

# Midwest . . . NEWS NOTES

BROTHERS of HOLY CROSS - NOTRE DAME, INDIANA 46556

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## PROVINCE ADVISORY BOARD

On Saturday, October 17, the Province Advisory Board met in the Chapter Room at the Provincial House. Brother John Benesh, Chairman, presided.

Matters which were discussed included the 1982 Provincial Chapter (Vocations and Implementation of the 1980 General Chapter's Instruction on Mission and Renewal), the province Personnel Office and its relation to life-planning and retirement, formation, house and individual budgets as related to administrators of institutions, interest on automobile loans and requests for Province commitments to particular apostolates.

The meeting ended in the late afternoon and the next one is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 3, 1982.

## FROM CATHOLIC CENTRAL, MONROE

-At a recent Knights of Columbus meeting Brother Leonard Siwierka was given a pin and a certificate for bringing in six new members for Council No. 1266. Leonard was also voted in as Director of the Columbian Squires, a group for boys aged 12 to 17.

-Brothers Maynard Rabidoux (Office Manager) and Walter Foken (Chairman of Business Education Department) attended a conference on business education methods at Siena Heights College in Adrian in early October.

-The faculty held an open house for parents on October 21 to give the parents an opportunity to meet the faculty and learn what is required and being done in various classes.

-The October faculty meeting was shared with St. Mary Academy and held in the C.C. cafeteria. Mr. Robert Wickenheiser

of Catholic Social Services was guest speaker.

-The Brothers' Chapel has a new set of brass Stations of the Cross donated by Brother Leonard Siwierka's family in honor of their parents.

-The Brothers attended the Teachers' Institute at Cobo Hall in Detroit in October. Most Rev. Edmund C. Szoka, Archbishop of Detroit, celebrated the liturgy and spoke to the group. Brother Philip Smith was oboe soloist for the Offertory Song.

-Brother James Rottenbacher's Pep Band played during the Go-Kart Races which kicked off the United Way Fund Drive in Monroe County.

-Candidate Dennis Blanchette visited the Monroe Community during his "October break" from Holy Cross Junior College.

## FROM BISHOP DAVID, LOUISVILLE

Brother Carl Sternberg writes:

-Brothers at Bishop David invited the Ursuline Sisters from Angela Merici to celebrate the Holy Cross Patronal Feast on September 15. The new school year marks greater cooperation between the two schools. This includes participation in school classes by students from the other school.

-Brother Roland Driscoll and Joseph Ballard visited for the celebration of Brother Jude Costello's 79th birthday. Joe was recently mentioned in the Louisville Courier-Journal for his work in the ministry to the divorced while he was at Bishop David.

-Brother Carroll Posey began a new program of days of recollection for freshmen. Included are talks by seniors and faculty members and celebration of Mass at a nearby grade school.

FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

- Among other celebrations of the schools 20th Anniversary is a new fund raising concept called THE GIVING CALENDAR. A calendar can be obtained by donating twenty dollars. The calendar offers a gift for each day of the year, another for each week of the year, another for each month, and a grand prize worth more than \$21,700. Brother Thomas Corcoran would be happy to give you more information.
- Brother Don Fleischhacker recently attended the 25-year reunion at Lane Tech in Chicago. He gave the invocation and benediction at the dinner dance. In 1952 Lane Tech probably had the largest enrollment of Catholic students in Chicago, although a public school. It was sometimes called "Our Lady of Lane." 690 graduated that June.

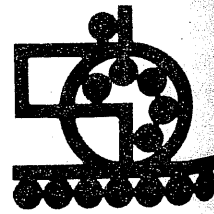
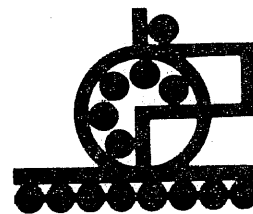
FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

- Our "Halloween" celebration was held on All Saints morning. We were joined for Mass by a few "outside" voices. Brothers: Philip Armstrong, Fred Choquette, Ray Harrington, John Kuhn, Bill Mewes, Don Morgan, Joseph Walter Olszowka, Roy Smith, and Edward Sniatecki bolstered the volume for the hymns. By 9 a.m. our head cook, Mr. Ron Ori, had prepared a scrumptuous brunch and the decorations and other nice things had been and were supplied by nurses Shirley Rasmussen, Lillian Craft, Anne White and Brother Eduardo. The party "broke up" around ten a.m. but it was the wildest "first few hours of the day" around here for quite some time.
- Brother James Kell, S-W Assistant Provincial, came on October 29th for the annual visit and remained with us until November 3rd. It is always a special pleasure when such visitors are able to spend several days with us.
- Head Nurse, Mrs. Shirley Rasmussen, will be enjoying a well earned vacation the last two weeks of November. (Brothers of the area who count on her services might make note of this.)

- Perhaps because we mostly regard him as a "member of the house," Brother Robert Siegel's name was unfortunately omitted from last month's issue when we were thanking the men who helped us during the summer months. Robert spent many hours keeping us well fed - in the early June, mid-June, and early August.
- Brother Richard Kiniry (E - Provincial Council) visited us on two mornings in mid-October.
- The extension of warm weather into November has permitted most of the men to get outside more often than we had expected.

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

- Brother William Fuller writes to bring us up-to-date on the work of our men in Portland:
- Brother Frank Drury has been elected Secretary of the Academic Senate. This responsibility keeps him pretty busy since the University is presently revising its Articles of Administration. In the library he is presently putting the periodicals on a computer datafile. He is also quite active as friend and mentor to the students of Kenna Hall, where he lives.
  - Brother Richard Fischenich has begun fall travels for Admissions. While he was in Anchorage he was delighted to find John, Harold, and Charlie at home and had a good visit with them. Later this month he'll be in western Washington --then follow three gruelling weeks in Hawaii!
  - This past summer Bill Fuller's article "Ensemble Expectations on Two-Dimensional Lattices" appeared in the International Journal of Theoretical Physics. Both last spring and this fall Bill offered a mini-workshop on "Surviving and Coping in Mathematics" at the University.



NUMBERS GAME at NOTRE DAME

Telephone numbers, that is. Expect some confusion beginning December 28 when the University will switch from the Centrex (mechanical) system to Dimension (electronic.) In trying to sift through the changes it seems there are a few "generalities."

Student numbers (283-xxxx) will, for the most part, be unchanged.

The University faculty and administrative system will change from the 283 prefix to 239. If you make a long distance call it would be well to determine the new number. Calls to the old numbers cannot be transferred - they will be answered and you can obtain the new number - but you will have to place another call to get in touch with the person you wanted to call.

The main number of the University changes from 283-6011 to 239-5000.

Where the changes were predictable they have been noted in the MIDWEST Directory. Other changes will be indicated in the NEWSNOTES as they become available.

NUCLEAR FREEZE CAMPAIGN

The last week of October was designated by the United Nations as International Disarmament Week. Mass participation in many of the cities of Europe received more U.S. press coverage than activity in this country.

Brother William Mewes is Chairman in the South Bend area for the Nuclear Freeze Campaign and considerable activity took place during Disarmament week. Each weekday during lunch break (11:30 to 1:30) signatures were sought on the downtown streets for the endorsement of the CALL TO HALT THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE. (5,000 signatures are being sought.) Bill's talk at the South Bend Public Library on October 22 indicated the nuclear freeze movement was setting a goal of three to five years to make arms limitation a political issue. The group is also calling on Russia to halt the nuclear arms race.

The talk and meeting at the Public Library was reported at some length in the South Bend Tribune.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Since you have probably received your new Directory by now you will be interested in the changes that have happened since the printing.

Brothers John Rozario and Gerald Kraeger (E) have exchanged assignments and residences. John is the new District Superior and resides at

32 Shah Sahib Lane  
Narinda, Dacca 1  
Bangladesh

Brother Gerald has taken the work of Headmaster and Director at

St. Gregory's High School  
82 Municipal Office Road  
Dacca 1, Bangladesh

Brother Paul Mattingly's new address is Amores 1317 Del Valle  
Deleg. Benito Juarez  
03100 Mexico, D.F.

This address is good only until December 15. After January 1, 1982 Paul's address will be:

St. Joseph Hospital  
1100 West Stewart Drive  
P.O. Box 5600  
Orange, CA 92667

There are several changes to be made on page 56 of the Directory, the listing of the houses of the South-West Province.

- 1) The school in Biloxi is now officially Mercy-Cross School and the school's new phone number is (601) 374-4145.
- 2) Rancho San Antonio in Chatsworth, CA has an additional phone number (213) 873-3234.
- 3) Holy Cross High School in San Antonio is now called, simply, Holy Cross of San Antonio.

IN OUR PRAYERS

-Please remember Brother Liguori Denier's mother. She died in Kalamazoo in October, just a few weeks short of her 100th birthday.

-Also, Brother Richard Hillis' brother, Lawrence, who died in Cleveland in late



BITS AND PIECES FROM HERE AND THERE

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We received a note from former member of the Province, Frank J. Heitzman, recently. Frank is well and still living in Louisville (4008 Poplar Road, Apt. #8, Zip 40208). We are grateful to him for his generous gift to the Newsnotes.

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The Province's Social Justice Commission has elected Brothers Terence Muehlenkamp (Chairman) and Donald Fleischhacker (Vice-Chairman) for the present year. Brother Basil Thomas was elected a representative for the Justice and Peace Fund.

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The Indiana Province Archives Center has a recent publication entitled "Holy Cross in East Africa." Copies are available (\$2, postpaid) from Fr. Jim Connelly, C.S.C., P.O. Box 568, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

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Brother Chester Caster was recently "selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America for 1981 in recognition of outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability, and exceptional service to the community," in an Endorsed Program of the U.S. Jaycees.

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We also would like to congratulate Brother Stanley Culotta (S-W), who is now a physician and has opened his office for family practice near Holy Cross High School in San Antonio.

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In October both the Anchorage Daily News and the Anchorage Times carried stories and a picture of Brother Charles McBride announcing his appointment by Archbishop Francis T. Hurley as Director of the Office of Communications for the Archdiocese of Anchorage.

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Father Charles Van Winkle, C.S.C., along with Father Fred Underwood, have moved from New Orleans to 908 San Jacinto Street, Austin, TX 78701, where they will continue their vocation-retreat ministry in the Austin-Houston vicinity.

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Tony Blasi, former member of the S-W Province with several years of work and living at Notre Dame has found a classmate, Brother Gerald Comeau (S-W), in their clerical studies at St. Michael's College in Toronto.

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Dennis Calsin signed papers of dispensation in early October. Dennis had taken first vows in 1962 and was an outstanding teacher, mainly in chemistry, at Indianapolis Cathedral and, more recently, at St. Edward's in Lakewood. He also frequently volunteered his help in the summer camp program (CYO) of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. We are grateful for the years of service Dennis offered in Holy Cross.

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Brother Edward Courtney has moved from LeMans Academy to Columba Hall.

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Brother Wilbert Leveling, Assistant Provincial Archivist, attended the Midwest Archives Conference, held October 29-31 at the Mayfair Hotel in St. Louis.

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 The Solitude of St. Joseph will have an Open House from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 22. Parking is available in the ND Laundry parking lot.  
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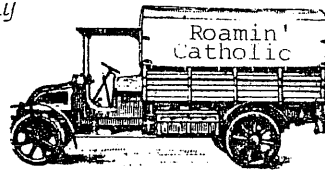
Brother William Mewes was Chairman of the ND/SMC Nuclear Weapons Freeze Week. Highlights included a talk by Mr. Ed Laarman on "Nuclear War, Just War, and Christian Faithfulness" - given at Hayes-Healy Auditorium the evening of November 3. A Mass for Peace was said at 10:30 a.m. on November 8 in Farley Hall Chapel. Father Jack Keefe, C.S.C. of the Fatima Retreat Center was the Celebrant.

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 Delegates to the 1982 Provincial Chapter have received an outline of the suggestions of the Planning Committee. Delegates will have a business meeting at 9 a.m. on November 14 in the Chapter Room at the Provincial House to consider the preparations of the Planning Committee. Members of the Planning Committee are Brothers: David Baltrinic, Francis Englert, Kenneth Haders, Bruce Lescher, Charles Pinto, Thomas Shaughnessy and Jeffrey Michels (liaison with the Provincial Team.)  
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#### OF BROTHER WILLIAM MEWES

"I first heard of Holy Cross from a graduate of Reitz Memorial in Evansville. He told me to be sure to contact the Holy Cross Brothers; in fact, he even got me to promise to do so once he knew I was planning to become a Brother. I met this person in Japan (when I was in the Navy) and this is where he got me to make the promise. I never saw him after I left Japan and I no longer know who he is." This quotation is from a letter I had from Bill. Indeed, the ways of God are mysterious.

Bill's occasional nickname, "Roamin' Catholic" has really applied all his life. Born in St. Louis, raised in Houston, he attended and graduated from the now defunct Jesuit Campion High School in Prairie du chien, Wisconsin. After two and a half years in the Navy, Bill went to Watertown in 1955 at the age of 22. He has Masters Degrees in theology from Notre Dame and in social work from the University of Kentucky. He has taught in Monroe, Lakewood, South Bend, Chicago, and Louisville. He has worked for the Commonwealth of Kentucky for four years as a psychiatric social worker in a mental hospital for children and adolescents plus an additional year on the psychiatric ward in a state prison.



Bill is now in his twelfth year of living at Notre Dame. He says that living at Notre Dame is like living in a state park. The only drawback is the horrible weather. If only Notre Dame were located in Austin, Texas, it would be perfect. He has joined several student organizations on campus, all connected with social justice in some way. He says he has met some of the cream of the crop of ND/SMC students, a great group of kids.

In the fall of 1977 Bill made the renewal program at Sangre de Christo in New Mexico. A year later he was named Executive Secretary of the Social Justice Commission and has served the Province in this capacity since then.

Next January Bill will complete twenty-five years of service to God and Holy Cross and certainly the service has been in various places and varied capacities. We hope the next quarter century will be as enriching to him and to Holy Cross as the past twenty-five have been.

#### OF BROTHER JACOB EPPLEY

From the Brothers' publication, THE ASSOCIATE, of April, 1934, comes the following: "Brother Jacob, C.S.C., cellist, was guest artist at a musicale given by the students of the music department of Holy Trinity High School in the auditorium on April 8."



Even before entering Holy Cross, Brother Jacob Eppley had nearly a lifetime of worldly experiences. He was an accomplished musician, playing cello with the Detroit Symphony and serving with the American army during the first World War - in France, and then with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Next June Brother Jacob will celebrate sixty years in Holy Cross - shortly after his 86th birthday. For the forty years beginning in 1926 Jake taught or/and was Superior in New Orleans, Watertown, Milwaukee (St. Charles), Biloxi, Columba Hall, Lakewood, and Austin. In 1946 he was named Superior of the Community House. When his term was up, six years later, the house had become Columba Hall. He was teaching at St. Edward High School in Austin when the U.S. Province of Brothers divided into three Provinces. He remained in the South-West. But his contribution to what we now call the Midwest Province was invaluable.

Since 1966 he has been at Moreau High School in Hayward, California. During this time he has been a member of the Hayward Symphony Orchestra and, presently, he belongs to an instrumental trio which plays semi-classical music in elementary schools under the auspices of the Musicians Union.

Brother Jacob has always been noted for his generosity in helping others, for his humor (new and old!), and for his contributions to the social life and community spirit of the house. I wouldn't be surprised if he is still swinging a mean tennis racquet. Ad multos annos.

#### OF BROTHER LAWRENCE STEWART

Larry lives by the philosophy "why let others do it for you when you can do it yourself?" Unfortunately, many of us "succeed" in thinking we are sufficiently important to let others do for us many things we ought to do for ourselves. Larry develops and prints his own photos for use in classes; designs his own audio and visual aids; types and prints his own exams and hand-outs; and wrote and printed his own lab manual while teaching at St. Mary's College. He has been a college science teacher for the past seventeen years. This includes nine years at St. John's in Sekondi, Ghana, five at St. Mary's at Notre Dame, and briefer stints at Holy Cross Junior College, St. Edward's in Austin and Ball State at Muncie, Indiana. His subjects have been various in biology, plus chemistry, mathematics, and art.

But Larry's range of activities extends far beyond the classroom. In Ghana he was also the College athletic director, a dormitory prefect, a maintenance handyman, the national treasurer and organizer for the Ghanaian Science Teachers Association, and worked in training sessions for West African teachers and for Peace Corps teachers. A faculty profile article at St. Mary's noted "trying to keep up with this man is something akin to attempting to put a saddle on a humming bird."

Singing is an avocation for Larry. He sang for six years with the St. Mary's College of Texas where he was vice-president of the 65-voice University Chorus. He was business manager for the St. Mary's Choir's two European concert tours in the summers of 1973 and 1974.



Also at St. Mary's he taught repair courses for Volkswagen's in the Free University, trained the College Bowl quiz teams for three years, coached volleyball in summer camps, and was plumber, carpenter, painter, and general handyman for the summer maintenance crew.

Larry is presently in his second year as a graduate student in the Human Performance Laboratory at Ball State University where he is following two primary interests: his first-love of being a pre-medical student, and a frustrated rock in studying exercise physiology. He was recently hired as a full-time assistant professor and is teaching courses in human anatomy and exercise physiology this year. He logs over fifty miles a week jogging and is aiming for his first marathon this month in Louisville.

He was born on St. Patrick's Day in 1937 at Norwalk, Ohio, and will celebrate his silver jubilee in Holy Cross next January. It is hard to imagine what additional activities will occupy the next twenty-five years but it would not be surprising to learn he had created a silver saddle for that humming bird.



OBITUARY -- United States Brothers.....

- November 20, 1890 Felix White  
 1923 Columba O'Neill  
 1944 Just Limbert
- 21, 1975 Ambrose Nowak
- 22, 1871 Agathange Neville
- 23, 1966 Cecil Ferguson
- 25, 1980 Gilbert Scher
- 26, 1969 Josaphat Chmielewski
- 27, 1891 Dorotheus Gannon
- 28, 1882 Andrew Henigan
- 29, 1893 Charles Borromeo Thebault  
 1936 James McManus  
 1953 Clement Mroczek  
 1979 Hilary Lux
- 30, 1889 Ephrem Murphy  
 1908 Andrew Murphy  
 1946 Celestine Heller  
 1977 Benjamin Hingorani

December 3, 1893 Athanasius Purcell

5, 1874 Anthony Reissacher  
1893 Ladislaus Klinger  
1923 Francis Assisi Reynolds

7, 1886 Jerome Kelly

8, 1903 Alpheus Howley

9, 1893 Ubaldu Brady  
1970 Vincent Hinderchied

12, 1893 Paul of the Cross Connors  
1924 Bernardine Phelan

13, 1936 Conrad Heiser

14, 1914 Mark Meade  
1957 Alban Faherty

15, 1921 John Climacus Conway

17, 1880 John Fitzgerald  
1915 Michael Bergin

18, 1977 Kenneth Hopkinson

19, 1852 Victor Walsh  
1918 Thomas O'Keefe

November: MONTH OF THE POOR SOULS

EDITOR'S COLUMN

The month of November opens with the feast of All Saints and closes with what is often a somewhat different feast (or feasting!) Thanksgiving.

Brother William Verstraete, Principal of Hoban High School in Akron combines saints with Thanksgiving in a rather neat way in his monthly letter in HOBAN HAPPENINGS. First I would recommend the letter to your attention if you have a copy of the monthly publication. Then, since you probably tossed it to some obscure corner, I will presume William's good nature would permit me to summarize a bit and quote a paragraph or so.

First he says something that all of us might well spend more time on: November...is an occasion for us to reflect on the blessings we receive through the presence of people whose lives touch ours in so many ways." He goes on to reflect upon the fact that saints do not get too much attention today - even in the church; also that we do not perceive the goal of sanctity in exactly the same way many of our religious ancestors did -- particularly that we may emphasize the substance of our lives rather than the heavenly accolades that might be the result.

The reflection on saints leads to a first paragraph on the "saint today" - followed by Bill's expression of Thanksgiving. I would like to quote that paragraph:

"A saint makes room in his life for you that is, a saint has a real rather than a stylized relationship with you. Because the saint is truly present to others, the saint breaks those bonds of space and time which people are so aware of when they deal with on a superficial plane and in a practical way. You have, as a result, been truly accepted and heard by the saint, a deeper experience of yourself and an understanding of your own life. Another way to put this is to say that anybody who touches a saint makes you more alive in a lasting manner. He does a sacred thing for you."

Obviously, this has both an active and a passive aspect in our lives. All of us should make our best effort to be a saint to the degree we can be, to all those whose lives we touch - obviously we can touch some more profoundly than others. But more important, in terms of the theme of Thanksgiving, is the passive aspect. That is, our thanks and our appreciation of those who touch our lives.

Pedro Haering, CSC