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SCHEDULE for THANKSGIVING SESSION of the PROVINCIAL CHAPTER and FORUM

(All times are Eastern Standard)

WEDNESDAY, November 24 (at the Brothers' Center)

- 6:00 p.m. Registration
- 8:00 p.m. Chapter Committee Meetings
- 8:30 p.m. Soiree

----- THURSDAY: November 25 (at Little Theatre, St. Mary's College)

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome
- 9:10 Morning Praise
- 9:30 "Apostolates: Our Roots and Future"  
Brother Edmund Hunt, C.S.C.
- 10:30 Panel of Reactors: Sister Olivia Marie Hutcheson, C.S.C.  
Father Patrick Sullivan, C.S.C.  
Brother Walter Davenport, C.S.C.
- 11:00 Open response from the floor
- 12:00 Thanksgiving Dinner
- 1:00 Social Justice Meeting (optional)
- 2:00 "Spirituality and Prayer: Our Roots and Our Future"  
Brother Joel Giallanza, C.S.C.  
(Small group discussions will follow)
- 4:15 Liturgical Celebration (Main Church)
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:30 Piano Concert: Brother Daniel Kane, C.S.C.  
(Soiree at Columba Hall follows)

----- FRIDAY, November 26 (Assembly Hall and nearby,  
St. Mary's College)

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Praise/Mass  
Fr. Ralph Fisher, C.S.C., Celebrant
- 9:00 Reopening of Chapter with presentation and responses  
to first stage legislation of each committee:
  - 1) Planning for Mission
  - 2) Life Planning and Renewal
  - 3) Administrative Affairs

\*Chapter Sessions will continue as needed until conclusion on Saturday or Sunday. The liturgy on Saturday will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Main Church at St. Mary's College. The last meal served at St. Mary's will be the noon lunch on Saturday.

FROM BANGLADESH

#Brother Donald Becker returned from the States in late August bringing only one suitcase weighing 75 pounds; it contained a four H.P. motor dismantled. Brother Ralph Baird went to the airport to welcome Donald and nearly broke his back lifting the bag.

#Niaz Murshed of St. Joseph H.S. (Mohammedpur) is in Europe taking part in the World Junior Youth Chess Championship, he had begun another tournament in England but dropped out to join the World Competition.

#At St. Nicholas High School (Nagari): the school, Brothers' house, and hostel are nearly completely wired; the current is soon to be connected...Speaking of electricity, the Holy Cross Aspirancy in Dacca spent 26 unpleasant days without electricity due to an accounting error in the Dacca Electric Supply Authority. It took that long to find the error... and St. Gregory H.S. in Luxmi Bazar survived the last two days of exams with the electricity shut off from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for installation of new power poles and more powerful transformers.

#Also at St. Gregory's the school centenary planning is in full swing; a central and ten sub-committees are at work planning 2 1/2 days of celebration in December with a large souvenir booklet to be printed. Registration and fund-raising are in progress.

FROM HOLY CROSS NOVITIATE, WATERFORD

#The formation team hosted the inter-province pre-novitiate workshop at Valatie in September. Formation personnel from six Holy Cross provinces attended. Brother Robert Seigel represented the Midwest Province.

#The novitiate community participates in the Waterford meals-on-wheels Program weekly. Each Friday two members assist in the delivery of hot food to elderly shut-ins of the area.

#Sister Elizabeth Olekzyk, SP, Director of the Genesis Spiritual Life Center in Westfield, MA, facilitated a Centering Prayer Workshop and Retreat for the novices in October.

#Brothers John Paige(EB) and Joel

Giallanza(S-W) attended the Holy Cross conference meetings at Notre Dame (IN), taking the opportunity to visit the members in formation programs at Moreau Seminary.

#The novices spend one day a month in prayer and solitude at the hermitages on the property of Still Point House of Prayer, Stillwater, NY.

FROM HOLY NAME, ASHLAND, KY

I recently received a letter from Brother Donald Allen, who writes from our new apostolate in northwestern Kentucky - across the Ohio River from Ironton (Ohio) and only fifteen miles from Huntington (WV). I am taking the liberty of quoting a few paragraphs from Donald's letter:

"We have 59 students in the high school, about as many boys as girls. We use the top floor of the elementary school (which has about 150). It is much like the old St. Matthew Central Catholic setup where I first began teaching in 1951. The gym, a very nice one considering the size of the school, is in the basement. So is the cafeteria. We have four women teachers, one is Catholic. A male graduate is our gym teacher. Walter (Davenport) has done a fine job as principal. He also teaches an economics class. I teach all four years of theology. Brother James Spooner teaches earth science and biology and also teaches science in the grade school. He prefects during lunch and at other times. All of us like what we're doing and the youngsters and parents seem pleased with our presence."

"We are all very much involved in parish life. Walter and I each lead a small prayer group for RENEW, which just started in this diocese. We are all Eucharistic Ministers. The new church was dedicated this month (the old one burned down three years ago)"

"We live in a nice private home less than two miles from school. The parish rents our house from the head of the parish school board... The three of us take turns cooking by weeks. The week begins on Saturday evening with the "cook of the week" having done the

weeks' grocery shopping that morning while the other two do the housework."

"There are only two school teams: basketball, which begins in late November, and spring baseball, which has not done well the last two years."

"We'll all be coming the N.D. for the Forum/Chapter at Thanksgiving."

#### FROM NORTHERN LIGHTS: ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

#News from Brother Charles McBride arrived too late for the October issue and, although he promised an earlier mailing for November, nothing has arrived yet. So here are some selected bits from Charles' October letter:

#There were 509(capacity) campers for the six weeks summer program in Soldotna, conducted by Holy Cross Brothers for the fourth summer in a row. Brother Carroll Posey joined Brothers John McMuldren and Harold Ruplinger and the staff of 19.

#Brother Thomas Corcoran visited this summer, spending a week at the camp and a week travelling with Brother Charles McBride to Palmer, Glennallen, Valdez, and Cordova.

#Brother Joseph Fox joined our community the last week of August, arriving by ferry from Seattle. Joe is assisting John and Harry in the Youth Ministry Office.

#Brother Charles McBride attended a two-week workshop in New Orleans in June on television production and also participated in a three day Catholic Communications Northwest Conference in Seattle in September and planned to be in the Midwest for for the UDNA Communications Convention in Chicago in November.

#Brother John McMuldren entertained his two sisters during their visit for ten days in September.

#### FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

#During RESPECT LIFE WEEK guest speakers from the Illinois Right to Life Committee gave talks to the sophomore religious study classes. Contact for these speakers was made by Brother Don Fleischhacker.

#Back to school night for parents was held on October 20. Parents followed

their son's schedule with short periods. Brother Thomas Corcoran pointed out the importance of parents meeting their son's teachers and learning what content and requirements are in various classes. #The local community celebrated a special day in honor of Blessed Andre Bessette with the liturgy, refreshments, and dinner on Thursday, October 28.

#The high school in sponsoring a grade school wrestling team this year. Any fifth to eighth grade student is eligible. Practices begin on Monday, November 8 and will be conducted from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

#Brothers Thomas Corcoran and James Reddy joined the Sisters of Providence in celebrating the 20th anniversary of Mother Guerin High School at a special liturgy and social on Friday, October 22.

#Brother Don Fleischhacker attended Marian Conference at Queen of Angels parish on Saturday, October 30.

#The school's annual contribution to Holy Cross Brothers' Development Fund, \$1800, was sent last summer to Brother Eymard. These funds come, mostly, from the annual Sing-a-along Dinner Party.

#The annual Open House for 7th and 8th grade boys was held on Wednesday evening November 3.

#The Parents' Clubs first social, "The Tunes and Times for the 50's and 60's" was held Saturday evening, October 9, featuring live music.

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Brother Alpheus Owens was the father of Brother Paulinus Owens. Both were members of the Congregation of Holy Cross at the same time. Brother Bernard Gervais remembered being assigned to stay up with Brother Paulinus the last night that he spent on earth. Toward morning, when asked how he was feeling, he humorously answered in his quaint Irish brogue: "Brother, the jig is up. "Soon after breakfast, it was announced that Brother Paulinus had just passed away. His father, Brother Alpheus, had previously died.

(Archives)

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BITS AND PIECES FROM HERE AND THERE

Most Reverend William McManus, Bishop of Ft. Wayne-South Bend presided at a special liturgy honoring Brother Andre in the mid-afternoon of October 23. His excellency offered several complimentary remarks about the Holy Cross religious before giving the final blessing. Brothers James Moroney offered a very fine portrait of Brother Andre at the time of the homily. The fine musical accompaniment for the Mass was directed by Father Peter Rocca of the Indiana Province. Eight Sisters and Brothers of Holy Cross served as the Eucharistic Ministers. Brother Thomas Moser and his staff hosted the social hour with the refreshments prepared by Brother Thomas Rock. The entire celebration was planned by Brother Jeffrey Michels. A very pleasant and joyous affair.

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Congratulations to the St. Joseph County Bake-off Champions: Brothers Paul Kelly and Robert Siegel, and Shirley (from the Columba hall kitchen) each were awarded First Place rosettes (blue ribbons) in three individual categories at a contest held on October 16. The championship awards were made for their two-crust pie, one-crust pie, and nut torte division entries. Province members have an open invitation to sample future baked goods from the ovens of Columba and Lincoln Way.

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Brother Robert Dailey has been elected president of the Operations Research Society of America. Operations Research is an interdisciplinary science aimed at solving operational and societal problems arising in all areas of industry, business, and government. Bob is also listed on page 151 of "Who's Who in the Midwest!"

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A copy of the ANNUAL REPORT for the 1981-82 Academic year at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron indicates the endowment is now in excess of \$600,000. Tuition was \$995 and the actual cost per student was \$1676, fund raising making up the difference. Class sizes last year, from seniors through freshmen were 166, 162, 138, and 163.

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Brother Bruce Lescher has begun his doctoral studies in the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, California. Bruce is living in the rectory of St. Columba's parish in the north side of Oakland and is involved in the parish out-reach program (administered by Charles Kenny, graduate of St. Joe H. S. in South Bend). St. Columba is a predominantly black parish. Bruce is also involved with the PAX CHRISTI chapter at Berkeley.

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THE NEWSNOTES editor is gratified for several letters expressing appreciation for this publication: from Brothers Carl Shonk and Thomas Corcoran and from Fr. Dave Fosselman, C.S.C. who has been working for the past seven years at a Mental Health Center in Monticello, Indiana.

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On October 24 Brother Don Fleischhacker participated in a special liturgy at Chicago Holy Name Cathedral. Benedict Asta, Bishop of Patna, India was the principal celebrant of the Mission Sunday celebration. Holy Cross foreign missionaries were remembered in a special way.

Other Carl Shonk, Chairman of the Middle School Task Force, recently presented to the Board Trustees a proposal for a middle school at LaSalle High School in Miami. Presently there is a diocesan school in Miami/Fort Lauderdale with a 7-12 structure.

Some Holy Cross Brothers working in the Chicago Archdiocese attended the first high school curriculum conference at Resurrection High School on October 25.

"Living Calendars" as a fund raising drive, are being continued in the coming year at Holy Cross and Holy Trinity in the Chicago area. Boysville is also using the project now-and we at Monroe Catholic Central plans a similar drive.

Other Robert Seigel received an unwelcome birthday "present" on November 4 when the new house he was driving was rear-ended as he waited to make a left turn off Lincoln Way. His mangled car was knocked forward more than 100 feet by the impact. As nearly as we can tell Robert was unscathed although thrown into the back seat as the front seat broke. The new Honda didn't come out very well but may be repairable.

#### LEBH SHOMEA

Lebh Shomea means "a listening heart". It is a "House", a "Community", a "School" of contemplative prayer, under the auspices of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Southern United States province, at La Parra Ranch near Sarita, Texas.

Brother Michael Becker, who has been working a considerable number of years at Boysville has taken a sabbatical and is presently at Lebh Shomea. He writes, "At present there are eight full time guests (for a year or more): six sisters, a Franciscan priest, and myself. All during the year people come and go for a day or two or a week. Living with us on the 1100 acre ranch are flag tail deer, wild turkeys, peccary (American pig-like mammal) and the usual snakes, horned toads, and lizards. My daily schedule includes: Mass, three hours of solitary prayer, four hours of study, two hours of work and one hour of physical exercise. We have presence at all times except at dinner three times a week. (No talking at meals during Lent, Advent, and May through August.)"

Mike says his "long term work project" right now is painting the four bunk houses. A paragraph in the small flyer in which the contemplative - eremitical community describes itself says: "Guests who wish to share our solitude for indefinite periods are welcome year around. There is no predetermined schedule, no imposed structure, only the freedom and serenity of solitude. All are invited to share the Eucharist, and we are always pleased to listen heartfully to and help anyone who is seeking to discern.

There are two special 40-day desert experiences each summer and Mike will have his next one starting July 9. I am grateful to Mike for sharing his letter and his plans with me and with others who read the NEWSNOTES.

(Editor)

## Editors Column

It is encouraging to note over the last several years that our community membership is stabilizing. Not growing very much but rather steady in contrast to the decades on either side of the Vatican II years.

We constantly seek explanations or speculate about them. To expand on a cliché, you don't get a very good view of the forest if you are one of the trees. Psychologists and sociologists have explained that we entered an era when long term or permanent commitments were no longer possible. Everything was changing too rapidly to expect to affirm tomorrow what you affirm today.

Back in 1978 a fellow named Ralph Van Hoy wrote a song that really didn't get off the ground despite a good recording by England Dan and John Coley and an even better one by Anne Murray. While Mr. Van Hoy used the context of human love to express his ideas I like to think the application can be made to other commitments. In the opening lines he sings:

"I've been looking at people  
And how they change with the times  
And lately all I've been seeing are people  
Throwing love away and losing their minds."

Several lines later he adds:

But I see love-hungry people  
Trying their best to survive  
While in their hands is a dying romance  
And they're not even trying to keep it alive.

Up to this point he has stated the problem. It is my opinion he tells us his answer with several questions in the chorus which follows:

So what's the glory in living?  
Doesn't anybody ever stay together anymore?  
And if love never lasts forever  
What's forever for?

There is in the essence of "forever" something that makes it worthwhile. It closes the options despite our inclinations to keep our options open. It would seem to be a part of maturity that one doesn't "stand at the crossroads forever" (as Dag Hammarskjöld has pointed out). Forever seems to me to mean that, instead of first thinking about how to get out when a thing isn't working the way we expected, we think about how to make it work. We find our options in more creative ways of making it work instead of opting out. Perhaps the encouraging aspect of this song lies in the fact that in the last several months it has become very popular, and with a version that, in my opinion, is certainly no better than those of three or four years ago. Perhaps its time has come.

"And if love never lasts forever  
What's forever for?"\*

\*C 1978 - Tree Publishing Co. (Works and Music by Rafe Van Hoy)

### BROTHER EDGAR PLAS HONORED

On October 2 the South Bend Central Catholic High School held a class re-union at Hans Hous Restaurant. Guest of honor for the occasion was Brother Edgar Plas. He taught five classes and moderated the year book, school paper, and drama productions during the high school years of this class.

"This is your Life" was the format used by the program committee in honoring Brother Edgar. He received the usual

humorous awards along with some practical ones, including a very generous cash gift.

Many of the 1943 graduates are very active in the South Bend area: Bill Voll is president of Sibley Machine and Foundry; Wally Moore, former asst. coach at Notre Dame and head coach at St. Joseph high School, continues in business, Father Ed. Ruetz is chaplain at St. Joseph hospital in Mishawaka. A recently deceased member of the class was Father Jim Shilts, C.S.C.

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

#Brother Myron Roes(S-W) lived only two and half days following a stroke suffered in the TV Room after supper on October 12. Myron was 88 years old and in reasonably good health right up to the time of the stroke. He served St. Edward's University in several capacities for many years before his retirement here five years ago. His was the fourth death at Dujarie House in nine weeks. Brother Pedro attended the funeral in Austin, Texas.

#Mr. Ron Ori, chief chef, and Mrs. Shirley Rasmussen, head nurse sponsored a Halloween Brunch on Sunday morning, October 31, at 10:30. Several guests joined us for a very pleasant and tasty morning.

#Several changes in staff occurred in November. Mr. Robert Brown, who served us so well as night nurse the past two years took daytime employment in another nursing facility. Mrs. Anne White took pregnancy leave for several months. Anne is due at Thanksgiving. Mrs. Mary Pingle and Mrs. Betty Jo Boyer have taken over most of the night duty. Mrs. Harriet Joyce, who nursed here several years ago, fills in for Anne on weekends. Brother Richard Hartling(E-B) has begun an orientation program as a nurse's aid.

#Brother Leon Gnewuch has been with us since mid-October recovering from an eye operation. Recovery is going very well.

#Father Bill Simmons, chaplain at the Center, gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on October 18 to highlight Brother Luke's(s-w) feast day.

#Brother Hubert Koeppen(s-w) spent five days in St. Joseph Medical Center starting October 25 for tests. All tests proved negative. Hubert's brother, Ernie, visited him several days in early November.

#Brother Pedro Haering spoke at the LeMans Academy House meeting on October 27 on the work and services at Dujarie House.

FROM UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

Brother William Fuller sends us the following items:

#Brother Frank Drury received tenure on the University faculty at the end of this past school year. During the summer, King's College invited him to interview for the directorship of the library there, and offered him the position.

#In August Brother Richard Fischenich celebrated with his parents in Oakland their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Fr. Ed Kaminski, CSC, and Regina Wilson, a Holy Cross associate, were in charge of the liturgy.

#Bill spent a quiet summer, after Chapter, working on a few areas of technical interest. He gave three hands-on "Introduction to Computing" workshops for the faculty and staff at the University.

#The three Midwest Brothers at Portland would like to thank those who highlighted the summer by visiting at Portland: and Brothers Larry Unfired and Phil Leza and Brothers William Mewes and Joe Fox (en route to Anchorage).

VOCATIONS

#The Province Vocation Department sponsored two weekends for students to explore their future. On October 29-30 five high school students from Gilmour, Monroe Catholic Central, and Hoban joined with Brothers Robert Kelly and Edward Libbers, under the direction of Brother David Baltrinic, to investigate, through a variety of activities, the commitment to religious life...The weekend of November 5-7 brought eighteen students of college age to discern the calling to religious life...Members of the province are urged to continue their prayer and work to help young people realize their call, especially to our community. The cooperation and response so far this year have been encouraging.

*From the*

ARCHIVES

Brother Ralph Garceau was the first candidate to enter The Brothers of Holy Cross from South Bend on March 19, 1879.

Brother Ulrich Wolk, a gardener and farmer, planted the first famous apple orchard at St. Joseph Farm where he

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Brother Paul the Hermit McIntyre was the first white man born in Superior, Wisconsin on April 20, 1855. You may have noticed the enormously large stone near the fence on the Cedar Grove Cemetery with the inscription MOTHER carved on it. Brother Paul had this erected on

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

ALASKAN EXPERIENCE: Next summer St. Theresa's Camp will conduct eight one-week programs for the summer season. If you would like to work one, two, three, or four weeks anytime between June 19 and August 13 write to:

Brother John Mc Muldren, CSC  
2749 Patterson

Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Some possibilities are: maintenance, cooking, canoe trip guide, etc. Getting to Alaska is at your expense and arrangement. We will provide room and board while in camp as well as transportation from Anchorage to the camp and return. Pay per week is \$160.00 Please write by February 1st if you are interested. Four positions are available.

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The second annual Holy Cross ISLI Workshop is scheduled for January 7-9. The activity is open to high school students, especially juniors. Seniors and sophomores are also invited to register. The workshop provides students an opportunity to experience themselves and others through group process activities. The weekend will follow the ISLI philosophy and exercises with experienced student facilitators. Total cost of \$50 per student includes: room at the Brothers' Center, all meals and snacks, registration and workshop fees. All registrations, including a payment of \$30 should be completed by December 20. (The balance is due at the opening of the workshop) For reservations or further details contact:

Brother Robert Siegel, C.S.C.  
1114 Lincoln Way West

South Bend, Indiana 46616

Limit is twenty male and twenty female students.

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Brother Philip (John Knox Hughes) was the last lineal descendent of the Presbyterian, John Knox. Brother Philip, a convert to Catholicism, was one of the early pioneers of education at Notre Dame University. He had in his possession a curious looking snuff box, which at one time belonged to John Knox, father of Scotch Calvinism. The box had been handed down in his family as a heirloom from generation to generation.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

#Lincoln Way West hosted several groups of students and adults at a luncheon on November 5, prior to the opening of the Conference of the ISLI at Notre Dame. Chili and sandwiches were on the menu. Guests included: Fr. Tom Chambers, CSC (ISLI founder), Dean Vic Cleary (Boston) Brothers John McMuldren (Anchorage) and Ken Haders (Chicago), Sister Claire Young, H.M. (Akron) and students from Akron, Chicago, Halifax, and Anchorage. After the luncheon the students joined with 300 others from throughout North America for the annual conference.

#Brothers Elmo Bransby (EB) and Robert Siegel participated in the annual meeting as members of the ISLI Board.

Notes from the Archives

Brother Columbkille Fitzgerald was the head of the Carpenter Shop at Notre Dame for many years. He made many of the altars, pulpits, and altar rails for Sacred Heart Church, and the many chapels at Notre Dame. He also made the three Gothic altars at Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown. Cabinet work and carpentry were his forte. Before he entered religious life he was a ship builder by trade. Just before his death on January 23, 1938, Brother Columbkille wrote the following note to his superior. "I am feeling my time is short. I am feeling that this week is as much as I shall see, and I am not hoping for any more. The sooner I get off now, the better I will like it."

Brother Michael Bergin was the father of Brothers Omer and Firmin. Brother Omer left Holy Cross and joined the Oratorians in whose community he was ordained a priest. Brother Michael was the Director of St. Joseph Farm for 2 decades.

Brother Leopold Kaul has the record life span in the community. He died at the age of 98 1/2 years. He was a violin teacher and started the first orchestra at Notre Dame. He conducted the candy store at Notre Dame until just a few years before his death. Even after he was retired and living at the Community House, he busied himself with a rake and wheelbarrow, cleaning up the grounds.