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JUSTICE

ADVENT

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PEACE

CHRISTMAS

(The moderator of the local weekly public affairs discussion on an Indianapolis television station always closes the program with the sentence, "Peace after justice." The parallel with Advent and Christmas might serve as a good meditation, using the following poetic text: Isaiah 11:1-10)

*A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord.
And his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.
Not by appearance shall he judge,
nor by hearsay shall he decide,
But he shall judge the poor with justice,
and decide aright for the land's afflicted.
He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.
Justice shall be the band around his waist,
and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.
Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the young lion shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them.
The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,
together their young shall rest;
the lion shall eat hay like the ox.
The baby shall play by the cobra's den,
and the child shall lay her hand on the adder's lair.
There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord,
as water covers the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse,
set up as a signal for the nations,
the Gentiles shall seek out,
for his dwelling shall be glorious.*

The staff of the Newsnotes wishes each of our readers a peace-filled

THANKSGIVING FORUM AT ADRIAN

(Note: We are indebted to Brother Bruce Lescher for this report and summary of the principal presentations at the 1980 Forum.)

From Wednesday, November 26, to Saturday, November 29, approximately 120 province members gathered at Weber Center for the Annual Thanksgiving Forum.

The presentations this year dealt with the profound changes that effect a man when he enters the "mid-life crisis" and the ways in which one continues to be a giving, life-generating person both during and after the crisis.

BROTHER JAMES CALEY

On Thursday morning, Brother James Caley gave an overview of Mid-Life Transition. He spoke of the mid-life crisis as a time of agitation, confusion, and doubt brought on by the general sense that "there's not much time left" in life; one's own mortality. He discussed the two major choices in a man's life as identity (who am I going to be?) and intimacy (what affiliations will I make with others). Sexuality is thus seen as the manner in which one expresses his total personality. How does a Holy Cross Brother express his sexuality (which involves building relationships of love and fidelity) in keeping with the mode of celibacy? In mid-life, a man tends to turn inward (away from the external world), and a host of pent-up feelings are likely to be released. The single most important issue is how one will deal with these feelings. James noted that as male religious we are not well prepared to experience and be open about our feelings; much preparation needs to be made in this area. He pointed out that the mid-life crisis can be seen as a bridge to generativity, that is, a growing concern with establishing and guiding the next generation.

BROTHER THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY

On Thursday afternoon, Brother Thomas Shaughnessy addressed the group. In January Tom will begin working for the province, and he pointed out that his work could take one of two directions. On the one hand, he could be "Director of Retirement" which would mean preparing men for pre-retirement and retirement programs. On the other hand, he could be in the "Life Development Office," which would work with province members of all ages and help them evaluate their work satisfaction and career plans, the object would be to help people remain active in ministry for as long as they could be. He pointed out that the security of our province is in the quality of our men, not in brick and mortar. He sees the need for community-backed apostolates to the elderly, since the next social revolution will be the "Revolution of the Elderly."

BROTHER JAMES GRETEMAN

Brother James Greteman addressed the group twice on the topic of "Giving and Receiving." On Friday morning he addressed the whole group, giving an overview of his concepts; on Friday afternoon he met with those brothers who were interested in pursuing the topic further. James talked about "giving and receiving" as these might be perceived from the viewpoint of the "Baby World" and of the "Adult World." Often in the adult world we unconsciously use baby techniques, in an effort to satisfy our needs, and this leads us into conflict with others. James spoke of the "cross" the adult climbs upon in trying to work out the tensions between oneness and separateness, closeness and distance, dependence and independence, nurturing and aloneness, "all" and "nothing." In his afternoon talk James stressed especially the need for male religious to be more open to feeling more at ease in relationships, more free in expressing affection.

BROTHER DAVID BALTRINIC

Brother David Baltrinic also spoke on both Friday morning and afternoon. David presented a theological interpretation of the mid-life crisis, using specifically the insights of John Dunne, CSC. He presented the spiritual journey as moving from "solitude" to the "human-cycle." The spiritual journey begins with the experience of deep loneliness and restlessness; yet through faith in Jesus this becomes a willing restlessness. By passing over into the I-thou relationship which Jesus had with the Father, we can wait upon the Father to act and lean upon Him for support. We must be willing to stand in our unselfish need, embracing the unfulfilled need. Eventually, then, we discover the path in which we must go; a way out emerges. We become known and loved by the Father, so that we can be accessible (known and loved) to others. Eventually, in living through life's crises this way, we reach an indwelling with God; we begin to see, do, and say what God is seeing, doing, and saying in the world. This is to say that I become who I am.

In addition to these main presentations, there were also small group discussions, evening presentations on a variety of topics in small groups, a reconciliation service on Friday evening, and a group forum with all the speakers on Saturday morning. Many brothers deserve praise and thanks for the work they put into the presentations, liturgies, and socials. Two men deserve special notice: Brother Peter Grahm and Michael Flanagan coordinated the entire program. The sense of sharing our brotherhood in being together was a source of enrichment and joy to all.

FROM GILMOUR ACADEMY

Brother Andrew Sukenik, moderator of the Men's Club, prepared and conducted the annual Gold Ticket Raffle, held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It was expected to net the Academy about \$35,000 for operations.

Last July Gilmour was awarded a college preparatory school charter by the State Department of Education. This is a new classification of schools in Ohio and Gilmour was the first Catholic school (and among the first of all schools) to obtain the charter. The preparation process and on-site visitation from the state department of education were coordinated by Brother Michael Flanagan, Dean of Academic Affairs.

Brother Robert Kelly joined the Gilmour staff in early November and is working with Fr. John Blazek on retreats and counseling.

Brother Robert Lavelle and Mr. Vern Weber attended the funeral services for Douglas Kenney, 1964 Gilmour graduate, former editor of National Lampoon magazine, and screen writer for the movies "Animal House" and "Caddyshack". Mr. Kenney's was an accidental death while vacationing

in Hawaii. He had been a close personal friend of Brother Ivo Regan and was a benefactor of Gilmour and the Holy Cross Brothers there. His last visit to Gilmour was in May, 1979, when he was the commencement speaker at the request of the graduates.

Brother Daniel Kane's chorus gave a 10th anniversary concert for the student body on November 6.

Brothers Richard Keller and James Kumba have been assisting with the student retreat programs. The retreat groups are usually twelve to fifteen students in size.

Brother David Baltrinic spoke to the junior religious studies classes about Holy Cross Brothers in early November. This was David's first experience speaking to classes about the Holy Cross community and he decided to begin here where he had taught for seventeen years.

Brothers Roy Smith and William Verstraete have been named to the search committee for the Headmaster.

FROM HOLY TRINITY, CHICAGO

Brother John Benesh has encouraged the use of the Holy Trinity building on weekends by Archdiocesan groups for meetings and workshops and by neighborhood organizations for social and entertainment events. The more noteworthy events were Community 21 Ethnic Festival, an all-day celebration that brought more than five hundred local residents into the school. Community 21, the local neighborhood organization, is a strong advocacy group promoting the interests of those who live and work in the area...Chicago's Call to Action (a follow-up on Detroit's Call to Action) held a full day workshop with about three hundred participants. The most recent event was the Catechetical Resource Day sponsored by the Archdiocesan Center of CCD. The participants in large and small group sessions...Among the other organizations sponsoring events at Holy Trinity were the Association of Archdiocesan Parish Councils and the National Association of Hispanic Elderly...Visitors seem to be amazed and pleased with the brightly painted interiors and by the cleanliness and good condition of the 52-year-old building.

There is a renewed emphasis on the recruitment of students at Holy Trinity. This brought Brother Martinus to the school to take pictures for an impressive slide program that will have been presented to the students of sixty elementary schools before the entrance examinations in January. A successful open-house for prospective students and their parents was combined with the November Parent-Teacher Night...Students in freshman classes are engaged in a campaign to encourage their friends in elementary schools to consider Holy Trinity.

A new course in Street Law is being offered at Holy Trinity in cooperation with Loyola University Law School. The course is taught by a Loyola Law student and Brother Clement Burger. The Loyola supervisor of the program (which serves more than twenty Chicago schools) remarked that the students at Holy Trinity are the best she has seen, and that Holy Trinity has an excellent chance to win the city-wide mock trial competition next spring.

Holy Trinity's first school-wide chocolate drive was a success with the students exceeding their goal by more than ten percent. A portion of the net income will purchase a new and much needed scoreboard for the gymnasium...Presently there are preparations for a blood drive conducted by the Student Government. The blood is donated to United Blood Services which in turn offers blood to students and their families without charge...Momentum is also gathering for the canned food drive sponsored by Student Government and promoted entirely by the students. Just before the Christmas holidays the food is given to local parishes for distribution to the poor in their neighborhoods.

The Noble Street residence has hosted an unusually large number of guests during the past six months...Students come frequently to the guest parlor of the Brothers residence and find themselves at ease there. They gather at times for a friendly chat or to talk about school related activities.

Brother John Benesh is involved in two neighborhood organizations and projects. Recently he chaired a Northwest Community Organization Senate meeting at which Mr. Ed Kelly, General Superintendent of the Chicago Park District, was questioned about the condition of neighborhood parks. Three weeks later, Brother John and other members of NCO took Mr. Kelly on a tour of four parks. At Humboldt Park, he and Mr. Kelly were interviewed by Channel 7 News. The interviews were shown twice that Saturday, and on Monday students greeted Brother John by saying, "I saw you on TV." This year, John is one of three rotating chairpersons of the board of Community 21, a planning organization with an office two blocks south of the school. This group is currently promoting housing rehabilitation and sidewalk repairs.

The local community is planning a CSC day for the Sisters, priests, and Brothers in the Chicago area.

Brother Liguori, who continues to conduct his Bible class and prayer groups, provides a tasty cuisine for the Brothers on Saturdays.

At the invitation of the Class of '55, Brothers Joseph Dudek, John Kuhn, Leonard Leary, James Moroney, and Joseph Walter attended their 25th Class Reunion on November 8 at Hecks' Restaurant. Other class reunions are planned for the spring semester.

Brother Thomas Cunningham is the Executive Secretary of the Chicago Prep Conference, an interscholastic athletic league with a membership of seven non-public high schools. For the fifty consecutive year he is President of the Conference's Athletic Directors.

Brother Charles Krupp was asked to serve on a planning committee that will design a structure for a lay board to be established at Immaculate Heart of Mary High School. The school, conducted by the IHM Sisters of Monroe, Michigan, is in Westchester, Illinois.

PRAYERS

Gilbert Scher

Brother of Brother Otto Hayden died on November 1. Brother John Lavelle accompanied Brother Otto to Owensboro, Kentucky for the funeral.

Brother Philip Armstrong's mother, Mrs. Mary Armstrong, died in St. Joseph's Hospital in South Bend on December 5. She had been in coronary care for several weeks. Her complications followed an operation in November.

Brother Arthur Gohl's father died in mid-November in Minnesota. Brother Roy Smith accompanied us at the funeral.

Brother Pannelly, cousin of Brother Donald Pannelly (SW) died in Council Bluffs, Iowa on November 15th. Bill was a member of the province of St. Joseph for several years in the fifties and worked for Ave Maria Press.

FROM ST. EDWARD'S LAKEWOOD

"Brother Bennet Nettleton has been outstanding veteran teacher at St. Ed's. He designed the syllabus for the course he now teaches, entitled 'Afro-Indian Affairs', a full year honors course for juniors and seniors. Brother Nettleton will review his syllabus as well as resource materials and answer questions." This was the program description of Brother Bennet's participation in TEACHING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SINCE WORLD WAR II, a conference on the teaching of history at Case Western Reserve University on November 1.

The Thanksgiving Drive for the Poor distributed food and clothing to the Little Sisters of the Poor, the St. Martin de Porres Center, and the St. Augustine Center. In addition, nearly two thousand dollars were divided among the three groups listed above as well as the Catholic Bishops Agency, Brother Gonzaga Day (Tennessee) and the Cuyahoga Foster Care Association.

Open house for eighth grade boys from public and private schools, and their parents, was held on Sunday afternoon, December 7. Explanation of St. Edward programs and tours of the facilities were available.

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MATERIAL SHOULD REACH THE EDITOR BY THE FIFTH OF THE MONTH FOR INCLUSION IN A PARTICULAR ISSUE. PLEASE SEND IT TO:

BROTHER PEDRO HAERING; DUJARIE HOUSE; N.D. 46556.....

FROM BANGLADESH

The participants in the joint retreat (Dacca and Chittagong Districts) held at Mohammedpur in late October deeply appreciated the conferences given by Fr. Frank Quinlivan, CSC.

The District (Dacca) Justice and Peace Committee has just completed the publication of five more skits aimed at teaching social justice concepts. The five skits have been printed in one book and will be distributed to about fifty Christian schools in the country.

The Study, Evaluation, and Planning Committee continues its preparatory work for the forum to be held in late December. The main goal of the forum is to prepare a "mission statement" for the district.

The ground floor eastern verandah of the house at St. Nicholas High School has been enclosed with bricks and a door.

In late October twenty-five headmasters from all over Bangladesh visited St. Joseph's to observe the operation of the high school. Plans were made for a future visit to the school.

Brother Ronald Drahozal has returned to the States for home leave and Brother Ronald Christenson is back with us.

The Dacca and Chittagong District Councils agreed to have "side-by-side" Chapters at St. Joseph High School in late July, 1981. Some joint sessions are expected and the district superiors are to form a preparatory committee for the chapters.

FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

The theme of the "Curriculum Conference 1980" of the Archdiocese of Chicago was "Sharing the Light of Faith in the Year of the Family." More than 3,000 attended the conferences held in Holy Cross and Mother Guerin schools in early November. This is the second year the two schools have served as sites for the archdiocesan conference.

An evening of basketball on November 11th previewed the 1980-81 Holy Cross netters and featured an inter-squad game of the DePaul Blue Demons.

FROM DUJARIE

Brother David Warnke (EP), teaching in Parkersburg, West Virginia, was our house guest for several days at Thanksgiving. We are looking forward to having Brother Robert Siegel visit us for part of the Christmas vacation time.

A Mass with the sacrament of the anointing of the sick was celebrated here by Father Raymond Cour, CSC. Several brothers from the Center and Moreau Seminary joined us for this special event on the first Saturday of Advent.

Brother Chris Dreyer spent the week of November 16 with us as the doctor ordered complete bed rest to help solve a problem with the sciatic nerve and muscle spasms.

Brother Simon Murren took Brothers Omer and Pius Leising for a visit to the farm at Granger; Brother Florian and Pius walked over to Notre Dame to visit the art exhibitions; and Brother John Doran (SW) comes regularly and often takes several for a ride. Brother Michael Donovan, Otto Hayden and Vitus Schwartz arrive several Sundays a month to engage Brother Vianney in canasta. They cannot understand why Vianney nearly always wins....Brothers Edward Sniatecki, Andrew Steffes, Joseph Walter Olszowka, William Gaseor (SW) and John Lavelle are among other regular visitors...Brother Florian always brings us the Chicago papers on Sunday and spends some time visiting.

The annual Christmas party will be late Sunday afternoon, December 21. The "We, Together" singers will entertain, and Brother Simon Murren has promised to put in an appearance as "you know who."

Students are once again taking part in a school wide reading program. The belief that "every teacher is a teacher of reading" has prompted the school to continue the program after its initial success last year. The basis operation of the program: each teacher in the school assigns a high interest paperback in addition to the normal requirements. Thereafter, each month, a different department in the school has the responsibility to ascertain that the books assigned by members of that department are read, discussed, and tested.

BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

Brother Douglas Roach and Donald Johnroe went to Miami to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with Brother Carl Shonk and Robert Vaughn. Douglas wonders "how does one celebrate Christmas in summer-like weather?"

Brother Walter Foken (Monroe) accepted the position of Treasurer of the National Catholic Business Education Association at the national meeting held recently in New Orleans. Walter's smiling countenance graces the back cover of the fall issue of the Association's publication, the NCBEA Review.

Indianapolis Cathedral High School embarked on a ten million dollar drive, a capital funds and endowment campaign, at a dinner on the campus on November 20th. Indianapolis Archbishop Edward O'Meara is honorary chairman of the drive, the first phase of which is a \$3.5 million "challenge" to alumni, parents, and dear friends.

The annual NARB Retreat for Brothers will be held this year at the Passionist Monastery in North Palm Beach, Florida. It is limited to fifty Brothers, and will be March 9 through 13, 1981. Cost is \$140.00 (fifteen less if you belong to NARB.) to register, write: Brother William Boslet, OSF
238 Jewett Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606

MONROVIA, LIBERIA

Brother Donald Allen, who sends these notes, may be back in the States by the time you are reading this. Surely Brother Edward Daily will be. Both left for Liberia on December 8th and Ed expects to be home in Indianapolis on the 9th. He will stop over to visit relatives in Maryland before reaching the Chicago area and the 20th.

Seniors at St. Patrick's (32) and a similar group from St. Teresa's Convent School (27) held a Day of Reflection together in late November at a Baptist Youth Camp about twelve miles from Monrovia.

Brother Bill Healy directed the basketball team to a fine season. The quality of basketball is quite high...Fr. Lou Rink is the tennis organizer and the court is used four times a week.

Brother Tom Dillman, again voted outstanding teacher by the seniors, keeps busy with plenty of maintenance work and cultivating a garden. His banana plants are bearing well. He also has some winged beans (sent from Bangladesh by Brother Gerald Kraeger) that are growing well, and some have been enjoyed for supper.

Brother Ed Dailey is great with macrame work and gives instructions to many different people (night watchman, librarian, teachers, women, etc.) He makes very beautifully decorated wine bottles.

Brother Ed Foken is commuting each day between St. Pat's and St. Teresa's. He teaches English here and Doctrine and British literature at the convent school.

The rainy season is just tailing off. We should sneak just over 200 inches for the year.

BROTHER GILBERT SCHER, CSC

Brother Gilbert died at Dujarie House on Tuesday, November 25, about 5:20 PM. Father Raymond Cour and Brother Pedro were called to his room just as Mass was about to begin at 5:00. The prayers for the dying were said and Gilbert passed away peacefully while the Mass was being celebrated.

Gilbert had many visitors during the seven weeks he lived at the Infirmary. His sister, Sister Yvonne Scher, SSND, made several overnight visits from her convent in Grand Rapids. His brother, Paul, Paul's wife, several nieces, nephews, and cousins drove over from Huntington to visit on weekends, and of course, many Brothers came frequently. He was conscious and reasonably alert at least until the Sunday before his death. He was quite aware of what was happening and seemed to have no fear of death. He often said he felt no pain but he certainly suffered annoying itching throughout his body as his liver failed to dispose of the normal body poisons.

Gilbert was sixty-four years old and forty-three years professed in the Brothers of Holy Cross. His assignments were varied, the longest being fifteen years (1939-1954) at Father Gibault School in Terre Haute. From 1973 until coming to Dujarie House in early October he had lived and worked at St. Edward's High School in Lakewood, Ohio.

Brother Joseph Chvala offered a moving eulogy at the funeral Mass at the Center on Saturday, November 29. Many personal insights given by Joseph could come only from a close friend.

We are richer for the nearly forty-five years Gilbert lived with us in Holy Cross. May he rest in peace.

(Brother Pedro Haering)

AN APOLOGY TO OUR NOVICES

Brother Peter Badjuah is a novice in Ghana and we have four novices in Bangladesh, Brothers Joachim Gomes, John D'Costa, Patrick D'Costa, and Prodip Rozario. We had no intention of 'disowning' these men last month when we referred to Brother Joe Barry as "our only novice." He is merely "our province's only novice" at the novitiate in Waterford, N.Y.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

During the time he served on the General Council, Brother Bernard Gervais researched many of the early records of the Congregation for details that are not easily available to most of us. Some of the results of his research are contained in the Archives of the Midwest Province of Brothers.

The following item might give us an appreciation of the contribution made by the Motherhouse at Le Mans for staffing the missionary ventures in various areas outside of France. This summary is taken from Brother Bernard's detailed record of years from 1840 to 1863. During those years, Father Basil Moreau sent the following religious to various posts: Algiers between 1840 and 1859: 34 Brothers and 3 priests. America (Notre Dame) 1841-1859: 10 priests, 15 Brothers, 36 Sisters, 5 Seminarists and 3 lay persons. Guadalupe in 1848: 2 priest and one Brother. Canada 1847 to 1862: 10 priests, 13 Brothers, and 6 Sisters. Rome Vigna Pia, St. Briggitte's, and Santa Prisca 1850 to 1859: 8 priests, 18 Brothers, and 3 Seminarists. Bengal 1852 - 1861: 15 priests, 5 Brothers, and 6 Sisters. Poland - an Orphanage in Cracow: 1857 - 3 Brothers. New Orleans - 1854 - 1863: 4 priests, 1 Brother, and 1 Sister. (Additional religious were sent to New Orleans from Notre Dame beginning in 1848).

(Brother Edward Sniatecki)

WHAT IS SOCIAL ANALYSIS?

Sometimes some of us may be turned off by a headline like the one above - or simply turned off by the term "social analysis." However, reason (at least) should urge us to be sure we know what a thing is before we "let ourselves" be turned off by words.

Social analysis can be defined as the effort to obtain a more complete picture of a social situation by exploring its historical and structural relationships.

The above definition comes from a 48-page booklet from which I learned a lot. And which I would recommend to you. It is called "Social Analysis: Linking faith and justice" and it can be obtained for two dollars from:

Center of Concern
3700 Thirteenth St., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20017

(Brother Pedro Haering)