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NEWS FROM NEWPORT NEWS

(Ed. note: Brother Barry Lambour, Principal of Peninsula Catholic High School sends a sheaf of material concerning the activities there. After reading several pages of newspaper clippings, twenty pages of very interesting parish bulletins (legal size pages, single spaced, typed on both sides), and looking at a dozen color photos carefully identified by Brother Barry, I have decided it would be impossible to do justice to all the interesting material short of devoting this entire issue of the NEWSNOTES to it. So I have settled for quoting some of Barry's interesting three page letter which accompanied the material. I shall turn the actual material over to our archives.)

Brother Barry writes:

"I thought I'd send you a few things to give you the flavor of "where I live" rather than "what I do". Peninsula Catholic is doing well, great struggling but nonetheless, coming along. PCHS will be represented next fall at ND by an "almost graduate" on the football team. Robert Banks signed a letter of intent recently to ND. He came here as a freshman (his brother Lloyd graduated from PCHS in 1982.) But we were much too tiny to see his tremendous talent and he transferred to Hampton High School.

"Saint Vincent's (the rectory where Brother Barry lives) operates a Social Action center where the poor can get food, clothing, bedding, etc. for their homes. The parish also conducts a "back door ministry" where the hungry can get a warm meal.

"Several enclosed articles refer to the parish participation in nuclear warfare. The writer of one of them is a physicist from one of the universities. The Bishop is always in hot water with the military.

"The pulpit exchanges here are most interesting. I must say I'm learning a lot. There is much 'hanging together or we'll hang separately' in the face of social issues and downtown renewal. We look forward to the rebirth of our downtown which, in many ways, is a scene of desolation.

"The Bishop has made everyone aware of justice issues. I find it intriguing that this poor parish managed to lend money to another parish which was even poorer. We have adopted some Haitians, got them homes and jobs, and one of our seminarians is teaching them English.

"The liturgy here is rich in its expression of love of God and the joy which comes from it. Our Gospel Choir is excellent and is often invited throughout the region to sing. Their worst experience was singing on the aircraft carrier Eisenhower where they performed on the flight deck and it was cold, cold, cold!

Our folk group choir adds real life to the liturgy! When I first heard "Holy, Holy, Holy" in jazz time I wondered if I'd survive. But I did and now I listen to them every chance I get.... We have a children's choir (lots of kids) but I am never sure if they sing or not -- they always put on a good show."

FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

#The eleventh Good Friday Walk for Hunger was held this year. Brother Chester Rachel led the music and prayer service at 8:30 to begin the event. Mr. Edward Jakubczak, Moderator of the Student Council, directed the walk. Brother John McMuldren initiated the program in 1972 and over the years more than \$30,000 has been raised for Holy Cross missions and Chicago's Marillac House.

#Recently, Brothers Thomas Corcoran and Don Fleischhacker were guests at the induction ceremony and reception to the rank of Eagle Scout of Glen Stelzer, '83 graduate. Don gave the invocation.

#Vocation Awareness week, March 14 to 18, was a big success. Brother James Reddy scheduled the speakers: Brother Charles Smith from the inner city, Brother John Tryon, Director of the Christian Life Office at Holy Trinity, and Brothers Raymond Dufresne, Thomas Corcoran, and Charles Drevon from the house. Brother Chester Rachel took pictures for the trophy case display which was assembled by brother Donald Fleischhacker. Brother Louis Mangini composed the daily announcements for the p.a. introducing the week's significance. Father Tom Greaney, Director of the Christian Life Office here invited local pastors and assistants to concelebrate the liturgy for the students. All were given a free day on March 18 in honor of St. Joseph.

#This year, Holy Cross and Mother Guerin High Schools will again combine efforts on a school play. "Once Upon a Mattress" will be presented for four evenings. Brother Chester Rachel is in charge of publicity. Art instructor, Mr. Tom Susin is constructing the scenery. Other faculty members assist with prefecting during rehearsals.

#Recently, Brother Thomas Corcoran, Principal, inducted thirty-two new members into the National Honor Society. This is one of the highest honors a student can receive.

HISTORY CONFERENCE AT MOREAU SEMINARY

The second annual Conference on the History of the Congregations of Holy Cross in the U.S.A. was held on March 18-19 under the direction of Fr. James T. Connelly, Archivist of the Indiana Province.

Father Christopher O'Toole, former Superior-General offered some reflections on his sixty-two years in the community. Brother Maurus O'Malley of the Eastern Brothers' Province gave a presentation on "Holy Cross Brothers in Brooklyn." Other presentations, generally concerning the Congregations' presence in the east were made by Sisters Campion Kuhn, Miriam Ann Cunningham, and Catherine Poirier, and Father Richard Desharnais.

Brothers attending the Conference from the East were Thomas Gorman and Edward Sniatecki (plus Maurus, of course); from the South-West Brothers John Doran, William Dunn and Edward Hagus while from the Midwest came Brothers John Benesh, Marcellus Bonen, Edward Courtney, Michael Donovan, Raymond Dufresne, James Everett, Donald Fleischhacker, Majella Hegarty, John Kuhn, Wilbert Leveling, Thomas O'Malley, Edgar Plas, James Reddy, and Roy Smith.



FROM NORTHERN LIGHTS, ANCHORAGE

#Alaska has three seasons: winter, break-up, and rain. Right now (March 23) break-up is beginning, bringing beautiful, balmy weather, but plenty of mud. By June 21 we will experience 21 hours of daylight.

#Brother Charles McBride is chairman of the Anchorage Council of Churches on the CREDO Cable Television channel. He is also working on a statewide cable television package of religious programming.

#At Fur Rendezvous time in February nearly a hundred youth from around the diocese came together with the Anchorage area youth on the closing weekend for "Faith Rendezvous".... By the way, Brother Joseph Fox won first, second, and third place ribbons in the Fur Rondy baked goods exhibit. Naturally, his famous cheese cake took the blue ribbon.

#All of us attended a three-day workshop on Canon Law. Three experts from the "Lower 48" gave the up-dated revised presentations.

#Brother Charles McBride attended a United States Catholic Conference meeting in San Diego in late February.

#From now until June, Charles will travel each weekend to parishes throughout the archdiocese to take pictures and write copy for Project Advance, the annual fund-raising effort of the archdiocese.

#After a long series of youth retreats and activities Brothers John, Harold, and Joseph were treated to a flight through and around the peaks of Mt. McKinley by Merle Albert, a deacon from the parish in Talkeetna. After that spectacular flight, anything left to experience in majestic Alaska will have to come in second.

#We received a wonderful surprise for the Feast of St. Joseph. Our community was presented with an original sculpted statue of St. Joseph by Fr. Ken Gilly, Catholic Chaplain at the Ft. Richardson Army Post.

The two-foot statue depicts Joseph seated on the carpenter's bench. He is asleep and holds a writ of divorce in one hand and a writing instrument in the other. A raised letter inscription on the base reads "Fear not, Joseph." Fr. Gilly is a former student of our school in Biloxi and fondly remembers Brother Hyacinth (Edward Sniatecki) as being instrumental in his vocation. Father dedicates his work in appreciation to all Holy Cross Brothers. We shall try to circulate photos of the statue in the near future.

#After several delays we have found a new home. It is presently a sisters' residence. We hope by June 1st our new address will be:

3424 East Fifteenth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
Phone: (907) 272-9103

#Brother Charles is working on a television special which will feature Archbishop Hurley and show prior to the meeting of U.S. Bishops in Chicago on the war/peace issue.

#Brothers Charles, Joseph, and Harold plan to be in the Notre Dame area for the jubilee celebrations in May.... Meanwhile, plans for the coming summer camp season are in the works. Camp will open June 19 for a total of eight weeks.

(We thank Brother Harold Ruplinger for sending us this information.)



FROM DHAKA, BANGLADESH

#The students and faculty at St. Gregory's High School had "balcony seats" as students confronted police and army personnel in an all day battle February 15, climaxed by the burning of the ground floor rooms of the City Hall, opposite the school. Everything was then postponed by an eleven-day school closure ordered by the government to let heads cool.

#At St. Nicholas High School in Nagari the sidewalk from the school veranda to the Brothers' House has been bricked and cemented... Part of the old dispensary south of the compound is being knocked down before it falls. The middle room will be used as an office for the Primary Headmaster.

#At Holy Cross High School in Bandura, the annual prize and school drama were held last month. Fazle Lohani was the chief guest. The crowd was estimated at 4,000... Visitors during the month were Brothers John Rozario and Dominic Mree.

#At the Juniorate in Nagari we went two weeks without electricity while the officials pondered whether or not our connection was legal.

FROM CATHOLIC CENTRAL, MONROE

#From Brother Walter Foken we received a copy of the program for the Academy-Catholic Central production of "The Sound of Music" last month. More than 2,800 attended the several performances. Brother James Rottenbacher directed the orchestra.

#Three Sisters, Contemplatives of the Cross, stopped recently, returning to Bedford, Ohio, from a community meeting in Detroit. One of the Sisters was the sister of Brother Claude Hartmann, (dec. Jan, 1977) who served several years in Monroe. Another sister was travelling outside the cloister for the first time in sixteen years.

#The basketball team concluded its regular season with a 16-4 record.



BROTHER RONALD EHRHARDT and EXTENSION

Brother Ronald celebrates the silver anniversary of his profession this year. Half of those years have been spent in working at the Extension Society in Chicago, which works for the home missions.

Very Reverend Edward Slattery, President of Extension, marked the event in a special memo to all Extension workers. He wrote, in part:

"I think I speak for everyone when I say that Extension is a better place because Brother Ron is with us. It isn't just his cheerful spirit and his genuine concern for everyone he meets -- it is more than that. Brother Ron is a religious who has committed his life to the service of Christ and His Church. His vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience give all of us a greater incentive to live the Christian life and to hope for a better life hereafter.

"Undoubtedly, Brother Ron will be a little embarrassed by this note, but I think it reflects the way we all feel.

"We thank you, Brother Ron, for being with us and for your twenty-five years as a religious."

BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

Brother Jerome Schwabe is now doing volunteer tutoring at a group home for delinquents. The home is near Mackin High School. Jerome will be staying at Mackin until July 1.

We are grateful for a recent donations from former members of the Province, Gene Palinski and John Barrett. John has recently moved to the diocese of Covington, Kentucky, where he will be diocesan Director of Development.

"A chapter of library history illustrated by Vatican stamps" is the title of an essay by Brother John Federowicz appearing in the February issue of the journal published by The International Guild of Vatican Philatelists, of which John is a charter member. This lively and somewhat irreverent essay was appropriately illustrated with stamps from John's collection.

Brother Guy Eckels is in charge of production and technical direction of the 29th Annual Musicale at Hoban High in Akron.

FROM the NOVITIATE at WATERFORD

#At the annual meeting of the six provincials collaborating in the inter-society, inter-province novitiate program, plans were solidified to purchase the building and property at the present site.... A corporation will be formed: Holy Cross Novitiate, Inc., with the six provincials forming The Board of Directors. Alternative site options in Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, and Washington were found to offer no significant advantages over the present building and location in Waterford. John Corr (EP) is coordinating the legal transactions of the purchase and the corporate status.

#The novitiate community served as a "safe shelter" for a week for a battered woman and her three children, ages ten, thirteen, and seventeen. This homeless family appreciated our Holy Week hospitality, and brought a special dimension to our prayer and life.

#We hosted a Seder Supper during Holy Week, inviting several neighbors, relatives, and friends for the occasion.

FROM BISHOP DAVID, LOUISVILLE

Brother Charles Gregg sends us several items of happenings down by the O-hi-O:

#Plans are progressing in merger talks between Bishop David and Angela Merici high schools. Angela Merici is owned by the Ursulines. Target date for the merger is the start of the 1984-85 school year.

#Brother Carl Sternberg attended the NCEA convention in Washington during Easter week.

#Brother Carroll Posey drove several members of the baseball team to Florida where they have games scheduled every day of Easter week.

#Brother Walter Gluhm was co-ordinator of "Jump Rope for Heart", sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Recreation, and Recreation.

#Brother Charles Gregg hopes to be studying computers at Michigan this summer.... Charles coached the High-Q team to its first ever victory in recent competition. The program will be televised.

#The Brothers are looking for a chaplain to replace Fr. Charlie Dittmeier who will be leaving in June to work with the deaf in India.

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

#Brothers Paul Kelly and Ivan Dolan did the honors in the kitchen for the evening meal on St. Patrick's Day. Supper was served to a total of thirty-four -- probably a record for us.... Following the meal we were entertained by The Grey Tops, two women and a man, mid-to-late-seventyish, who played organ, saxophone and sang. Their 75 minute program of music from the big band era and before was well received. Mrs Rasmussen was instrumental in obtaining the entertainment and in decorating for the event. The Providence Sisters from St. Joe High were among the guests and were especially pleased with Brother Henry O'Rourke's participation in the singing.

#There was an in-service program for the nursing staff on Friday afternoon, March 18.

#Brother Theodore Kapes joined us on March 21, recovering from a fractured hip.... Brother Ronan Koenigsknecht returned to Columba Hall on the following day, his knee mended sufficiently that he no longer needs our assistance.

#Among our March visitors were Brothers Patrick Sopher (S-W), James Caley, Lawrence Miller, and Frederick Raehsler.... On April 5 Father Barrosse paid us a surprise visit and offered the community Mass. Brother Philip Armstrong and Fr. Dick Warner (Indiana Provincial) accompanied Fr. General.

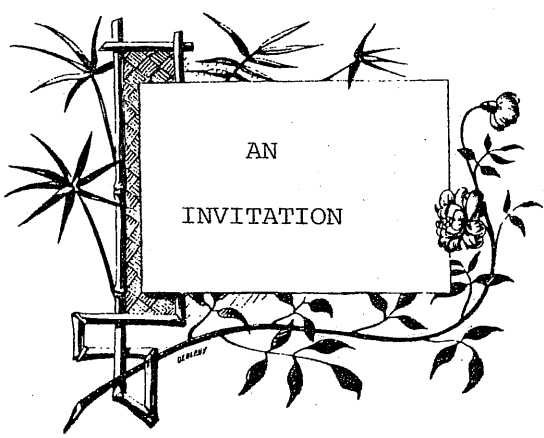
#Our second "last-Sunday-of-the-month" brunch was held on March 27. Guests included Brothers Philip Armstrong, Lawrence Miller, and Donald Morrison.

#Brother Matthew Gara declared this was the finest Easter among his ten Easter holidays at Dujari.

#On Sunday afternoon, July 17, The Provincial Administration will host a Reception at the Brothers Center for all religious of the area (Priests, Sisters, Brothers) to honor Brother Bonaventure Foley

for his sixty years of service in the religious life.

#Brother Theophilus Machalinski (92 next October) has received a summons to jury duty in Cuyahoga (Ohio) County. They have not responded to our request for expenses to cover a travelling companion.



DUJARIE HOUSE
will host a reception on
Sunday, June 5, 1983
between 1:30 and 4:30

to celebrate the anniversaries
of religious vows of:

- Brother Bonaventure Foley -60 years
- Brother Luke Bauer -60 years
- Brother Pedro Haering -40 years

Friends and relatives are invited to stop by at their convenience to greet and congratulate these men.

Refreshments will be served; gifts are not expected.