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NORTH TO ALASKA

In the past month the Provincial Team has approved the request of Brothers Charles McBride, John McMuldren, and Harold Ruplinger to take our Holy Cross presence to the archdiocese of Anchorage in Alaska. Since all three of these men have been at Holy Cross High School for several years their departure following the present school year will open places very difficult to fill in the River Grove community. We certainly hope their generosity will inspire others to attend to the works they have been doing so well at the Grove.

In early February Brother Philip Armstrong made a five-day visit to the Archdiocese of Anchorage and met with Archbishop Francis Hurley and many of the people the Brothers will be working with. Culled from his impressions of the visit are the following notes:

THE PLACE: a pristine and stark beauty -- winter not so bad as I had a taste of several types of weather ranging from 46° above to 5° above, a blizzard, ice, snow, slush, wind, sunshine, gloom, shorter days, and the low elevation of the sun when it was visible -- always conscious of the Chugach range of mountains east of town and the imposing Alaska range to the north but farther away -- the beautiful aquamarine glacier -- a sprawling city with not too many tall buildings in the downtown area -- the fault line through the city and the poignant memory of the 1964 quake -- the lack of industry: people make their living through work associated with the port, tourism, and the government -- no slums as usually known -- two universities offering some native culture courses -- the chancery offices in a rented building, accommodations too crowded -- the setting of the retreat house most beautiful, overlooking the whole city -- an adequate but unpretentious residence for the bishop, four blocks from downtown, about eight from the chancery -- eleven airstrips in the area, indicative of the huge amount of air travel in Alaska -- cost of living not visibly much higher than in the southern forty-eight states, at least nowhere near my expectations.

THE PEOPLE: Archbishop Hurley: all positive vibes, pastoral, concerned for individuals especially his own clergy and diocesan workers, supportive of efforts of diocesan personnel, personable, hard worker, progressive, open, attentive, realistic, generous, ecumenical. Priests and religious: like one would find in the foreign missions, varied backgrounds, self-reliant but happy to be with community, supportive and friendly, all very interested in the coming of the brothers, rugged individuals who can adapt. In general: people are self-reliant but conscious of their need to help others and to be open to help from others when necessary; pastoral plan includes lay people in youth work; big turnover in population is a bit disruptive of continuing programs; there are prayer groups; the weather does not hamper daily life; pioneer spirit evident.

THE MINISTRY: those involved work with and serve an eager young pioneering population, providing direction and means for moving; nothing now for youth except isolated "ad hoc" attempts in parishes; diocesan pastoral groups are excited about the brothers' impending arrival; there is room for trial and error and

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HOLY CROSS JUNIOR COLLEGE

Our junior college is now in its fourteenth academic year. I had the opportunity to visit with Brother John Driscoll one morning this month. John has guided the school from the very beginning (and he doesn't look any older now than in 1966!)

Enrollment has held pretty well in the last decade. This past fall's enrollment (263) was a 17% increase over the number beginning in the previous fall. About 2700 students have enrolled during these fourteen years. About 50% have transferred to some other college or university -- many doing this without "bothering" with the Associate of Arts Degree. The school has served young people of the area with an economical means of ascertaining their future in college, or of obtaining an Associate of Arts diploma, or of simply determining NOT to continue to college.

National accreditation has not been sought and has not been an inconvenience. Only two universities in the U.S. have refused to accept HCJC credits. Several faculty members are presently investigating the details and advantages of seeking "North Central" accreditation.

About 200 students have transferred to St. Mary's and Notre Dame and nearly all of these have gone on to graduation. Probably the largest number of transfers have been to IUSB although significant numbers have gone on to IU-Bloomington and to Ball State as well as (locally) to Bethel. At the present time about fifteen students are sons/daughters of faculty members of other local colleges and universities. Presently the main "feeder" high schools to HCJC are St. Joseph's and Clay.

Each fall there is a brief movement in the direction of student activities (mainly social). Students are encouraged in this but their enthusiasm is short-lived when they discover that in college the primary responsibility for such activities will fall upon them and most of them have jobs and other interests which soon discourage further interest in a school society. Most of the students who do not live at home live in the (ND) Campus View Apartments to the east of the University. The social life available in this setting seems adequate for their needs. There is a good chance that the first HCJC formal dance will materialize this spring in the school lounge. A ski club, fairly active the last two winters, has fallen victim so far

this season to Michiana's lack of snow.

Brother John says the intellectual ability of the students enrolled today is several cuts above what it was five to eight years ago. The school certainly has been, and continues to be, blessed with outstanding religious teachers -- men highly praised and thoroughly experienced in their years of dealing with students in many schools. Both priests and brothers have been instrumental in establishing a high standard of teaching and they have been more than ably assisted by many of the fine lay teachers John has acquired over the years.

Perhaps Stephen Sondheim's "There won't be trumpets" summarizes the quiet and unassuming manner in which the faculty and staff have gone about their business, but the same composer's "Side by side by side" affirms the efficiency that has marked this Holy Cross apostolate. All of us should be grateful for the contribution which Holy Cross Junior College continues to make in the South Bend educational community.

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THE NOTRE DAME POSTMASTER

The new postmaster at Notre Dame is Mr. Hulbert C. Colwell. He replaces Brother Frank Meduri who resigned recently to take up missionary work in Africa. This ends 130 years of "religious postmasters" at the ND post office. Fr. Edward Sorin was the first postmaster when the office was opened in 1851. The next two successors to the office were also priests. Then six Brothers followed one another to the position ending with Frank's replacement.

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RETREATS AVAILABLE

The annual retreat of the National Assembly of Religious Brothers will be held at the Passionist Monastery in North Palm Beach, Florida March 3 through March 7. If you are interested you can write to:

Brother William Bilton, CJM
P.O. Box 746
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Directed retreats will be available May 17 to 23 at the

MSC Center
Route 4
Shelby, Ohio 44875
Telephone: (419) 747-4772

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There are still accommodations available for six or seven Brothers for the 3-day retreat to be held at the Center during Holy Week (April 2-3-4). Write or call Brother Thomas Moser for reservations and additional information.

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-----Brother Anselm Tatro still puts in a forty-hour work week at his linotype machine at the Ave Maria Press. Last fall he marked his 50th anniversary at the Ave -----

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Brothers Tom Maddix and David Baltrinic are presently conducting a series of meetings with Notre Dame students who are interested in the religious life. The group meets every two weeks at Columba Hall to share experiences and to discuss ideas related to the religious life, spirituality, and ministry. Presently there are six students in the group.

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-----Brother Omer celebrated his 94th birthday on February 16, 1980.-----

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Brother Roy Smith announces that we are in need of two Brothers to work full time at Dujarie House in food service. (Brother Julian Przybyla is interested in branching into other areas of ministry.) If you are interested and willing to serve in this capacity please contact Roy as soon as possible.

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-----Speaking of contacting Brother Roy Smith -- here is another need, shorter term and, perhaps, change of pace: Columba Hall needs a grounds keeper for the summer. Further details available upon request. -----

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Brother Gregoire Bleau sends us a correction of his business address listing in the Directory. It should be: 18080 Mitchell Street
Detroit, Michigan 48234
Telephone: (313) 366-5700

Other address changes and/or corrections for the Directory:

Brother Joseph Ballard, C.S.C. Wesleyan Village Apts.; Apt. 1 A 725 Scherm Road Owensboro, Kentucky 42301	Brother William (Frank) Drury, C.S.C. University of Portland 5000 Willamette Blvd. Portland, Oregon 97230
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And -- Brother Anton Mattingly is now living at: Instituto Mexico
Amores 1317
Mexico 13, D.F.

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Recommended reading:

Followers of Christ, by Johannes Metz

Clowning in Rome, by Henri Nouwen

The Second Journey (Spiritual Awareness and the Mid-life Crisis)
by Gerald O'Collins

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The present enrollment (263) at Holy Cross Junior College includes students from Tehran, Hong Kong, Kampala, Madrid, and Sydney (Australia). About forty students are from states other than Indiana

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

(Brother Columba Curran)

It is generally known in the Holy Cross and Notre Dame community that Brother Columba was an excellent teacher. But perhaps it is less well known how respected he was by his students, by professional organizations, and in general academic circles.

The volume of correspondence Brother Columba left is overwhelming evidence of the appreciation which his former students tried to express for his influence upon them and of their continued dependence upon him for encouragement and assistance in their work. This collection includes much from Canada and Japan as well as from many universities to which he was invited to lecture.

Among his awards for outstanding work are three medals: one as Chairman of the American Chemical Society, one from the United States Naval War College, and one from the University of Notre Dame given at his retirement.

There are records, too, of his papers delivered at the International Scientific Conventions in Moscow and Tokyo. Because of his sense of history, he left hundreds of slides recording the points of special interests and places of beauty he was privileged to see in his travels.

Brother Columba was a prolific writer. Copies of the contributions he made to many scientific magazines are carefully preserved. As a tribute at his retirement from the University of Notre Dame, the chemistry department presented him, in one bound volume, with copies of the papers he had written for various periodicals. He left about fifty reference books in the field of chemistry as well as slides and notes from his class lectures. St. Edward's University is fortunate and pleased to have all of these for its new library.

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OF COOKS AND ACCOUNTANTS

On January 9 Brother Paul Kelly returned to Holy Cross in River Grove to give a cooking demonstration at the meeting of the Ladies' Guild.

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P A A B HAS FIRST MEETING

On Saturday, February 2, 1980, the new Provincial Administration Advisory Board met for the first time.

Following an opening welcome from Brother Philip Armstrong and the Provincial Team the Advisory Board elected the following officers for its term of three years:

- John Benesh (Chairman)
- Thomas Moser (Vice-Chairman)
- Pedro Haering (Secretary)

The Provincial and various members of the Team offered background material and commentary on the various matters on the agenda. These matters, discussed by the Board throughout the rest of the day, included:

- Expansion of our health-care facility and services and involvement with the other U.S. Brothers' Provinces.
- Administration of Grant Money by the Provincial Administration
- Guide-lines for members' requesting full time study (in the light of a continuing annual operational deficit in the Province).
- Province Policies Handbook.
- Form of the Province Directory.
- Support for Brother-Administrators.
- Concern for Vocations.
- Province Fiscal Situation.

Following the discussions by the Board, the secretary wrote up the general thrust of the discussions and any recommendations or commendations which were made. These were then discussed by the three officers and any necessary revisions were made. The Chairman then discussed the report with the Provincial and gave it to him for whatever use the Team wishes to make of it.

The next meeting of the Board was tentatively set for the last Saturday of April.

Members of the Board, in addition to the Officers, are Brothers: Thomas Corcoran, Robert Dailey, Walter Davenport, Robert Fillmore, Paul Kelly, William Mewes, Francis Rotsaert, Kieran Ryan, and William Verstraete.

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APOLOGY

Lack of space forced us to exclude a few matters submitted this month. We are sorry and will try to do better next month.

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1980 N C E A Summer Institutes

In cooperation with the indicated universities the NCEA is sponsoring in-service programs on several topics this summer, as follows:

The Educational Ministry and the Family

June 9-13 at St. Louis University

Family and School: Partners in moral and faith development

June 16-19 at University of Dayton

From Discipline to Discipleship -- The Elementary Years

June 16-20 at St. Mary-of-the-Woods

Educational Leadership: A Look at 80s

June 22-27 at Clarke College
(Dubuque, Iowa)

Principals' Effectiveness Institute: Recognizing the Individual and Cultural Needs of Students

July 21-25 at College of St. Thomas
(St. Paul, Minn.)

The Catholic School: A Doer of Justice

July 27-August 1 at College Misericordia (Dallas, Pennsylvania)

For specific information on these programs contact:

Bruno V. Manno, Ph.D.
Director, In-Service Programs
NCEA, Suite 350
One Dupont Circle
Washington, D. C. 20036
Phone: (202) 293-5954

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Concerning the NEWSNOTES --

We welcome any information any of the brethren wishes to send us for publication. It may be in "finished" form or merely in outline (from which we might construct an article).

Several have expressed dismay about not being made aware of deaths in the family of other religious. We again urge each of us (and/or individuals) to let us know of deaths in the family.

At the same time we hope this publication will also be a part of our celebration of life. The lives and works of our members are important to us. Please make us aware of any happenings -- especially of "joyous matters" -- that we can share as much as possible with the lives of one another.

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MISSIONARIES DEPARTURE CEREMONY

On Sunday afternoon, March 2, at 4:00 in the Holy Cross Brothers' Center there will be an inter-society and inter-province sendoff ceremony marking the departure of four Holy Cross religious to various foreign mission assignments.

The ceremony in the chapel at the Center will be followed by a reception in the new lounge.

From the Midwest Brothers we are sending Brother Frank Meduri to Sekondi, Ghana, W. Africa, to take up parish ministry and youth work. From the Indiana Province of priests Brother Orlando Gozdowski is going to Sunyani, Ghana, W. Africa, to work for the bishop in the accounts office. The Indiana Province of priests is also sending Fr. Robert Malone to work in Cambodia. And the Sisters of the Holy Cross are sending Sr. Georgia Costin to Africa. All except Fr. Malone will be present for the ceremony.

This type of sendoff ceremony is being organized to celebrate the unity of Holy Cross' awareness of third-world concerns, and to afford an occasion when we can celebrate our relationship as provinces and societies of one family. It is hoped many Holy Cross religious in the area will be able to attend and contribute to the celebration.

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FROM LIBERIA

At the conclusion of the 1980 academic year Brother Donald Allen will be completing his term of office as Principal of St. Patrick's High School in Monrovia and will return to the U.S. to continue his work in religious education. Replacing him as principal will be Brother David Naples. David, after a one semester teaching assignment at Boysville in the 60s, studied physics at DePaul, then went to Ghana where he spent twelve years teaching at St. John's secondary school. Currently David is in the U.S. on a sabbatical. He spent the first semester at Sangre de Cristo in New Mexico and is currently teaching at Hoban High School in Akron (his home town.) David will take over at St. Pat's in time for the opening of school for the 1981 academic year, which runs from February to December.

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definitely an interest in the utilization of the special personal talents of the Brothers (who already have a good reputation in the diocese because of the summer camp program; somewhat a sense of primitive Christian apostolic efforts; the presence of the Brothers and their work will be evaluated after a year by the bishop, by the Brothers themselves, and by the province administration.

GENERAL: The arrival of the brothers as a community of men -- what implications does this have? Apart from the positive witness value of communal poverty, is there a danger of exclusivity? Some felt it would be good to be visible throughout the diocese. Perhaps parish hopping on Sundays would be useful. What is the charism of Holy Cross in Alaska to be?

I am affirmed by this visit in the decision taken earlier to permit brothers to work full-time in the Anchorage archdiocese. Some questions need to be worked out yet such as residence accommodations, office space, salary, job descriptions, and so forth, but the setting, the personnel, and the enthusiastic environment are sufficient to begin. The archbishop will be in touch with the brothers personally in the near future.

Phil Armstrong, C.S.C. (Provincial)

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WORKSHOPS and INSTITUTES

Everything listed below is available at WEBER CENTER
1257 E. Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, Michigan 49221
Telephone: (517) 265-5135

AN EXPERIENCE AND EXPLORATION OF CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION

March 10 and 11; Denise Brunelle, MSC; Marie Carol Hurley, OP

These two days will deal with ways in which we can blend rich, diverse elements to stimulate, inspire, and free the human spirit. We will explore the art of leading one another from symbol to reality, from the visible to the invisible, from the human to the Divine, and from the Divine to the more fully human. We will strive for an experience of celebration, hospitality, freedom, and Christian joy. (Deposit: \$20; Balance: \$40)

DISCOVERING OUR SPIRITUALITY OF MINISTRY THROUGH DIALOGUE WITH SCRIPTURE

March 22 and 23; Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ

A time of prayer, reflection, and sharing in which participants seek the heart of the Gospel message and learn to recognize how it is present and active in our lives as persons and as ministers. (Deposit: \$20; Balance: \$40)

DIRECTED RETREATS

April 7 to 13; Anne O'Connor, OP; Celine Reagan, OP; Eleanor Stech, OP.
(Deposit: \$35; Balance: \$85)

A GUIDED RETREAT: RESURRECTION, JOY, AND PEACE!

April 7 to 11; Marie Carol Hurley, OP; John Keefer, OP

Jesus, the crucified lives! He brings his gifts of peace and joy. This retreat calls us to reflect on Jesus who shows us how to live, die, and rediscover the peace and joy of life lived in the Lord. (Deposit: \$25; Balance: \$50)

THE PROMISE AND PRACTICE OF CELIBACY

April 18 to 20; Emily Nabholz, SCN; James Polich

This workshop explores the meaning of celibacy in today's Church. Is celibacy part of the "package deal" of religious life, or is it a singular charism much needed by the Church? The workshop speaks to celibacy's value as a counter-cultural life style which frees a person for deep and satisfying human relationships. (Deposit: \$20; Balance: \$40)