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BR. KENNETH HOPKINSON Two brothers very much identified with Holy Cross and  
BR. MARCELLINUS FAHEY the Notre Dame scene died at Dujarie House in recent  
weeks. On December 18 we lost Br. Kenneth Hopkinson,  
who had served as an Ave Maria canvasser for thirty-six years. In a eulogy at  
the wake service, Moreau seminarian John Donahue, who had lived with Kenneth  
in Flushing, remarked:

*I learned much from Kenny; he was the man who taught me how to live  
with older persons. It was he who traveled across the highways of  
these United States canvassing for the Ave Maria, planting as he went  
the love of God into the homes he visited. He viewed, he shared, he  
loved the many families he grew to know on the road. He saw firsthand  
and he understood the sorrows of people during the Great Depression. . . .  
What shall I say of one who loved life but was unafraid of death? . . .  
Truly the words of Mary his patron apply to Kenneth's life, "My spirit  
rejoices in God my Savior."*

Br. Marcellinus Fahey died on January 23. For forty-seven years "Marcy" served  
the Notre Dame community in the post office, eighteen of those years as postmaster.  
His close friend at Columba Hall, Br. Majella Hegarty, shared his personal  
recollections of Marcellinus at the wake service:

*We at Columba Hall were blessed these many years to have him for a  
friend and model. . . . His was a character and personality so distinctive  
and stable that he became part of the climate, the atmosphere in which  
we live. His quietness, his gentlemanly dignity always, his friendliness  
to everybody, the habitual devoutness of his mien and manner--all told of  
the peace of soul we expect to find in one who is very conscious of being  
a son of God. But he did not have the vice of solemnity; he did not take  
himself that seriously. . . . For nearly fifty years he fulfilled with  
efficiency his duties at the Notre Dame Post Office, serving as postmaster  
for eighteen of them. In his spare time he volunteered for leaf raking,  
snow shoveling, cleaning pots and pans in the kitchen. One brother said  
of him, "Marcy never tired of whatever his job was."*

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On January 25, Br. Daniel Kane, of Gilmour Academy, played a piano recital at  
the University of Notre Dame Memorial Library Auditorium. The program included  
compositions of Scarlatti, Mozart, Faure, Chopin, Shostakovich, and Gershwin's  
'Rhapsody in Blue." The many community members who attended gathered at Columba  
Hall for a reception after the program.

The Commission on the Apostolate is sponsoring a weekend of communal dis-  
cernment of God's will at Weber Center, Adrian, Michigan, on February 17-19.  
Leader of the program will be Jules Toner, S.J., of the University of  
Detroit. Registration should be made with Br. Edward Grams at Le Mans  
Academy by February 6.

A speaker at the recent national convention of the National Council of Teachers of English was *Br. Joseph Chvala*, of St. Edward High School, Cleveland.

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Officers of the newly formed Cleveland Brothers' Senate are *Br. Jerome Meyer*, president, and *Br. Robert Kelly*, secretary.

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A team of science instructors at Holy Cross, River Grove, *Brs. Anthony Jorae, Joseph Dudek, David Fitzgerald, and Charles Drevon*, have been serving as judges at science fairs in the area.

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A recent article in the West Allis *POST* featured the Cruppets, creations of *Brs. Warren Shea and Arthur Gohl*, of St. Charles Boys Home, Milwaukee. The brothers designed costumes of oversize birds, and these are worn by St. Charles students who have been entertaining residents of homes for the elderly. The response from the area community has been very enthusiastic.

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Holiday highlights from *St. Edward High School, Lakewood*: Students collected 2,200 cans of food and \$2,200 for distribution to the poor in local parishes and with the Little Sisters of the Poor. Proceeds from the sale of poinsettias was sent to the foreign missions by *Br. Leo Geiger*. A large tempera mural of the Nativity painted by students on the windows of *Br. George Klawitter's* classroom above the main entrance attracted the attention of passing motorists and pedestrians.

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At the *Brothers Center, Notre Dame*, *Br. Richard Weber* is directing the renovation of some rooms on the second and third floors of Basil Hall. The rooms, some with baths, will serve as models to ascertain the advisability of further renovations. Assisting in the work are *Brs. Andrew Steffes, Augustus Patin, John Harrington*, and candidate *Philip Leja*. \*\* Twenty priests and sisters from the Murphy Center for Liturgy at Notre Dame had a workshop at Andre Hall from January 22 to 27.

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A community celebration for the observance of the anniversaries of religious profession in 1978 is being planned for Saturday, April 29, at Le Mans Academy. Further information will be published later.

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Visiting the Dacca district in December were members of the general administration: *Fr. Barrosse* and *Brs. Elmo Bransby and Robert Montcalm*. At Mohammedpur, the two classrooms constructed under the supervision of *Br. Robert Hughes* are ready for use.

The largest number in the last three years, 389 students, took the January admissions test at Holy Cross High School, River Grove. Forty percent of the prospective students are now enrolled in public schools.

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*Br. Robert Fillmore* has been elected to fill the vacancy on the Provincial Advisory Board left by the resignation of *Br. James Newberry*.

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A group of brothers from the South Bend area meet once a month at the Allen Street house for discussions of Hans Kung's *ON BEING A CHRISTIAN* led by *Br. James Moroney*.

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Plans are being made by the River Grove community for an appropriate memorial for *Br. Edward Olszowka*, who died last November. A number of persons who knew Edward are willing to support the project.

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*Father Barrosse* has appointed *Br. Lawrence Skitzki* to the provincial council as province treasurer. Lawrence spent the last two weeks in January in the treasurer's office with *Br. Donald Bailer* to arrange for his assuming the position on February 15.

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ADDRESS CHANGES:

Br. Richard Fisichenich began working as an admissions counselor for Rockhurst College, Kansas City, on January 3. He is living with the Christian Brothers community at Archbishop O'Hara High School, 9001 James A. Reed Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64138. Telephone: 816/761-2976.

In January Br. Armand Amman began a program in clinical and pastoral education in Portland, Oregon. His address until June: Providence Medical Center, 700 N.E. 47th Avenue, Portland, OR 97213. Telephone: 503/234-8211.

Br. Robert Dailey continues his graduate work at Ohio State University but has a new address: 184 E. 15th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201. Phone: 614/294-7034.

Br. Gregoire Bleau transferred to Boyssville, Michigan, on January 28 to begin work in a new program involving parents of Boyssville students.

Br. Raymond Kelly recently joined the Akron Hoban community and is working in the school.

Coloma cottage: new phone number: 616/849-1543.

Br. James Caley graduated from Tulane University, New Orleans, with a master's degree in social work in December. He is now a marriage counselor for the Diocese of Stockton, California. Residence: St. Joseph Rectory, 1813 Oakdale Road, Modesto, California 95355. Phone: 415/529-4973.

Br. John Harris returned to the U.S. from Nepal in December. He and Br. Donald McIntyre are at Sangre de Cristo, Santa Fe, New Mexico, until May. Br. William Mewes completed the Santa Fe renewal program in December and is now at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago.

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SPIRITUAL RENEWAL PROGRAMS:

WEBER CENTER, 1257 E. Siena Heights Blvd., Adrian, MI 49221. Phone: 517/265-5135

- Feb. 17-19: Discernment of God's Will. Jules Toner, S.J. \$45.00. (For CSC Brothers only. Registration: to Br. Edward Grams, Le Mans Academy, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371, by February 6.)
- Feb. 24-26: Vowed Existence in the Context of Contemporary Spirituality. Jacques Pasquier, OMI. Time and space to rethink the meaning of the vows.
- Mar. 10-12: Outside the Walls. Robert Perry, OP. Weekend designed particularly for persons serving outside the institutional Church.
- Mar. 11-13: Retreat for Senior Citizens. For retired persons and those nearing retirement age.
- Apr. 21-23: For Brothers Only: Who Am I Called To Be? Reflection time designed especially for Brothers.

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RECOMMENDED BOOK: *ON BEING A CHRISTIAN*, by Hans Kung (Doubleday, 1976), \$12.95.

From the blurb: "On Being a Christian is a thorough re-examination of what it means to be a Christian today: the role of Christian ethics in a social and political context, the relationship between Christians and Jews, the organization of a community of believers, and practical suggestions for dealing with personal crises of faith. . . . Written for both the scholar and the educated laity, this monumental work is destined to become a landmark of modern Christian thought.