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And Joseph also
went up from Galilee...
unto the city of David,
which is called Bethlehem...
To be taxed with Mary
his espoused wife,
being great with child.

Luke 2: 4-5

*May the spirit
of the first Christmas be with you
during this holy season.*

**Brothers of Holy Cross
Midwest Province**



Joseph's Vision

Few versions of the Nativity story pay more than passing attention to Joseph. An exception is the Book of James, or Protevangelium, one of the New Testament apocryphal texts. In it appears this fragment, ostensibly in Joseph's words.

And I Joseph walked, and I walked not; and I looked up into the air, and saw the air violently agitated; and I looked up at the pole of heaven, and saw it stationary, and the fowls of heaven still; and I looked at the earth and saw a vessel lying, and workmen reclining by it, and their hands in the vessel, and those who handled did not handle it, and those who took did not lift, and those who presented it to their mouth did not present it, but the faces of all were looking up; and I saw the sheep scattered, and the sheep stood, and the shepherd lifted up his hand to strike them, and his hand remained up; and I looked at the stream of the river, and I saw that the mouths of the kids were down, and not drinking; and everything which was be-

FROM BANGLADESH

- University Press promises to begin printing Brother James Tallarovic's book "Bengali for Foreigners" this month. About 2000 copies will be printed by offset process, so the plates can be used again for future printings.
- Brother Donald Becker has admitted thirty new boys to his Basic Technical Course; classes are four days a week, starting at 8 a.m. He is now using three classrooms for the various levels of students.
- Brother Ronald Drahozal reports that the Intermediate Seminary programme is moving along well.
- Convenors of the several committees arising out of the District Chapter are Brothers Gerald Kraeger (Implementing the Mission Statement), Bijoy Rodrigues (Bengali Prayer Book), and John Schuszler (Common Symbol).
- Brother John Emminger returned from home leave. There's more of him to love than in April.
- Brother Thomas More attended the District Chapter of the Brothers in Bangalore, India.
- Recent night visitors at St. Gregory's stole the soap from the shower stalls.

FROM MONROVIA

Through the courtesy of Brother Edward Foken's parents (Mr. & Mrs. William Foken of Cincinnati) we received a clipping from the Monrovia (Liberia) Daily Observer with an article by its sports editor interviewing Brother William Healy. We quote part: "A veteran sports director at the St. Patrick's High School in Monrovia has attributed the slow pace of sports development in the country to untrained coaches and sports directors. Brother William Healy, C.S.C., who will be ending twelve years of dedicated service in Liberia today for reassignment in the United States of America, made these remarks in an interview yesterday. He called on sports authorities at the National Sports Commission to formulate sports programs from the elementary through senior high schools as the first step in discovering potential sportsmen to render their contributions to the development of

sports in the country...Brother Healy will be assigned at Notre Dame, Indiana where he will raise funds to support the Brothers of Holy Cross mission schools in Africa and the far east."

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

- November was surgery month around here. Brother Luke Bauer (S-W) had prostate surgery on the 3rd and was at St. Joseph Medical Center for nine days....Brother Majella Hegarty had two operations and spent five days with us recuperating. Brother Kieran Ryan had bladder surgery and was with us for two days of recuperation....During Thanksgiving week Brother Florian Gill had prostate surgery. They are doing well.
- The same cannot be said for Brother John Moore. John has a very bad heart, emphysema, and recently this has become complicated with stomach and bowel problems. Please keep Brother John in your prayers.
- The three Providence Sisters at St. Joseph High School were here to have dinner with us in celebration of the feast of St. Gertrude.
- Santa Claus Murren will make an appearance here at the annual Christmas party on Sunday afternoon, December 20.
- Except for Brother John Moore all our Brothers are either walking or wheeling around and able to make personal appearances at Mass and meals. We have been blessed during the past year. Our Brothers wish you all a Merry Christmas and we remember your intentions in our prayers.



FROM ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Following are some excerpts from a letter received from Brother Harold Ruplinger in late November:

Since the retreat held for young people on Kodiak Island, we have conducted three overnight retreats, attended workshops on prison visitations and Alaskan stress problems, and conducted several leadership and adult youth leader meetings... Brother John McMuldren attended the national meeting of Catholic Youth Ministry in Milwaukee in early November. He was accompanied by three youth leaders who were elected at our leadership workshop in August....

Brother Charles McBride attended a communication workshop in New York, November 11-14.... While in the "lower 48" he helped his parents celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in Phoenix....

Several times a month we have a community liturgy in our home. A local priest is invited to conduct the liturgy and stay for supper. These evenings help strengthen our relations with the local clergy.... We know just about every priest and sister across the diocese personally. They have been much of our support and friendship since we came to Alaska....

We will give three 3-day retreats between November 27 and December 13: for soldiers from nearby Ft. Richardson, for the youth of St. Patrick's (our parish) and for young adults between 19 and 25....

Please keep us in your prayers and those of the community and we do likewise. We pray especially for the sick and the aged and the infirm of Holy Cross as well as for the social justice program.... Extend our greetings to the community around you."

FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

All the bands: Beginners', Intermediate, Varsity, and Jazz made contributions to the 21st annual Christmas Concert on Sunday afternoon, December 13. The new director of the bands this year is Mr. Dennis Trainor.

The Ladies Guild held its annual Christmas party on December 9 - opening with liturgy, followed by a social gathering.

And the annual Associates' Christmas party was held in the cafeteria following the band concert on the 13th.

- CREATIVE SHOPPING, a monthly magazine that deals with refunding, carried an article by Brother Joseph Dudek. Among Brother Joseph's refunding experiences is his claim that (at present) the best refund is five dollars for sixty Mars candy bar wrappers.
- The school foyer was transformed into a polling place with election officials, voting booths, and a ballot box for the election of Freshman Class officers. The polling places opened at 7:30 a.m. and closed at 3:00 p.m. Several seniors acted as election officials. Any freshman who wished to vote came to the foyer, had his name checked against a freshman class list, was given a ballot which he marked in a voting booth and then deposited in the locked ballot box. There was a 90% turnout of eligible voters.
- Holy Cross hosted a Thanksgiving Holiday Wrestling Tournament on November 28. Other participating schools included Luther North, Maine South, Mendel Catholic, Orr, Prosser, St. Patrick, and Yorum.
- Some thirty cartons of suits, trousers, jackets, and other clothing were contributed by the students for the Thanksgiving Clothe the Poor drive. The drive was held in conjunction with Saint Francis Borgia Parish in Chicago.
- The Christmas drive for canned goods and money to buy fresh fruit and produce will continue through December 19. On December 8 Father Bob Rybicki of Visitation Parish celebrated the school wide liturgy and spoke on what it means to be poor and hungry in Chicago. The food will be given to food pantries at St. Thomas Canterbury and Visitation parishes. Many people aided by the food pantries are elderly who can't make it on Social Security. More than half of those helped live on the street.



THE SOLITUDE AWARDED GRANT

The Frank Freimann Charitable Trust of Fort Wayne has awarded the Solitude of St. Joseph a grant of one hundred thousand dollars. The money, to be delivered over a period of sixteen months, will be used to pay the outstanding debts of renovation and capital improvements. The remainder will be placed in the Frank Freimann Endowment Fund and used for on-going development of the Solitude.

On Sunday, November 22, about seventy-five people toured the Solitude during an open house. Most of the guests were Holy Cross religious from the area. Brothers Tom Maddix, Lawrence Skitzki, and James Weston (S-W) comprise the core community.

The Solitude will be closed from noon December 23 until the morning of December 29. At other times Province members are invited to use the facilities for retreat or recollection.

PROVINCE CELEBRATION

The province celebration honoring our 25th, 40th, 50th, and 60th jubilarians will be on June 12th, 1982, at the Brothers' Center.



PROVINCE DIRECTORY CHANGES

1.) The telephone numbers at Columba Hall, as well as Brother Kieran's office, will change prefixes to "239" starting December 28. (The old prefix was "283").

2.) Brother Joseph Berg's address should read: 1717 Fifteenth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009

3.) Brother Albert Kern has moved from Holy Trinity (Chicago) to the Brothers' Center and is a staff member at Holy Cross Junior College.

4.) The St. Luke Church telephone number and the residence number for Brother James Caley should be interchanged.

5.) Brother Donald Johnroe's new address is: 220 S.W. 38th Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

6.) Brother Kenan Judge's new address and phone number are: Route #5 Albia, IA 52531
Phone: (515) 726-3551

THE AFRICAN SCENE

A few notes from Brother Joseph Tsiquay District Superior:

- A number of Brothers have gone on home leave and returned: Brothers Raymond Papenfuss and Fred McGlynn and Father Bob Gilmour...Brother Jim Kozak was home at Easter and returned in July...Brother Joe Annan is presently in the U.S. at St. Louis University, studying at the spirituality institute...Brother Frank Meduri had to return to the States for medical reasons - but is back at work in Sunyani as of late October...
- The District Chapter will be held December 19-24 with a community celebration on Christmas Day. There will be a number of guests including Brother Philip Armstrong, Provincial, and Father Joseph Higgins, General Assistant.
- Thanks to MIVA, Holland, the department of Laity and Youth Formation has a second car and travel pressures are eased somewhat.
- We had a community celebration of Our Lady of Sorrows at St. Augustine's, Cape Coast. Present were Mike Amachie and Paul Mensah, two new candidates who had joined the juniorate program the day before...Brother Nee Wayoe renewed his vows on September 16, during a Mass celebrated by the school chaplain, Fr. Gabriel Mensah.

AMONG THE INDIANS

Brother James Newberry sends us a few notes from Cherry Creek: "The Lord would have it there has been a burst of activity in one of our two satellite parishes. Red Scaffold, a total Indian community of about 200 persons, is now our most active group. Each Monday a class of eight men and women meet for a training program in lay ministry. The class is conducted by a member of the Sioux Spiritual Center staff. On Tuesdays classes are held for elementary school students on a released time basis. One of the Daughters of Charity from Eagle Butte assists with the first three grades. On Wednesday a junior high class meets during the day and the prayer group meets in the evening. I have responsibility for the classes while Brother Paul Bensonke continues his support and participation with the prayer groups. A major occupation for Paul in the past several months has been the remodeling of the Red Scaffold Church. Recently

he installed his own heating design in the basement: a plastic pipe system called SOLAR ROLE in the cement floor. A forty gallon water heater filled with antifreeze provides heat to the tubing. The mild weather has prevented a "full test" but it appears it will be successful. A more conventional system has been installed to heat the upper portion of the church. Now work will proceed on insulation and decorating. -For the first time since I came to Cherry Creek (2½ years) we have had families coming to us for food. The cutbacks in social programs by the Reagan Administration are taking a toll. Especially hard hit are the families where the father worked in the CETA program. As of mid-October they were all unemployed. There are few food stamps and commodities. Some may argue that such social programs build dependency, but it will not be easy as our Indian friends go hungry.

BITS AND PIECES FROM HERE AND THERE

Brother Paschal Pesce (E), presently engaged in pastoral work with youth of St. Thomas Aquinas parish in East Lansing, recently sent us a copy of an article "How Should I Treat my Adult Child?" The article, by Mary Kenny, appeared in the October, 1981 issue of the SAINT ANTHONY MESSENGER and we would recommend its wise insights to anyone who counsels or otherwise deals with "late" teenagers and their parents.

Again this past summer members of the province participated in the apostolate at the Shrine of St. Joseph in Montreal. Returning were Brothers Edward Courtney and Donald Martin who served as tour guides for English-speaking groups. New at Mt. Royal was Brother Robert Siegel who helped with the housekeeping tasks at the pilgrim houses.

There is a slide/cassette presentation available which tells the story of Brother Andre and the development of the Shrine. This would be a good half-hour program for Parents' Clubs and Associate groups in the province. Any of the above Brothers could be contacted for information about it.

The third annual Hoban Alumni Phon-a-thon has obtained more than \$8,000 in pledges. This will provide scholarship money plus a computer for the school....The Ritchie Foundation of Akron has given another grant to the school - \$7,000. It will be used for renovation and replacement of windows.

Both our Chicago area schools are into "Giving Calendars" this year. Each offers the possibility daily of rewards for the donors. While Holy Trinity's calendar is less expensive, Holy Cross offers more and higher fringe benefits. Anyone interested could get information from Brothers Charles Krupp or Thomas Corcoran.

On Saturday, December 5, the chapter committee on Administrative Affairs met at the Provincial House while the committee on Mission met in Cleveland. The committee on Life Planning and Renewal met at the Brothers' Center on Sunday, December 13.

The Province Formation Council met on Saturday, December 12.

Brothers Edward Sniatecki (E) and Wilbert Leveling have been visiting our various province institutions in search of material for the Archives.

OF BROTHER REMIGIUS BULLINGER

It isn't easy to write of your close friends. We are all of varying degrees of sensitivity. I like to believe that some things are "too sacred to put down on paper. But I do not know if another would feel similarly.

There are the facts: like Remy is "out of" Jackson, Michigan (as the football announcers would proclaim), that he was born late in 1913, and that next July he will have been professed in Holy Cross for fifty years. There are not many who have done anything that lasted fifty years.

I know that Remy was a boon to me during a half dozen years at Cathedral in Indianapolis. He always seemed to have the knack of putting things in perspective. I always tended to view every crisis as the "end of the world" even when I knew better. A few minutes of kicking it around with Remigius and it didn't seem nearly so important.

Remy loved kids. He had the rare knack of not noticing those things kids did that would really bug most of us - or that we simply wouldn't tolerate. He always put these things in perspective, too; and I've no doubt he still does.

An opportunity to discuss literature, or philosophy, or theology, or religion, or a recent book...or the normal run of programs on public television...any of these things pleases him...He also loves to cook -- gourmet style. I can believe the men he presently lives with eat well - at least when he "holds forth" in the culinary department.

I wrote him recently to ask him if there was something he'd like me to include in this piece. I could do no better than quote most of his reply:

"The other morn over cornflakes I found on the side of the milk carton the perfect expression for this jubilee: 'Thanks for Fifty Wonderful Years'. So some local milk company and I are celebrating.

"My fifty years have been normal -- ups and downs, wins and losses, good times and so-so times. Just the usual.



I've enjoyed life for the most part, finding the senior-status fun, too. If possible, I'm happier now than I've ever been, still teaching a bit, living near an art museum and a fine library, within walking distance of the symphony and the movies. And just take the elevator down from my eighth-floor rooms to Mass and prayer time.

Just why one celebrates fifty instead of forty-five (or fifty-three) I don't know. Mathematically neat divisions, I gather. It's really a sort of can-you-top-this situation anyway you look at it: the twenty-fivers, who really should get the Nobel treatment, are overshadowed by the fifty-ers, who in turn lose out to the sixties, who are topped by anyone hanging around longer. Kind of silly, no? (Actually, all in my group and up should be working on their obituary notices!)

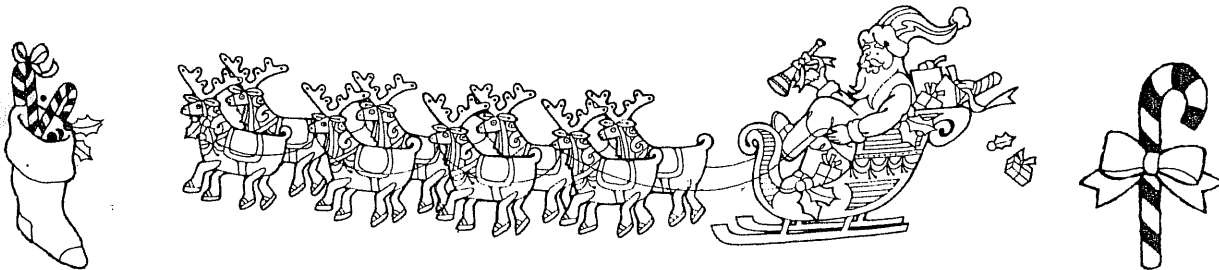
I would be most grateful if all knew those who inspired me to go on and on -- Loyola, in the early years, especially. If a great one like Loyola could put up with the encrustations of the 30s and 40s, then so could I. And did. And then Nicholas in Watertown, Florentius in New Orleans, Lambert all over, and many others, most long since gone by death or marriage.

One should recall those of my class who went home before this celebration, Theophane and Dominic and Paulus, especially, three lovely people who warmed my life of yore.

And that about does it. Please do not print anything that would delay my early canonization!

"See you in heaven, I hope, if you pray hard enough for me."

(The Editor - but mostly Brother Remigius!)



OF BROTHER RONAN KOENIGSKNECHT

"In my maintenance work I find satisfaction in a job well done. Much of my work has been a challenge because I learned most of it the hard way. In early years I would use Sunday afternoons to walk to and look around construction sites to see how things were being done. Holy days were especially useful because then I could see the construction people at work."

This paragraph, from some notes by Brother Ronan says a great deal. It does not mention the hours he spent in the vocation education workshops of the South Bend School City learning machine shop (1954-5), wood working (1955-6) and electricity (1960).

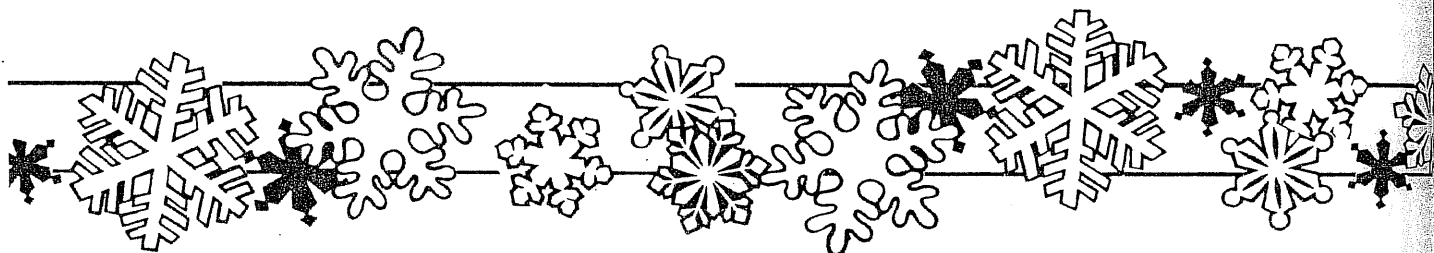
Brother Ronan was born in rural Fowler, Michigan in 1919, and in August of next year will celebrate forty years of vows in Holy Cross. All of these years have been spent on farm and house maintenance. From installing barn cleaner-exhaust fans and building bull barns and breeding pens, as well as re-doing the plumbing in all the bathrooms at

the farm. At St. Joseph Farm he credits the late Brother Angelo as being instrumental in helping him how to do many things. Much time was spent, especially with plumbing, at the old Dujarie Hall (now Carroll Hall), at the Notre Dame Camp at Bankson Lake and at the Community House before and after it became Columba Hall.

While there is joy and satisfaction in making things work, in fixing and renovating - there is also a built-in discouraging factor when one sees the work he has spent much time with handled carelessly, or thoughtlessly, or even, sometimes being abused. There is also a kind of loneliness in that maintenance persons in community often work alone and, when with community do not have others around who are concerned with the same sort of work.

More recently, in addition to his maintenance work, Brother Ronan has been attracted to the Charismatic Movement in the Church and has participated regularly in the weekly meetings of the community of praise in South Bend, and with the group that meets regularly in the Log Chapel at Notre Dame. He looks forward to these meetings and has enjoyed coming into contact with some outstanding and deeply religious people. Many of us have surely been impressed with Brother Ronan's devotion, sincerity, and interest exhibited in the Province meetings and forums that have arisen in the past decade or so as we have tried to deal with the changes coming about in the religious life. May the coming years be as fruitful for him as these "first forty" have been.

(The Editor)



OF BROTHER EDWARD DAILEY

Almost half of Brother Edward Dailey's twenty-five years in Holy Cross have been spent in life and service on the African foreign missions.

The initial seeds of his religious vocation, Brother Edward asserts, were nourished by his devotedly religious mother and father. The warm filial devotion toward his parents, along with their close friendship with many Brothers throughout these many years, bespeak a deep Holy Cross fealty. A sister in the Benedictine sisterhood and a cousin in the Franciscan brotherhood reflect further the deeply religious family influence.

Brother Edward's years at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, noted for nurturing many priestly and religious vocations, constituted his first experience with Holy Cross. Fondly he recalls his association with the Brothers there and their joyful community life of prayer and ministry.

He entered the juniorate at Watertown in 1955. Following his master's degree in French from Notre Dame and final vows in 1960, Brother Edward made his first journey to the African foreign missions, to St. John's Secondary School, Sekondi, Ghana. Returning to

the States and St. Edward, Lakewood, where he served from 1966-1974, he pursued additional French study in 1968 on a government grant through the University of Michigan and at Michigan State University on another grant.

It was back to Africa and Ghana in 1974, for five more years, this time at St. Teresa's Minor Seminary, Amisano, Ghana, as teacher and principal, as well as retreat and Cursillo work. His vital ministry there of basic evangelization and the formation of future native clergy Brother Edward has always regarded with considerable satisfaction. In 1979, he moved on to St. Patrick's High School, Monrovia, Liberia, for a year and a half as vice principal, teacher, and treasurer.

From February to May of 1981, when he returned to the States, Brother Edward participated in the program of Sangre de Cristo, New Mexico, an experience he looks back on as monumental in his spiritual growth and maturity, a time for putting into focus and integrating his entire spiritual journey in Holy Cross.

Most recently, Brother Edward was invited by his confreres at St. Edward, Lakewood, to return as director, testimony to their high regard for his spiritual leadership. Among his confreres, Brother Edward sets an example of devotedness and regularity, warm and friendly and open to all. Low-key and unpretentious, his soft-spoken and gracious manner becomes the hallmark of the refined Christian gentleman that he is--perhaps even more appropriately said, French gentleman, for there always surrounds him a flavor of *le français*, French in manner, in interest, in conversation, in story. There remains little doubt, one recognizes, that things French for Brother Edward are a first love.

Brother Edward labels himself "a solitary" living in community. "I have never been lonely. I have never felt alone. In those quiet moments by myself, I feel my deepest kinship with the Lord, to reflect upon, to talk with." His hobbies bespeak this. There are classical music and sketching, latch-hook and crewel and needlepoint, several pieces always in the process of completion. His room is brightly hung with *Ojo de Dios*, "Eye of God," of every color and design.

Brother Edward unhesitatingly expresses his overwhelming sense of gratitude for Holy Cross--for our life in community, for the opportunity to grow spiritually, for being able to share our lives and talents, in strength and in weakness, for mutual affirmation. Without a doubt, Brother Edward Dailey echoes the deepest sentiments of his confreres. And for exemplifying them among us these twenty-five years, we are grateful.



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Again we invite members of the Province to send us material for the NEWSNOTES - most especially material about our members and matters that the "Province at large" might not otherwise know about.

We are failing in our attempt to include stories on three jubilarians in each issue. The three appearing in this issue exhaust our supply. Those interested in continuing the project are invited to come to our rescue - quickly.

Brother Donald Morrison (who takes care of just about everything except the actual writing of the Newsnotes) and I would like to wish everyone who reads this an abundance of the Lord's blessings and the merriest of Christmasses. Surely the world conditions continue to remind us that the joy of Christmas cannot lie in the world's conditions or what man has "succeeded" in making of God's creation.

I had the following note on a Christmas greeting yesterday and I'm sure the Brother who authored it would not mind my quoting it here: "As we look at every crib this season the message is clearly one of surprise. How can anyone love us that much? I'm learning to live with that "surprise spirit" that each day seems to bring. To recognize the Lord in all that surprises is my challenge.

(Pedro Haering, C.S.C.)

