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The following brothers are delegates for the 1979 provincial chapter which will convene the week of June 10:

Donald Allen
Philip Armstrong*
Thomas Balaz
John Benesh*
James Bluma
Joseph Chvala
Thomas Corcoran
Robert Dailey**
Walter Davenport
John Driscoll
Christopher Dreyer**
Raymond Dufresne
Francis Englert*
James Everett
Robert Fillmore
Pedro Haering
Raymond Harrington
Eugene Hausmann

Daniel Kane
Kenneth Kane
Paul Kelly
George Klawitter
Gerald Kraeger*
Charles Krupp*
John Kuhn
Barry Lambour
John Lavelle
Robert Lavelle
Bruce Lescher
James Linscott
Thomas Maddix
John May
John McMuldren
Joseph McTaggart
William Mewes
Jeffrey Michels

James Moroney
Thomas Moser
Isaac Jogues Motz
James Newberry
Just Paczesny
Raymond Papenfuss***
Carroll Posey
Douglas Roach*
Francis Rotsaert
Daniel Rozario***
Kieran Ryan
Jerome Schwabe
Lawrence Skitzki*
Robert Siegel
Roy Smith
Donald Stabrowski
William Verstraete

*Ex officio.

**Non-voting representative temporary professed.

***Elected by district chapter in accord with statute 34.

Alternate delegates: Lawrence Miller, Richard Kearney, Jude Costello, Chester Freel, William Geenen.

Declined election: Donald Bailer, Chester Caster, Columba Curran, Bernard Donahoe, Albert Kern.

Chapter Planning Committee elected by the delegates: Walter Davenport, Pedro Haering, Robert Lavelle, Jeffrey Michels, Francis Rotsaert.

DISTRICT CHAPTER - WEST AFRICA Brother Philip Armstrong was elected district superior succeeding Brother Frederick McGlynn during the chapter held December 20-23, 1978, at Sekondi, Ghana. Major topics were formation, apostolic work, finance, and the status of Liberia in the district. Special reports were given by Brother Joseph Tsiquaye on the future of Holy Cross in Africa and by Brother Raymond Papenfuss on parish ministry. Brother Charles Krupp was present for all the sessions.

Brother Donald Allen has been appointed principal and superior at St. Patrick High School, Monrovia, Liberia, succeeding Brother Edward Foken who returned to the United States on December 13 after eight years in West Africa. On December 9

Edward was honored by forty-five brothers and sisters from the Diocese of Monrovia for his leadership as principal of St. Patrick's High School the last six years. A liturgy was followed by a social hour and dinner. Ed will begin the three-month renewal program at Sangre de Cristo Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on February 15 and plans to join the faculty at St. Edward High School, Cleveland, for the 1979-80 school year.

Joining Ed at Sangre de Cristo Center in February will be Brother Robert Siegel and Brother Richard Gilson, who has served as director and head nurse at Dujarie House since 1972.

Brother Richard Johnson has been developing programs for the computer purchased by the provincial business office last summer. The general and subsidiary ledgers are now computerized and a similar system is being developed for the accounts of Holy Cross Junior College. Richard plans to develop programs for payroll, personnel records, inventory, investment funds, province directory, and mailing lists.

In his first year as campus minister at St. Edward High School, Cleveland, Brother Lewis Brazil and his team of assistants have organized a series of small-group retreats and an extensive program of Christian service to the elderly and other needy persons in the Greater Cleveland area. During their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas drives, students and teachers have contributed \$2,500 and a ton of food, clothing and toys to the poor. Brother Leo Geiger raised over \$200 for the foreign missions in addition to other funds from the sale of Christmas poinsettias at the annual basement sale. At a recent bike-a-thon sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Brother Roger Berg earned \$120 for cancer patients by riding his unicycle five miles.

Brother James Kozak received his degree of Master of Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, Chicago, on January 13.

Brother Thomas Rock joined the staff of the Brothers Center as assistant cook in early January. He resides at Columba Hall.

Brother Walter Foken, Monroe, received the "Growth and Progress Award" in December from the Floral City Stamp Club, a group of seventy collectors in the Ohio-Michigan area.

In the Dacca District, Bangladesh, assignment changes for 1979 are as follows:

- Br. Robert Hughes--Headmaster, St. Joseph High School.
- Br. Thomas More--Director of Holy Cross Juniorate.
- Br. Dominic Mree--Assistant Director of the Juniorate; teacher at St. Nicholas H
- Br. Donald Schmitz--Teach at Holy Cross High School.
- Br. Benedict Rozario--Teach at Holy Cross High School.
- Br. Ronald Drahozal--Assignment pending.

Brother Paul Rosonke writes from South Dakota that he has begun a fund to enable parishioners to attend retreats at the new Sioux Spiritual Center. He says, "The greatest poverty here is the kind that keeps people from trusting one another and working together. I can see why the Lord said, 'Blessed are the peace makers.'"

Brother James Linscott began a two-month program at the Mexican-American Cultural Center, San Antonio, Texas, on January 2. His address until March 2:

Mexican American Cultural Center
P.O. Box 28185
San Antonio, TX 78228 Phone: (512) 732-2156

FACTORY UPDATE: Brother George Klawitter: Telephone (312) 753-0313
Brother Richard Fisichenich: Telephone (816) 761-2979

KSHOPS: March 16-18: "Religious Life: Creative Growth Towards the 80's"
Jesuit Retreat House
5629 State Road
Cleveland, OH 44134 Fee: \$65.

March 16-18: "For Brothers Only: Brotherhood, Its Meaning and Call"
Weber Center
Adrian, Michigan 49221 Fee: \$45.

REATS: Retreats for perpetually professed religious, brothers with homosexual difficulties. Group discussion, spiritual direction by retreat team.
Rev. John F. Harvey, OSFS
P.O. Box 3238
Alexandria, VA 22302 Phone: (703) 578-0291

MER PROGRAM: INSTITUTE IN HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
June 24-July 27, 1979
Variety of components include: life planning, communications,
celibate life choice, contemporary ministry, human
sexuality, etc.
Sister June Secor, OP
Weber Center
Adrian, Michigan 49221

Printed below is the ANDRE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY newsletter of Winter, 1979. The
brothers on this apostolate are Paul Bray, Chester Caster, Eugene Hausmann, Donald
McIntyre.

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TEAM MINISTRY

Whether you call it by the old label of 'common apostolate' or by the new label
'team ministry,' we brothers know the value of working together on the same project.
Teamwork has been an important aspect of our tradition even prior to the 'team' of
brothers and brothers who founded Notre Dame and continuing right up to the present in
many institutions. In each setting, teamwork means that each member tackles a
different job, each member brings a different talent and contribution, but all work
in harmony to accomplish a common goal much greater than the sum of all contributions.

We had originally planned to develop a new form of team ministry here in Tennessee.
We had hoped to bring a variety of talents and ministries to focus (not on a single
institution, but rather) on a specific community of people and to become a part of that
community. But needs and talents do not always correspond in any single location.
During the early months in Tennessee, we had resigned ourselves to a wide separation
of our work, geographical and otherwise. But since we've moved into the south end
of Morgan County, we've begun to experience some valuable blending of ministries and
community ties. We'd like to share with you some of our more recent experiences in
team ministry.

CLARENCE AND STELLA Stella is 61 and Clarence is about 48. They've been living about three miles down the road from us in an old school bus with no electricity or running water. They have a woodburning kitchen stove with which they try to heat the bus. A bed and a small dresser, a kitchen table and a worn-out overstuffed chair complete the furnishings. The couple is in need of some help at financial management (neither of them can read or write). Besides all their other problems, Stella has had some digestion problems. They have no transportation, so Don has set up appointments for Stella and has taken her to Chet for treatment, to the hospital for x-rays, to the Human Services office for her food stamps.

Meanwhile, Clarence had started to build a small cabin to try to get out of living in the bus before the winter hit hard. Gene had several Blessed Sacrament CYO teens fresh off their retreat and ready for action, and Clarence readily accepted their offer to help. Gene received help and advice from Paul and put the teens to work. One day during Christmas vacation there were 14 teens working on that small cabin. We plan to invest about \$800 of donated money to help Clarence buy materials. Clarence is working with us on the project and promises to pay \$20 a month to pay back the loan; even more valuable is Clarence's offer to continue to help the crew do "re-hab" jobs on other homes at this end of Morgan County. The project has encouraged Blessed Sacrament parishioners to contribute valuable labor, money and materials. By Christmas, the exterior was almost complete.

The project has introduced us to the neighbors as well. The Cox's have been interested in the construction work from the beginning, and on Christmas day they hosted a Christmas service for the group. Gene was the 'preacher' and the happy occasion was concluded by an extra gift exchange for the dozen or more members in the small Cox home.

Meanwhile, Don, Paul and Chet were delivering Christmas gifts elsewhere. Lawrence Wilson lives in a small trailer behind the Cox home. He needed some medical attention, so Don set up appointments for him to see Chet. Through Lawrence, Don was introduced to his brother Walter who lives on the other side of the county. Paul and Don made a Christmas visit there. But the biggest Christmas visit was with the Gladys Rose family where Paul, Don and Chet delivered a huge bag of presents from Santa Claus (the Ladies of Charity of Knoxville). (Don had originally met Gladys in the beginning stages of labor while he rushed her to the Oak Ridge Hospital where Chet delivered her healthy baby boy.) Christmas eve, Don and Paul chauffeured Mrs. England to her first Mass in years. Gene got an opportunity to share in Chet's "total care" healing ministry once when the two of them held a prayer service for an old miner dying of cancer. Later on, they also shared in the mourning of the family at John's funeral.

The list has gotten complex, but the important thing is that all four of us are having our paths cross more frequently in our work. We have shared in the medical, physical, spiritual and social needs of these neighbors of ours. They have, in turn, made our team stronger.

MONEY We've finally begun to receive and to spend donation money, so we've set up a new bank account separate from our living expense account (so that all donated money can be allocated to those we serve). We consider it important to report on these funds in our newsletter:

CONTRIBUTIONS:

MW Brothers J&P Commission \$1000; Mrs. E. W. Rooney \$100; The Bowman Family \$100; The John McIntyre Family \$100; Christ the King J&P Committee \$100; Oak Ridge Senior Citizens \$31; A Blessed Sacrament parishioner \$500; Mary Gallagher \$50; Blessed Sacrament Ladies Club \$100; The Kentucky Dominicans \$500; Carolyn Hill \$25; Diocese of Nashville \$500; Rev. Greg Boisvert \$100. DISBURSEMENTS: food \$44; Clarence's house \$500; the Brewster flue \$44; the Honeycutt flue \$71; Xmas presents (prisoners) Xmas presents (neighbors \$120; Stearns mine strikers \$50.