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REGISTRATIONS DUE SOON ----

*****There are still some spaces open for the workshop: VOCATIONS CROSSROADS: BEGET or DECLINE. If you are interested, send a note or the registration form to Brother Tom Maddix as soon as possible. The workshop will be at the Brothers' Center November 10 and 11.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION '79 *****

Each of us should have received by now the flyer giving the purpose, tentative schedule, and registration form for the Thanksgiving Forum. Our thanks to Brother John May for the work on the flyer. The program opens Wednesday evening, November 21st and concludes after lunch on Saturday noon....We hope everyone who can possibly make it will come.

WORKING WITH DIVORCE -- BROTHER JAMES GRETEMAN

Last month we received a copy of the DIVORCE PROGRAM, a series of discussion papers for rural and urban areas, which Jim Greteman has been working on for the past three years as part of his responsibilities for the Catholic Charities in the diocese of Sioux City, Iowa.

The Program includes seventy discussion sheets (which can be photocopied), good for discussions in psychology, sociology, and religious studies classes. In his "Programmer's Note" Jim says "the primary intent of this program is for divorced people, so they can set up groups for self-help. I believe the best people to help divorced persons are other divorced people."

The program has been reviewed by several magazines dealing with marriage and divorce. A grant from the Raskob Foundation has been received to help circulate the program. The University of Louvain (American College) asked permission to use the program to develop a pastoral theology course.

Jim has been involved in many workshops recently and is on the professional advisory board of the Executive Board of the North American Conference of Divorced and Remarried Catholics. You can address him at Catholic Charities, 1825 Jackson Street; Sioux City, Iowa 51104.

THE BROTHERS WRITE:

Brother Norbert Allerton, working at Parmadale (Ohio) says:

"At the present time I am in charge of the Thomas More Program which is designed for dependent youths ranging in age from twelve to eighteen. These young men are long term placements because they have no definite place to live...We try to create a family atmosphere here with independent living which we hope will help them once they leave us."

Brother Francis Englert, in Toronto, comments on his theological studies:

"This is truly an exciting program and a stimulating place. There are fifteen of us in the Spiritual Integration Program...We are about twenty minutes' walk from classes at the university, which adjoins the main business section."

Frank goes on to tell of his courses which are Foundations in Spirituality (based on the writings of Lonergan), Ethical Issues in Life and Death, and the Spirituality of the New Testament. The input is shared and discussed in small group sessions weekly. Frank thinks of Toronto as a blend of London and San Francisco but 'with a flair of its own'.

Brother Armand Amman writes a lengthy description of his work at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, in the Pastoral Care unit. We cannot include all of it but one paragraph is especially noteworthy:

"I am continually amazed at how half a week or more in a hospital can provide a re-arrangement of priorities in one's life. Deep down we are not so unreligous as may seem. Besides, God has no problem in waiting for us to 'ready' for his word. Sometimes a patient will ask who had sent me to visit him or her. Nearly always the answer is, 'No one did; why do you ask?' The reply is something like, 'You really said what I need most to hear.' And I have little idea of the specifics -- except that I feel most happy for the privilege of helping in such a worth-while matter."

Brother Donald Bailer wrote that he was very consoled at the number of brothers who supported and encouraged him during the time of his father's death and funeral. He also wrote:

"The hospital is presently converting to a new computer. For one reason or another I have become a member of the conversion team."

Brother Joseph Ballard is now established in Brescia College in Owensboro, Ky. He says:

"I am with the Admissions Office at Brescia (a four-year Catholic college owned by the Ursuline Sisters of Kentucky). I am an admissions counselor which means, among other things, I will be travelling some, promoting and explaining the college with the hope of attracting new students. So far I'm going through a kind of orientation period and I'm learning much about the college, details of the various programs, etc. I think the work will be exciting and interesting."

Brothers Robert Vaughn and Carl Shonk wrote from Florida telling of battening down their hatches and heading out to stay with Fr. Clarence Podgorski during the time of Hurricane David. Fortunately, it did no damage to their place....Donald Johnroe wrote a vivid account of the following hurricane (Frederick) and its arrival in the Biloxi area and the reaction of the people. Many other men wrote, too, and some items of interest concerning them will be in subsequent issues.

ADDRESS CORRECTION

I am hopeful that one of the reasons we have not been swamped with information since the first edition of the NEWS NOTES last month is a typographical error in the address of the editor. The correct address is at the right:

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5225 East 56th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46226
(Phone: 317-547-9311)

PAUL II in CHICAGO

Evening of October 4 there were eighty-
oly Cross Brothers present at St. Peter's
in downtown Chicago to witness Pope John
I's appearance before more than a thousand
ous brothers representing about fifty con-
ions. The Pope, delayed in his arrival
es Moines, nevertheless appeared at the
only thirty minutes late to deliver the
l talk he had prepared for religious bro-
in the United States.

Donald Fleischhacker was the province
entative for organization and tickets
was through his efforts that so many
men had the opportunity to attend the
John McMuldren and Philip Armstrong
o have had a part in the prayer service
ng the Pope's address but much of this
ancelled in favor of the talk.

Charles McBride is preparing a sixteen-
oklet, copies of which will be available
religious brothers in the United States
s publication. The booklet will include
t of Pope John Paul's address as well as
aphs taken at the meeting. The event
only historic but emotional as well,
who attended agreed it was an unforget-
experience.

BROTHER IVO REGAN, C.S.C.

rogram for the recent Founder's Day cele-
n at Gilmour Academy carried the follow-
r paragraphs on Brother Ivo on its back

Gilmour graduating classes knew and
Brother Ivo Regan, C.S.C., as a chal-
g teacher, a wise counselor, and a warm
. The indefatigable and forceful Bro-
vo became a member of the original fac-
n 1946 as an English instructor and
aster.

nspired and inspiring as a teacher,
r Ivo encouraged his students to conquer
glish language, both written and spoken.
o directed the National Honor Society
ng program, moderated the Men's and Wo-
Clubs and formed the Board of Trustees.

, slim man with erect posture and com-
g voice, Brother Ivo had a prodigious
for names of alumni, parents, and
s. To them he was the embodiment of
others of Holy Cross education ministry
s called "Mr. Gilmour".

er Ivo died at Gilmour in November, 1976.

BROTHER RAYMOND PAPPENFUSS VISITS ISRAEL

During his return to Ghana following the recent
Provincial Chapter, Ray Pappenfuss spent several
weeks, including a week of retreat, in the Holy
Land. He described his visit and extensive ex-
periences in a very interesting and sometimes
poignant letter. Four pages, single-spaced,
prevent our reproducing it here but if anyone
would like a copy please drop a note to the edi-
tor and he will send you one. A quotation from
several of the later paragraphs of the letter:

"Since I was travelling alone I spent much time
speaking with strangers. I visited with many
Arabs, Jews, and other tourists. Certainly a
solution to the Palestinian question will not
be easy to come by. Nearly every day either a
bomb went off in Jerusalem or one was found in
a trash can or on a bus...It is hard to see what
it will take to lead these people from suspicion
to trust, from a state of war to peaceful com-
munal living."

PRAYER in FORMATION

In a series of weekly house meetings the four
candidates have been discussing the role of
prayer in their lives. The staff has shared
ideas on the overall development of prayer
(meditation, affective prayer, contemplation)
and its various styles. One session focused
on the Prayer of Centering as an example of
contemplative prayer.

In addition, each Thursday evening, three of
the candidates attend a class on prayer taught
by Sister Ellen Marie for the candidates of
the CSC Sisters.

FROM BANGLADESH:

The October news from Dacca has not yet reached
us so there are just a few notes 'left over'
from September:

- There are ten aspirants and five novices.
- Brother Thomas More returned to the Juniorate
after home leave. He has been made Chairman
and District Promoter of the revised recruit-
ing committee. Dominic Mree and Ronald Dra-
hazol will assist him.
- Brother John Rozario was appointed to the for-
mation team.
- Plans are underway for a District Forum to be
held in February of 1980.
- All the schools had good results in the exams
for Secondary School Certificates. The three
who failed at St. Nicholas were, happily,
evenly distributed: one Christian, one Hindu
and one Muslim.

BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE:

Major physical changes at Archbishop Hoban High School include a new roof for the gymnasium wing of the building and a sealing of the recently repaved parking lot and drive ways. The school's annual chocolate drive is helping defray these expenses.

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The Associates of St. Joseph in Akron have paid for new built-in trophy cases at the east and west entrances to the building. Brother Joe Fox is moderator of the Associates.

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Brother Evan Schmid has been asked to act on the secretarial staff for the General Chapter of 1980 to be held at Stonehill College, North Easton, Massachusetts next July.

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The Brothers' community at Holy Trinity has been host to more than seventy guests since June. Most recently their hospitality was evident, warm, and much appreciated by many who came to Chicago for the visit of Pope John Paul II. In addition to brothers from the midwest, visitors came from Montana, California, Texas, and Florida.

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On October 8 and 9 Brother Philip Armstrong attended a meeting of the Indiana bishops and major superiors of men and women at the Fatima Retreat House (next door to Cathedral High School in Indianapolis). The theme of the meeting was "Evangelization" with emphasis on the unchurched. Rev. Alvin Illig of the Paulist Fathers gave a presentation which served as the springboard for small group discussions. A large contingent of Holy Cross Sisters was present as well as Fr. Dick Warner, Indiana Province provincial.

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Brother Leon Gnewuch is registered as a volunteer with R.S.V.P. (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). He has visited nursing homes in Akron as part of his volunteer work.

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Brother Richard Gilman is treasurer of the executive board of Metropolitan Akron Residential Services. The MARS Board operates three residential facilities for mentally retarded in Akron. These residences are in a community setting and provide care in a non-institutional environment. Richard has been a board member for two years.

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Brother Donald Becker, home on leave from Bangladesh, is currently filling in at Holy Trinity High School in the math department at the request of the principal, Brother John Benesh. Don's stepping in allows John to pursue the hiring of a replacement in a more orderly fashion than if he had to find a permanent replacement at once. Don will be there until about November 1.

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Delegates to the General Chapter from the Indiana and the Midwest Provinces will meet on Friday evening, November 2, at the Provincial House of the Indiana Province in South Bend. The program will be one of orientation for the Chapter.

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Brother Richard Foley, of the Akron Hoban faculty, recently attended a workshop in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation updating his credentials as a Red Cross instructor.

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Maintenance remodeling of the rooms in the Brothers' House at Trinity has been added as an "after school occupation" by Brother Tom O'Malley. During the summer months room painting had been done by Jerome Schwabe and Tom Cunningham. Donald Kuchenmeister joined the Holy Trinity community in August of this year and Albert Kern took up residence around the middle of this month...In addition to their work in the school, many of the faculty have commitments to special services for the Polish, Hispanics and black.

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Brother Joseph LeBon continues his work as a volunteer for SUPPORT, Inc., Summit County suicide prevention agency. SUPPORT operates a crisis-intervention hotline, does outreach work in hospital emergency rooms for suicide attempters, and does educational work on the subject of suicide in the Akron area. Joe has been a telephone volunteer for five years.

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The next issue of the NEWS NOTES will be a combined Thanksgiving and Christmas edition which should reach you sometime between the two holidays.

MONROVIA, LIBERIA:

is a wealth of interesting material in recent letter from Brother Donald Allen. Unfortunately, we have space for only a part

Whether John Schuszler works at the Catholic orphanage. He goes out early Sunday evening and stays until Friday afternoon, returning his weekends with the community at St. Nick's. He is the Principal and a teacher at the small orphanage school. He takes care of the maintenance and does "101 things" for the Spanish Sisters who are in charge of the orphanage. He conducts prayer services for the newly baptized and for the youngsters who have made their first Communion.

Whether Edward Dailey has a full schedule of English and American literature classes at all levels of the high school. In addition he handles the bookkeeping for the school.

Whether Bill Healy teaches Christian Doctrine, as well as reading, to the younger classes. He is Athletic Director (which sounds like more than a full time job in itself as Don describes it). The Brothers introduced basketball to Liberia in 1962 and now it is the most popular sport in the high schools -- even surmounting soccer.

Whether Tom Dillman teaches physics, math, and Christian Doctrine in grades 10, 11, and 12. He is also the main man for maintenance at the school and supervises Johnny Weah, who has been in charge of maintenance there since the Brothers arrived in Liberia. Tom also directs the school cook and the Brothers' cook and buys the

Whether Don Allen teaches Christian Doctrine in addition to the school administration, which he does without the help of a secretary. (He is trying to obtain a secretary next year.)

Weather in Liberia: rarely does the temperature fall below 74°. From June to October is the cool season with normal temperatures of 80° to 84°...Otherwise temperatures are in the 90s and the humidity is always high. Normal rainfall is about 200 inches a year, most of it coming from July through September.

Whether Tom and Bill will be going to a meeting of the delegation in East Africa (Nairobi) in mid-December. After that Tom and Bill will be coming back to the States for a vacation.

ILLINOIS DIRECTORY:

The printer has encountered numerous snags in getting the Directory completed. So we will kick our neck out again and say that we fervently hope to have it in the mail around the

CARDINAL of UGANDA in MIDWEST

His Eminence Emmanuel Cardinal Nsubuga, Archbishop of Kampala has been visiting in the United States. On October 10 he addressed the student body at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. He pointed out that Uganda was the most Christian of the African nations and that Catholics make up 42% of its population. He spoke in some detail of the difficulties many of the Christians had before and during the recent revolution and praised the work of the Holy Cross religious in the country.

ELECTIONS in the DISTRICT of GHANA

On October 6 Brother Joseph Kofi Tsiquaye was elected new District Superior, replacing Brother Philip Armstrong. Other results:

- Raymond Papenfuss, Assistant Superior
- James Kozak, Secretary
- William Gates, Councillor

The main office of the District will be in Sunyani, where Joseph and James will be doing pastoral work for the diocese. Mailing address:

Catholic Secretariat
P. O. Box 450
Sunyani, Ghana

RELIGIOUS RENEWAL -- INTERPROVINCE

In mid-October Brother Bruce Lescher met with Brothers James Hansen (SW) and David Andrews (E) at Waterford, New York, site of the new interprovince novitiate. They engaged in talks preliminary to an interprovince renewal program which has been a subject of consideration of present and previous Provincials. Tentative plans call for a six-weeks program, the fifth week of which would be a retreat. The program would be conducted at Valatie in each of the next several summers and would be open each summer to ten men from each Province.

CSC GOES TO ILLINOIS BENELECTINE

Brother Robert Dailey received his Master's Degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Ohio State last June and is now doing research in "switching systems" at Bell Laboratories in Naperville, Illinois.

Bob is living at Illinois Benedictine College at Lisle and is counselor in Kohlbeck Hall, one of the four dorms on that campus. His address at the college is 5700 College Road; M. R. #94. Lisle, IL 60532

With the appointment by the Provincial of Brothers William Mewes, William Verstraete, and Robert Dailey the Province Advisory Board is now completed. Originally elected by the three Chapter commissions were Robert Fillmore, Frank Rotsaert, and Pedro Haering. Those elected by the province at-large vote were Walter Davenport, Kieran Ryan, Paul Kelly, John Benesh, Tom Moser, and Tom Corcoran.

COLUMBA HALL IRON MEN

This is the name of the volley ball team that is welcoming all competition so long as the weather permits. The Iron Men, under the leadership of Brother William Mewes, hold an important win over a girls' team from St. Mary's, but fell victim to last year's campus champs from Carroll Hall (the old Dujarie).

ARCHBISHOP BISKUP DIES

The funeral Mass for His Excellency, George Biskup, Archbishop of Indianapolis for the past ten years, was held on Monday, October 22 at the Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Archbishop Biskup had resigned his office last March because failing health confined him to his home. No successor has yet been named. His predecessor, Archbishop Paul Schulte still lives in retirement at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Indianapolis. He is 89 years old.

BOARD of RECONCILIATION

Brother Philip Armstrong recently appointed Robert Fillmore and John McMuldren to the Province Board of Reconciliation. These complement the elected members Raymond Harrington, John Lavelle, and Charles Krupp. The Board will be pleased if there is no occasion to be called into session.

John Barrett spent many years of fruitful work for our province before being dispensed from his vows several years ago. On September 28 John was married to Miss Diane Pelcin in the Church of the Resurrection in Solon, Ohio.

The province gave the couple a Christmas creche as a wedding gift. We wish them an abundance of happiness and God's blessings. They are presently residing at:

401 Mortemer #904
Bedford, Ohio 44146

Reports from Ghana tell us there is still monumental shortage of gasoline in the country and motorists are limited to six gallons a week. This has curtailed the activity of Papenfuss, who travels between the two parishes in Sekondi and Takoradi where he is involved in parish ministry. He also visits several of the secondary schools in the area, encouraging and organizing young Catholic student groups there... Joe Tsiquaye, the new District Superior, and James Kozak have gone 250 miles from the coast to begin their new work in the formation in the Sunyani diocese. Unless the shortage of petrol improves, their visits to the rest of the district may be few and far between... There is hope that the gasoline shortage may soon be alleviated now that a new civilian government has taken office.

BROTHER JUDE COSTELLO and the DISABLED

Jude spends a good bit of his spare time visiting the residents of a nursing home in Indianapolis. He describes some of those he is helping:

"I have added two more to my patients: one blind person who can talk and her roommate cannot talk but can see. Four others who visit are blind. Another is a quadriplegic who is painting ceramic pieces. Two of the patients have legs cut off below the knees. Another has just received artificial legs. One forgot what a pork chop looked like; we had two left over from one of our meals so I took them to her. One of the nurses fixed them up so she feasted that night."

ADVISORY BOARD for PROVINCE FINANCES

Brother Lawrence Skitzki has announced the members of this new board created by the Provincial Chapter. It includes: James Francis Boylan, Francis Rotsaert, John McDonald, Donald Bailer, Kieran Ryan, and Charles...

This space could have been filled with something we would all like to read about you and your work. Don't hesitate to take a couple minutes to write.