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A large representation of community members from the Notre Dame area and around the province gathered for the celebration of the Eucharist for Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer on Tuesday evening, August 22. The next day Br. Ephrem's body was sent to Valatie, New York, for a wake service on Friday, August 25, and a funeral mass and burial the next day. Celebrant of the mass was Father William Ribando, provincial of the Eastern priests. Father Thomas Barrosse was a concelebrant. A homily prepared by Brother Elmo Bransby was delivered by Brother Renatus Foldenauer, provincial.

Br. Bonaventure Foley has been named the recipient of the Coronat Medal by the trustees of St. Edward's University, Austin. Awarded periodically to persons for distinguished service to Catholic education, Br. Bonaventure will receive the medal at a special celebration of Founder's Day, October 15, which this year coincides with the centennial of the founding of St. Edward's. Besides serving many years in several schools in the Midwest and in the provincial and general administrations, Br. Bonaventure is being cited for the specific contribution he made to the development of St. Edward's High School and the University during the first years the Brothers assumed responsibility for the those schools.

Br. Joseph Chvala received a grant of \$875 from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation for a writing project involving 700 sixth and seventh grade boys in 30 Catholic elementary schools in the Greater Cleveland area.

Br. Pedro Haering has notified the board of trustees of Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, that he is not seeking renewal of his contract as president and principal when it expires next June. The office of president and principal will be separated under a planned reorganization.

Br. James Greteman, Sioux City, has been named an advisor to the executive board of the National Divorce Group for Catholics.

Br. Celestis Mueller exhibited two of his works in the summer art show at the Chicago

Academy of Fine Arts. Since moving from Chicago to Monroe this fall, he has discontinued his activities collecting postage stamps for the missions.

Br. Paul Rosonke writes that he is arranging a charismatic renewal weekend, September 22-24, at the Indian Mission in Cherry Creek, South Dakota. Four Indians from the parish joined him when he attended the charismatic week at Notre Dame in August. Br. James Newberry, River Grove, and other CSC members from Old College, Notre Dame, worked with Paul at Cherry Creek this past summer.

Br. James Blume began studies for the priesthood for the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in August.

FIRST PROFESSIONS: Br. William Fuller made his first profession on August 12 at Holy Cross Novitiate, Bennington, Vermont. He now resides with the Blaine community in South Bend, teaches two classes at Holy Cross Junior College, and takes two courses in theology at Notre Dame. His dissertation for his doctoral degree from Indiana University is nearing completion. In Ghana, Br. Bertrand NeeWayoe is scheduled to receive his first vows on September 23 at Holy Cross Prayer Centre, Sekondi. He will be a student next year and reside with the community at St. Augustine's College, Cape Coast.

MISSIONS Br. Charles Krupp returned on September 6 from a month visit to Bangladesh and attendance at the district chapter in Chittagong. Honored at a publication ceremony in Dacca recently was Br. James Talarovic on the occasion of the publication of his new book, Bengali for Foreigners, by University Press. Home for U.S. visits this summer were Brs. Brian Lyon, John Emminger, Jerome Kroetsch, and Ralph Baird. Br. John Harris has returned to Nepal since completing the program at Sangre de Cristo Center, Santa Fe. Returning to Africa on September 26 is a missions veteran, Br. Donald Allen, who will be joining the faculty of St. Patrick's High School, Monrovia. Br. John Schuszler is recuperating at Dujarie House after hospitalization in Liberia for hepatitis. He will remain in the United States for several months. On home visits from Ghana this summer were Brs. Vincent Gross, Edward Dailey, and William Gates. Having completed his master's degree in mathematics at De Paul, Br. Joseph Tsiquaye will remain in Chicago to attend the Ecumenical Institute and the Institute of Cultural Affairs in October and November. This is a training program concerned with the human factor in world development. Beginning in January he will be enrolled at the AMECEA Pastoral Institute in Eldoret, Kenya, for a year-long course in the renewal of religious life.

Br. Thomas Shaughnessy is on exclaustation this year and has returned to employment by Family Service in Terre Haute.

Brs. David Fitzgerald and Robert Livernois did not renew their Promises when they expired this summer. Br. Dennis Van Gerner signed acceptance of dispensation on June

Bids were let on September 8 for the construction of the addition to the Province Center which will join Andre Hall to the Basil Hall breezeway. General contractor is Verkler Construction Company, South Bend.

NEW ADDRESSES: Rev. Paul Nomellini, Catholic Newman Center, Lake Superior State College, 517 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.
Rev. Edward Kaminski, C.S.C., Moreau High School, 27170 Mission Blvd., Hayward, CA 94544

PROVINCE EVENTS

Oct. 6-9: DISCERNMENT WORKSHOP * WEBER CENTER * ADRIAN, MICHIGAN

Discernment on province issues, sponsored by the Commission on the Apostolate, for CSCs only. Register with Br. Edward Grams, Le Mans Academy, by September 25. Fee: \$60.

Nov. 22-25: THANKSGIVING MEETING FOR ALL PROVINCE MEMBERS * WEBER CENTER * ADRIAN, MICHIGAN

Coordinating committee met on September 9 and will be notifying you of details. Coordinating committee members: Brs. Robert Fillmore, Richard Kearney, William Mewes, Isaac Motz, Francis Rotsaert, Jerome Schwabe.

NEW APOSTOLATES

The 1978-79 province directory was sent to the printer during the first week of September and should be available earlier than in previous years. A variety of new apostolates have been undertaken by brothers in recent months and are literally worldwide. Examples of a few new ventures:

Alaska: Br. Philip Alessandro, parish ministry, Anchorage.

Arizona: Br. Just Paczesny, administrative assistant, Diocesan Office of Education, Phoenix.

Illinois: Br. Charles Smith, faculty, City Colleges of Chicago.

- Michigan: Brs. Gregoire Bleau, Richard Kearney, Donald Kuchenmeister,
Boysville Family Services, Detroit,
- Br. Remigius Bullinger, faculty, Gabriel Richard High School, Riverview.
- Ohio: Br. Daniel Kane, director of mixed chorus and women's glee club, John
Carroll University, Cleveland.
- Tennessee: Br. Chester Caster, physician, Petros.
- Br. Eugene Hausmann, parish ministry, Harriman.
- Br. Donald McIntyre, senior citizens, Deer Lodge.
- Br. Paul Bray, Morgan-Scott project, Deer Lodge.
- Brazil: Br. Columba Curran, faculty, Colegio Dom Amando, Santarem.
- Ghana: Br. Raymond Papenfuss, parish ministry, Sekondi and Takoradi.
- Italy: Br. Alberto Bondy, Congregation for the Causes of the Saints, Vatican City.

A D V A N C E D S T U D I E S

Degrees recently received:

- Br. Philip Alessandro, MA, Religious Studies, Gonzaga University, Spokane.
- Br. Eugene Hausmann, MA, Theology, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.
- Br. Richard Kearney, MSW, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.
- Br. James Kozak, MA, Pastoral Studies, Loyola University, Chicago.
- Br. James May, MA, Secondary School Administration, University of San Francisco.
- Br. Joseph Tsiquaye, MS, Mathematics, De Paul University, Chicago.

Other programs recently completed:

- Br. Armand Amman, Clinical and Pastoral Education, Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix.
- Br. John Harris, Spiritual Renewal, Sangre de Cristo Center, Santa Fe.
- Br. John McMuldren, Spirituality, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley.
- Br. Donald Gibbs, Clinical and Pastoral Education, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Br. Donald McIntyre, Spiritual Renewal, Sangre de Cristo Center, Santa Fe.
- Br. Celestis Mueller, Design, Chicago Academy of Fine Arts.

R E C E N T A P P O I N T M E N T S

- Br. John May, superior, Gates Mills.
- Br. Guy Eckels, director, Akron Hoban.
- Br. Gregoire Bleau, director, Detroit.
- Br. Donald McIntyre, director, Oak Ridge.
- Br. William Mewes, executive secretary, Social Justice Commission.

RECOMMENDED READING:

America, July 29-August 5, 1978.

In case you missed it, you will find it well worth your while to look up this summer spirituality issue of America. Included are articles on modes of meditation, Julian of Norwich, and an excellent piece by Henri Nouwen entitled "Unceasing Prayer."

Studies in the Spirituality of Jesuits, March-May 1978.

The entire issue is devoted to the topic "Affectivity and Sexuality: Their Relationship to the Spiritual Life." Spiritual directors, psychologists and psychiatrists explore the relationship between emotions and prayer in the lives of religious men. Copies are available for \$1.00 from American Assisntancy Seminar, Fusz Memorial, 3700 W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.

Reasons of the Heart, by John S. Dunne, C.S.C. Macmillan, \$7.95.

Father Dunne subtitles his latest work as "a journey into solitude and back again into the human circle." This book is a probing development of a statement attributed to Pascal, "The heart has its reasons which the reason does not know."

Finding Grace at the Center, by Keating, Pennington and Clarke. St. Bede Publications, Box 61, Still River, MA 01467. \$2.00.

This slim paperbound book serves well as a primer for what has come to be known as centering prayer. Short articles by two Cistercians and a Jesuit offer guidelines for the practice of an ancient form of prayer. An excerpt:

"In the center of your being lives God: Father, Son, and Spirit, Centering prayer allows you to experience His presence and be touched and transformed by Him.

"Simply sit, relaxed and quiet, enjoying your own inner calm and silence. For a few moments, listen to His presence and allow yourself to be touched by it.

"After a time, perhaps a single word will come: Jesus, Lord, Love, or any word that captures your response to His inner presence. Place into this word all your faith, your love, as you enter more and more deeply into Him. Slowly and effortlessly, repeat your word. Allow it to lead you more and more deeply into God's presence at the center of your being, where you are in God and God in you. Surrender to His re-freshment and re-creation.

"Center all your attention and desire on Him, leaving your faculties at peace, allowing Him to draw you into His perfect prayer of adoration, love, and praise. Let it happen. Whenever you become aware of any thoughts or images, simply return to your word.

"In coming out of prayer, move slowly to silent awareness and then a conscious interior prayer, such as the Our Father, savoring the words and meaning, entering into them.

"The centering prayer may be used once or twice daily for twenty minutes or more.

"If you are faithful to it, you will soon discern in your life the maturing of the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, and kindness.

"You shall be truly abiding in Him and He in you."