

# Midwest . . . NEWS NOTES

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## BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

Brother Thomas Maddix was recently elected to the Board of St. Joseph High School in South Bend for a three-year term...Mr. Glenn Rousey, former member of the Province, is the new Principal at St. Joe...Brother Alberto Bondy is working there as a substitute teacher...And Brother Damien Daele continues his substitute work there. Last year he was called on every day except three -- a pretty regular schedule!

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In your prayers please remember Sister Roselm, I.H.M., sister of Brother Gregoire Bleau. Sister died while undergoing surgery for cancer in a Toledo hospital. The funeral was on Wednesday, October 15, at the mother-house in Monroe.

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Brother Robert Mosher was named recipient of a tuition-free scholarship for special part-time study at the University of Dallas. Robert is engaged in full-time teaching for the Diocese of Dallas.

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Our apologies for giving Brother Ralph Baird an incorrect family name in our last issue. Only two persons called this to our attention -- not certain what this says about our readership (if any!)

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One of two National Merit Semi-finalists from Akron Hoban is Miss Kitty Waickman, god-daughter of the NEWSNOTES' editor! Congratulations, Kitty!

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We recently received a fine essay, "Spirituality as Personal Manifestation of the Life of the Church", written by Tony Blasi (former member of the South-West Province) who lived at Columba Hall while working on his doctorate. Anyone wishing a copy may write to the editor.

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Brother Thomas Giumenta (EP) visited the Brothers in the South Bend area the weekend of October 4. Tom is directing the Office of Religious Education for the Diocese of Lansing.

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The Lincoln Way House in South Bend is sporting a new coat of paint -- the result of many weekends of work by the members of the house.

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The chapel at the Brothers' Center is receiving a new roof before the winter season sets in.

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OVERSEAS COMMUNICATION (Basil Hall)

A year ago last September, Brother Philip Armstrong asked Brother Eric Landers (W9NBU) if amateur radio communications could be arranged between Basil Hall and our schools in Africa. Eric said it could be done by setting up definite times and frequencies on the amateur radio bands. The reason for Philip's request was the fact that airmail now takes three to four weeks to arrive from Africa. The phone situation in Africa is such that it usually takes two or three hours (if you get through at all!) Father Robert Gilmore, C.S.C. received his amateur radio license to operate as 9G1RF at St. John's High School in Sekondi.

Once Bob got his equipment from the United States and set it into operation, regular communications (at least twice a week) have been going on at 21.330 MHz at 4:00 pm South Bend time. The communications have been greatly helped by equipment brought to Basil Hall by Brother Donard Steffes. Both stations are now able to operate at 1000 watts power and have beam antennas high enough to get signals around the world.

When Donard goes to Monrovia (Liberia) sometime after Christmas he will set up an amateur radio station at St. Patrick's High School. As soon as this station (WB8HFY) is in operation we will have regular communications with our Brothers in both Ghana and Liberia.

At the present time the telephone company is putting a phone "patch" at the Basil Hall station. This will enable the Brothers in Africa to talk to their relatives in the states. The radio signal will bring their voices to Basil Hall. This will then be sent by telephone to the Brother's home in the United States.

(Brother Eric Landers)

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FORMATION NOTES

On August 15, 1980, four Midwest novices entered the novitiate at Barisal, Bangladesh: John Bosco D'Costa, Patrick Louis D'Costa, Joachim Ratan Gomes, and Prodip Louis Rozario.

On September 14, 1980, three Brothers made their first profession at Barisal. These are Brothers: Bikash Victor D'Rozario, Robi Theodore Purification, and Subal Lawrence Rozario.

The Province's two other novices are Peter Badjuah, who began the novitiate on April 20, 1979 at Sekondi, Ghana; and Joseph Barry, who began the novitiate on August 25, 1980, at Waterford, New York.

FROM HOLY CROSS -- RIVER GROVE

-Brother Thomas Corcoran, Principal, has announced the establishment of a new Office of Development and has appointed Mr. Ernest Vessini as its first Director. Mr. Vessini's dedication to Catholic education and his leading role in Catholic activities was recognized and praised in the bulletin of St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park.

-At the same time Brother Quentin Hegarty was named Alumni Director and Brother Peter Rachel appointed to direct the News Bureau and public relations office.

-The Art Department, for the fifth consecutive year, will offer non-credit adult classes this year in both the fall and spring semesters.

-The Ladies' Guild and Fathers' Club will co-sponsor a Harvest Hoedown square dance Saturday, October 27 -- for adults.

At this writing the Holy Cross cross-country team is 7-0 in dual meets. The harrier is led by Gary Donzelli.

-The newly re-organized lay advisory board had its first meeting on September 16. The board is composed of ten laymen and three Brothers of Holy Cross (Brothers Charles Krupp and Louis Mangini, in addition to the Principal). The purpose of the board is to advise the administration in its pursuit of academic excellence, financial aid, and community relations.

-"Back-to-School Night" for parents was held on September 17 and "Open House" for 7th and 8th graders and their parents on October 1.

-The school welcomed fifteen new staff members this fall, bringing the total staff to sixty-six.

-Three National Merit semi-finalists were named: Philip Flesch, Howard Yoon, and Michael Barth.

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MIDWEST PROVINCE FORUM

Our annual province meetings will be held again this year at Weber Center in Adrian, Michigan -- beginning Wednesday evening November 26 and ending at noon on Saturday November 29. Reservation cards have been sent to all members and may be returned to Brothers Michael Flanagan (Gilmour) or Graham (LeMans), the forum coordinator.

Presentations will be made by Brothers Michael as Shaughnessy, James Caley, James Greaney and David Baltrinic. Please make the most of your "Thanksgiving Plan" for this year.

LARIANS

ve members of the Province will cele-  
e silver or golden jubilees this school

EN: Joachim Reiniche, Florian Gill,  
addeus Gottemoller, and Giles Martin  
VER: Julian Przybyla, James Kinsella,  
omas Mittendorf, Walter Duda, Ronald  
Londe, James Bagans, William Verstraete,  
nd William Vondriska.

Province celebration in honor of these men  
be held at the Province Center on Satur-  
day, May 2, 1981.

te: At this time your editor would like to  
e all friends of these men to send him any  
graphical material which might be used in  
ting sketches of their lives in Holy  
ss. If you have shared a part of your  
e in the same place with one or more of  
se men please feel a little pressure to  
d us a note or anecdote. Thank you.)

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and BOLTS WORKSHOP

ty-three brothers participated in the vo-  
on workshop at the Center on October 4.  
r sharing sessions in small groups, some  
on themes emerged in the final large  
p session: a vocation comes from God,  
from us -- our role is to help others  
his call and encourage them to answer  
tively; involvement in vocation work is  
of membership in a community; if we feel  
about ourselves and our vocation this  
tive attitude will attract others; person-  
ontact and local involvement are important  
hers can have an impact on others and thus  
eed to risk sharing ourselves and who we  
On the Province level it was recommended  
a retreat program be set up for those who  
nt be interested in our way of life. The  
was one of listening to what God is asking  
us at this time.

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OTHER TOM MINTA JOINS CATHOLIC CHARITIES

er teaching the past five years at Holy  
ss in River Grove, Tom Minta is now a  
ff member on the Senior Community Ser-  
es team at Catholic Charities Near North  
ter in Chicago. Tom's ministry includes  
isting in leadership programs for senior  
izens, formulating social programs, re-  
rching legal assistance and aid for sen-  
s, and conducting religious programs for  
bers of more than 500 Senior Citizens  
bs in Chicago. Plenty to keep busy.....

FROM BOYSVILLE

-Along with his family contact work, Brother  
Gregoire Bleau is planning to conduct sever-  
al communication skills' workshops on a par-  
ish level. The program is to help families  
develop tools for solving family problems.

-Brother Chester Freel is attending Wayne  
State. During the summer he successfully  
directed the CYO's camp operations. At pre-  
sent he is also in the administrative depart-  
ment of the Detroit CYO.

-Four Brothers are taking evening classes in  
their special interests. Paschal Pesce, Al-  
bert Pinter, Fernand Hickey, and Ken Hayward.  
The courses are Spanish, Italian, Air-Cond-  
itioning, and swimming for physical condition-  
ing. (Match the brothers with the courses  
or start a correspondence to satisfy your  
curiosity and share their enthusiasm.)

-Brother Michael Becker has been learning the  
operation of the Burroughs computer. He now  
has the Boysville accounting system in full  
operation in this age of electronics.

-Brother Albin Kuzminski celebrated his 25th  
year of vows by visiting Israel last June.  
He is still bubbling over with the experience  
and his beard continues to develop. Shalom!  
...Albin and Pascal are both teaching CCD at  
the parish in Blissfield. Attendance was  
almost 100% the first night.

-Brother Charles Hill has added a heat-embo-  
sing machine to his operation. This will en-  
able him to make more attractive placques as  
well as special award T-shirts. Please in-  
quire if you have any special needs in these  
area.

(Our thanks to Albin for contributing the  
above information.....)

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The NEWS NOTES is a monthly publication of  
the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy  
Cross. We wish to apologize for our first  
attempt at some photos in the September is-  
sue. While the photos on "our copy" were not  
likely to have won any prizes they were "in-  
finitely" better than the printed product  
which came back to us and was sent to you.  
We hope to do better in any subsequent ef-  
forts with pictures.

We welcome any news items or brief articles  
from any of our men. They may be sent to me  
directly, or to Brother Jeffrey Michels at  
the Provincial House, Box #460, Notre Dame,  
Indiana 46556. Thank you.

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

-Our new cook, Mr. Ron Ori, was mainly responsible for a late September cookout on the patio. Four Brothers from the Provincial House, three Sisters from St. Joe High School, four of the nursing staff, and our Chaplain, Fr. Ray Cour, joined in the festivities.

-Brother Theophilus returned from St. Joseph Hospital on September 29 and is doing remarkably well. He is happy to talk to anyone who comes by and has progressed from demanding that every visitor "push him for a ride" in his wheel chair to operating it by himself with some success. Ray and Mable Machalinski (from Chicago) visited him in the hospital, and his niece, Theresa, came from Erie, PA. in early October for a visit of several days. Theo will be 89 on October 20.

--Brother John Shea's (EP) brother, Henry, arrived on October 8 for his annual visit. Henry comes on the bus and returns the same way. He lives in East Hampton, Massachusetts.

-Brother Loyola Christoph (EP) returned to Holy Cross in Flushing, NY on October 1 following a year and several months here. Loyola has made great progress in his recovery program and we certainly follow him with our prayers and good wishes as he resumes his work in New York.

-We tend to 'take for granted' one of the positive aspects of our home: the care given our very attractive grounds. Certainly Brothers Florian Gill, Julian Przybyla, Richard Gilson, and Simon Murren are to be thanked for their attention and dedication. Perhaps there are others, too, but we've seen those mentioned just in the past few weeks.

-Brother Gilbert Scher (St. Ed's - Lakewood) joined our community on October 7. Gilbert had gall bladder surgery last month and is suffering from cancer of the liver. Several students from St. Ed's have already been around to visit Gil. Also a large number of religious from the area.

-In addition to the staff there are now fourteen Brothers in our house: two from the Eastern Province, five from the South-West, and seven from the Midwest.

-Brother Luke's (S-W) sister, Gertrude, came by bus from California and has been visiting the past two weeks...and a couple of Brother Henry O'Rourke's (S-W) relatives came from Cleveland last week.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Eleven members of the Province gathered at Columba Hall on September 13 for the year's first session of the Social Justice Commission. Morning and afternoon sessions on a variety of topics attempted to determine a principal focus or two or three for the coming school year. Considerable concern was expressed over:

- "Call to halt the nuclear arms race"
- Citizens for Educational Freedom (support of this group seems especially pertinent in our schools)
- Draft counseling (also a strong issue for our schools)
- Role of the Commission as "enabler" (financing one or two brothers for summer work in social justice endeavors)

Brother Isaac Jogues Motz completed his second term as Chairman of the Commission and was unanimously applauded for his excellent participation in chairing the meetings as well as his participation in social justice work in the Cleveland diocese. Isaac declined nomination for a third term.

Brother Pedro Haering was elected Chairman of the Commission for the coming year. He held the office for the 1976-7 school year. Brother Terence Muehlenkamp was elected Chairman and Brother Philip Smith was elected to the committee for the J & P fund. Brother Phil, this committee is composed of Brother William Mewes (executive secretary), Brother Lescher (for the Provincial Team) and Brother [unclear] chairman of the commission.

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IN THE SOUTH-WEST

A recent note from Brother John Dobrogoski (Sherman Oaks) says: "Shortly after midnight today (Sept. 12) fire gutted our chemistry lab; one fireman was hospitalized when chemicals exploded. Extensive smoke and water damage was done to nearby areas. Classes will continue as usual. Authorities suspect arson and are investigating."

A three-day celebration including Open House at the school, a football game, an evening dinner and dancing, and a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Cardinal Mitty followed by a family picnic, marked the 50th anniversary jubilee of St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach. (Local publicity somewhat diminished by the failure of the post office to deliver any of the 500 individual invitations out.)