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## AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

(Ed. Note: Since our March issue the snow has melted in the South Bend area, leaving along the roads and drives the previously hidden "collections" of non-meltables. During the warmer months ahead many of our people will add to the collection -- beyond the tax-payers' ability to hire workers to remove it.

I apologize if any readers are offended because this lead-essay is not religious. Surely it is spiritual. While written a quarter century ago by Marya Mannes it did not come to my attention until 1968 when it was used in the liner notes for a jazz-oriented tone poem by the late Gary McFarland. Mr. McFarland's album carried the same title (above) with the tragic sub-title: "An account of its disappearance." Probably this 'revival' will meet the same fate as the original essay and the tone poem. As the commentary in the album says "nothing has really changed since Marya's essay in 1958 -- except to get worse." Yet, many of our Brothers are directly involved in education and all of us are also involved indirectly.)

Cans. Beer cans. Glinting on the verges of a million miles of roadways, lying in scrub, grass, dirt, leaves, sand, mud, but never hidden. Piel's, Rheingold, Ballantine, Schaefer, Schlitz, shining in the sun or picked by moon or the beams of headlights at night; washed by rain or flattened by wheels, but never dulled, never buried, never destroyed. Here is the mark of savages, the testament of wasters, the stain of prosperity.

Who are these men who defile the grassy borders of our roads and lanes, who pollute our ponds, who spoil the purity of our ocean beaches with the empty vessels of their thirst? Who are men who make these vessels in millions and then say, "Drink -- and discard"? What society is this that can afford to cast away a million tons of metal and to make of wild and fruitful land a garbage heap?

What manner of men and women need thirty feet of steel and two hundred horsepower to take them, singly, to their small destinations? Who demand that what they eat is wrapped so that forests are cut down to make the paper that is thrown away, and what they smoke and chew is sealed so that the sealers can be tossed in gutters and caught in twigs and grass?

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What kind of men can afford to make the streets of their towns and cities hideous with neon at night, and their roadways hideous with signs by day, wasting beauty; who leave the carcasses of cars to rot in heaps; who spill their trash into ravines and make smoking mountains of refuse for the town's rats? What manner of men choke off the life in rivers, streams, and lakes with the waste of their produce, making poison of the water?

Who is so rich as that? Slowly the wasters and despoilers are impoverishing our land, our nature, and our beauty, so that there will not be one beach, one hill, one lane, one meadow, one forest free from the debris of man and the stigma of his improvidence.

Who is so rich that he can squander forever the wealth of earth and water for the trivial needs of vanity or the compulsive demands of greed; or so prosperous in land that he can sacrifice nature for unnatural desires? The earth we abuse and the living things we kill will, in the end, take their revenge; for in exploiting their presence we are diminishing our future.

And what will we leave behind us when we are long dead? Temples? Amphora? Sunken treasure?

Or mountains of twisted, rusted steel, canyons of plastic containers, and a million miles of shores garlanded, not with the lovely wrack of the sea, but with the cans and bottles and light bulbs and boxes of a people who conserved their convenience at the expense of their heritage, and whose ephemeral prosperity was built on waste.

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#### BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

After fourteen years of service Brother James Bluma has announced his resignation from the principalship at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, effective at the end of the school year. He deserves our thanks and appreciation for his devotion to that work and to the young people of a city which may have sent to Holy Cross more vocations over the years than any other city. Who of us has been Principal of the same school for so many years? His record speaks for itself.

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Organized by Mr. Bob Livernois the faculty and staff of Gabriel Richard High School (Riverview, Michigan) honored Brother Remigius Bullinger on March 25 at a "wine and cheese" gathering. Remi reciprocated with a few thousand well-chosen words of thanks, etc.

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"Through the eyes of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a sense of personal responsibility in the matter of social justice at home and throughout the world" was the theme of several high school recollection days at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Lansing, Michigan. Brothers Paschal Pesce (E) and Thomas Giumenta (E) were among the spiritual directors for the program

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Indianapolis Cathedral High School reached the final four in the Indiana High School basketball tournament before losing to the eventual state champ, Plymouth, 62-59 in the afternoon round. Cathedral was only the third Catholic school to reach this plateau since being admitted to the IHSAA tournaments in 1942.

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FROM ANCHORAGE - Northern Lights

Some excerpts from a late March letter from Brother Harold Ruplinger:

-Our backyard was taken over for a day in early January by a family of moose: the bull, the cow, and two calves.

-Brother John McMuldren was named chaplain for the Catholic Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America in southcentral Alaska.

-Brothers John and Harold conducted a Faith Rendezvous during the February Fur Rendezvous weekend. A number of youth travelled many miles to join the activities: youth liturgies, socials, and dinners. Visiting youth were hosted by families of the area parishes. The youth built a float which was entered in the annual Fur Rendezvous Parade held on February 20.

-Brother Charles McBride spent many hours preparing national and international materials for the Pilgrimage of Faith's trip to London and Rome from March 2 - 15.

The group included the 174-voice Anchorage Papal Choir. The trip came about because of the Pope's invitation for the choir to visit him after his Mass in Anchorage a year ago. There were 468 Alaskans making the trip.

-While the pilgrims were in London and Rome Brother Charles attended a 3-day workshop in Seattle sponsored by the Catholic Communications Campaign. The major topic of discussion was the status of the new Catholic Telecommunications Network of America. Charles hopes the archdiocese may join the network within a year.

-The "Roaring 20's", young adults from 19 to 29, are beginning to solidify as a group that meets to be supportive of one another through retreats, social gatherings, and aiding the Youth Ministry Program.

-Brothers John and Harold volunteered their art, acting, and vocal services to St. Patrick's parish in presenting the annual St. Patrick's Variety Show in March. The show travelled to entertain the aged in local Pioneer Homes and the Pioneer Home in Palmer.

-The big events expected in April will be the Provincial Visit by Brother Philip Armstrong and the fourteen-mile "Good Friday Walk", commemorating the fourteen stations. Pledges will be taken by the walkers to support the work of two Brothers who came to the diocese recently to work

with the derelicts of downtown Anchorage and to support the needs and activities of the Youth Ministry Program.

-Presently, plans are being made for the Communications Office to go on Cable Television in Anchorage in June. About fifteen hours each week is the plan for starting...In June Brother Charles will attend a workshop in New Orleans sponsored by the Catholic Communications Foundation.

-Brothers Harold and John hope to spend the month of May on vacation and attending enrichment workshops in the Midwest.

-All send best wishes for the Easter season!

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BROTHER...FOR ALL SEASONS

A two-week workshop with the above title was given at Holy Cross Brothers' Center in mid-February. The program was organized and directed by Brother Thomas Moser. (I understand it was a continuation of a Brothers' workshop given annually the last several years in a different geographical setting.)

The ordinary schedule included morning and evening prayer with Mass just before lunch; classes in the morning and for two hours in the late afternoon. Afternoons until 3:00 and evening were, generally, free.

Faculty members and topics discussed included: Sister Marlene Halpin, O.P., on assertiveness, criticism, and adult learning; Brother Joel Giallanza, C.S.C., on Elements of the Religious Life, the Vows, and spiritual direction; Fr. Marty Pable, O.F.M.Cap., on midlife sexuality; Brother Thomas Moser on characteristic strengths; and Fr. David Verhalen, C.S.C., and the Staff on prayer.

The program was very well received by the twenty-seven Brothers who participated.

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*"When green is all there is to be  
It could make you wonder.  
But why wonder?  
I'm green, and it'll do fine;  
It's beautiful,  
And I think it's what I want to be."  
(from song: "Being Green"  
by Joe Raposo)*

FROM RIVER GROVE, Holy Cross

-The Student Council voted overwhelmingly this year to restore the tradition of the "Good Friday Walk". Because of conflicting events the annual walk was not held last year. The purpose is to raise funds for the Missions of the Brothers of Holy Cross and for the Marillac Settlement House in Chicago. Over the past nine years \$30,000 has been divided between the two charities.

-The joint effort of Mother Guerin and Holy Cross in presenting the musical, "Li'l Abner" in late March was very successful and played before combined audiences in excess of 3000.

-Head wrestling coach, Harry McGinnis, announced recently that Holy Cross will again host an international wrestling team. This year the visitors will come from Japan and events will be held during the week of April 12.

-Holy Thursday marked the "Burning of the Mortgage" -- in the Staff Room at 2:45 -- followed by refreshments for the Staff.

-Mr. Joe Meyer (assistant basketball coach at DePaul) will be the principal speaker for the Father-Son Banquet on April 28. The "Man of the Year" award will be made at this celebration.

-The Holy Cross Chapter of TRI-M ("Modern Music Masters") installed fourteen new members in ceremonies held at the school in mid-March. Brother Eugene Weisenberger, treasurer of the international organization and sponsor of the local Chapter presided at the ceremony, assisted by Mr. Dennis Trainor, Director of Bands. Brother Thomas Corcoran, Principal, addressed the assemblage.

-Mr. Mark Abbate, art teacher, is painting an oil likeness of Brother Andre. It will be permanently displayed in the main foyer of the school. The Associates of St. Joseph have underwritten the cost of paint, canvas, and framing.

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FROM THE NOTRE DAME AREA

-A Life/Work Planning workshop was conducted by Brother James Kell (S-W) at the Brothers' Center in mid-March. Participants included Rev. Donald Guertin, Brothers Eduardo Michalik, Edward Courtney, Basil Thomas, Wilbert Leveling, John Harrington, William Healy, Michael

Becker, John Kuhn, Roy Smith, Lawrence Miller, Edward Sniatecki (E), and Charles Lewis (E).

-A number of Brothers attended the wake and funeral of Mrs. Cathrine Buetter, who died on Tuesday of Holy Week at the Healthwin Home. Mrs. Buetter is the mother of Brother Charles (Benignus) Buetter (S-W), presently at Notre Dame in Sherman Oaks. She had been active for many years in the South Bend Associates of Saint Joseph.

-A large number of Brothers from outside the Notre Dame area attended retreats during Holy Week at Columba Hall and at the Brothers' Center. The Columba Hall retreat was under the direction of Rev. Fintan Cantwell, a black Franciscan, who is a 1950 graduate of Indianapolis Cathedral. The retreat at the Center was under the direction of Fr. Jack Keefe, CSC.

-More than a hundred religious attended a Conference on the History of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the U.S.A. held at Moreau Seminary in mid-March. Midwest Brothers attending included: Philip Armstrong, Jeffrey Michels, Lawrence Skitzki, Bruce Lescher, Roy Smith, David Baltrinic, John Benesh, Martinus Bombardier, Marcelus Bonen, Edward Courtney, Michael Donovan, Francis Englert, Walter Gluhm, John Kuhn, John Lavelle, Wilbert Leveling, William Mewes, Eduardo Michalik, Edgar Plas, Douglas Roach, Eymard Salzman, and Robert Siegel.

-Brother George Klawitter has been invited to become a contributing editor of the JOHN DONNE VARIORUM EDITION OF POETRY. It will involve writing commentary on Donne's "Songs and Sonnets". The project will require three years of part time work.

-Between May 19 and August 26 the Solitude of St. Joseph is offering six- or eight-day individually directed retreats. Persons available at various times throughout the summer for directed retreats include: Judith Anne Beattie, CSC; Frank Englert, CSC; Jean Lenz, OSF; Tom Maddix, CSC; and Tom Stella, CSC. Private retreats are available upon request. For dates and cost consult the NCR Summer Listings, or the Personnel Offerings published by the Personnel Directors of the three (Brothers') Provinces, or write the Solitude of St. Joseph, Box 164, Notre Dame 46556.

-By Easter South Bend had already accumulated the largest amount of snow in its history for the month of April!

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

-Brother Damian Daele came for permanent residency here on April 5. This brings the present resident population to fourteen.

-Brother James Derrig (E), from Cardinal Mooney High School in Rochester (NY) was with us from March 24 until April 15 recovering from a viral infection.

-The celebration of Brother Pius Leising's (S-W) birthday was put back a day to Easter Monday to avoid conflict with the celebration of Easter.

-Brother Florian Gill attended the recent Holy Week retreat at the Brothers' Center.

-Several visitors from outlying areas (and Provinces) stopped in to see us during their Easter "visitations".

-Our St. Patrick's Day party was a smashing success. Brothers Paul Kelly and assistant, Ivan Dolan prepared a very nice buffet supper. Decorations were supervised by Mrs. Shirley Rasmussen, head nurse. Mr. Bob Browne (night nurse), his daughter, and two seminarians from Moreau provided musical entertainment after supper. Brothers Philip Armstrong, Jeffrey Michels, Lawrence Skitzki, Roy Smith, and Bruce Lescher-- along with Sisters Carita, Gertrude, and Marian from St. Joe High School joined us for the buffet. Brother Paul Mattingly captured all the important scenes on film for our scrapbook.

-Brother Edward Sniatecki (E) from the Brothers Center was with us two days, recovering from a foot operation.

-Brothers James Sullivan and Douglas Roach were among our late March visitors. Brothers James Kell (S-W) and Richard Kiniry (E) also stopped in during their personnel meetings with Brother Roy Smith.

-On Easter Sunday Brothers Walter Gluhn, William Mewes, Donald Schapker, and Albin Kuzminski joined Bob Browne and his guitar for some seasonal hymns at Mass. From the Eastern Province Brothers Aubert Harrigan and Stephen LaMendola were our guests at dinner. The dinner was a very fine one, prepared by Mr. Ron Ori.

-The South-West Provincial, Brother Patrick Sopher, made his official visit to the house on April 15.

THE KNOXVILLE WORLD'S FAIR

Brother Gonzaga Day writes from the Andre Mountain Community:

"The Andre Mountain Community of Harriman, Tennessee, wishes to announce that they will have accommodations this summer for community members and their families and friends who may be coming to Knoxville for the World's Fair. The Fair opens May 1 and closes October 31. We are offering overnight accommodations and a Continental breakfast for ten dollars per person. Motel accommodations are running five and ten times higher per night and some of the locations are 150 miles from Knoxville. Our location is within twenty miles of public transportation to the Fair site.

"Anyone interested please contact Brother Gonzaga at the Andre Mountain Community, R. R. #3; Box 492; Harriman, Tennessee 37748."

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SOME ADDITIONAL BITS and PIECES

-Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, held its second annual LAS VEGAS NIGHTS on April 16 and 17...The Bingo program continues every Thursday evening at seven.

-Father Ray Cour, C.S.C., Dujarie Chaplain, offered us his opinion that no one at ND is more deserving of the Rector-of-the-Year Award than Brother Viator Grzeskowiak!

-Brothers Richard Armstrong and Timothy O'Connell were the winners, on the Feast of the St. Joseph, of the Provincial lottery to represent us at the beatification of Brother Andre in Rome on May 23.

-The NEWSNOTES is grateful for a recent check received from former member of the Province, Eugene Palinski, and his family.

-Rev. Jacob Smith of the Indiana Province died on February 17 after a lengthy illness. He was 56 years old.

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*"The man who is unwilling to accept the axiom that he who chooses one path is denied the others must try to persuade himself that the logical thing is to remain at the crossroads."*

(HAMMERKJOLD in "Markings")

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EDITOR'S PAGE

For the past year and a half the Newsnotes has been typed and the lay out made by Brother Donald Morrison. He also took care of the mailing and all the work that entailed. I am grateful for his generous services. He has recently taken a new job in the business offices of St. Mary's College.

This issue is a bit late due to circumstances I could not control. And the May issue is also likely to appear nearer the end of the month than the middle. That will be the last issue of the present school year.

I will omit the normal use of the "Editor's Page" since I have already pre-empted the first page and a half with what might be called commentary. Any of our readers is invited to use the rest of this page to send in some items for the May issue. Thank you.

Pedro Haering, C.S.C., Editor