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## SEVENTH BROTHERS' WORKSHOP HELD

Thirty-one Brothers from throughout the United States and Canada took part in the seventh "Brother....for all Seasons" Workshop. The program has served 219 Brothers from thirty-four various religious orders.

The focus for the workshop this year was ministry. Sister Marlene Halpin, O.P., and Brother James Kell, C.S.C., addressed ministry past, present, and future along with stress and possible burnout related to ministry.

Fr. Keith Clark, O.F.M. Cap., shared insights into reading and praying Scripture. Fr. William Simmons, C.S.C., gave the foundation of present day morality as contrasted with the morality of our past.

Brother Joseph McTaggart, C.S.C., set the stage for better understanding of ministry and prayer styles through use of the Myers-Briggs "Introduction to type".

Support for the program has come from a core group of people who have been interested in the need for continuing education among religious. Sister Marlene Halpin, O.P., is the foundress of the Program and Brother Thomas Moser, C.S.C., is the group's present director. Brother John Platte, C.S.C., Brother Joseph Meirergerd, S.C.J., Brother Andrew Kuhn, O.F.M. Cap, and Brother Jerry Sysko, O.S.A., are part of the core group as well.

In the past seven workshops in excess of twenty brothers have participated from Franciscan Capuchins, Dominicans, and Holy Cross. Other communities with considerable participation include Jesuits, Franciscans, Benedictines, and Augustinians.

Plans for the 1984 Jan.-Feb. two week Program will include topics such as: Future of Religious Life, Praying with Scripture, Sexuality and Intimacy, Community Life, Justice, and Simplicity of Life Style. The workshop will be held at the Holy Cross Brothers' Center, Notre Dame, Indiana.

FROM LINCOLN WAY, SOUTH BEND

#While some said the presentation had elements of "Saturday Night Live" and others thought it closer to "Saturday Night at the Movies", all attested to quality time by offering a standing ovation to Brother Joe Barry's audiopictorial review of his holiday trip with Brother Roy Smith to West Africa. Notre Dame area Brothers and others were entertained at the house on January 29. Joe enjoyed meeting Holy Cross in West Africa and seeing first hand the apostolic work in which the men are engaged. He was especially pleased with the friendly reception and hospitality his hosts offered.

#On Monday evening, January 31, a farewell party was held for Brother Eduardo Michalik. Ed left the following afternoon for his new assignment with the Sisters of the Holy Cross at their retreat house in Israel.

FROM ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

#Since the record snows of October and November, the winter season has been mild. Visits of the moose (meese-?) to the backyard are down this winter and the Northern Lights are less frequent and less spectacular than in 1982. But the landscape is as lovely as ever.

#Excitement has come to each in a different way. Cross-country skiing exposed Brother Joseph Fox to his first winter of the breath-taking delights of Alaska's nature at its best. Brother Harold Ruplinger almost ran into two moose that leaped out on to an icy highway in front of his unresponsive skidding car. The moose stopped a breath short of a disastrous collision. Brother John McMuldren's excitement came from the weekend celebration of the first anniversary

of the "Roaring Twenties", a group of young adults which has grown not only in numbers but in activities of youth ministry and the parishes. Brother Charles McBride's high was unquestionably the celebration of his silver jubilee on January 26 at Holy Family Cathedral plus the social, dinner, and roasting in Cathedral Hall.

#Brother Harold Ruplinger describes the jubilee: "Brother Joseph Fox chaired the preparation committee. A triumphantly bannered procession walked up to the Cathedral sanctuary. Flanked by all six religious brothers in the diocese, by Archbishop Hurley, by twenty-eight of the clergy, and witnessed by a congregation of religious sisters and friends, Brother Charles renewed his vows.

Following the liturgy and reception was a beautiful dinner prepared by Brother Joseph and a crew of volunteers. Brother Harold's contribution to the evening was a large TIME magazine cover painting of Charles while Brother John co-ordinated the entertainment for the evening. John wrote and sang a parody in honor of Charles and was then joined by the "Anchorage Drainage Bowl Ensemble" in the singing of several other clever parodies. This was not only a tribute to Charles but to all brothers serving the needs of the church.

Brother Charles was the first brother in the history of Alaska to celebrate a major jubilee of religious profession. Letters of congratulations were received from Archbishop Paul Marcinkus at the Vatican, Bishop Michael Kenny of Juneau, Father Theodore Hesburgh of Notre Dame, and Mother Angelica of the Eternal Word Television Network.

The entire event was video-taped by

Sunday mornings.

#A recent visitor to our House was Brother Joseph Fox. Brother brought four students with him from Alaska to join in the Leadership Workshop mentioned in the last NEWS NOTES. From Joe's conversation, he is liking it more and more each day in Alaska. He gives his best for a happy 1983 to all his brothers "in the lower 48".

#"It is an end of an era at Holy Cross," as Brother Benedictus Secoy would say. Beginning in the fall of 1983 the Ladies Guild founded by Brother Ben in the early '60's will merge with the Holy Cross High School Fathers Club to form: THE HOLY CROSS PARENTS CLUB. Brother Thomas Corcoran, the principal, will be the Moderator. He will be assisted by Mr. Ernie Vessini (the Development Director) and Mr. Mike Morison (a teacher of religion and a recent member of C.S.C. from Colorado).

#On February 2, the following Brothers celebrated Vow Day: Quentin Hegarty, Thomas Corcoran, Donald Martin, Eugene Weisenberger and Richard Shea. To total all the years of service to mankind and the Church, this would be 185 years! A celebration was held in the house. Father Richard Downs, CSC, the House Chaplain, celebrated a special liturgy for these Brothers.

There are three who will be celebrating in a special way this year at Holy Cross High School. They are: Brother Charles Drevon, (25 years) Brother Donald Fleischhacker, (25 years) and Brother Quentin Hegarty (50 years). The House Entertainment Committee is planning this celebration for April.

#The entire school community celebrated the installation of Cardinal

Bernardin by having a free day in his honor, February 7. A special Liturgy of Thanksgiving was celebrated by the new Cardinal at Holy Name Cathedral, Sunday, February 6 at which Br. Donald Fleischhacker was present. The Cardinal has been invited to visit Holy Cross High School, March 17, at which time the school will have a Liturgy honoring St. Joseph (and St. Patrick). This celebration will be in conjunction with the annual VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK in the school. Father Tom Greaney, OSM, Director of the Christian Life Office will coordinate this happening.

#### A HOLY TRINITY TRIBUTE

Holy Trinity recently received a letter from Mrs. Walter J. Straube, announcing the death of her husband, a member of the Trinity Class of 1929, and including an alumnus offering. Mrs. Straube's letter said, in part: "...such a good, kind, and gentle man -- a product of Holy Trinity. I am proud and shall never never forget it either. So many fellow members of our family attended. First and foremost I must say that Brother Theophilus sent my Walter on an errand to town and he got his very first job at C.D. Peacock (Jewelers). Well, he spent all his life with this fine firm until he took sick twelve years ago. You should be proud of your accomplishments. Look him up in the Gold and Blue Book of 1929, page 18."

#### FROM HOLY CROSS NOVITIATE, WATERFORD

#In January the novices and team members participated in the Second Montreal Conference for those in Holy Cross formation. The eight-day experience was held at Ermitage de Sainte-Croix, a retreat facility conducted by the Holy Cross Sisters at Pierrefonds,

CBS Channel 11 in Anchorage. Not since the visit of Pope John Paul II has an event enjoyed greater coverage by the media than Charlie's jubilee. Local papers printed pictures and a biography. Holy Cross had its day in Alaska! It will be a hard act to follow. (The two hour video tape will be sent to the Province archives)

#The house and property which has been the brothers' home for two and a half years has been sold by the owner and must be vacated by March 1. House hunting is difficult because of the high cost of renting or buying. The Diocese, with the Lord's help, will come up with an answer to prayers. Prayers of the community members will be appreciated.

#Charles continues work on telecommunications for the diocese, while Joe has been appointed chaplain for the Catholic Scouts of Alaska. John is currently planning a "Faith Rendezvous" for the youth in conjunction with the annual Anchorage celebration of "Fur Rendezvous" weekend February 18-20. Harold is co-ordinating parish youth retreats, prayer days, and overnights in Cordova and Dillingham as well as in the Anchorage area.

#On the fun side, Brother Harold enjoys playing the Holy Cross Brothers' game while driving. It goes like this: all passenger car licenses, the first always being B. so BRD--reads Brother Raymond Dufresne, BBL--reads Brother Barry Lambour or Bruce Lescher, etc. Names from the past are always included: BEO--is Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, BCC--Brother Columba Curran, etc. It's a quick opportunity to recall the brothers and say a prayer for them. Even Joe and John get "caught up" in the game.

#### FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

#The entire House will travel to the Franciscan Retreat House in Oak Brook once again this year for the annual retreat. Brother Carl Sternberg will give the retreat to the Brothers. Two of Carl's conferences will cover two of the Constitutions, Community Life and the Vows. This is to fit into the monthly meetings which will be held by the House from January to May to cover the entire Constitutions as directed by the Superior General.

The committee arranging this year's retreat: Brothers James Reddy, Joseph Dudek, Donald Fleischhacker and Eugene Weisenberger.

#Brother Julian Przybyla has been working for the past three weeks to remove one of the very large and beautiful willow trees which graced our front yard for twenty years. This tree was split by a very strong wind in late December. When Brother Walter Duda put up a note indicating to the Staff that there was "free wood", many teachers and staff members took advantage of the offer.

#Brother James Reddy is continuing his work for an Arts & Letters degree from De Paul University. Brother would like to eventually go into guidance. He admits the work is difficult at times, but very challenging. James recently made a directed retreat with a Jesuit priest in Milwaukee. James said, "everyone should be given the opportunity to make such a retreat...it was great"!

#Brother Eugene Weisenberger has taken the place (if this is possible) of Brother Paul Kelly in baking for the brother's Sunday breakfast. Eugene has whipped up some mighty delicious coffee cake -- as the empty pans attest on

Quebec.

The forty-seven participants included twenty-five Holy Cross novices and newly-professed representing a total of nineteen Holy Cross provinces. Joining these men and women in formation were ten members of various novitiate teams as well as a dozen Holy Cross religious who served as presentors and/or translators.

This year's conference focused on the themes of community history, religious life in Holy Cross, and the option for the poor. Presentations and discussion were interspersed with times for recreation and prayer. All prayer was bilingual.

The Conference, co-ordinated by Brother John Gleason (EB), was hailed by the participants as a marvelous educational and prayer opportunity, giving living witness to Father Moreau's charism of unity: priests, brothers, and sisters forming one family of Holy Cross.

#### FROM ST. EDWARD H.S., LAKEWOOD

St. Ed's celebrated the feast of Blessed Brother Andre on January 6. Bishop James P. Lyke, O.F.M., one of the auxiliaries of the Cleveland diocese, concelebrated (with seven other priests) and gave the homily. Two of the priests were graduates of CSC schools: Fr Hilinski of St. James' parish in Lakewood (from Ed's) and Fr. Ken Styles, S.J., Principal of St. Ignatius (from Hoban). Our Brothers all took an active part in the Mass, many of them forming a choir. The band opened the celebration with Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man."

In his homily Bishop Lyke, making his first visit to St. Ed's, empha-

sized the human side of Brother Andre. Through the fraternal life of the brothers he was able to work in a special way with the sick and downtrodden. "That tradition is still alive in the Brothers of Holy Cross," the bishop told the students, "and you can be a part of it."

After Holy Communion, Brother William Dygert, Principal, offered a few re-flections on Brother Andre emphasizing his respect for the dignity of the person, especially those who are ill and dying.

After the liturgy, there was a reception for the Bishop in the Brothers' house, with teachers and guests (alumni association, board of trustees, mother's club, and associates of St. Joseph). After the school day, the Brothers hosted an open house for the faculty and staff of the school.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

#In your prayers kindly remember the following and their families:

- Mother of Brother Walter Gluhm
- Brother of Brother Giles Martin
- Sister of Brother Adalbert Mrowca
- Brother of Brother William Dygert
- Brother of Brother Paul Kelly

#### FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

#Recent visitors included Brothers James Sullivan, James Kell (SW), Thomas Giumenta (E), and Father Gene Hemrich.

#Brother Ronan Koenigsknecht came to Dujarie on February 1 to recover from knee surgery. He has a cast nearly the complete length of his left leg... Brother Vitus Schwartz returned to Columba Hall on February 4.

#Our most venerable nurse, Mrs.

Lillian Craft, who has been here longer than any of us can remember, had tests recently at St. Joseph Medical Center and will have to limit her work here to one day per week.

#Mr. Robin Lewis has joined our staff part-time as a nurse's aide.

#Brother Richard Weber has converted four of our doors to "Dutch doors" a most welcome improvement and convenience.

#Brother Henry O'Rourke (S-W) was in the hospital for four days during the last week of January, having a cataract removed and an implant. All went well and recovery was rapid.

#The staff and the Director and others, presented gifts to Brother Eduardo Michalik at his farewell party on February 1. Brother Eduardo served the Brothers at Dujarie for seventeen months.

#The first really heavy snow of the season (February 3-4) has resulted in many more birds realizing the boon they have in the new bird-feeder near the patio.

#### FROM HOBAN HIGH IN AKRON

Brother Leonardo Bebetu sends us some interesting notes on some of our men in Akron:

#On Saturday, March 26, three members of the local community will celebrate anniversaries of their religious professions: Brother Gregoire Bleau will mark his 40th while Brothers John Schuszler and Thomas Scheurer will celebrate twenty-five years... There will be a liturgy of thanksgiving at Annunciation Church at 4:00 p.m. followed by a social hour and dinner at Hoban. Community members are invited. Please let the

"Jubilee Committee" know that you are coming, the number in your party, and whether you need overnight accommodations.

#At thanksgiving and Christmas the Hoban brothers gathered for a dinner at the residence of Brothers Gregoire and William Healey. The community has tried to meet for liturgy, discussion, and dinner one Sunday each month.

#On January 17, a number of our black students presented an assembly commemorating Martin Luther King. The program included readings, music by the Buchtel High School Gospel Singers, and a talk by Rev. Arthur Kemp, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

#Since 1975, Brother Richard Cilman has been active with the Metropolitan Akron Residential Services, Inc. A past treasurer, he now serves as the secretary of the board of directors. MARS exists to establish and operate homes for people with mental retardation. At present it operates nine homes in The Summit County area.

#A group of eight students and their moderator, Mr. Mike Burtscher, will spend five days in February with our community in Harriman, Tennessee, to become acquainted with the apostolate there.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

(You'll have to accept the probability that my daily work, reading, and concerns are going to spill over into this column once in a while.) We receive a monthly publication called GERIATRIC CARE -- a very down-to-earth, practical sort of thing. While it is written for staff members of large facilities with a vast cross-section of patients and personalities it is rarely without some suggestions which can be used by those of us who work at Dujarie House.

A brief article in this month's issue might even be worth a short reflection by those who have little or no contact with nursing homes or infirmaries. The author is pointing out that some of the things we may think of as "patient problems" are nothing more than normal reactions which we would probably discover in anyone.

A quotation: "...Grief and anger are normal reactions to many life experiences. Everybody should be entitled to get angry once in a while... We need to understand that depressed, angry, or frightened behavior is a plea for help from a person who feels helpless, and... seemingly meaningless behavior (may not be) the result of disorganization of the brain, but is motivated, and is a search for help. Often behavior can be helped...by decreasing fear and anger.

The author concludes that we should be patient and understanding, consistent, and have a sense of humor.

While this may be applicable "especially" to the elderly, my point is that it has a far more general application.

Anger, for example, is a normal reaction in nearly anyone who feels helpless or depressed and finds no resource inside with which to deal with something very real to him/her. Many of us may tend to react to another's anger as though it was unmotivated or personal, or simply an undesirable aspect of the personality of the angry person and, therefore, something for which that person should be "punished". Rather we might try to respond with patience, trying to discover and understand the underlying reasons for the fear, depression, etc. that provoked the anger in the first place.

Finally, while agreeing that humor must be sincere (not faked) and there are a few situations where it may be out of place, nevertheless, a sense of humor will diffuse a great deal of fear, anxiety, and depression. Perhaps only temporarily, but every little bit helps. And I suspect most of us have found that the elderly, or nursing homes, have not cornered the market on fear, anxiety, and depression.

Pedro Haering, C.S.C.

BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

The December, 1982 issue of the NOTRE DAME MAGAZINE includes an interesting story on Dolores Ward, Rector of Pasquerilla West Residence Hall for women on the ND campus. The article mentions..."For time away from the 210 women in Pasquerilla West, she retreats on weekends to St. Joseph's Solitude, an annex to Columba Hall, set aside for spiritual reflection and renewal.

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The NEWSNOTES is grateful for a donation from Sister M. Helen, O.P., retired former Principal of Our Lady of the Elms in Akron, Ohio.

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Brother Bruce Lescher, pursuing doctoral studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, has started working on Saturdays for the OAKLAND CATHOLIC WORKER. They operate an at-cost grocery store in a poor neighborhood and need weekend help.

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At Monroe Catholic Central the faculty and Seniors had a Bunco Party in the cafeteria on January 23.

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There will be (was?) a Mardi Gras party at the Provincial House for the Brothers of the area from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 13.

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Dr. Ivan Gradisar (class of 1958) will be honored as "Distinguished Alumnus" at the Hoban Alumni Awards Dinner Dance on February 26. In addition, perennial dependables, Mrs. Juanita Burnette and Mr. Donald Wartko will be honored as "friends of Hoban".

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