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ST. JOSEPH THE TEACHER

*Absent are the academic robes.
Degrees of higher learning missing;
No dotting classes crowd his lectures.
Never asked to discourse or speak,
Who can find a single utterance.
Not a line in book or journal,
Missing are the signs this world holds dear.*

*Work clothes and a leather apron.
Teaches by experience and reason.
A rousing class of just one boy.
Tools and work-scarred hands his textbook.
Taught the skills and methods needed.
No "gift-wrapped" pedagogue is he.
St. Joseph the teacher
in plain brown wrapping-paper.*

Brother Leo Geiger, C.S.C.



FROM ST. PATRICK'S, MONROVIA

Brother Thomas Dillman writes us from Liberia -- by full moon and Aladdin's lamp no less, since it was "their night" to get along without electricity; among his comments:

#Our economic situation continues on a downward trend. The iron ore mines and rubber plantations, formerly a mainstay, have small demand in today's world market. Average unemployment is 60%, although the severity is a bit alleviated by minimal farming. Nevertheless, the mine layoffs are significant because this is premium salary category. We hope the signs of an economic upswing in the states will have an effect here.

#A year and a half ago a shipment of two large crates to Monrovia were mistakenly left in Ghana where they have been "lying in state" ever since in the port of Tema. Numerous efforts to have them forwarded to Monrovia have been in vain. New word comes from Fr. Bob Gilmour in Sekondi that the shipment has, at long last, been sent on its way... to New York. This is a necessary routing in order to get them to Liberia since there is no scheduled run from Ghana to Liberia.

#St. Pat's did well on the National Exam: one senior scored the highest and the senior average was the highest group score. The new school year is underway and, again, more students had to be turned away than could be accepted in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades.

#Brother James Newberry has taken over the job of Principal at St. Pat's with Brother Donard Steffes on the full-time staff. Brother Thomas Dillman divides his time between St. Pat's and St. Therese's

while Brother Edward Foken is teaching full time at Cathedral High School.

#Through money raised last year by student activities, the increasing problem of water distribution will soon be remedied with the completion of a water reservoir on the campus. Brother Thomas Dillman was able to use the gradient of some twenty feet from the upper ground level by the Brother's residence to the lower level near the school proper. So a 2000 gallon tank is at ground level and water pressure is usually sufficient at night to fill the tank, making adequate pressure available throughout the school day. Plans are also underway to channel the rain water from the roof of the Brothers' residence into the reservoir. With annual rainfall of 230 inches, and using the sloping roof, the tank will be filled many times a year.

#We enjoyed the visits of Brothers Roy Smith and Joe Barry during the holidays. They filled two suitcases with food stuffs from stores here before departing for Ghana. So the brethren ate well at least for a few days of the New Year.

FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

Brother Jerome Schwabe writes that his one year contract in our nation's capitol is coming to a close much too fast. His position as Administrative Assistant at Mackin High has been fulfilling, the excellent prayer- and supportive community-life the best he has experienced. He says, "One doesn't hear judgmental and negative remarks, but a true reaching out to each other to help in whatever way is possible."

The only mishap Jerome recalls is participating in the anti-KKK rally and suffering slight effects from

the tear gas. St. Augustine's Gospel Choir, of which Brother Jerome is a member, has enough regional and national engagements to fill his calendar until June. The parish, one block from the city's largest drug trade area, has been written up in both area and national newspapers. "It is a vibrant, alive parish which responds to all groups and persons as needed. No one is left out -- and a deep spirit of faith and prayer sustain the Christian attitudes that the parish offers to any and all."

HARD HAT PARTY AT GILMOUR

On Saturday evening, February 12, Gilmour Academy's newly completed athletic complex rang with merriment as parents, students, alumni and friends gathered with the faculty for a fund raising Hard Hat Party.

The anything-went attire ranged from Brother Michael Flanagan's tuxedo and boat shoes combo to Fr. John Blazek's "super priest" T-shirt. Others wore jogging suits and gold sequined tennis shoes.

The occasion raised \$65,000 to purchase equipment for the new field house.

Students were everywhere: serving food, parking cars, or managing the cloak room. All volunteered their services. Custom Food Service donated the food.

Highlight of the evening was the auction of the 100th "gold brick", which went to Anthony Asher and David Carr for \$15,000. Other gold bricks were purchased at \$500 each. The one hundred gold bricks will be cast on a permanent plaque in the building.

FROM THE MOUNTAIN DEANERY (Ashland)

#Brother Donald Allen has written of some of the activities at Holy Family High School where he works with Brothers Walter Davenport and James Spooner:

#The people here are great and we all like them. Each Friday during Lent the three of us go to the 5:30 afternoon Mass and then to the "Poor Man's Supper" at 6:30. It is a pot-luck affair. We had about 140 people last Friday. Everyone has a good time. After the meal, we have a special Lenten Service. A week ago the Brothers led a scriptural rosary. For each Hail Mary a one sentence passage from Scripture, dealing with Christ's passion and death, was read.

#We have been called on to give talks to the adults on the Brothers and their vocation. There was a reception for us at which we were warmly welcomed.

#Walter has attended the Parish Council Meetings in his capacity of high school principal. He has to attend all the PIP meetings. (Parents' Involvement Program) It is mainly athletic boosters.

#We did rather poorly in basketball, losing more than half of our games. With baseball season about to begin we will be challenged to find enough players from our 58 boys and girls.

#Last week our entire student body and faculty, along with similar groups from other area schools went to the Paramount Theatre to see an acting group from N.Y.C. put on the play, "First Lady". Ashland Oil, based here, sponsors such events. The night before the Montovani Orchestra had played in the theatre.

February 13, 1983

My dearest Brothers,

I will suppose that by now you have heard that I left the novitiate on January 20, and am now at home in Louisville. This letter, then, is written not so much to inform you of my departure, as to say good-bye, at least for a while.

The decision to leave Holy Cross came after many months of prayer, thought, and discussion and I can say with absolute surety that this departure is what I needed to do to do God's will. The reason for the decision is that there have arisen in my life unanswered questions I have about myself. Over the past months I have come to realize that they could not be answered while I remained in Holy Cross.

So, I am not saying in this decision that Holy Cross is definitely not for me, nor that I am leaving because I find Holy Cross' lifestyle incompatible with what I understand, at this point, God calls me to be. Religious life in Holy Cross, then, is definitely an open option for me at some time in the future.

I have experienced a great amount of pain with this decision, and am very sad at having to leave the community. I am very thankful to each of you for what you have given me in the past three years by means of your prayers, presence, guidance, and most of all your example as holy men. Above all else, I can say that there was no better way for me to have spent the past three years than in Holy Cross. I have found the time a most enjoyable, enriching and growth-filled experience.

I ask God and especially His servants, St. Joseph and Frere Andre, to watch over you and bless your lives while we are parted. As to the future -- I have very little idea what lies ahead and I, like you, place myself in the Father's providential care with your prayers.

Love and peace in Holy Cross,
Chuck Hutti

FROM GHANA

Brother Joseph Annan will be making his perpetual profession of vows on the feast of St. Joseph, March 19, at St. Paul's Church in Sekondi, Ghana.

The profession ceremony will be part of a day of celebration marking the 25th anniversary of Holy Cross in Ghana and the beatification of Brother Andre.

Brother Joseph spent fifteen months in the United States recently studying religious formation in St. Louis and at Notre Dame. He is currently director of the aspirancy program at St. John's School, Sekondi, where he also teaches.

Brother Joseph's perpetual profession marks the first in Ghana since Brother Joseph Tsiquaye pronounced final vows in November of 1971.

FROM HOLY TRINITY, CHICAGO

#Brother Charles Krupp expresses his appreciation to the many brothers who contributed to Holy Trinity's Booster Calendar Drive. The net income this year will exceed \$20,000 -- an increase of 54 percent over last year.

#Since October, Brother Liguori had been living with and caring for an elderly gentleman who was alone. Brother returned to the Noble Street Brothers' Residence following the gentleman's death in mid-February.

#After many years, drama is to be revived here. More than sixty students and seven faculty members from Holy Trinity and Josephinum are joining to produce "The Cat's Meow". Performances are scheduled for our auditorium May 13 and 14.

#Brother Luke Bangnikon of The

Brothers of The Immaculate Conception was honored with a reception and dinner at the Brother's residence attended by forty guests. The occasion was his graduation from De Paul University with a Master of Arts Degree in Economics. Representing his community was Brother Bosco from the generalate in Maastricht, Holland. Brother Luke, who has been living with us since March of 1981, will leave for Ghana on April 6. He expects to teach at a secondary school in the Diocese of Wa.

#Brother John Benesh was in Washington the weekend of March 11 attending the meeting of CSC Hispanic Ministers.

#Fifteen upperclassmen were commissioned as Christian Service Ministers at a school-wide assembly on March 2. The students visit homes for the aged, day care centers, and hospitals, under the direction of Brother John Tryon, Campus Minister.

#The third shared prayer session for the faculty promoted by Campus Ministry will be held the evening of March 25.

#Holy Trinity's newly founded Advisory Board will hold its second meeting on March 15. Represented on The Board is a wide variety of experience and talent from among alumni, major banks law and accounting firms, and various businesses.

#The fourth annual Talent Show featuring more than 100 students from Trinity and other area schools, public and private, will be held on March 20.

BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

Brother Kenan Judge took a vacation from Iowa to visit the Notre Dame area in late February and March. Kenan looks very good. He is staying at Columba Hall.

Brother James Greteman has been given a grant by the Raskob Foundation (Wilmington, Delaware) to develop a program for priestly ministry to the divorced... . The magazine MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE TODAY had front page articles about Brother James and his work in its January 4 and February 14 issues. One dealt with integrating the spiritual aspects, and how the Church can reach out in positive ways to these hurting people.

On February 28, Brother Pedro Haering spoke to the Brothers at the house meeting at Columba Hall, describing the work at Dujarie House and the services Dujarie and its house physician can provide.

Notre Dame varsity basketball captain, John Paxson, had Brother Jerome Schwabe sit with the team for the Notre Dame-Maryland game and then took him out to dinner following the game. John was a student of Brother Jerome's when the latter was Headmaster at LeMans Academy. Jerome wrote: "It was good to see how John has grown in his self confidence both on and off the basketball court".

Novices from Waterford were hosted for three weeks of community experience during January in Austin (Texas), Saco (Maine), Welland (Ontario), Harriman (Tennessee), Casper (Wyoming), South Bend (Indiana), Chicago (Illinois), and Brooklyn (New York).

Brother David Fitzgerald, who is teaching geology and doing research at St. Mary's in San Antonio has received word that his 64-page monograph, "A Morrowan (Upper Carboniferous) Microspore Flora from Eastern Iowa, U.S.A." (written with Robert L. Ravn) will be published in the September, 1983, issue of PALEONTOGRAPHICA. The paper will serve as a research reference for the study and identification of miospores used to correlate rocks throughout the world of the Pennsylvanian Age (180 to 230 million years old).

John Phalen (Eastern Priests) recently joined the Waterford novitiate team as a full-time member. He, with Brother John Paige (EB), will form the core team beginning in August of this year.

In our prayers let us remember the mothers of Brothers Leonard Leary and Edwin Mattingly. Both died in Indianapolis last month and their funerals were on successive days.

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

#This is birthday month for us. Brother Anselm Tatro was 92 on February 25, two days later Brother Luke Bauer celebrated his 87th... On Sunday, March 6, Brother Damian Daele was 82... The following Sunday Brother Ronan Koenigsknecht, and on St. Patrick's Day Brother John O'Flaherty will complete our "rash" of five birthdays in three weeks.

#Late February and early March have been like mid-May. Four successive days saw temperatures reach the mid-70s. But we need rain badly.

#On Fat Tuesday we had a combined Mardi-Gras/Valentine party. One of our nurses, Donna Holcomb, has a friend who does a clown act, and she entertained us after a fine meal.

#While on entertainment, we had more of it on Sunday afternoon, February 27, when our cook, Mr. Ron Ori, arranged for a four-piece brass band from The Salvation Army to come for about forty-five minutes preceding the evening meal. One of the band members was (like-wise) dressed in a clown suit and entertained between musical numbers.

#Brother Rudolph Talaga was with us overnight on February 17, preparatory to having some tests run at St. Joseph Medical Center.

#The Director went to Chicago on February 19 to a matinee performance of "Porgy and Bess", a Christmas gift of the staff.

#Brother Andrew Steffes is recovering here from heart valve surgery performed earlier this month at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

#Brothers Phil Armstrong, Tom Shaughnessy, and Paul Mattingly joined us on February 27 for our "last Sunday of the month brunch".

#Brother Simon Murren has been taking an active part in the house recently. He frequently drives our men for their appointments with doctors and dentists, takes those who wish for drives to various places in Michiana, and periodically shows movies, many of them obtained from the ND athletic department.

#The Lent reception of The Sacrament of The Sick was at Mass on Saturday, March 5. Seven Brothers from Columba Hall and The Center joined us. The Sacrament is given four times a year.

BROTHER EDUARDO ARRIVES

A letter which Brother Thomas Moser shared with me informs us that Brother Eduardo Michalik has arrived and is somewhat settled in Israel following some delays with customs in Amsterdam and Tel Aviv -- including having to take a picture or two with his new camera to prove it was loaded with nothing but film.

A few quotations from Ed's letter: "I have made a few repairs but I enjoy pruning the citrus trees more than anything else...(Ed. note: Hope they have many citrus trees)...I'm also pushing ahead with the Hebrew study. It is very difficult to get along without it, especially when shopping.... Have not listened to the radio more than a dozen times and we have no TV. Movies? scarce, but possible."

Ed's address:

P.O. Box 207

Tiberias, Israel 14101

FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

#Brother Chester Rachel, Director of Recruitment, announced the annual orientation took place on March 3. Two hundred and fifty eighth grade boys participated. Those who missed the program will be accommodated on a one-to-one basis, as the need arises.

#The Vocation Committee is hard at work preparing for VOCATION WEEK, March 14-17. Brother James Reddy, Chairman, has invited brothers from other houses/schools to help with the program. Brother Philip Armstrong has been invited to deliver the homily at the liturgy.

#Brother James Bluma spent several days at Holy Cross recently. James is on a sabbatical study year following 14 years as Principal at Evansville Memorial.

#Father Dave Tushar, Niles Notre Dame Principal, Brother Charles Pinto, Holy Trinity Principal, and Brother Thomas Corcoran had their quarterly get-together at the famous COMO INN. The meeting and repast are for mutual support and commiseration. The practice here is four years old. All agree it is an important event.

#Father Richard Downs (Chaplain) had to spend an extra day in Washington when the mid-February blizzard buried the eastern seaboard. Father Downs says it was quite an experience -- he may never forget.

#The Holy Cross Band held its 22nd annual Pops Concert on Sunday, March 6. Band Director, Mr. Dennis Trainor, was assisted by Brother Eugene Weisenberger who is no stranger to music, having spent most of his life teaching band in Indianapolis. Brother Eugene is the freshman counselor.

#Brother Charles Krupp visited recently to meet with the school's Administrative Team and discuss their relationship with the Lay Advisory Board. Charles has been instrumental in the formation and smooth operation of this Board. He pointed out to the Administrative Team that the Board (presently 17 members) will be the chief supportive group in the years to come.

POTTER'S HOUSE

#The February 18 CRITERION (Archdiocese of Indianapolis) carried a full page article, with pictures, on the opening of Potter's House by the Sisters of St. Joseph (of Tipton, Indiana). The house is on East Pleasant Run Parkway in Indianapolis.

According to Sister Karen Van De Walle, the Director, the house was established because of a "need in our fast paced society to have places where people can come and be quiet." A person coming to Potter's House may use it for a day, overnight, or a weekend.

Sister Karen was on sabbatical to study last year and at that time lived at The Solitude of St. Joseph, "a living situation on the campus that is very similar to that of Potter's House.



EDITOR' COLUMN

This past week, I received a letter from one of our better English teachers -- who prefers to remain anonymous. He said some nice things about the NEWSNOTES, for which I thank him.

However, the thrust of his letter I will quote below -- and I ask any of you who would be interested in helping implement the idea, or who just wants to offer moral support, to write me and we will see if it's possible to get the idea off the ground and on to paper.... I quote rather liberally from the letter I received:

"My longtime dream was recently refreshed by reading that short psychological/geriatric insight you gave us on the last page of the February issue. The insight was valuable... .

"I wish our Province had a regular vehicle just filled with writings such as this, contributed by our Brothers. Our Brothers are geographically global, and so are their interests and insights. Would it not be splendid to have an annual or semi-annual organ which could serve as a worthy outlet for the creative contributions; stimulating insights; and musings philosophical, spiritual, or psychological; or anything else (other than news) which members might wish to share?

"We have some rather fine poets hidden amongst us, sketchers and other artists, cooks with their favorite recipes. To suggest but a few talents is to overlook many more. Can anyone describe for me in a page or two what is Prayer of Centering? What happens at Sangre de Christo, at Guest House, or at an Alaskan summer camp? What techniques, what vignette, what insights would a teacher or social service worker care to share. Some of us know about midlife transitions; others have studied grief processes, assertiveness training, communication skills. What are the highlights in a page or two? Our ideas on handling anger, depression, and stress are as numerous and divergent as we are: what about a pooling of ideas, perhaps even a debate-in-print?

"What else is out there? The first issue, humble though it may be, would no doubt suggest other ideas to Province members for additional contributions. When "The Educational Bulletin of The Brothers of Holy Cross" was flourishing, the editor had no dearth of offerings from the scribes. The benefits of that neat periodical were manifold before it went defunct during W.W.II. It would be nice to have once again something like that, but with much wider scope."

As Editor of the NEWSNOTES, I believe the idea has much merit. I do not feel it is something I could take on as, for example, a "Newsnotes Yearbook". But I do believe that three or four men who would be willing to offer a couple weeks (perhaps in the early summer) to sorting, editing, organizing, re-typing and assembling and mailing work could do a fine job with the idea. I would be happy to be a "gathering house" for contributions. Let us hear from you.

Pedro Haering, C.S.C.



OF BROTHER CHARLES SMITH AND UPTOWN

(Note: Since 1968 Voice of The People in Uptown, Inc. has been finding ways to create safe, attractive, well-managed housing units that are available and affordable to families. Voice of the People works to help preserve Uptown's housing units and to make Uptown a better place to live for all its residents. Brother Charles Smith is President of the Board of Directors, Voice of the People.)

On February 18th, Brother Charles welcomed several hundred people to 4419 N. Racine for an open house. 4419 N. Racine is the first co-operative developed by Voice of The People. The co-op was set up in 1979 and composed of several Uptown residents determined to make a home out of a burned out shell.

The experience of the past three years of this co-op, along with Voice of The People, has been one full of difficulties of financing and working with the Chicago

Housing Authority. Disaster struck in the middle of last summer when the city apparently withdrew its mortgage commitment. The Uptown community organized to overcome this problem but by the time the city formally agreed to fund the project, Voice of the People was in a cash flow crisis and could not provide the money to buy materials to complete the construction.

This problem was solved by our Midwest Province which approved a loan of \$50,000 to the Voice of The People to keep the rehabilitation in progress while lawyers handled the loan-closing details (a matter of several months). When the construction financing was secured the Brothers' loan was repaid.

This is the Voice's first housing cooperative. At 4419 N. Racine are three middle-income and three lowincome families who will actually own the building together. They are home owners rather than tenants.

