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A PRAYER TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR

My God,

I am so convinced that You keep watch over those who hope in You,
and that we can want for nothing when we look for all from You,

that I am resolved in the future to live free
from every care,

and to turn my anxieties over to You.

Men may deprive me of riches and of honor; sickness may take away my strength
and the means of serving you;

I may even lose Your grace by sin,

but I shall never lose my confidence.

I shall keep it till the last moment of my life, and

at that moment all the powers of hell shall seek in vain to wrest it from me.

Let others seek happiness in their wealth and in their talents;
let them trust to the purity of their lives, the severity of their
mortifications, the number of their good works,
the fervor of their prayers.

As for me, O my Lord, all my confidence is my confidence itself.

This confidence has never been in vain. No one has ever hoped in the Lord
and been confounded.

I am sure, therefore, that I shall be eternally happy, since I firmly hope to be,
and because it is from You, O God, that I hope for it.

I know, alas, I know only too well that I am frail and changeable. I know what
temptation can do against the strongest virtue. I have seen the stars of heaven
fall, and the pillars of the firmament totter; but this cannot frighten me.

So long as I continue to hope, I shall be sheltered from all misfortune;
and I am sure of hoping always, since I rely on You to sustain my confidence.

Finally, I know that my confidence cannot be in vain, and that I shall never
receive less than I have hoped for from You.

Therefore,

I hope that You will sustain me against my evil inclinations;

I hope that You will protect me against the most furious assaults of the evil one;

I hope that You will cause my weakness to triumph
over my most powerful enemies.

I KNOW that You will love me always,

and I hope I will love You forever in return.

(Prayer composed by Blessed Claude de la Colombiere)

- The school year ended with graduation on December 2. The next semester will begin on February 18.
- Brothers Donald Allen, Edward Dailey, and Thomas Dillman flew to Nairobi on December 12 to the meeting of Holy Cross Missionaries in Africa. (See below)
- Tom Dillman and Bill Healy are presently on vacation in the States.
- This year (as in several previous years), Tom Dillman was voted (by seniors) the outstanding teacher.
- John Schuszler has completed his work at the Catholic Orphanage.

(Ed. note: I thought the following paragraph from Don Allen concerning Nairobi was worth including here.)

"Bishop McCauley was just grand, a really fine man. He was almost delirious with joy that so many Holy Cross people were there. We had our meetings at the retreat center operated by the Associated Sisterhoods of Kenya. 'Twas called Tumaini Center and was about four miles from downtown Nairobi. Nairobi is just a beautiful city. There are some nice, large buildings in the city and these and many of the government buildings are landscaped beautifully. Though only two degrees south of the equator it is cool in Nairobi. It is about 6,000 feet high and never seems to get above 80 degrees. At night two blankets are needed -- and it is cool in the morning or evening without a sweater or light jacket."

HOLY WEEK RETREAT

There will be a three-day retreat at the Brothers Center April 2,3,4 (W-Th-F) of Holy Week. Brother Joel Giallanza (S-W) will direct the retreat. Any brothers are welcome to make reservations. Write to Brother Tom Moser at the Center for further details.

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MIDWEST NEWS NOTES is published monthly during the school year. Material reaching the editor or the Provincial Office by the 10th of the month will ordinarily make the deadline for that month. Any member of the Province is encouraged to send material in either "rough" or "finished" form and we will use as much as we can. Any suggestions for the publication will be welcome.

Pedro Haering, C.S.C. (Editor)

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Items concerning Brother Columba O'Neill
"The Saintly Shoemaker"

Born: December 15, 1847

Died: November 20, 1923 (at ND)

-A booklet was written by Brother Ernest Ryan, and many shorter articles were published by others, detailing the life and work of Brother Columba. These are treasured in the archives of the Province.

-Few members of the province would even imagine the volume of correspondence on file: thousands of letters from people all over the world asking for his assistance in their illnesses and difficulties. There are also a few records of his journeys to aid the sick and the crippled.

-Brother Columba's correspondence with Rev. George Giglinger, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Keokuk, Iowa, is very revealing and provides authentic history of his successes with the sick. Fortunately, Father Giglinger preserved all of this correspondence and later gave it to the community.

-Since Brother Columba was a shoemaker -- really a maker of shoes -- and in the days before machinery was readily available for it, he had his own set of hand tools. A box of these, too, has been preserved.

FROM OUR CANDIDATE PROGRAM

The candidates at Lincolnway went home for Christmas vacation after concluding the first semester on December 20. They continue their apostolic outreach in a variety of ways. Joe Barry teaches in the CCD program at Holy Cross parish, interviews persons in the county jail for a bail bond project, and volunteers at the Justice and Peace Center. John Bontempo works with retarded and handicapped children on Saturdays at Logan Center. Glenn Manka also works at Logan and is a counselor for "We Together", a choir of young people from around the city. Mark Reddaway works at Logan and volunteers at the Justice and Peace Center one or two days a week. Next semester Mark will also be taking a class at Notre Dame which involves visiting senior citizens in a nursing home. All candidates attended the Thanksgiving Forum at Adrian.

RELIGIOUS ORDERS and
ALTERNATIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

January 8 Brother Bruce Lescher attended a meeting in New York City sponsored by the City Institute, a program of Trinity Church in Manhattan. This was a planning session to begin a dialogue between traditional religious orders and new alternative Christian communities. Orders represented at the meeting were the Order of Holy Cross (Episcopal), the Order of St. Elizabeth the Evangelist (Episcopal), and the Brothers of Holy Cross. Alternative communities represented were Sojourners (Washington, D.C.) and Fisherfolk (Evergreen Park, Colorado). This initial meeting planned a larger meeting to be held in October, 1980. The larger group will include twenty persons from religious orders and the same number from alternative communities. Discussions in October will focus on two issues:

The dynamics which hold a community together (poverty, celibacy, obedience, worship, etc.)

Community outreach in apostolate. Dialogue is likely to enrich both groups.

FINANCE HEALTH INSURANCE

On December 15, 1979 the Brothers of Holy Cross Midwest Province signed a Specific Excess Reinsurance Agreement with Shroyers Reinsurance Corporation of Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

The Province continues to self insure its members and must pay the first \$35,000 in medical expenses incurred by any member. Shroyers Reinsurance will pay 90% of the expenses in excess of \$35,000 and then 100% of the expenses in excess of \$50,000.

The policy assumes a \$900,000 lifetime maximum. Unfortunately, the policy had been written excluding those brothers outside the United States. The premium is \$1.50 per month per brother or \$18 per year. Brothers already covered by Health Insurance policy were not included nor were those over 65 who are covered by Medicare. The minimum annual cost is \$180.00.

FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

-The 19th annual Christmas concert featuring the jazz ensemble, intermediate band, and varsity band was given on Sunday afternoon, December 16, at the school. Five outstanding student musicians were honored at the concert.

-The first annual Fathers' Club New Year's Eve Party was held at the school last month. A catered dinner was served at 8:30 and dancing began at 10:00. The cost per couple was forty-five dollars.

-Members of the football and cross country teams were feted at a dinner-awards program on November 27 at the school.

-The Holy Cross Ladies Guild held their annual Christmas party on December 12. The evening began with Mass followed by an exchange of grab bag (\$2) gifts distributed by Santa Claus. One of the evening's highlights was a cookie swap. Anyone bringing two dozen favorite homemade cookies received four each of six different kinds of cookies in return.

-Guided tours of the school were held on December 8 and 9 for seventh and eighth grade boys and their parents on a reservation-only basis. Persons interested made reservations by calling the school during business hours.

-The Holy Cross Band will become co-ed for the first time in February. Holy Cross boys will begin playing in Mother Guerin's band and vice-versa. Also, Holy Cross and Mother Guerin students exchange classes in business, science, social studies, and drama.

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

Brother John O'Flaherty continues his daily work as secretary. His services are greatly appreciated.

There will be another weekend session (on March 29 and 30) of:

Vocation Crossroads: Beget or Decline

In addition to Tom Maddix and Joe McTaggart, the staff will include Carol Bagley and Judith Anne Beattie, C.S.C. The cost will be thirty dollars and the workshop will be held at the Brothers Center. More information will be forthcoming.

BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

Brother Anton Mattingly is now teaching in Mexico City at the Colegio Mexico, a secondary school operated by the Marists.

The South Bend Tribune recently carried a story of the resignation of Brother Francis Rotsaert, effective at the end of the current school year. Frank is certainly to be congratulated for the outstanding work he has done as Principal of St. Joseph High School during the past seven years.

Twenty-three application have been received from high school boys who wish to join the Holy Cross Juniorate in Bangladesh. Eleven have been approved by the District Council.

Brother Jerome Kroetsch has now completed his teaching of all the radio shop courses for the first time (at St. Joseph School of Industrial Trades). He is looking forward to a much easier time with the Bengali as he repeats the courses.

St. Joseph School's chess genius, Niaz Murshed of Class VII led a Bangladesh team in a match held recently in Singapore and then joined in another match in Madras before returning home.

Brother James Talarovic has high hopes that his translation of Tagore's GITANJALI will soon be published. The work is highly praised by Tagore scholars who have studied it.

The Brothers Center will house (50) and feed (all 100) of a group of young people attending a leadership workshop sponsored by the Catholic Association of Student Councils January 24-28.

Brother Robert Siegel took most of the Christmas vacation (December 28 to January 6) to cook at Dujarie House -- relieving Brother Julian Przybyla for a holiday.

The staff and patients at Dujarie House had a Christmas party on December 19. The nurses presented the house with a canary, who has since made himself well-known as he is in good voice from breakfast till sundown. Santa Claus (Brother Simon Murren) was a feature of the party.

Speaking of "Sam" -- he can be seen occasionally back in the Center Garage and is able to do some light work following his recovery from heart attacks last fall.

Brother Thomas Chady (S-W) has returned from Sangre de Cristo and is taking classes this semester at ND while living at Columba Hall. Brother David Naples, who also made the Sangre program is teaching this semester at Akron Hoban.

The first meeting of the new Province Advisory Board is scheduled to begin at 9:30 on Saturday morning, February 2, at the Provincial House.

JOSEPH'S SHRINE AT MONTREAL

ther Edward Courtney writes:

This past summer I was a tour guide at the Shrine in Montreal. I have never spent a more rewarding, happy, and demanding summer in any place."

was the only American guide and was responsible for most of the English-speaking pilgrims. He says it is the most beautiful place on earth and every CSC religious pilgrim should try to visit the shrine to see what a remarkable Brother Andre has done. (I am sure Brother Andre would insist upon "What Brother Andre or St. Joseph has done.")

is currently interning in Clinical Pastoral Education at Providence St. Margaret Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas, and resides at Saviour of the World Seminary in the same city.

FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETS

The first meeting of this board (established by the 1979 Provincial Chapter) was held at the Provincial House on December 8. Larry Skitzki was elected Chairman and Frank Rotsaert was asked to be Secretary. Topics discussed at the 1-day session were:

- Cash contributions given to institutions for which we are working
- Province medical plan
- Province policies on medical payments
- Annuity insurance plan
- Procedure for establishing Brothers' salaries

Other members of the board are: Charles [unclear], Francis Boylan, Paul Kelly, James [unclear], Kieran Ryan, John May, and Donald [unclear].

INTER-PROVINCE RENEWAL PROGRAM

This summer the three U.S. Provinces of [unclear] Brothers will offer a six week renewal program at St. Joseph Spiritual Life Center in Valatie, N.Y. The program will run from June 22 and end August 2, and is limited to thirty participants, ten from each province. It is designed for persons who have not had extended renewal experiences in other places. Brother [unclear] Donnelly (EB) will be the on-site director. A flyer with more details will be available in the next few weeks.

YOUTH MINISTRY IN ALASKA

Last summer five of our Brothers including John McMuldren, who was Director, helped to staff St. Theresa's Camp in Soldotna, Alaska. Archbishop Hurley (of Anchorage) has asked for Brothers to assist with youth ministry on a more permanent basis. Brother John McMuldren, Charles McBride, and Harold Ruplinger, all presently at Holy Cross in River Grove are deeply interested in this project and distributed a paper at the Thanksgiving Celebration '79 giving us some details and expressing their concern. The last paragraph of their paper is as follows:

"As members of the Midwest Province we feel called to minister to the youth of the Archdiocese of Anchorage. We believe that through our mutual support in community prayer, diversified talents, and experiences with youth that we can initiate a Christian leadership program through which we would attempt to develop the services of the Church to the young people of the Anchorage Archdiocese. We make this proposal for your prayerful consideration, and with your support, would commit ourselves to its fulfillment."

"EACH TEACHER is a TEACHER of READING"

Implementing this old slogan literally is the aim of Holy Cross High School in River Grove this year. A different department each month assigns and tests students in that department on a high-interest paperback. Mrs. Amelia Kelly, English department chairman, is supervising the program. She reports that the entire faculty has become part of the solution to the problem of getting the students to read. All of the departments are eager to participate in the program.

RECOMMENDED READING

Brother James Linscott suggests:

- HOW THE OTHER HALF DIES
by Susan George
Publisher: Allanheld, Osmun & Co.
Distributed by Universe Books

WHERE'S BROTHER VINCENT?

Brother Vincent's picture used to hang on the hallowed walls of Columba Hall. He is pictured as a wrinkled, white-bearded, contented old brother with fascinating eyes and wearing a square skullcap. It's a painting. If you know the whereabouts of this picture, please let Brother Jeffrey know. REWARD promised.

(Ed. note: Presently our province has no novices. We hope, however, that this situation does not rob us of interest in the novitiate. Three members of the present novitiate staff are: John Gleason (Eastern Brothers), Joel Giallanza (S-W Brothers) and Leo Poselli (Eastern Priests). They are referred to in the following excerpts from a six-page report sent to provincials and formation directors by Joel.)

-The ministries in which the novices are engaged continue to be a source of challenge and learning for them. Increasingly, they are aware of the integration of prayer life with ministry that is needed for an effective apostolic religious life. The bi-weekly seminar on ministry has been a useful means of exploring the novices' learning experience. As for the team, Leo spends one day a week at Comstock State Prison, and John and I continue our classes on spiritual direction at St. Joseph's Spiritual Life Center in Valatie.

-Classes here at the novitiate have been another source of challenge and learning. The Scripture classes conducted by Sr. Eileen Flanagan, C.N.D., have been truly profitable for the novices both academically and as a stimulus for their prayer. These classes will resume in February and will be conducted by Sidney Halligan (EB). Since most of the novices have not had any formal exposure to the scriptures, these classes have proven to be an excellent addition to our curriculum.

-As you know, our regular schedule of classes is based on the Constitutions. To date we have discussed and explored topics related to the following Constitutions, as well as the texts of Father Barrosse's commentary on them: Our Vocation in the Church, Life of Prayer, Apostolic Life, and Community Life.

-Our investigation of these topics has included classes and activities in addition to those offered by John, Leo, and myself. In the area of prayer, Sr. Sylvia Rosell, O.P., from Stillpoint House of Prayer, led us in a two-day Centering Prayer retreat. For most of the novices, two days of silence and intense prayer exercises was a relatively new experience. However, it was a beneficial experience and several have maintained this discipline as an element in their personal prayer. In the area of apostolate, George Schmitz (EB) addressed us on the life and ministries of the community in South America, particularly in Chile and Peru. Similarly, George Lucas (EP) spoke on CSC in Africa, particularly Uganda. These talks were especially profitable in helping the novices to gain a global perspective of Holy Cross. In the area of community, we shared in the province meeting of the Eastern Brothers at Valatie, the theme of which was social justice, simple living, and prayer. Also, we will share in the province meeting of the Eastern Priests at King's College in January.

FROM FLORIDA:

-We saw Brother Robert Vaughn during the holidays and he was very happy about his work, his classes (and the weather!) in the South. Bob and Carl Shonk live only a short distance from the Orange Bowl and on many weekends make a few extra pennies parking cars in their front yard.

-Brother James O'Donnell had occasion to visit William Geenan's Friendship Centers while with his parents recently in Sarasota. He writes at some length of his positive impression. We did a column on the Friendships Centers in a recent issue but would like to quote some of what Jim writes:

"About half a mile from the health center is the Senior Friendship Appliance Repair Shop. This shop is a renovated gas station, owned by a local church and

donated to the Center. The shop is manned by retired seniors...The most impressive program William has started is a nightly supper service which provides a meal for 400 to 500 needy seniors at four or five county school cafeterias. They are brought to the food centers on County School Buses for their 5 p.m. meal... Since we eat all our meals in a communal setting it may be hard for us to appreciate the loneliness this one meal each day alleviates for these elderly persons... Just from the three facilities we saw I was impressed with the enthusiasm and concern his staff shows to the people they serve. The way William has been able to join people of various denominations and races to focus on one thing -- Senior Citizens -- is remarkable. One local politician told Brother William: 'Do anything you want, but don't run for public office.'"
