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OF GIFTS

Our gift to God? God's gift to us? Just what are these gifts? Where do we find them? How do we describe them?

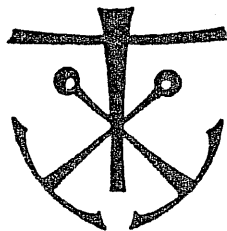
Our gift: our flesh, blood, energy, work, spirit, will...our tangible and intangible selves ...here and now...and forever.

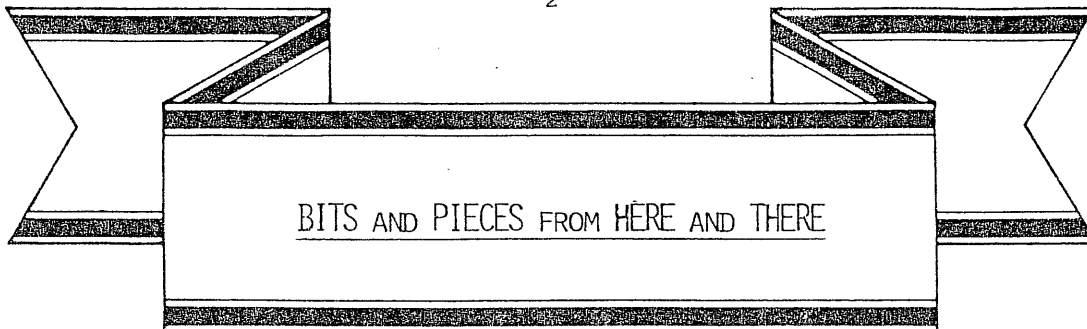
God's gift: (according to King's) not in the wind, nor fire, nor earthquake...perhaps in a still small voice...a gentle whisper.

God calls...Do we hear? Can we hear? ...if we hear is it crazy to listen? Crazier to respond?

All these things went through our minds - Brothers, relatives, friends - several hundred of us - as Brother Robert Dailey heard, listened, responded...forever...on a Saturday afternoon in September.

God be with you, with us...and you, we with God...Forever.





 During the summer there were deaths in the immediate family of several of the Brothers. Please remember in your prayers:

- Mrs. Helen Gentile, sister of Brother Armand Amman.
- The mother of Brother John McMuldren died in Akron, Ohio.
- The mother of Brother Jerome Quella died in Appleton, Wisconsin.
- The father of Brother Thomas More Beere.
- The mother of Brother Nicholas Thielman.
- The mother of Brother James Leik died in early September in Portland, Michigan.
- The niece of Brother Edward Sniatecki died as the result of a boating accident near Grand Rapids, Michigan in early September.

 Brother Joseph Ballard writes from Brescia College (Owensboro, KY) that he attended a workshop on "Marketing Principles in Admissions" in St. Louis in June. Also this summer Joe and Jim Greteman celebrated their 25th anniversaries (a year delayed) with a three-week trip to California.

 Brothers Thomas Shaughnessy and Carl Sternberg each conducted sessions in the "Mid-America Youth Ministry Conference" at St. Mary's College (South Bend) in mid-June.

 Brother Paschal Pesce (E), on the staff at Boysville this past year, has accepted a position as assistant to Bishop James Sullivan, Auxiliary Bishop of Lansing. Paschal will be associated with youth ministry, counseling, and administrative responsibilities.

 Twenty-nine Amish friends of Brothers Simon Murren and James Blaszak spent July 19th visiting LeMans Academy. Because of rain the picnic they enjoyed was held indoors. The guests were from the Shipshewanna, Indiana area.

 Brother Donald Bailer was in the South Bend area in early August attending a meeting of the financial officers of the Holy Cross Sisters' Hospitals.

 Brother Gonzaga Day writes that Brother Frank Rotsaert spent part of the summer teaching vacation Bible classes in the mission churches around the Andre Mountain Community...Frank has taken up his duties as Rector of Holy Cross Hall on the ND campus.

 Brother Timothy O'Connell is keeping more than busy in his work at St. Mary's College. His work in the dietary department was increased with the addition of 225 Sisters to serve and, in late June, he was appointed Director of Purchasing for Campus Management Services. Tim lives in the Presbytery at St. Mary's.

 Former member of the Eastern Province - and Holy Cross Brother since his reception of the habit in 1939 - Mr. Glenn Latterell (Brother Armel) was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, S.D. in late August. He has been assigned to Sacred Heart Church in Yankton, S.D.

From The Schools

It is "too soon" to have news from many of the schools and that which drifted in after our May issue is pretty dated.

We did learn that the fund raising drive at Holy Cross in River Grove, the CRUSADER CRUNCH, took in \$27,000.00. This program pre-empted the annual "Good Friday Walk." A portion of the Crusader Crunch funds were set aside for Holy Cross Foreign Missions and for Marillac House, usual recipients of funds raised at Holy Cross.

Tito Serafini from St. Edward's in Lakewood was one of 141 Presidential Scholars chosen from among seniors nationwide last May.

Brother Charles Gregg will not be returning to Evansville Memorial this fall. Charles is going to work as part of the parish team at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hartland, Michigan, in the Diocese of Lansing.

Brother Philip Alessandro has taken a teaching position at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. The Principal at Roncalli is Mr. Bernard Dever, brother of Brother Keric Dever (SW).

Brother Leon Gnewuch and Jonas Moran, formerly on the staff at Hoban in Akron, moved to Columba Hall.

Brothers John Federowicz and Gregoire Bleau have moved to North Canton, Ohio. John is the Director of the Library at Walsh College (North Canton). Gregoire is on the staff at Hoban (Akron).

"COPING WITH DIVORCE"

This book, by Brother James Greteman, published last spring by Ave Maria Press, has been picked up by every English-speaking country in the world. A flyer for the book has been sent by the United Methodist Church to half a million of its members. Several organizations have requested permission to translate the work into Spanish for Puerto Rico.

Brother James gave a workshop at Notre Dame's Continuing Education Center in July for the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced. He was elected chair person of the advisory board for the NACSD.

Jim works for the Diocese of Sioux City (where he also attends rodeos.)

The Publican and Pharisee Revisited
Two men went to Church to pray. One was a leading citizen, the other a poor school teacher. The prominent citizen stood and prayed thus:

"O Lord, I thank Thee that I am not like these professional men, even as this poor school teacher. I pay half of this teacher's salary; it is my money that built this church; I subscribe liberally to the foreign missions, and to all the works of the Church. It is my money that advances Your cause."

The school teacher's prayer was quite different. He bowed his head in humility and prayed:

"O God, be very merciful to me. I was that man's teacher."

Brother Angelo Dies

Brother Angelo Trettel (SW) died of a heart attack on August 21. His wake and funeral were held at the Brothers Center with burial in the Center cemetery on Monday afternoon, August 24. Father Ralph Fisher gave a eulogy at the wake service and Father Bill Simmons gave the homily at the funeral mass.

Angelo had served at St. Joseph Farm in Granger for 51 years. He was a self-taught electrician; he drove the milk route for the farm for several decades - delivering the milk to all of the university community and religious houses in the area. His passing brings us nearer the end of an era.

Directors To Meet

Local Directors in the Province will meet at the Provincial House on September 26 and 27. In the Saturday sessions they will hear Mrs. Barbara DeCoursey Roy, a faculty member of the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University (Chicago). Among the topics she will discuss are:

- how to take care of our own needs while providing leadership
- tension between meeting one's own needs and the demands of one's task
- how this fits into a spirituality

On Sunday morning there will be discussions

between directors and the province team. Topics include:

- improving communication within local communities
- ways local communities can examine questions suggested by General Chapter documents and Father Barrosse's Circular #16.
- expectations and suggestions regarding provincial visits this year.

The sessions will end by noon on Sunday.

Oil Painting of Brother Andre

Following the Sunday morning liturgy at the Brothers' Center on August 30, the dedication of an oil painting of Brother Andre was held in the Community Lounge with many of the Brothers and interested friends present.

The painting was made possible by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Scott of Harbert Beach, Michigan. Friends of Brother Regis Regensburger - notably Mrs. Gertrude Beyers, Mrs. Bertha Shula, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Volpe, along with other Brothers gather at least annually at the Scott's Cottage on Lake Michigan.

The donation of the Scott's prompted Brother Jeffrey Michels to engage Mishawaka artist, Mr. Timothy MacDonald to produce the work depicting Brother Andre with the Oratory of St. Joseph at Montreal in the background.

Brother Jeffrey explained how Mr. MacDonald went about preparing for and painting the magnificent picture.

Brother Lawrence Miller Feted

Brother Lawrence Miller was the recipient of several gifts and the guest at parties given by the staff of the Evansville State Hospital during the week of September 1, on the occasion of his retirement from the staff there.

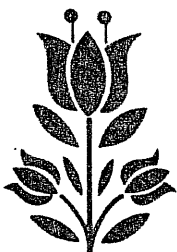
Lawrence will continue to live in Evansville and will be able to increase his involvement at St. Benedict's Parish and with a group called the Friendly Visitors. Around mid-September he also begins Volunteer Service at St. Mary's Hospital. He will continue to keep the House Books at Memorial.

Brother Lawrence will celebrate 45 years of religious vows next February.

From Dujarie House

during July and early August we enjoyed the company of, and working assistance from, Brothers Donald Allen, David Arnke (E), and Charles Gregg. For the most part they served as substitutes for Brothers George Stefanik and Frederick Choquette during the vacations of the latter Brothers. But they also assisted with the new mini-shift of nursing (5:30 to 8:30 PM) and helped us get all the windows washed inside and out, cleaning and re-arranging the basement, cooking, and putting the library in order. Our thanks to them - and to Brother Leon Newwuch who volunteers several hours on each of four afternoons a week in helping to look after, talk to, and listen to most of our men.

Our thanks again this year to the staff at the Center which keeps our grass cut and trimmed and especially to Brother Richard Gilson who must average at least a dozen hours a week keeping the shrubbery and plants trimmed and in order.



Through the kindness of Brother Joseph Walter we learned of the write-up on Brother Theophilus Machalinski in the summer issue of the Holy Trinity Alumni News-Letter. Theo will be 90 in October and is still going strong. In late June Brother Florian Gill moved into our house. He is the Assistant Director and continues his work of landscaping the many areas at the Brothers' Center.

Brother Eduardo Michalik joined our nursing staff full time in early August... He takes care of the many hours of nursing assistance we have had to add in the last six months. We are happy to have him. He is living at the Brothers' Center.

Brother Henry O'Rourke (SW) spent nearly four weeks in the hospitals this summer but is much better and ready for the football season. For variety he spent some period at St. Joe in South Bend and the second session at St. Joe in Shawawaka.

Ferry Faust, Notre Dame's new football coach, paid a visit to the Brothers here this summer. His appearance was arranged

by Brother Fred Choquette.

-Brother Omer Bielawski completed six weeks of daily radiation treatments at St. Joseph Medical Center on August 26. We are grateful to the many volunteers (we needed two each day) who assisted in getting him there and back each morning.

-The time of our daily Mass has been moved from the late afternoon to 11:15 AM (Except at 8:30 AM on football Saturdays.) The evening meal is now at 5:30.

-We have received a booklet "Open Your Hands Before God" with twenty prayer forms compiled by Brother Thomas Minta for the purpose of offering a format to small group or individual prayer. Each of the twenty forms fits on a single page and contains an opening verse, psalm selection, biblical reading, intercessions and personal prayers, and a closing prayer. We are grateful to Tom for sending us his booklet.

-Dujarie House recently requested volunteers from among the Brothers in the Notre Dame area to give a three-hour segment of time each week to our needs here. We are grateful to Brothers Thomas Shaughnessy and Joe Barry for their quick response to our call. Our lines are still open for any other calls!

From Gilmour Academy

Joining the religious community at Gilmour this fall are two additional Brothers: James Moroney, head of the guidance department; and James O'Donnell, a dormitory housemaster and social studies teacher, who also assists with intramurals.

From a low of seven two years ago, the community now numbers eleven CSC brothers and two CSC priests.

With a population of 55 students, the Gilmour dorm may be unique in that five CSC religious live there as well: housemasters Brother Richard Keller, Gilmour chaplain Fr. John Blaszak, and Brother James O'Donnell, and staff assistant Brother James Kumba. Father Thomas Chambers, a vice president at nearby Ursuline College, is also a resident.

A formerly empty apartment at the north end of the campus is now the residence of Headmaster Br. Robert Lavelle and Br. James Moroney. Some weeks ago they held an open-house for the other CSC religious on campus.

From Lincolnway, South Bend

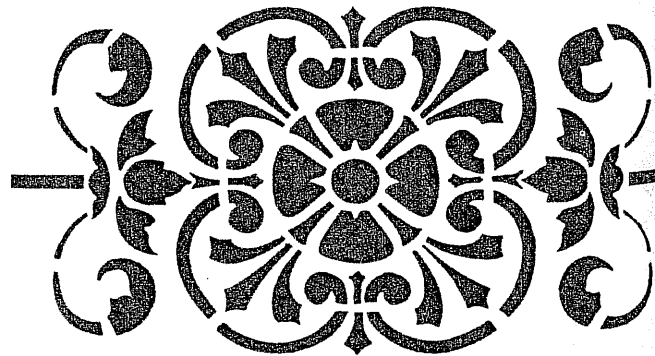
- Two new candidates have joined the Lincolnway community this year. They are: Dennis Blanchette and Matthew Pawlak, both 1981 graduates of Catholic Central High School in Monroe. Dennis and Matt are attending Holy Cross Junior College.
- Chuck Hutti, a graduate of Bishop David High School in Louisville, has returned for his second year. Chuck is attending Notre Dame.
- Also returning to Lincolnway is Brother Joseph Barry. Joe made his first profession at Waterford, NY, on August 8. He is a student at Notre Dame.
- A special welcome is extended to Dennis and Matt, and a special thanks is due to Brother Philip Smith and members of the Monroe community for their prayers and efforts regarding vocations.

Social Justice Commission Meets

- Brother William Mewes, executive secretary, has announced the first meeting of the new (school) year to be held at Columba Hall on Saturday, September 26. The Commission is composed of voluntary members. Anyone interested in social justice issues and Holy Cross participation in those issues is welcome to join and attend the meetings.
 - Some items on the agenda for the first meeting are: a report from the Deer Park inter province week, the overall focus of the commission for the coming year, possible recommendations to the 1982 Province Chapter, election of the Commissions Chairman and Vice-Chairman for this coming year.
 - Brothers who have indicated their intention of being on the Commission this year include: Donald Allen, Richard Armstrong, Dennis Bednarz, Chris Dreyer, Donald Fleischhacker, Charles Gregg, Richard Hillis, James Kumba, Albin Kuzminski, Bruce Lescher, Bill Mewes, Donald Morgan, Isaac Motz, Terence Muehlenkamp, and Bernard Wieseler (SW).
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From Monrovia, Liberia

- While waiting for the July rains to abate so he, with Brothers David Naples and Donard Steffes and Father Lou Rink could get back to the tennis courts, Brother Edward Foken jotted down a few notes on Monrovia happenings:
- Brother David Naples is a member of the Liberians Conference of Major Superiors. They meet once a month to discuss matters of concern to the twenty-three religious congregations in the country.
 - Brother Tom Dillman continues to direct the singing for St. Joseph's parish in Sinkor.
 - Brother Donard Steffes has organized an amateur radio club. Many Liberians come to meetings on Mondays and Tuesdays to learn about "ham radio".
 - Four days of recollection have been organized by Brother Edward Foken and six other area religious. This presents an opportunity for the religious to get together to pray, listen, and discuss. The last of these days for this year will be October 31st...Edward has also taken over the duties of Supt. of Schools for the Diocese of Monrovia. Presently there are 27 kindergartens, 30 elementary schools, 17 junior high schools, 12 senior high schools, one vocational training college, and four home economic centers serving 8300 boys and 6300 girls.
 - Brother William Healy's varsity and jaycee basketball teams have a composite record of 12-3 this season.
 - Mr. Amos Lawrence Jones, a 1980 graduate of St. Patrick's was recently awarded a four-year college scholarship by the Ministry of Education. Amos is attending the University of California at Berkeley.



From Holy Trinity, Chicago

Principal Brother John Benesh opened the teacher orientation session emphasizing the importance of goals and objectives... Viatorian Brother Donald Houde offered a presentation on effective relationships with students in the classroom... Brothers Robert Fillmore and James VanDyke conducted a session on Christian values.

Brother Thomas Cunningham, with the help of student workers, has the school sparkling. Tom and the basketball coach refinished the gym floor.

The enrollment is 500. The freshman class of 155 represents an increase for the first time in several years.

Cardinal Cody and Archdiocesan officials have been very complimentary to the work of the school and have offered financial assistance to keep the budget balanced.

Brother Jerome Schwabe is now Assistant Pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Salida, Colorado. In addition, Jerome is Principal of the parish's elementary school.

Brother Charles Krupp has been appointed to the Chicago Archdiocesan Board of Education for a three year term.

Cardinal Cody personally presides over the monthly meetings of the fourteen-member Board.

From Holy Cross, River Grove

There are nine new members in a staff of sixty-six at Holy Cross this fall. Included among the new members is Brother Thaddeus Gottemoller (most recently at Holy Trinity), James Ziomek, a 1974 Holy Cross graduate, who will teach biology, and William Eckert, a 1981 graduate of Notre Dame, who joins the Department of Religious Studies.

The summer issue of CURRENTS (American Red Cross publication) carries a full page story on, and picture of, Howard Yoon. Howard lived in Seoul, Korea until his family moved when he was eight. His activity in Red Cross and in other leadership fields at Holy Cross earned him one of two \$3,000.00 scholarships awarded by the Chicago Jaycees.

-The first fall meeting of the Mothers' Club on September 9 heard presentations by its moderator, Brother Raymond Dufresne, as well as many words of wisdom and humor by Principal, Brother Thomas Corcoran. President of the Mothers' Club is Josephine Montalbano.

-The Fathers' Club had their first meeting the following evening. Roger Grivetti is President and the co-moderators are Brother Donald Allen and Mr. Ernie Vessin.

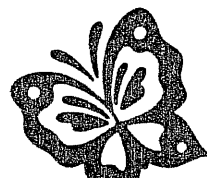
-"Back to School Night" for parents was held on September 16. Brother Thomas Corcoran urged parents "to attend this program. We feel it is important for us to set up channels of communication between parents and teachers early in the school year. Meeting your son's teachers, hearing the requirements of his classes, and experiencing the 'happenings' of a school day will mean more to parents than a formal note on paper.

-The school-wide reading program, directed by Mrs. Amelia Kelly (Head of the English Department) has shown some improvement in reading during the two years it has been operating. In 1979, of the College Prep II group, 33% were reading below their grade level. That figure has now been reduced to 21%. The program will be continued this year and probably for some time to come.

From Bangladesh

-The new District Council is composed of: Brothers John Rozario (Superior), Thomas More (Assistant Superior), Charles Garnier Bibeau (Secretary), Ralph Baird (Steward), Donald Schmitz, Daniel Rozario, and Dominic Mree. The Council held its first meeting on July 30.

-Brother Charles Bibeau has replaced Brother John Rozario as Director of the Community at St. Gregory's. Charles has also been appointed editor of the Dacca District News Notes.



From the South Bend Associates

During the decades of the 40's and 50's many groups of "Associates of St. Joseph" were formed in local areas served by the Brothers. One group that remains quite active is the South Bend Chapter. Brother Richard Gilson is the Moderator and he reports the following activities:

- A bus load of the associates took a trip to Drury Lane (Chicago) in August.
- At a meeting at the Brothers' Center on August 30 the chapter voted to send two hundred dollars to Brother Gonzaga Day for his work in Appalachia.
- A card party is being sponsored by the group at Holy Cross Hall on Sunday, September 13, to benefit the Brothers at the Center. The hope is, eventually, to refurbish the third floor television room in Basil Hall.
- The Associates will meet again on October 11 at the Center to plan the annual Christmas party and the March dinner.

Mountain Community Health Center Dedication

July 18 marked the first milestone - the result of eighteen months of meetings, prayer, planning, raising funds, building - when the Coalfield Medical Association dedicated its Mountain Community Health Center. The program notes for the dedication give a brief history of the undertaking. Included is the following paragraph:

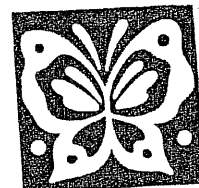
"We had all envisioned having 'a doctor in our backyard', but few of us ever believed this could be a reality... (then) Dr. Chester N. Caster was introduced... We soon learned that Coalfield Community and our surrounding mountain communities were very fortunate to have been sent such an amiable and competent professional. Dr. Caster shared in our joint idea of establishing a Medical Center in our Community. His devotion to this cause was evidenced further by his making residence with us to join in bringing this idea to reality."

The Clinic had opened in a temporary location in January of 1980. The new building represents an initial fund raising of \$50,000.00 with, perhaps, as much more still being raised to pay for all the necessities.

Most Reverend James Niedergeses, Catholic Bishop of Nashville, gave the invocation at the dedication. In addition to Brother Chester, the staff of the health center includes a nurse clinician/administrator, another nurse, counselor, accounts manager, receptionist, bookkeeper, building manager, housekeeper and pharmacist.

Some Notes from Bangladesh

- Brother John Rozario was elected District Superior at the Chapter in July.
- We recently received the 84th issue of the Dacca District News Notes, the last issue of Brother Gerald Kraeger's administration. The notes were started in November, 1972, and the first issues were produced on carbon paper. The aim was to provide information to District members, but soon some copies were sent to Brothers who had returned to the States, to Provincials and editors of the province news organs. Brother Gerald produced all of these issues in addition to his duties as District Superior. Gerald has done a most commendable work as Superior of the Dacca District.
- Brother Donald Schmitz (E) was acting Headmaster at Holy Cross High School while Brother John Emminger was on home leave.
- Brother Ronald Drahozal went to Jalchatra in July to prepare for the Special Formation Program for twenty-one seminarians. Fr. Al Neff, CSC, is Program Director and Ronald is Seminarian Director for a five-month program including a variety of topics, teachers, retreats, apostolic experiences, and evaluations.
- At St. Joseph's School of Industrial Trades, Brothers Jerome Kroetsch and John Schuszler (in the electrical and machine shops, respectively) are nearly overwhelmed with work orders.
- Brother Charles Bibeau (SW) has been appointed to the National Catechetical Commission by Archbishop Michael.

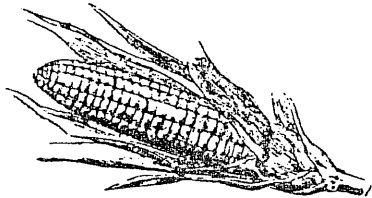


Monroe Catholic Central

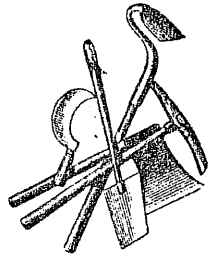
Brother Celestis Mueller returned to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston in early August for a checkup. He received a good report from the medical team and his next check-up was put back to six months instead of three. He must take great care not to bruise his leg. He will be able to work full time this year at C.C.

Brother Walter Foken writes that the annual garden produce turned out to be one of the best ever. Rain came when needed.

corn without blight...



onions best ever...



peppers and strawberries
the tops...not too hot
season for peppers,
cucumbers, and kohlrabi..



but very good for
sugar melons, green
beans, tomatoes, and
squash.

The croquet team began as a joke. Mostly seniors, they practiced on the front lawn during fall and spring, usually on Sunday afternoons. Now they have reached the semi-finals of the Detroit Downtown Invitational Croquet Tournament. They eliminated defending champion Detroit State Department and will play the semis in early September. Brother Philip is their guiding light. Student enrollment is up. Shared classes (8:25 to 11:25 AM) with girls from the Academy are prospering. Girls take anthropology, physics, general math,

drafting, varsity band, business law, accounting, and business principles at C.C. Boys go to the Academy for psychology, Lutheran theology, Spanish, Latin, French, mixed choir and reading skills.

-Brother Walter Foken is into growing avocado plants in his classroom.

Some Notes on Degrees

-Brother Frederick Raehsler graduated from IUSB with M.S. in Education in the area of counseling and guidance. He has accepted the position of Assistant Director and Curriculum Coordinator for the Physicians Assistant Program at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. He is also Adjunct Assistant Professor and an assistant hall rector.

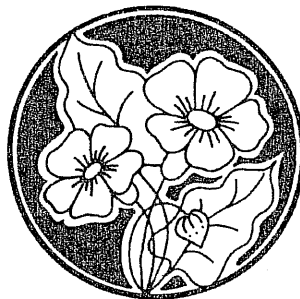
-Brother George Klawitter received his Doctorate in English from the University of Chicago. His thesis is on the English poet and philosopher, Henry More (1614-1687). George will continue to teach at Holy Cross Junior College and has taken up residence at Grace Hall, Notre Dame, where he is assistant rector.

-Brother Chester Freel received his Master in Social Work from Wayne State University. Chet is on the administrative staff at Boyssville.

-Brother Richard Armstrong received a Master's Degree from Mundelein College in religious studies. Richard is returning to the faculty at Holy Trinity.

-Brother William Drury received the degree Master of Science in Administration from Notre Dame this summer. He has returned to his work at Portland University.

-Brother Richard Shea will graduate from Roosevelt University with a Master's Degree in Gerontology. He is presently working at the Berwyn-Cicero Council on Aging.



Workshops Available at Weber Center

For further information about the workshops listed below, write

Sue Kennedy, O.P.
Weber Center
1257 E. Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, MI 49221
Phone: (517)263-7088

All workshops require a deposit of \$20.00. The balance is \$40.00.

Basic Enneagram Workshop (Oct. 16-18)

Pat O'Leary, SJ

Knowing oneself well is a prerequisite to personal prayer. It is also essential for growthful spiritual direction. Workshop helps to meet both needs and will explore the specifics.

Moral Decision Making: Who Has the Answers? (Nov. 6-8)

Cletus Wessels, OP

Modern culture is dominated by moral fundamentalists who seem to have all the answers and moral relativists who seem to have no answers. How can Christians discover a method of moral decision making which takes seriously our historical roots while listening to the signs of the times? Focus will be on issues of sexuality, marriage, politics and social justice.

Telling the Story: Hers, His, Ours

(Nov. 6-8)

Jeannie Gramick, SSND, Robert Nugents, SDS
This retreat is designed for lesbian women and gay men to explore their spirituality and the impact of their sexual orientation on living the Gospel message. There will be time for renewal, re-evaluation and reflection on Gospel living from an individual and societal perspective. Eucharistic celebrations, community prayer and time for quiet reflection will be part of the weekend. The process will include presentations, large and small group discussions.

Mid-Life Transition: Second Stage of Growth (Nov. 13-15)

Paul Collins, MSC

A new attitude of life and a new range of responses emerge at midlife. Central to this is the awareness of mortality and limit. The modality of human creativity changes. There is a deeper awareness and more integrated acceptance of bodily existence. Dropping defenses leads to a greater vulnerability, yet to truer integration. The seminar will examine these issues and participants will be given a chance to reflect on

them practically both as individuals and as a group.

Meeting at the Well: Prayerful Reflections on Movements Toward Health and Wellness (Nov. 16-18)

Emily Nabholz, SCN

An opportunity for seekers and wayfarers on the journey of life to meet at the well and be guided into deeper waters within to rediscover claim and exclaim life movements toward wholeness and health.

Thomas Merton: Contemplative and Prophet of Social Justice (Nov. 20-22)

Madeline Abdelnour, SCN

This weekend will focus on Merton's thought and involvement in issues of racism, discrimination toward Native Americans, peace and non-violent resistance to nuclear proliferation and oppression and exploitation of the poor. The connection between contemplation and action will also be explored and time given for quiet reflection and serious discussion.

Announcements

The following items were clipped from the Fall/Winter Resources catalogue published by CRUX.

INDIANA

Place: Brothers of Holy Cross, Vocation Office/Box 308, Notre Dame, IN 46556

Time: Year round

Description: Located on the edge of the University of Notre Dame, the Solitude of St. Joseph offers space for solitude, private and individually directed retreats and spiritual direction. Six and eight day directed retreats usually begin on Sunday evening and end either on the following Saturday or Monday afternoon. The cost for room and board of the six day retreat is \$100.00 and the eight day retreat is \$135.00. Guests are usually expected to prepare their own meals. Contact: Br Thomas Maddix, CSC, Solitude of St Joseph, Box 164, Notre Dame, IN 46556. (219) 283-8887.

INDIANA cont.

Place: Holy Cross Brothers Center; Notre Dame, Indiana 46556; Phone (219) 233-8273

Time: February 8-20, 1982

Description: Brother ... for all seasons! workshop has moved from Dominican Education Center; Sinsinawa, Wisconsin to Holy Cross Brothers Center; Notre Dame, Indiana. A two week workshop welcoming all Brothers interested in continual development and enrichment of their unique vocation in the Church today. Cost \$450.00. For more information write: Brother Thomas Moser, at above address.

A-V Materials Needed For Ghana

Brother William Gates sends a request, via Brother Edward Dailey (Lakewood), for materials necessary to set up an A-V lab at St. Augustine Secondary School, Cape Coast. Among his needs are the following:

- Languages (English, French, German)
- materials-records, tapes, filmstrips, books, magazines, posters.
- Sciences - applied science courses, astronomy, space science, aeronautics, agriculture, solar energy, architecture.
- Music Appreciation - records, filmstrips, literature.
- Geography - maps of Middle East, North America, Latin America, Asia, Africa, Europe...a world globe.
- Encyclopedia - a fairly-up-to-date set.
- Reading skills - records and books.
- Other items: veterinary medicine, developing countries, breast feeding, fight against malaria, smallpox, etc., cultures of various countries, instructional material on sports.

William also needs the following equipment: record player, tape recorder (reel-to-reel or cassette), film projector, slide projector, overhead projector, earphones, projector screen.

Any material anyone can provide can be sent through Catholic Relief Services, New York, for safe and secure shipment.

If there are any questions please correspond directly with Brother William Gates - we have printed (above) all the information we received.

Editor's Column

This issue begins the fifteenth year of monthly publication of the NEWSNOTES. Once again we invite each of you to send us pertinent material for publication. The purpose is to keep one another aware of what we are "up to". In view of this we are inclined to give more attention to the work of the Brothers than to the accomplishments of various students, important as these latter may be within

the context of a particular institution.

Two years ago we were asked to include brief biographies or "stories" on our men who were celebrating jubilees. This year there are more than twenty-five Brothers living and/or working in the Midwest Province celebrating 25, 40, 50, or 60 years in the religious life. To spread these evenly over our nine issues requires at least three per month. We will be grateful to anyone for any material sent to us to help with this project. The Brothers celebrating:

- 60: Edward Konieczny
Edward Sniatecki (E)
- 50: Remigius Bullinger
Matthew Gara (E)
- 40: Barry Lambour
John Federowicz
Ronan Koenigsknecht
Jeffrey Michels
Kieran Ryan
Hobart Pieper
Eduardo Michalik
- 25: Donald McIntyre
Richard Hillis
Richard Weber
Lawrence Stewart
Eugene Phillipp
Edward Dailey
Michael Becker
Gerald Nettesheim
William Mewes
Kenneth Allen
Timothy O'Connell
Ralph Baird
Francis Rotsaert
Thomas Shaughnessy

Any material you wish to send us, whether in regard to the above anniversaries, or regular new material, should be sent to me at Dujarie House; Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Ordinarily, material that arrives here by the fifth of a particular month is used in that month's publication. Thank you.

Brother Pedro Haering, CSC

Sixty Years of Service

During the fall months of 1920 four young men of various backgrounds were at Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin, making required preparation for entering the novitiate at Notre Dame, Indiana:

Adam Konieczny of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Edward Sniatecki, also of Grand Rapids.
Joseph Eppley, of Springfield, Ohio.
Charles Beaudry, of Merrill, Wisconsin.

Now, these same men, as Brothers of Holy Cross, are looking forward to celebrating the 60th anniversary of their profession in June, 1982.

As (respectively) Brothers Edward, Hyacinth, Jacob, and Julian they began their novitiate at Notre Dame on Ash Wednesday, February 9, 1921, after a ten-day retreat preached by Rev. James W. Donahue, then Master of Novices, later to become Superior General of the Congregation. These men received the habit in Sacred Heart Church in a ceremony at which Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell (Provincial) presided.

At the end of the novitiate year, the Brothers moved to Dujarie Hall without ceremony. It was the custom then for two years of novitiate, the first in the novitiate house, and the second in the scholasticate. But during the next few months the "new Canon Law" was promulgated and it allowed novices to be professed after the first year of training. Accordingly, these four men were among those professed at a ceremony at St. Joseph Novitiate on June 25, 1922.

-Brother Edward Konieczny

During his early years Brother Edward taught at Cathedral (Indianapolis), Holy Cross (New Orleans), Sacred Heart (Watertown), and at Holy Trinity (Chicago) until, in 1951, he moved to join the staff at the Community Infirmary (becoming Holy Cross House in 1960) where he has given very valuable service in assisting the patients and looking after the needs in the Chapel. These thirty years in the same place, a place not many of us know very well, has kept many of us from knowing Brother Edward as well as we should.

Among his memories Brother Edward recalls with joy the Saturday evening movies for the community at Cathedral - and his associations with the genial Bishop Chartrand there. In part of the 1931-2 school year he taught world history at Holy Cross Seminary and both Father Peytons were his students. During his novitiate days he had several opportunities in baseball games to pitch to Mr. Lawrence Graner. Dacca Archbishop Lawrence Graner is now retired at Holy Cross House. During his days at Watertown he had as a student John R. Quinn, present Archbishop of San Francisco. Our best wishes and prayers are with Brother Edward in his celebration of 60 years in Holy Cross.

(Profiles of other 60-year jubilarians will appear in subsequent issues)

Brother Michael Becker, CSC

For the past three years Brother Michael Becker was the pleasant and amiable, low key Director of the religious community at Boysville. The adjectives in the previous sentence are less than astonishing since they could have been used to describe Mike at almost any time in his life.

Mike came to Holy Cross at Watertown in the fall of 1955 from Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. That Mike lived in Indianapolis and went to Cathedral was an accident of circumstances. Mike was born in Huntington, Indiana, as were his five brothers and sisters. His father died five years later, his mother died when Mike was in the sixth grade, so he went to live with his eldest brother, Donald, in the capital city.

Perhaps Mike's strong virtue of dependability was foretold in the fact that he missed only one day of school during his four years at Cathedral, where he graduated with honors. Mike's high school counselor, learning of his interest in the religious life, put Mike in touch with Brother Eymard and Mike and Holy Cross have been "synonymous" since then.

Since the Holy Cross Brothers were mostly education oriented Mike studied at St. Edward's University in Texas for three semesters but felt his interests and abilities would be better fulfilled in more manual pursuits. Although he enjoyed everything about Texas (except the classes) he left after the spring semester of 1958 and split the following year between St. Charles in Milwaukee and Hoban High School in Akron. He was pleased to be assigned to Watertown in 1959. Brother Dominic Elder was in charge of the academy program there and he, along with Brother Theodosius Flynn (who was the Director of Scholastics in Texas) were the Holy Cross men who influenced Mike more than any others. He remained at Sacred Heart until the summer of 1968 when it moved to Rolling Prairie, Indiana and became LeMans Academy. He moved with it. A year later Michael received a new assignment to work in the office at Boysville of Michigan and he has been involved in the Holy Cross apostolate to the boys there ever since.

Late next January will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of Brother Michael Becker's first vows. Most religious spend most of their lives in service to God's people who are not called to the religious life. A few religious spend most of their time in service to other religious. Mike's assignments and his use of his talents have very often enabled him to serve both of these "worlds." We in Holy Cross are grateful for the day-to-day dependability and the quiet but ever-present support Mike has brought to his Brothers in Holy Cross as well as all others whose lives he has touched.

Brother Hobart Pieper, CSC

(Ed. note...Brother Hobart was born in Summit, New Jersey on September 17, 1922. A month and a day short of his 20th birthday he took his first vows. He has spent all except the first year of his active religious life in Bengal. I have a dozen pages of material, most of it typewritten, single-spaced, a few pages handwritten, including letters. It is full of anecdotes which may well have some use one of these days. However, a sketch I received from Brother Charles Bibeau summarizes the other material remarkably well. It follows.)

Who is this Hobart? To his students he is a man who growls at them, may even beat them, but who then keeps them, sits down to explain the English notes he has prepared for them. He is the one to whom they write years later, letting him know how they have succeeded in something.

To me he is a machine. How can he spend so much time with the boys - then more hours yet at his typewriter, preparing notes, writing histories, histories of parishes here, social and political history of Bangladesh, re-typing documents or books now out of print? He keeps us conscious of the past, of those to whom we owe so much, whose labors made things easier for us today.

He is incomplete without his cheroot. His typewriter is forever plugging up with the ashes; his clothes are covered, too. Stray corners in every room except the chapel (so far) are depositories for half-finished cheroots, sometimes left to age. I expect he'll be buried with a cheroot and a typewriter.

But most of all Hobart is just "Hobes", who's always good at deflating one's self-importance, but also at giving sympathy - whatever he believes is most needed at the moment. He's the one who prowls the veranda late at night, telling his beads, remembering anyone who has requested prayers, recalling otherwise forgotten missionaries. Hobes is not a great one for dignity; he serves others as best he can: students by teaching and helping outside of class, the community by preserving various items of historical interest, the poor by visiting their hovels and helping financially.

He is forty years a religious - and a character!