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*The victory is won already; this we know.
Apocalyptic Revelation tells us how,
Despite apparent victory, the Beast will fall,
The power and the glory of the Lord will win
A never-ending total conquest over sin
And over all that sin and Satan have designed
And brought to interfere in time, both past and now.*

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*Despite our downcast eyes, our too discouraged hearts,
A melody of hope begins to rise above
Cacophony and irritating discord sounds:
What prompted near despair has reason now to urge
Renewed enthusiastic hope in what will be.
Our Father does not want his children who believe
And put their confidence and trust in him to be
Unwilling victims of satanic force, long since
Subdued and conquered by that Lamb who died for them.
The victory is ours because it is the Lord's!*

(These lines, taken from the most recent Provincial Letter of Brother Philip Armstrong, seem appropriate for repetition here in the "post-Easter" edition.)

BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

Address Change: Brother Joseph Ballard has moved from Apt. 1A to Apt. 7A - in Wesleyan Village, Owensboro, KY.

Brother Anton Mattingly, member of the faculty at Instituto Mexico, has received permission to return to his baptismal name, Paul.

Please pray for Brother Frederick Raehsler's father, who died on March 29 in New Brighton, Minnesota, at the age of 74.

Likewise, Brother John Tryon's father died of cancer on April 5. Present at the impressive funeral in Mansfield, Ohio, in addition to Helen, his wife, were his sixteen children, most of them with their own families. His six sons served as pall bearers.

The Monroe Catholic Central Phone-A-Thon was a great success. Fewer than 3000 alumni pledged in excess of \$81,000. The goal was \$70,000.

Indianapolis Cathedralis planning a special alumni reunion for the classes from 1921 through 1930 for this summer. Any Brother who taught at CHS in that era, and who would be interested in attending, should make this known as soon as possible to Brother Pedro Haering -- or, they may wish to contact the coordinator, Mr. John Short, directly - at 5225 East 56th St.; Indianapolis, IN 46226. The date (this summer) has not yet been set.

The Brothers Walter (Foken and Davenport) have already planted three 90 ft. rows of potatoes for the summer garden. The April 1st planting was the earliest in history (Monroe C.C. history, that is, and no April Fool!)

The Boysville Administration has issued an attractive brochure presenting the work there as "A NEW MISSION - open to men and women Religious today." Brother Francis Boylan, Director, concludes a brief statement at the end of the brochure as follows "Our students believe they are least among those for whom God is love thus they need the greatest from among God's manpower and womanpower on earth. If you are interested in the possibility of joining us at Boysville, please call or visit."

St. Joseph's Day was celebrated at Holy Cross Brothers' Center with a liturgy at 4:30 celebrated by Father Bill Simmons, who also gave the homily. A social hour followed the Mass, and an excellent dinner capped the evening.

Students from Monroe Catholic Central and from Holy Trinity participated in retreats at the Center.

Brother Jerome Quella is recovering from serious foot surgery on April 10 in St. Joseph's Medical Center in South Bend.

Don't forget the celebration for our jubiliarians to be held at the Brothers' Center the afternoon and evening of May 2. A recent issue carried our story on Brother Florian. Several more are included in this issue and we expect to chronicle the remainder in our May issue.

OF BROTHER JOACHIM REINICHE

(We are indebted to Brother John William Lyons of Rancho San Antonio and to an anonymous contributor from St. Joe Farm for most of our story on Joachim. He has spent most of his religious life at St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee (13 years) and St. Joe Farm (since 1946). He also served the Novitiate Farm for two years following his first profession.)

Joachim ran the (St. Charles) farm to perfection. How he managed to get his cows to produce more milk than any other farmer in Wisconsin no one knows. He ran off with production records year after year.

He has the ability of making anyone feel at home, part of the family. He is an ideal "community man", fun to talk to and listen to.

He loves dogs. At St. Charles he had "Black Skins" and "Brown Skins". The dogs loved him, followed him everywhere and waited outside the house if Joachim went to his room during the day. They were always overjoyed when he reappeared.

In 1946 Joachim was assigned to work at St. Joseph's Farm to manage the dairy herd. With hard work and great ability with livestock, he upgraded the Holstein dairy herd to one of the highest producing herds in Indiana, and he received the Progressive Breeders Award from the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

With tears in his eyes in 1957 Joachim watched his prize dairy herd sold at auction. But his eyes did not remain red very long, as he headed for Purdue University to learn the latest about the raising of beef cattle. After 2 months of study, Joachim returned to St. Joseph's Farm and organized one of the most modern beef cattle operations in the area. Then and now his cattle always top the market at the sale barns.

Brother Joachim is a very easy man to locate -- he is either working with his cattle, is in chapel, or for recreation reading the Wall Street Journal, the sports page of the newspaper, or watching Notre Dame on TV.

Most of us will be lucky if we live long enough to witness Joachim's retirement.

OF BROTHER WILLIAM VERSTRAETE

(Brother William has been Principal of Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio since 1974. Instead of putting together our own "factual" story we thought it would be better to "steal" this one written by a student at Hoban and appearing in a recent issue of the HOBAN VISOR.)

As Hoban students, we all know Brother William as the principal of our school and a leader of the Hoban community. However, there are many sides to Brother William, and his career has been varied and interesting.

Brother William has many experiences in both his religious and educational lives. Often these two facets of life intertwined for Brother William. However, he insists he never had any doubt about his vocation as a member of the Holy Cross organization.

Brother William began his religious career as a teaching brother in 1956, when he accepted a position at the Gibault School for Boys, a correctional school. He remained there until 1967, and recalls that this period of his life was enjoyable and rewarding. After receiving a baccalaureate degree from St. Edward's College, he went on to become a teacher at Hoban in 1969. He taught social studies here for a few years, and then, in 1974, assumed the position of principal, which he has held since that time.

How does Brother William enjoy his job as the principal of a high school? Well, the answer is simple--he loves it. Brother stated that he prefers to deal with students on the high school level and has no preference between teaching and administration. "I enjoy working at Hoban, and find the students extremely cooperative and peaceful," Brother stated. Brother contrasts today's students with those of his earlier years of teaching in the 1960's. "In my earlier teaching days at Hoban, the students were much more uncooperative and rebellious," he said. "Today, they are cooperative and peaceful, and work with the faculty more easily."

No matter when or where Brother William is involved, he seeks challenges in his work. As Hoban's devoted principal, he sees exciting prospects for the school's future. "Today's students seem more willing to learn," he observed optimistically "and the faculty's attitude toward teaching is more professional."

Brother William has worked long and hard for Hoban. We congratulate him at this milestone in his career and wish him every success for the future.

OF BROTHER THADDEUS GOTTEMOLLER

(Brother Thaddeus is one of quite a few men, over the years, who were graduated, and came to Holy Cross, from Cathedral High school in Indianapolis. Thaddeus' teaching career began at Evansville Memorial in 1935 and, after forty-six years, is still going strong. Along the way there have been stops in New Orleans, Albany, Valatie, Taunton, Lakewood (twice), South Bend - but since 1960 Thad has served the students and his fellow religious at Holy Trinity in Chicago. I will presume the good pleasure of Brother Liguori Denier in sharing with you some of his delightful reflections on Brother Thaddeus.)

"I was at Dujarie with Thaddeus through the school years of 1931-33. He came to us at twenty years of age. Thad had a boyish charm and an artlessness that the rest of us totally lacked, but qualities that many of us really appreciated. As a result, however, he was much teased.

"One who roomed near him, beside or below, always knew when a train was passing, for Thad's chair would scrape the floor and his footsteps race across his room, across the corridor, and into the room on the Dixie Highway side of our architectural anomaly called Dujarie Hall, erstwhile Dujarie Institute. Trains held a fascination for him.

"On a day, to relate an anecdote I well remember, Thad was our reader in the refectory. He read, 'Your King will come to you seated on an _____ (long pause) a donkey.' (Long spontaneous laughter). Thad could not bring himself to read the word, "ass".

"Today, Thad retains something of this quality, with all its intriguingness. The genuine endures.

"I remember him as a fine athlete. He was very good at basketball, good at all sports. He pitched and caught (not simultaneously) at baseball. He played handball and was tough in touch football. His name is synonymous with archery. He plays volleyball well in faculty games.

"He is quite a husbandman. Here in our ghetto he makes the meager land we have say flowers of all sorts, tomatoes, carrots, corn, radishes, and other things.

"He is our tireless shopper at the supermarkets, keeping us supplied with all that we need.

"Thad was a good student and has these many years produced in the classroom.

"Thad, faithful, strong, true. Praise God for him!"

Not MUPPETS, Nor PUPPETS, but CRUPPETS

(The following is quoted, mostly, from an article in the Milwaukee Catholic Herald Citizen.)

The strange figures advance down the corridor in single file, six of them, some swaying to the music, some dancing in awkward, shuffling, steps. Purple, red, green figures, one multicolored, all shaggy. Their saucer-like eyes blinked blindly at the surroundings.

"What are they?" asked one small lady timidly.

"Birds!" came the smiling response. "Come and follow them!"

The "birds" continued down the corridor of the Nursing Home, stopping in rooms as they passed by, greeting residents, passing out small pastel cards that bore brief greetings -- "Think Peace", "It's a Good Day!".

Upon reaching a recreation room at the corridor's end, they fanned out, distributed more "happygrams", then joined hands to dance about in good-natured confusion as residents watched in happy amusement, some clapping hands or tapping toes to the rhythms, many smiling at their antics.

During a brief refreshment break of ten minutes, they and Brother Warren Shea --

who totes their musical accompaniment on a portable tape recorder -- chatted about their winter entertainment program.

"We come out every Thursday to a different nursing home," explained Brother Warren. "It's a long time from Christmas until Spring; we start giving at a time when others usually stop!" The boys visited 3,500 nursing home residents last winter in much the same way.

Brother Warren and a companion make the boys' jumpsuits of brightly colored fake fur material. "You mean you do the zippers too?" asked one of the nurses incredulously. Brother nodded his reply.

The suits are of one piece, with headpieces of matching material stretched over a wire frame. "Eyes" are motorcycle headlights attached to a small battery hidden inside; some are fashioned from tops of spray cans into which are inserted blinking lights, also connected to a hidden battery. One boy even had a hidden fan in his "head".

This is the fourth year the St. Charles boys have been doing this. The boys in that group ranged in age from thirteen to sixteen. Black, white, Latin, they were very much a team as they finished their punch, put their "heads" back on and headed into the hall to the elevator, to begin again on the second floor.

FROM HOBAN, AKRON

The 27th annual Hoban Musicales was presented April 10, 11, and 12. For the sixth straight year Brother Guy Eckels was the producer-director. A familiar name to the many who have been affiliated with the Hoban musicales down through the years is Mrs. Juanita Burnett, who has been busy with the costume department since 1958.

 The Brothers continue their monthly vocation activity. In April, sharing the prayer and meal were the six Hoban students who participated in the Province-sponsored vocation workshop. The invitation was extended to the students by the local community as a follow-through from their previous experience.

 About 300 joined in the Akron-area celebration of Brother William Verstraete's silver jubilee on April 4. The Eucharistic Liturgy took place at Annunciation Church and was followed by dinner in the Hoban cafeteria. Ministers of the Liturgy included Bishop Gilbert Sheldon, the principal celebrant, and Father Joseph McHugh, S.J., Principal of Walsh High School, the homilist. Readers were Sister Margaret Ann Freeman, H.M., Diocesan Regional Superintendent, and Brother Thomas Shaughnessy. Brother John May provided musical accompaniment and Brother Michael Flanagan was Cantor.

Dr. Charles Peter, President of the Hoban Board, made a special presentation at the dinner from Akron mayor, Roy Ray.

 The Religious Studies Department initiated Lenten program this year with emphasis on prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Sister Bernadine Baltrinic, O.P. (sister of Brother David) spoke at an all-school assembly on Ash Wednesday. Having spent some time in El Salvador, Sister Bernadine spoke about the politics there and the needs of the Salvadoran people. ...A collection box in the cafeteria accepted donations for the needy....On April 10 a special "hunger-menu" was made available to sharpen awareness of the limited amount of food many peoples have to survive on... the film, Jesus Christ, Superstar was shown, with free will offerings accepted. ...Special prayer activities were scheduled

FROM ANDRE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY

(Again we are indebted to Brother Bonaventure Foley for sharing with us some of his correspondence from Brother Gonzaga Day - and, obviously, we are grateful to Gonzaga for writing.)

Father General has come and gone. Donald (McIntyre) took him all over the two counties and he visited many people and several homes. He came on Wednesday (March 18) and left on Saturday. He celebrated Mass for us at 11:00 a.m. on the feast of St. Joseph. Brother Roland Driscoll and the two CSC Sisters joined us for Mass and dinner.

 Ten Marquette University students spent their spring break working in our area. Donald (McIntyre) supervised them along with the pastor. They were a great bunch of zealous young people: six girls, three boys, and a registered nurse (faculty advisor). In all Marquette sent out 250 of their students to work in Appalachia. Some of the girls helped Brother Paul Br (S-W) on construction of a social hall at St. Anne's Church in Deer Lodge. We had a picnic supper for them one evening. Before they headed back to Milwaukee they came over to the house and gave each of us a generous donation. They really hated to leave. All the expense of their experience is borne by themselves. They rented a van for the trip. The parish furnished its C.C.D. building for sleeping and they used the kitchen in the church basement to cook their meals. A couple of the girls interested in nursing went with Brother Chester Caster to the prison. To hear their reaction was really interesting.

 If present plans materialize Chester hopes to be able to move into the new clinic about June first. It is really going to be nice and already the people are proud of what they have.

 for Holy Week.

All monies collected from the Lenten activities will be divided between mission activities in El Salvador and in Liberia. The Brothers' African mission was chosen because Brothers Donard Steffes and David Naples are now there. Both taught at Hoban and David is a Hoban graduate.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE in LAKEWOOD

In the Christian service program at St. Edward's students are organized to serve the needs of other people. The work of the students is generally in one of two areas: working with small children or working with the elderly.

Those choosing to work with young children work with children who have disabilities such as mental retardation, children who are hospitalized, or those who are at day care centers. Several students also work in the Big Brothers Program. A student usually spends time with children who may not be getting enough attention at home. He may also provide male companionship for children who live in an otherwise female dominated world.

Students who decide to work with the elderly have a very special ministry. They work with people to whom it is often difficult to relate. They spend time visiting these people in hospitals and nursing homes. They minister to people who otherwise have little contact with the outside world.

Students are asked to spend a minimum of three hours a week working on their project. They are also required to keep a journal describing their experiences in the field.

Once a week students meet with their adviser, Brother Lewis Brazil, for a seminar. These seminars are used to talk about a student's experiences and to give them time to reflect on them and on how they relate to his growth as a person and a Christian.

Brother Lewis also uses the seminars to help the students to develop an awareness of the victims of injustice. Social justice and the dignity of human beings are the main thrusts of the program.

Each semester students will take a field trip to Merrick House in Cleveland's inner city. At Merrick House they will listen to talks and lectures dealing with the problems of the poor as housing, health care, and unemployment. They will also listen to a speaker who will talk to them on the subject of death and dying.

CHICAGO CONNECTION: MINTA & FILLMORE

(Not to be confused with Millard Fillmore, our Tom Minta and Bob Fillmore wrote recently of some of their works in Chicago. Parts of their letter follow.)

Bob conducted a Sunday afternoon reflection on "Listening" at Queen Of The Universe Parish in Chicago.

Since September, Tom has been spending two Sunday mornings each month teaching CCD to hearing-impaired high school students at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Schiller Park. Tom helped organize this program for the deaf - one of the first CCD programs for the hearing-impaired in the West Suburban Area of Chicago.

Tom and Bob acted as catalysts for the groundwork-planning in ministry to the alienated young adults living in densely populated apartment dwellings. They hosted two meetings with associate pastors from neighboring parishes who requested suggestions for the formulation of a program to encourage interaction between the young adults living in the area and their parish.

Tom conducted tutoring sessions for adults who are taking American Sign Language courses in the West Suburban Adult Education Programs. All those who were tutored successfully passed their sign language exams!

Tom and Bob have one over Father Clements who is in the process of adopting a young boy! In our own way, we adopted a poor, fatherless, immigrant family composed of two teenage boys, one ten-year old boy and one grandmother! Much time is given to listening and counseling them through very difficult times and circumstances. Working with a family such as this one has made them more sensitive to the single-parent family and their plight in trying to establish some type of identity in today's society.

At the end of the semester students write a reflection paper, expressing in words what they have thought, felt, experienced and learned during the program.

Brother Lewis describes the program as a ministry of presence; students become the hands of Christ as they reach out to others who are in need. Making the Gospel come alive is what our faith is all about.

The St. Edward Council on World Affairs (SECWA) attended the Georgetown University International Relations Association's Eighteenth North American Invitational Model United Nations, at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. on a four-day weekend this spring. In addition to St. Edward's there were more than 200 other schools with about 2,500 students from across the nation and Puerto Rico in attendance....St. Ed's, representing the Republic of India, one of the leaders of the Third World, made a strong showing in the various committees which were set up like those of the real United Nations.... The St. Ed's group received an honorable mention for being an outstanding delegation. This is only the second time in the history of SECWA that St. Ed's was recognized at the Georgetown event. (Eight years ago St. Ed's won a "best delegation" award).... Mr. James Nieberding accompanied the delegation.

The varsity wrestling team captured its fourth consecutive Class AAA state wrestling title. St. Ed's has now tied Maple Heights for the most consecutive state titles. This year the Eagles produced five individual state champions: Greg Wright (132), Bill Elbin (175), Jim Heffernan (138), Greg Elinsky (145), and Joe Silvestro (167).

St. Ed's wrestling coach, Howard Ferguson, was recently the subject of an extended complimentary write-up by Dan Coughlin in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The title of the article is "Wrestling is a Way of Life."

On the first weekend of April the Edwardian Players staged Rodgers and Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA. The show featured a stage cast of 45, a full orchestra of 33, and a support crew of 66 students. Brother Kenneth Kane directed. Others of the religious faculty assisting with the production included Brothers Lewis Brazil and David Martin.

Junior student Mike Hartzell recently became the first St. Ed's student to win a District swimming title.

Forty-four members of the St. Edward Wind Ensemble and Stage Band travelled to Florida recently. They gave three performances and were guests of the students and parents of Clearwater

Word has been received from Father Barros that Brother Gerard Dionne will attend the District Chapters in July. Brother Phil Armstrong likewise plans to attend.

St. Gregory's High School had a surprise visit recently from President Ziaur Rahman. Mayor Hasnath accompanied the President, remarked upon the excellence of the school in all fields. The President offered a lakh of Taka for the sports program.

Brothers Binooy Gomes, Nicholas Corraya, Raymond D'Rozario, Dominic Mree, aspirant Sushanto Purification, along with more than thirty Sisters and lay persons are taking a three-month theology course at the National Major Seminary in Banani, Dacca. There are four periods a day and with regular work and examinations, the course keeps the participants very busy. It will end in mid-May.

Brother Ralph Baird was invited to give talks and evaluate the beginnings of a new school at Ashurganj Fertilizer Complex. This new fertilizer factory, soon to begin production, is one of the largest fertilizer complexes in the world.

Brother Jarlath D'Souza, of St. Joseph's High School, was instrumental in organizing a sports day for the deaf, dumb, and blind students of a nearby school. He is also organizing a Bengali Culture Night at the American International School.

Brother Ronald Drahozal reports that his work at the Home of Compassion on four days a week includes everything from giving injections and dressing wounds to washing clothes and floors. He is teaching in Ramna Parish two days a week and is also kept busy with the correction of the seminarian's English essays and being available for "talk".

Brother Benedict Rozario is wondering when he will complete his B. Ed. degree work. During the past three months he has had few classes due to strikes by students, professors, or maintenance staff. At present the professors are on strike.

Central Catholic High School and New Smyrna Beach Junior High School. They performed at the Daytona Beach International Speedway and at Disney World. The trip was planned by St. Ed Music Director, Brother Kenneth Kane.

FROM HOLY TRINITY, CHICAGO

On Thursday, April 2, the Holy Trinity High School Street Law class was named co-champion in the Third Annual High School Mock Trial Competition sponsored by Loyola University Law School and held in a United States District courtroom at the Dirksen Federal Building. Presiding United States District Court Judge John Powers Crowley declared a tie score in the competition because of outstanding performances by both Holy Trinity and Hubbard High School. Judge Crowley complimented the student lawyers for their outstanding work.

Holy Trinity Street Law class, a member unit of the high school legal education program of Loyola University Law School, consists of twenty-four enthusiastic students, who have spent many hours, in and out of class, perfecting their legal knowledge, vocabulary and skills. Their teachers are Loyola Law students Richard Shadyac and Nancy White, and Brother Clement Burger, CSC of the Holy Trinity faculty.

 Brother Luke, FIC, (A Congregation of teaching Brothers based in Holland) from the Diocese of Wa in northern Ghana recently moved into the Brothers residence. He is pursuing an eighteen-month program of studies toward a Master's Degree in Economics at DePaul University.

 At Holy Trinity's Annual CSC Day, April 5, the Brothers hosted forty priests and Brothers from the Chicago area at their residence.

 During the two days he was at Holy Trinity, Brother Romard Barthel went on a walking tour of the neighborhood with Brother Jerome Schwabe. He was obviously surprised at the variety of racial and ethnic groups in the area surrounding the school.

 The Class of '56 held its 25th reunion on April 11. More than half of the 160 members of the class attended the celebration. Brother Leon is the eldest of nine Brothers who taught at Trinity earlier and helped celebrate the occasion. Others attending were Brothers: Joe Walter, James Moroney, John Kuhn, Leonard Leary, Just Paczesny, Quentin Hegarty, Joe Dudek, and Tom Corcoran.

S.B.C.C.REUNION and BROTHER ELMO

On April 4 the classes of 1940 through 1946 of South Bend Central Catholic High School held a combined reunion. More than 200 were present. The highlight of the evening was a testimonial to Brother Elmo Bransby, recent Assistant General of CSC. The students of these classes were privileged to experience Elmo's teaching, guidance, and interest during their time at C.C. The reunion was splendidly organized by Brother Edgar Plas and Father Ed Ruetz. It began with Mass at 5:30 at Holy Cross Brothers' Center. The program then moved to Little Flower Parish Hall for the dinner and other celebrations. In addition to several Brothers who were associated with C.C. during those years was honored guest, Brother Romard Barthel, who replaced Brother Elmo on the General Administration last summer.

 The Brothers at Holy Trinity thank the Brothers at Holy Cross for their generous assistance in numerous ways, among them the extensive use of the xerox machine and the use of poker and black jack tables for Las Vegas Nights. A special word of thanks goes to Brothers Charles Drevon and Anthony Jorae for installing a new amplifying system in the auditorium.

 The Second Annual Talent Show conducted by Brother Jerome Schwabe and officers of the Student Government was a great success. One hundred and fifty students performed in twenty-six different acts before a capacity audience.

 Brother John Benesh was among a number of VIP's invited to welcome Mayor Byrne to her new Cabrini Green residence, April 3.

 John Benesh admits that his facility with the Spanish language is not as great as it might have appeared when he gave the graduation address at Instituto del Progreso Latino from a prepared text on April 4. The Instituto with the help of tax-supported funds offers high school courses to Spanish-speaking adults. At present it has an enrollment of 150 students. In view of the school's academic standards and the professional qualifications of its teachers, Holy Trinity awards high school credit to students who meet the Instituto's requirements.

Brother Paschal Pesce fills us in on the "grand festivities at Boysville on the feast of St. Joseph. He writes:

"We had the formal dedication of our new Prayer Room - honoring the memory of Brother Andre. Brother Philip Smith of the Monroe Community did us the honor of delivering a fine homily on Frere Andre.

"Then we (Brothers and many invited guests) assembled in the main chapel for a beautiful liturgy. One of the students (Tom Turski) read a poem he had written in behalf of the Brothers here at Boysville. Brother Walter Davenport, again of the Monroe Community, gave the homily - emphasizing St. Joseph's influence in the past and present of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

"The students of Paulus Hall participated as well.

"Festivities continued till later on in the evening : a beautiful and memorable day for so many."

FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

The bands presented their annual pops concert on Sunday, March 15. Performances included both the Varsity and Junior-Varsity bands, while the Beginners' band made its debut appearance. The Jazz Ensemble also offered selections.

"The Holy Cross Family and the needs of the 21st century" was the theme for vocation awareness week (March 16-20). On the feast of St. Joseph, patron of the Brothers, a special student liturgy was held. Priests and Brothers serving the South Bend and Chicago areas attended... Other awareness projects included a special supplement to the school newspaper on the service ministries of Holy Cross....A number of Brothers and Priests gave presentations in classes and to small groups of students.

Members of the vocation awareness committee are Brothers Robert Fillmore, Louis Mangini, James Reddy, Donald Martin, Donald Fleischhacker, and Chester Rachel.

The Ladies Guild held its annual dinner dance on March 28, at the school. Theme for this year's festivities was "The Way We Were", a nostalgic look to the 40's, 50's, and 60's.

BROTHER CELESTIS' RECOVERY CONTINUES
Brother Celestis Mueller was released from M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston on March 23 and returned to St. Thomas More Rectory. The second skin graft of his right foot is progressing nicely. He is wearing a special brace attached to his right shoe. The doctor thinks Celestis can return to Monroe in early May.

Celestis offers sincere thanks to all the Province members who sent cards and letters and offered prayers for his recovery.

FROM MIAMI

Brother Carl Shonk wrote us recently. He had attended a parish celebration of Father Clarence Podgorski's fiftieth birthday on March 30 at St. Clement Church in Fort Lauderdale...Also, in late March, Carl gave a lecture to English teacher candidates at the University of Miami. The focus of his presentation was "The English Teacher in a College Preparatory Curriculum." He found it a rewarding experience.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPRING MEETING

The spring meeting of the Province Social Justice Commission was held at Columba Hall on April 11. Members of the Commission in attendance were Brother William Mewes (Executive Secretary), Brother Lescher, Albin Kuzminski, Donald Morga, Thomas Scheurer, Donald Fleischhacker, Terrence Muehlenkamp, Dennis Bednarz, Thomas, and Pedro Haering (Chairman). The meeting was taken up in great part with reports and discussion on projects accomplished or attempted during the past year. The budget for the 1981-82 fiscal year was approved. The commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Province that Brother William Mewes continue in his office for the coming year. The date for the first fall meeting was set for September 26, at 9:30 a.m. at Columba Hall.

The members of the Commission volunteered their membership each year. At this time any members of the Province who wish to volunteer for membership during the 1981-82 school year are asked to notify this known to Brother William Mewes. Membership is not restricted to Province members, but others who work with us in our apostolates are invited to join the commission.

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

Brother James Kell made the annual Visit from the South-West Province, spending the March 21-28 week with us...Brothers Philip Armstrong and Jeffrey Michels made the Midwest Visit early in Holy Week.

Brother Richard Armstrong, studying at Mundelein College in Chicago, visited with us on two occasions during his spring break in March.

We celebrated Brother Pius Leising's 78th birthday on April 11. Pius received a large folio of sheet music. We hope he will be "up to" entertaining us with an informal recital one of these months.

We received a mailing (about the size of five or six issues of the News Notes) from the Catholic Health Association last week. (Obviously we cannot burden you with all the contents.) It urged us to do all we could to publicize "Older Americans Month" (May) and "National Nursing Home Week" (May 11 to 17). Among the contents of the package were five pages of "facts on aging." Do you know that by 2000 (A.D.) one in every eight Americans will be over 65. And by 2010 the ratio will rise to one out of six? (In 1900 it was 1 in 17).

Brother George Stefanik, who has served us for more years than anyone else, is completing a device (series of devices) which alerts us whenever anyone of our several Brothers who are not aware of what they are doing uses an external door. It allows us to give them greater freedom, with the security that we will know if they start to wander outside.

We are certainly grateful for all the help George gives us during the daytime. But I believe we are nearing a "point" when we will need a counterpart for him during the late afternoon and evening hours. At least half of our twelve Brother patients have reached a stage of needing nearly constant attention, often requiring aid or assistance with little or no notice. More frequently than formerly it becomes more than one nurse can cope with in the late afternoon and evening hours.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTS

The committee on grants (Brothers Bruce Lescher, William Mewes, Pedro Haering, and Philip Smith) of the Social Justice Commission met on April 11 to distribute the (annual) amount of \$10,000 to the following groups and projects:

- Holy Cross Community Development Project in Ghana; Brother Raymond Papenfuss. (To further program in teaching skills in using mechanical and electrical equipment to native Ghanaians. \$1,600.)
- Mountain Community Health Center, Harriman, TN. (To Brother Chester Caster for equipment for this project. \$2,000.)
- Justice and Peace Center, South Bend, IN. (To continue employment of lay staff Coordinator. \$2,150.)
- St. Patrick High School, Monrovia, Liberia. (To Brother David Naples to assist in scholarships for students with serious need. \$1,000.)
- South Bend Bail Bond Project. (To Brother Terrence Muehlenkamp and Sister Sue Kintzele to hire part time bookkeeper to free Sister Sue for more time to devote to pastoral work. \$1,500.)
- St. Stephen Parish Pastoral Team; South Bend, IN. (To Brother Terrence Muehlenkamp, to provide books and transportation to minority students receiving tuition scholarships to St. Joseph High School. \$1,750.)

We were all sorry to learn of the recent death of Brother Loyola Christoph (E). He spent thirteen months with us up till last October. His many contributions to Holy Cross are not measurable. May he rest in peace.

Brother Just Paczesny spent several days with us early this month while recovering from painful oral surgery.

A very attractive Easter greeting has been received from Brother Paschal Pesce at Boysville. No feast day or holiday of any consequence passes without a greeting from Paschal. We appreciate his thoughtfulness.

SOME NOTES on RETREATS, PROGRAMS, etc.

RETREATS INTERNATIONAL is sponsoring an "Institute for Retreat and Pastoral Ministry" at the University of Notre Dame this summer during the weeks of July 13-17, 20-24, and 27-31. Each course lasts one week and meets each weekday for two clock hours. Generally, there are five morning and five afternoon courses from which to choose each week. It isn't clear whether one would be able to participate in more than one course in the morning or in the afternoon. While making no explicit statement, the brochure implies one could register for one, or two, or all three weeks. A few of the course titles: "Stress in Ministry"; "Praying the Scriptures"; "Burnout: How to Prevent It"; "Practicum in Retreat Direction"; "Art: drawing, fabrics, watercolor, ceramics" "Storytelling and journal keeping"; "Liturgy for Captive Audiences"; about thirty titles in all.....For more information write: Retreats International; Box 627; 1112 Memorial Library; Notre Dame, Indiana 46556.

As part of their Institute of Spirituality this summer at St. Mary's College, the Sisters of the Holy Cross will be offering a program on "Transforming Darkness into Light: Integration of the Mystery of Suffering."

Goals: To explore the significance of the mystery of human suffering in the Christian dimension...To enable the participants to deepen a spirituality rooted in the paschal mystery of Jesus...To enter in prayer of solidarity that involves us compassionately with the suffering present in and around us.

Focus: A reason for working together in groups is to integrate the mystery of suffering which is part of human experience. Living daily calls us to build that life by: creating a climate for effective community life; improving our ability to communicate; understanding group process and developing skills for participative and responsible living.

Dates: June 29 - July 10...Contact: Office of the Secretariat
Sisters of the Holy Cross
St. Mary's
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

The MARYKNOLL MISSION INSTITUTE will offer an integrated month-long program for renewal in mission and initial preparation for overseas ministry called "A Spirituality of Faith and Justice" from June 4 to 30. The Institute will also offer four consecutive week-workshops, open on a weekly basis or as a month of renewal, from July 14 to August 14. The titles for each week:

- Basic Ecclesial Communities: A new Model of Church (July 14-23)
- Socialism and Christianity: The Critical Relationship (July 26-31)
- Reflections on Christian Response to Violence in the World (August 2-7)
- American Spirituality and Liberation Theology (August 9-14)

For more information write: Admissions Counselor
Maryknoll Institute, Box 529
Maryknoll, New York 10545
Phone: (914)-941-7575

The CSC DEER PARK (Maryland) programs this summer include:

- June 21-26: Community Retreat (Rev. Charles Sheedy, C.S.C.)
- July 12-17: Counseling and Religious Perspectives in Pastoral Ministry
- July 19-24: Scriptural Study on the Book of Genesis
- July 26-31: Community Retreat (Rev. James Shilts, C.S.C.)
- August 2-7: Interprovince Justice and Peace Commission
- August 8-12: Vacation

If you are interested please write BEFORE MAY 15, 1981 to:
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