 general chapter.) Rather the emphasis of our general chapter should be on looking at the actual state of the congregation in the church and in the world and focusing in on key issues that emerge. Among the different points raised at the meeting was the need to address the question of the hold our apostolic work as over our life as such, since for many people religious life is peripheral and too many religious find their value and meaning only in their work. The biggest need of Holy Cross right now appears to be renewal, a realistic adjustment to the Church that is a part of the world that is, since so many of our men appear to be operating with old modes. As of this point, it seems that the 1980 general chapter will take place in July and will be of three or four weeks duration, with some time at the beginning for input by experts and for corporate reflection on issues.

The council of the congregation discussed a possible future international meeting on formation for some of the formation personnel of all the provinces and districts. This meeting would address the philosophy of formation and the elements of a process of formation. Likewise, consideration was given to a possible meeting of some of our religious in Africa, the district superiors, respective provincials and members of the general administration, similar to the Bangalore meeting held in January. Further study will be given to these projects.

The provincials of those provinces which have been visited by the general administration share their reactions to the visitations.

The council considered the preliminary work that is being done in the provinces toward an eventual writing of a history of the congregation. It also discussed the question of a popular biography of Father Moreau to promote knowledge of, and devotion to, him among the laity.

The next meeting of the council of the congregation is scheduled for December 2 at Valatie, New York.

William F. Hogan, C.S.C.