

# Midwest . . . NEWS NOTES

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## St. Joseph



*Most amazing dreams have shattered sleep,  
And now to Egypt calls a phantom voice.  
Beelzebul or Yahweh will I reap?  
Ought I weep for shame or just rejoice?*

*Upon these blatant sands the light is fierce:  
Dunes and shadows merge in scorching wind.  
Just so the winds of doubt obscure and pierce  
Across the shifting wasteland of my mind.*

*The Babe cries out to protest the place,  
While she of silent ways caresses him.  
I wish I had the inkling of a trace—  
So that this brightness would not seem so dim.*

### C O M M E N T A R Y

We recently received a letter from Brother Jeffrey Michels in the name of the Provincial Team asking for our help and expressing concern for the fact that we will be needing another brother to serve as Vocations Counselor by the summer of 1981. Let me quote a few sentences from Jeff's letter, which sentences seem crucial to me:

*At times it would seem that we need to have our sense of province re-appreciated...and it may well be that we simply have to be more mindful of the province as a province.*

*...Love is diffusive of its very nature; offering what we have as a religious community to others is natural. Grace builds upon nature, and when we seek support and affirmation for and from each other within Holy Cross today, we may be hankering for something we once knew and felt within our own natural family circle.*

The last two decades might be called the era of the emergence of regard for the person. The religious backgrounds of many of us resulted in a kind of sub-conscious downgrading of personal concerns and drives as being somewhat unworthy of us and opposed to our quest for humility. The psycho-social emphasis on person has been a healthy balance but it may also have tended recently to tip the scale in the other direction. We need to keep our regard for the person and personal needs and values and yet we cannot let it come to overpower the community and our concerns for the good of our province and its vital interests. This balancing is certainly difficult and may sometimes be a source of great anguish to many of us. But we must bend our best efforts in this direction.

(Pedro Haering, C.S.C.)

-Brother Ronald LaLonde is now back at the Brothers' Home after spending twelve days in the hospital with kidney stones.

-Father Mathias Mueller, O.P., brother of Brother Celestis, was recently elected Vicar Provincial of the Dominican priests and brothers in Bolivia. Fr. Muller's term of office is four years.

-Eating is a high priority in Monroe (as everywhere else!) the following dinners were recently, or will soon be, prepared by some of the brothers (especially Leonard Siwierka, Phil Smith, and James Rottenbucher):

On February 19: a buffet dinner for members of the evaluatin team, the brothers, and school administration.

On February 22: a beef dinner was served to 95 men for the Bonanza party.

On March 9 a spaghetti dinner at the K of C Hall for about 110 K of C basketball players and their parents.

On March 16 a beef dinner will be served those who bought a \$5 ticket to the band concert that afternoon.

On March 22 a Polish dinner will be served to the 400 expected to attend a dinner-dance at the K of C. The Lady Knights will assist Brother Leonard in the preparation and serving.

-Bingo every Saturday night in the gym has been most successful the last two years. Profit averages about \$900 a week. Brother Celestis and his volunteer crews run the games each week while Brother Maynard does the bookkeeping work for the State of Michigan Bingo Control Board.

-Brother Philip Smith directed the musical LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE on March 7, 8, and 9. It was a joint presentation of students from C.C. and St. Mary's Academy.

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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

At St. Mary's College  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

A one-week workshop (June 30 a.m. to July 4 p.m.) titled "For an evangelized and evangelizing community", conducted by Fr. Samuel Rayan, S.J. (Your editor can recommend Fr. Rayan if his workshops are at all comparable to his writing.) Cost of workshop is \$50; room and board is \$60. Write to Sr. M. Rose Anne, C.S.C. at St. Mary's Phone: (219) 284-4757.

At Bergamo East; Chaminade Road;  
Marcy, New York 13403

A "Life/Work Planning" workshop (April 8 1 p.m. till April 11 noon). The program is spent in a series of exercises, either alone or in small groups, that will pinpoint your abilities and help you judge how well your present work and hobbies make use of them. It has been found useful to those anticipating active retirement, those considering career changes, and those desiring to do personal evaluation. Joseph L. Kerr, S.M. will conduct the program. Registration deadline is March 25.

At Renewal, Rest, and Re-creation, Inc.  
P.O.Box 3238; Alexandria, Va. 22302

Small group retreats for priests and perpetually professed brothers with homosexual difficulties are scheduled for:

April 13-18      October 26-31  
May 11-16        November 16-21

All men who made a retreat in 1978 or 1979 have been enthusiastic about the ministry and the retreats. Call:

(Fr.) John Harvey, OSFS (301) 559-6796 or  
(Fr.) John Kenny, OSFS (703) 578-0390

At St. Mary-of-the-Woods College  
St. Mary-of-the Woods, Ind. 47876

Retreats: July 16-21  
-Themes of Liberation and Prayer in the Gospel of Luke --or--  
-Liberation of the Heart: Contemplative Experience --or--  
-Directed Retreats (a team of Directors)  
Retreat fee (incl. room and board): \$150.  
Write or call: Maureen Loonam, S.P.  
(812) 535-4141, Ext. 222

A thought from ALBERT FREEDMAN: We spend so much of our lives trying to please other people that many of us give too little time to pleasing ourselves.

BITS AND PIECES FROM HERE AND THERE

A REMINDER: THE PROVINCE CELEBRATION OF JUBILEES IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1980 AT THE BROTHERS CENTER. (MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN A WEEK OR TWO.)

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IS YOUR HOUSE HAVING A RETREAT, CELEBRATION, OR GATHERING FOR WHICH YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO INVITE BROTHERS FROM OTHER HOUSES? THE NEWS NOTES WOULD BE PLEASED TO 'ADVERTISE' SUCH GOINGS ON IF THE INFORMATION REACHES BROTHER PEDRO WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE. (WE USUALLY GATHER TOGETHER THE MATTERS FOR PUBLICATION AROUND THE TENTH OF THE MONTH.)

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BROTHER ROY SMITH RECOMMENDS THE READING OF "AN ASCETICISM OF TIME" BY DR. JAMES D. WHITEHEAD IN THE "REVIEW FOR RELIGIOUS" OF JANUARY, 1980.

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A BIT LATE FOR INVITATIONS AT THIS TIME -- BUT COLUMBA HALL IS HAVING A ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT "SING-A-LONG AND SUDS" PARTY ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 17.

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BROTHER GUY ECKELS WILL PRODUCE THE 26TH ANNUAL SPRING MUSICALE AT HOBAN THIS YEAR. APRIL 25, 26, AND 27 ARE SET ASIDE FOR "TIMES OF OUR LIVES".

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BROTHER ANTON MATTINGLY WRITES FROM MEXICO CITY:

"I REALLY ENJOY MY STAY HERE. MY CLASSES AND CO-ORDINATOR DUTIES ARE A JOY. I SEE EACH DAY AS A SPANISH-LEARNING EXPERIENCE SO ALMOST NEVER REFUSE AN INVITE. THERE'S A LOT OF WEEKEND TRAVELLING. I GO MOSTLY WITH TWO OTHER TEACHING BROTHERS HERE. YESTERDAY WE WERE OFF TO TULA TO SEE THE ARCHEOLOGICAL RUINS AND ENJOY A 'DIA DE CAMPO' (PICNIC)."

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BROTHER ANDREW SUKENIK WAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL IN SOUTH BEND AFTER SUFFERING ANOTHER HEART ATTACK. ALTHOUGH THE ATTACK WAS TERMED 'MILD' HE WAS IN CORONARY INTENSIVE CARE FOR A WEEK AND WILL BE IN THE HOSPITAL AT LEAST TWO MORE WEEKS WE ARE TOLD.

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TOM BECKER OF INDIANAPOLIS, NEPHEW OF BROTHER MICHAEL BECKER (BOYSVILLE) WAS AN ASSISTANT COACH, TRAINER, AND OBSERVER FOR THE U.S. OLYMPIC BOBSLED TEAM LAST MONTH AT LAKE PLACID.

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ANOTHER REMINDER: THE INTERPROVINCE RENEWAL PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 22 THROUGH AUGUST 2 AT ST. JOSEPH SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER AT VALATIE, N.Y. BROCHURES WILL BE IN THE MAIL FOR US IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO.

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THE AKRON HOBAN BAND WAS THE FEATURED BAND AT THE THIRD ANNUAL MALVERN BAND FESTIVAL ON MARCH 8. THE MARCHING BAND WILL BE IN AKRON'S FIRST ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MARCH 15.

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Brother Edward Sniatecki provided us with the following notes on a few of the contributions of Brother Bernard Gervais -- notes of great value to the archives:

-The first is the MATRICULE, without question a unique and monumental work. This is a register including the names and vital statistics of all the members of the Congregation, priests and brothers, beginning with Father James Dujarie as number one to the novitiate class of the summer of 1936. He was able to secure this information for the register because, at the time, he was one of the General Assistants and had access to the General Archives. The register contains, in one volume, the names of 5700 members, the date of entry, and the length of membership in the Congregation. (One of the projects in process in the archives now is to complete this register in another volume from 1936 to the present.)

-On index cards, Brother Benard drew up a record of all the Brothers by religious names. As an example, there were seven Brothers Gabriel during the first century. He listed them with family name and notes where further information can be found about each one. This record is frequently called upon in the archives because so much of the early correspondence and records contained only the religious name of the brother involved.

-Brother Bernard collected the names of the brothers who died and were buried away from Notre Dame (all of this before the division of the Provinces.) He visited the place of burial and often brought back a photograph of the tombstone.

-Then, as a record of his family history, he drew up a "Family Tree", tracing back his roots through the lines of his father and mother. Securing information from documents in Minnesota, Canada, and France he was able to find records dating back as far as 1647.

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Available from Network; 806 Rhode Island Avenue; Washington, D.C. 20018; Phone: (202) 526-4070

June 15-22..."Legislative Seminar": a one-week seminar on Capitol Hill that integrates analysis, legislation, ethical, and theological perspectives on econ-

-Brother Joseph Dudek, with the help of others in the house, has ventured into the field of coupon refunding. If you have POPs, UPCs, qualifiers, refund forms, tips, or questions on refunding to exchange, please write to Joe at the Grove.

-The Junior Class, under the guidance of Brother Thomas Minta, sponsored a donkey basketball game on March 8. Sixteen faculty members played.

-One of the objectives of this year's Lenten Program, sponsored by the Christian Life Office, was to raise the consciousness of the faculty and students to the plight of the physically handicapped. "A Time to Reach Out" was the theme of the program designed by Brother Robert Fillmore.

-Brother Eugene Weisenberger, international officer of the Modern Music Masters, will travel to Rome this spring to present a special Tri-M Recognition Award to Pope John Paul II.

-Brother James Linscott joined the faculty in February following six and a half years of work in an orphanage in Mexico. James is working in both the main office and in the library.

-From March 10 to 19 there is a vocation awareness period. The committee has developed a special section of the school paper, display of province archive material, talks to classes, etc. The program will culminate with a special Mass at 1:30 p.m. on the feast of St. Joseph, March 19.

-The Holy Cross Ladies' Guild, moderated by Brother Raymond Dufresne, held its annual pot luck dinner for the brothers and staff members on February 13. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Holy Cross Jazz Ensemble.

-The sophomore wrestling team took the ESCC title in February. The varsity finished third among the seven conference members.

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omic and social issues. It includes organizing skills, direct experience of the legislative process and lobbying, and reflection sessions on how faith relates to political activity and to people's life styles and work. Cost: \$250.

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OF BROTHER EYMARD SALZMAN:

"I just feel that if I can send some money to help relieve the poor and suffering in Bangladesh then the brothers there may not have to use what little spending money they may find occasionally for these poor people to whom they are already giving their time, their energy, their lives..." This is a "free quotation" I picked up from Brother Eymard last month when I was talking to him about his work. He was insistent that the eight to ten thousand dollars he sends to Bangladesh in a normal year is to be used for the poor and suffering natives of the country and is not for the mission or missionary support per se. He mentioned, for example, the needs of native widows whose husbands were killed in the war...and a fertilizer project one of the brothers is working on to aid in increased food production.

In addition to the monies for the poor of Bangladesh, Eymard's office usually nets around seven or eight thousand dollars for the Province each year after the various expenses of the office, as well as the province tax, are deducted. As most of us know, the work of the fund-raising through the Association of St. Joseph is a joint effort of Brothers Eymard and Edgar Plas. Either of them could legitimately claim retirement from the pressures of daily work.

The Association has four mailing campaigns each year: the novenas for the Poor Souls, Christmas, St. Joseph, and the Sacred Heart. Such a campaign may involve a mailing of 60,000 pieces -- often using rented mailing lists to supplement the list of about 3,000 "active supporters", which list Eymard is constantly trying to expand. He urges any of us to supply him with names and addresses of friends who might be willing to send an offering occasionally to further the work of the Province.

Eymard says the largest amount of money comes from enrollments in the Association. These may be single enrollments that are annual (\$2) or perpetual (\$5) -- or families annual (\$5) or perpetual ((\$25). They may be for deceased as well as living. An enrollment is a most appropriate offering at the time of death. I suspect that most of us have forgotten (or are unaware of) this province apostolate of the Association of Saint Joseph.

In addition to the work of the Association Brother Eymard has, for the past several years, given about eleven hours of his time each week to working with the abandoned elderly alcoholics, and other elderly persons, who are referred to him by the Hope Outreach Program for the Elderly at Notre Dame. (Professor John Santos is in charge of the program.) This time is often spent visiting with these people, helping them take advantage of medical and other services they might not be aware of or be unable to seek for themselves, and often assisting them at death and helping with the details of the funeral and burial.

In my research of the history of Cathedral High School this year I find Eymard's name and work as athletic director mentioned often and prominently in the school papers of the late 20s and early 30s...And I recall the many visits he made to our schools where I was teaching during the many years he served so well in the rather lonely role of vocation recruiter for the brothers. A span of more than fifty years of continuous service for God and Holy Cross marks a life of which we can all be very proud, and be encouraged in our own endeavors.

(Brother Pedro Haering)

FROM DETROIT

-Brother Chester Freel has been appointed CYO Camp Director for the Archdiocese of Detroit. The camp will be open from June until August and if any brothers would be interested in helping with the work, please contact Chet.

-Brother James Kumba has become a minister to assist the sick at St. Mary's Parish. He takes Holy Communion to them.

-Brother Gregoire Bleau has been working with the family communication skills work-

shops in many Detroit parishes. A program lasts six weeks and assists family members to listen to each other in order to understand one another better. It also gives the opportunity to interact in small groups and to develop new techniques in communicating.

-If any brothers are interested in attending the Republican National Convention in Detroit this summer and need housing, some rooms are available here. Please contact Brother James Kumba, 14845 St. Mary's, Detroit 48227.

FROM the SCHOOLS of the DACCA DISTRICT

(The school year begins with the calendar year.)

ST. NICHOLAS: School enrollment is down this year. Of the 483 students, 300 are Christians, 90 are Muslims, and 93 are Hindus...A special force of 40 police stayed for four days; they managed to arrest three robbers.

HOLY CROSS: The enrollment is up 18 this year -- to 893. There are three sections of Class 10...In January there was a day of prayer for the student body. At assembly there were readings from the Koran, the Bible, and the Gita. After the readings there were discussions then the students went into groups for prayer: Moslem students went to the mosque, Hindu students to a classroom, and the Christian students to the stage for Mass. The prayer day was well received and will be repeated in the future.

ST. GREGORY'S: Present enrollment is around 1130. A school student representative attended the Asian-Pacific Scout rally in Australia. Another student attended a Y.C.S. meeting in Sri Lanka.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL TRADES: Brother Daniel's literacy school has 225 students this year. They have some eagerness to learn and great eagerness to play after classes are finished...A school picnic was planned for March 2...The increased cost of rice is putting considerable pressure on the economic situation of the school at this time.

ST. JOSEPH'S: Brother Lorenzo had a small growth removed from his hand. A report on the nature of the growth is yet to come.

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PLEASE REMEMBER in YOUR PRAYERS

-the mother of Bill Wickham (now a seminarian). Mrs. Wickham died in Indianapolis on February 21.

-the father of Brother Jerome Schwabe. Mr. Schwabe died in Milwaukee on February 29.

-the mother of Fr. Bill Simmons, chaplain at the Brothers Center. Mrs. Hazel Simmons died in California on March 9.

-the father of Brother Julian Przybyla. Mr. Anthony Przybyla died in Rogers City, Michigan, on March 11

THE CRUPPETS of MILWAUKEE

In the March 2, 1980 JANZ at LARGE feature in the Milwaukee Sentinel the subject was Brother Warren Shea and his Cruppets. (We had some experience with these birds at an evening entertainment at the Forum in Adrian last Thanksgiving.) The Sentinel column is authored by William Janz.

The giant bird costumes transform some of the St. Charles boys into "intergalactic pigeons" according to Mr. Janz. They will dance to polka music (the national anthem of Milwaukee) before more than 3000 nursing home patients between January and April of this year. The color-soaked costumes are large and warm and a bit uncomfortable so occasionally the boys have to 'take their heads off' for a time-out to relax and get some air.

Brother Warren said, "I told the boys 'You want to do something for someone else instead of others doing for you all the time? Well, this is getting out and doing for someone else.'" Warren has been "doing for someone else" most of the years of his life.

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MORE WORKSHOPS and RETREATS

At Weber Center  
1257 Sienna Heights Drive  
Adrian Michigan 49221  
Phone: (517) 265-5135

April 11-13...Sr. Miriam Therese MacGillis, O.P., of Global Education Associates will lead a process of discovering the inner spiritual energies of the earth as they have been historically reflected in human consciousness and religious symbol. The program is based on the writings of Thomas Berry, C.P., on themes from Pauline and Wisdom literature, and on discerning the signs of the times in the last quarter of the 20th century. The process will include lectures, time for personal prayer and reflection, and mutual sharing. Deposit: \$10; Balance: \$35.

(Also at Weber Center)

April 25-27..."The Artist as Steward of Religious Imagination." Paul J. Philibert, O.P., will conduct a weekend for artists, musicians, and other professionals to share their work with others in their fields, to discuss imagination as a social and cultural force and its relation to ministry through the creative arts. Deposit: \$20; Balance: \$40.