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THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION '79

More than 150 brothers gathered at Weber Center, Adrian, Michigan, on Wednesday evening, November 21st, for three days of celebrating and listening.

The opening lecture and discussion on listening led by Brother Donald Kuchenmeister seemed to set the tone, the marvelous piano concert by Dan Kane on Thanksgiving evening was certainly a highlight, visiting with our brothers -- some from as far as Alaska, California and Florida was surely heartening, as was the positive tone of the open forum on Saturday morning.

To All:

A
Merry
Christmas
and
Joyous
New Year

DEO GRATIAS!

...for the brothers who planned and prepared the forum
...for the brothers who planned and prepared the several presentations, the liturgies, the entertainments
...for the Adrian Dominicans who shared their Weber Center with us and showed an admirable solicitude for our comfort.

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JUBILARIANS TO BE HONORED IN MAY

A celebration honoring all our men celebrating their twenty-fifth or fiftieth anniversaries of profession will be held at the Brothers' Center on May 3, 1980.

The following Brothers will be celebrating their golden jubilees:

Francis Assisi Davis Otto Hayden
Liguori Denier Clarence LaMere

Celebrating silver anniversaries are:

Joseph Ballard Daniel Kane
Roger Berg Albin Kuzminski
Robert Berthiaume John Moore
Joseph Fox Daniel Rozario
James Greteman

How does one express thanks for a lifetime of service to the Lord?

It is beyond words! Perhaps we can speak our gratitude to you most by sharing our lives with you.

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RECOVERING

Brother Bonaventure Foley is back at Dujarie House recuperating from recent surgery in South Bend...Brother Philbert Cook is still in St. Joe Hospital in South Bend recovering from a recent heart attack...We have just heard that Brother Arthur Gohl is in a hospital in Milwaukee. We do not yet know the nature or seriousness of his illness.....

-Extensive renovations for preventive maintenance and plant beautification, supervised by Brother Charles Drevon, were made at the school last summer. The cost of nearly \$50,000 was paid by proceeds from last year's Las Vegas night. More than twenty-five classrooms were repainted, under the direction of Brother Richard Shea.

-This year's Las Vegas night, managed by Brother Robert Fillmore, was held November 10th and cleared about \$45,000, well in excess of the goal that had been set.

-The 11th annual Grammar School basketball tournament, sponsored by the athletic department, began November 18th and will be completed on December 9th. Twenty-one teams are involved

-The Crusader football team ended the season, more successful than the 6-4 record might indicate, being upset by Marian Catholic in the Chicagoland Prep Bowl. Holy Cross was one of three teams who had tied (at 5-1) for the ESCC Championship.

-Holy Cross and Guerin combined facilities to host more than 3000 Archdiocesan elementary and secondary teachers for a curriculum conference on "The Rights of the Child Within the Christian Educational Community."

-The local chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph netted nearly \$1,000 at their annual party this year.

-Holy Cross sophomores Bruce Berkshire and Ronald Rozowski took first and second places in the 12th annual Thrift Art Poster Contest sponsored by the Chicago Area Council of Savings and Loan Associations. There were more than 500 entries.

PROVINCE DIRECTORY

Brother Jeffrey reports that the mailing of the '79-'80 Directory ran into a few snags, particularly in the Chicago area. We hope all have Directories by now.

We owe an acknowledgement to Brother Edward Sniatecki, our archivist, for his long hours of work on the Directory.

The style of the composition of the Directory will be reviewed this year in preparation for the next edition. If you have any suggestions for the book please jot them down and send them to Jeffrey.

Omitted by oversight from the first section were the names of Brothers Walter Foken and Edwin Mattingly. Walter is at Monroe Catholic Central and Edwin at LeMans...Please send us any other errors of omission or commission you may have discovered. Thank you.

-Brothers James Kozak and Joseph Tsiquaye taken up resident at the Catholic Secretariat in Sunyani and are making tours of the diocese to ascertain what they can do to be of service to the parishes by way of laity formation and youth ministry. Currently contract negotiations are underway between the bishop and the brothers. Joseph, the new District Superior, has made a trip south to visit the various houses of brothers and reports that all is well. He also attended the semi-annual meeting of the Conference of Major Superiors in Winneba, a town along the coast between Accra and Cape Coast...James and Joseph will soon be joined by Brother Orlando Gozdowski (Indiana Province) who is coming to work for Bishop Owusu of Sunyani. He will be bursar for the diocese.

-Brother Anthony Insaideo will be working with Raymond Papenfuss in pastoral work in the Sekondi-Takoradi area for the next year. Anthony will complete his Form 6 (Junior College level) work at St. Augustine's in Cape Coast last June. He also spent four weeks in Nigeria attending an International Training Institute conducted by the Ecumenical Institute of Chicago. Most of the time was spent on the tactics of human development projects. He is enthusiastic about the experience and is looking forward to putting into practice some of the techniques he has learned.

FROM ONE POSTMASTER TO ANOTHER

John E. Lawecki, South Bend postmaster, wrote in the recent postal news for S.B.:

"Many individuals, when reaching the top of the organizational unit they belong to, often sit back and rejoice at their success. In some there is a restless spirit which calls for new worlds to be conquered.

"It was such a spirit which led to the resignation of Postmaster Brother Francis Medure from his position at Notre Dame. The joy of his position somehow left him unsatisfied, thus leading to his volunteering to spend the next three years working with one of the religious settlements in a developing nation in Africa.

"I'm sure as soon as he has settled down in his new assignment, an address will be available for the many friends he has made while being a part of the 'Postal Family'"

(Ed. Note: Although it is not certain at this time where Frank will work, it is likely that it will be Sunyani or Sekondi.)

BROTHER JOHN COMPLETES WORK IN MONTANA

The entire front page of the November 15th issue of THE PROSPECT, student publication of Carroll College in Helena, Montana, was given to a picture and an account of the work of the past decade of Brother John Fedorowicz.

In ten years he has doubled the book stock of the library to 92,000 -- twice the rate of growth of the average library. His work, much of it 'after hours', has brought the library from a position below the national average to a point where it rivals many of the best college libraries in many respects.

We are happy to note the gratitude and appreciation shown to John by those connected with Carroll College and the quotations of commendation from many of his co-workers there. Feeling his work there is in capable hands John has announced his resignation and he returned to Notre Dame at Thanksgiving, presently living at the Brothers' Center.

Many of us are familiar with John's 39-year history of devotion to the community and, in particular to his untiring work in library science. We congratulate him for his contribution to the library at Carroll and his making Holy Cross better known in Montana.

FROM FLORIDA

Brother Robert Woodward, now at the Friendship Center in Ft. Myers tells about the program here: "The growth in this particular center has been phenomenal. Today we should reach 1000 or more. If they ever all came at the same time we wouldn't be able to handle them. Except for maturity and wisdom that comes with age, senior citizens aren't much different from teenagers...Seniors have a wealth of talent if we can put it to use."

In addition to news about his work, Bob says, he has a three-room apartment in Ft. Myers and drive nearly five miles to work. I do miss community companionship though...My apartment is close to church, banking, post office, well as grocery and shopping centers. Also I have grocery and shopping centers near work, travelling to these is nothing. With food prices what they are I find myself clipping coupons and watching for specials. My work is more administrative than personal contact with senior citizens. I am, however, in contact with many each day here at this social center."

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM GIBAULT

The Holy Cross Community at Gibault School wants to wish all the members of the Province a very merry and blessed Christmas. They are not sending any Christmas cards this year. Instead they will forward the money thus saved to the Foreign Missions of the Congregation.

RICHARD SITAR ORDAINED

Richard Sitar was ordained to the priesthood on the last Sunday of October. He is presently the associate pastor of St. Casimir's in Posen and of St. Dominic's in Metz (Mich.)

In a recent letter to Brother Charles Krupp, Richard mentioned a "deep debt of gratitude to the Brothers of Holy Cross," and requested that his thanks be expressed to the community through Charles. We certainly wish him well in his new mission.

His address: St. Casimir Church
P.O.Box 217
Posen, Michigan 49776

PROVINCE COOKBOOK

At our Thanksgiving Celebration '79 one of the past-time sharing sessions included an exchange of recipes. There was a discussion of a Province Cookbook. Brother Robert Siegel will collect and organize such a project if there is sufficient interest. Please forward your favorite recipes to him at Hoban High School (Akron 44306). The next issue of the Newsnotes will give a progress report.

DEATH

The provincial team intends, upon the death of a parent or a very close relative of any province member, to have at least one representative attend the funeral if at all possible. In addition, flowers or a preferred alternative will be sent, a Mass arranged for, a day of prayer celebrated by the province team for the deceased person. The team encourages province members to make their bereavement known at the provincial house at once along with any available details of wake and funeral arrangements.....

-We express our sympathy and assure our prayers to Brothers Albert Rimlinger and James Moroney and their families. Each suffered the loss of his mother in the past month or two.

BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

Copies of DOCUMENTATION '79 - Assembly and Chapter Days were distributed during the Thanksgiving Forum at Adrian and have been mailed to all our houses. There are additional copies available for the asking.....Brother John Kuhn is the one to be commended for this book.

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Brother Chester Freel is attending Wayne State University and is doing field placement work at the Salvation Army with the Re-Hab department.

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Frank Roman (Brother Roman for twenty-two years) has retired after twenty-three years with the Gary public schools. He sends greetings to his former co-workers and would be pleased to hear from anyone. Address: 561 Taft Street; Gary, Ind., 46404.

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St. Edward senior, Tom Kalski, pinned his Japanese opponent to win a gold medal at the World Elite Wrestling championships in Colorado. Tom, who wrestles at 178 pounds has grappled his way into contention for a spot on the 1984 United States Olympic freestyle team.

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A Notre Dame graduate, Tom Merrigan, volunteered his services for a two-year stint at St. Teresa's Seminary, Amisano, Ghana, and has arrived there and begun his teaching and other activities on the staff. Tom originally applied to join the Notre Dame Associates, a group sponsored by the Indiana Province, but was too late to get into this year's program. Rather than wait a year he made arrangements to work as a lay volunteer for the Archdiocese of Cape Coast and through a rather miraculous chain of events was able to be approved and on the site even before the opening of school. Tom has written saying that he is getting accustomed to the climate and environment, although he is no newcomer to the tropics, having taught in American Samoa last year.

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Brother William Healy is in the United States on leave from Liberia. He has been at St. Patrick's High School, Monrovia, for the past ten years after spending twenty years at Boysville of Michigan.

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Near the end of October Brother Robert Ludwig wrote from Brazil where he had just returned from a holiday at home in Minnesota. He reports that a potential medical problem or two had not materialized. He also says, "To me the worst thing in the world would be not to be able to return to Brazil. There just is something about these people. I'd say the young people are perhaps the happiest people on earth... They have hope that tomorrow will be better."

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Brother Robert Mosher reports from Texas that all is going well in his studies at the University of Dallas. The same report comes from Brother Edward Courtney who is doing pastoral care study at Savior of the World Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. Both men anticipate being in the Notre Dame area around Christmas time.

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It is probable that we will not always be able to reserve Weber Center in Adrian for our annual get-togethers. If you know of any other fitting locations which could accommodate future forums let us know.

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FROM THE MIDWEST ARCHIVES

liminary plans are underway to have a P-O-RAMA show in the gym to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Stamp collections of Brothers Walter Foken, Celestis, and the members of the C.C. Stamp Club will be exhibited... Brother is the secretary of the Floral City Stamp Club. He is also president of the Catholic Business Education Association for the central region, comprising seven states. He was re-elected for a second term.

Brother Alberto Bondy has been certified by the Detroit Archdiocese to train CCD teachers. He also has prepared a slide presentation on Brother Andre which he is now showing to various groups around the area.

Brother Philip Smith has assumed the job of principal director at St. Mary's grade school... He is also director of this year's school play, You Can't Take It With You, to be produced the first weekend of December... Phil's Brother has taken up residence at the brothers' complex while waiting placement in a local senior citizens' complex.

The CC band has become coed for the first time. Coed classes have also been initiated in business principles and in drafting.

Brother James Spooner, cross country coach, has taken his runners (literally?) to the regional championship. They also participated in the state finals.

The latest POP ART creation of Brother Celestis is displayed in the Band Room. Using discarded plastic caps from aerosol cans, Brother Celestis inspired by a \$10,000 commission done by a Chicago interior designer... Celestis' project cost him only fifty cents.

This year the brothers' garden produced more than one ton of potatoes. They also canned several quarts of produce, which is down a bit from previous years.

The CC band boosters will be selling 1400 tickets (per month!) of citrus fruit this year. This is an all time record.

The brothers have redecorated their rec room, dining room, and hallway.

Mathias Mueller, O.P., brother of Brother Celestis, has returned to Bolivia after a brief stay with the community. Father Mueller is starting his twenty-second year of work among the migrants.

NOTICE OF MEETING OPENING

Associate Campus Minister
St. Edward's University

If you are interested please contact Brother Philip Smith before December 30, 1979.

Brother Edward Sniatecki contributes the following notes:

There is nothing mysterious about the Province archives. The department is one involved in keeping the records of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Even though it is especially concerned with the Midwest Province, it does shelter many records pertaining to the very beginnings of the Society.

Some of the earlier community-minded brothers here in the United States did much to contribute to the materials through which can be traced the struggles, the progress, and the successes of those who preceded us. Among these contributors to this collection should be mentioned particularly Brothers Aidan O'Reilly, Ephrem O'Dwyer, Reginald Juszczak, Bonaventure Foley, and Gonzaga Day.

Brothers who visit the archives are amazed and pleased to see the quantity, variety, and genuinely historical materials stored there. They are satisfied to find the history of the Congregation, of the Brothers here at Notre Dame over the years, of the Provinces, and the institutions staffed even from the beginning - and a record of the people who made the community as we find it today.

The archives should grow if it is to be a true record of the Brothers of Holy Cross. For that, each institution and each apostolate can contribute its full record. Each member of the Province should feel that his share in it is of great value and should be recorded. Each such item will add to complete the picture of the contribution that Holy Cross made to the Church and to the people it has served in so many places and in so many ways.

BOYSVILLE ALUMNI REUNION

Members of classes from 1952 to 1969 were present for a reunion at Farmington Hills Mercy Center on November 3rd. The program consisted of a reception, liturgy, social hour, dinner, and dance. Bishop James Sullivan of Lansing celebrated the Mass and gave a homily. Brothers Jeffrey Michels, Francis Boylan, and Gregoire Bleau addressed the group. Brother Philip Armstrong accepted a plaque for the thirty-one years of service to Boysville by our Brothers. Guests included many brothers who served Boysville over the years, Mr. Vincent O'Meara (Knights of Columbus), Mr. and Mrs. Edward Overstreet (Boysville Community Service Program), Ozzie Dolan, Al Glombowski, and Edward Cole. Brother James Kumba, who sent us the report, said it was a "truly memorable" occasion.

-Thirteen high school boys were guests at Holy Cross Juniorate for several days at various times the past month. These boys are interested in the possibility of joining Holy Cross.

-The Holy Cross Aspirancy (Narinda) has been host a number of times for a special guest who jumps and bounces all over the roofs, causing some excitement among the aspirants. The guest has been nicknamed "Modhu" and now comes regularly to conduct his monkey-business.

-A new magazine "Protiti" was published last month by those in Holy Cross formation in Dacca. It seems to be well appreciated.

-Holy Cross High School was the site recently for a "Lion's Club Eye Camp". Patients arrived on Friday and Saturday and were housed in the science building. The eye surgeon arrived from Dacca on Sunday, performed thirty-four operations, and returned to Dacca in the evening. Brother John Emminger assisted with the operations. Those patients who underwent surgery had to remain for a week.

-The sports competitions between St. Joseph High School and the Dacca American School are rather one-sided with Brother Ralph Baird's teams winning easily. In addition to his Assistant Headmaster's duties, Ralph is supervising the sports' program and helping the Green Herald School with their Cambridge science program.

-St. Nicholas school was closed November 12th and 13th as teachers joined in a nation-wide token strike.

-The Scouts of St. Gregory's staged two performances of "Dak Ghor" by Tagore, for the guardians and friends of the school.

-Brother Paul Gomes made his first profession at St. Peter's Church in Barisal. Brother Gerald Kraeger received his vows. Paul is now assigned to Narinda.

CSC RELIGIOUS IN AFRICA CONVENE

The general council of the congregation is sponsoring a meeting from December 16th to 20th of representatives of all CSC religious working in Africa. The meeting will take place at Tumaini Center near Nairobi (Kenya).

Several bishops, including Archbishop McCauley, will address the gathering. Province representatives will include Brothers Philip Armstrong, Joseph Tsiquaye, Joseph Annan, Raymond Papenfuss, Donald Allen and Thomas Dillman.

ST. ED'S TRAINERS SAVE A LIFE

Paul Silva, a 15-year-old griddler from cinnati Moeller High School, was a victim of a near-fatal accident in a game with St. Ed's this fall. St. Ed's veteran trainers Liss and Carl Hughes are credited with immediate action which probably saved the youngster's life and will permit him to walk. Details are far too complex to recount, but during the weeks of Paul's confinement at Berea hospital there was an outpouring of concern and assistance from the entire St. Ed's community as well as others from the Lakewood-Berea area. Arrangements were made for housing the family for their weekly visits. St. Ed's students assisted in tutoring. Brother James Everett visited the boy almost daily, players from the Cleveland Browns and from Berea High School visited, cheerleaders brought cookies and candy. It was a marvelous display of community concern -- for which Paul's family was deeply grateful.

FROM CHERRY CREEK

-Brother Paul Rosonke has just completed physical reconstruction of one of the churches -- in Bridger, S.D. (about 30 miles southwest of Cherry Creek). While working the wood and mortar of the church he used the evenings for work with the local parish, seeking to heal the feud which has kept away from Sunday Mass. Although the extent of his physical labor is more apparent, it does appear to be some real healing of the spirit as well.

-Brother James Newberry made two trips to Rapid City the past month. He attended the Dakota Indian Education Association conference, a 3-day affair that featured Indian education addressing topics peculiar to the reservation. Helpful insights were gained. The second was for a single day work shop on Youth Ministry in the diocese. One of Jim's goals is going to South Dakota is to try to organize a youth ministry in Cherry Creek.

PROVINCIAL ROAD SHOW

Brother Philip is spending the first ten days of December at Gilmour, Hoban, St. Edward and Bishop David. On the 12th he will travel to Amsterdam and from thence to Nairobi for an Africa meeting mentioned elsewhere. His Christmas season will be spent visiting Ghana and early January in Liberia. Philip expects to return to South Bend by mid-January.
