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BROTHER LEON GNEWUCH (November 18, 1898 - April 26, 1984)

Brother Leon passed away in St. Joseph Medical Center in the morning of April 26. He would have been 85 later this year.

It seems appropriate to quote the announcement sent to the various houses by Brother Paul Kelly, Superior at Columba Hall:

"After much consultation and prayer, Brother Leon had heart surgery a week ago. I was with Brother and the Doctor the evening before surgery as all was again explained to him. Brother cheerfully said, 'Let's get on with it -- it is the thing to do.' All went as expected until this morning. Since Monday Brother was visibly improving each day. Last night he was in the best of spirits and made the remark that he didn't know what he had been afraid of. This morning all went in reverse and Brother Leon died at 10:30."

In his most recent letter to the Province Brother Philip Armstrong eulogized Leon. He quoted Brother Charles Krupp, at Leon's Golden Jubilee in 1977, who pointed out how Brother Leon was equally at home in the religious life both before and after Vatican II. Then he quoted Leon's own remarks at the same celebration:

"And now on this great occasion you may well ask: what's been achieved? Well, I survived, I persevered. And that 'little gift' that St. Paul says everyone has, I have shared with the unlearned. And at long last I realized the unbounded, loving providence of God, who takes good care of us worriers; and an appreciation of my Brothers in Holy Cross. And should I now take my rest? No, not while I'm still sound of mind and there are people who want instruction. For 'I have miles to go before I sleep.'

Somehow, I suspect Leon is still finding things to do and I doubt quite a bit whether he is resigned to taking his rest.

FROM HOLY FAMILY, ASHLAND, KY.

Brother Donald Allen writes of happenings at Holy Family (namely: himself, Walter Davenport, and James Spooner.)

#One of the highlights of the past month was our trip to the Appalachian coal mining area of Hazard, Ky. to meet with our Bishop. He was meeting with all the religious of the diocese and there were about sixty of us there. Coal is still king in Hazard as well as here in Ashland, a receiving area for a great deal of coal before it is directed elsewhere. The drive was very enjoyable. It was very impressive to see the four-lane highways carved through the mountains. The roads built for and by coal are second to none anywhere. The hills are frequently long and steep.

#The Renew Program for 83-84 is drawing to a close. The entire diocese is involved. Walter is the leader of a group and Jim also meets with this group on Saturday evenings. Don meets with a group on Monday evenings

#Jim is much involved in computer work and the Apple Computer the Brothers have is kept warm. Walter is involved now in planning for next school year. A teacher presently on maternity leave will direct the computer program next year. Presently we share the computers with the elementary students.

#We're grateful to Brother Paul Kelly for the '77 Maverick that we recently received. It is a big help for us here. We no longer have to borrow cars.

#Donald recently help with the Search or TEC Retreat held for our juniors and seniors plus the juniors and seniors of St. Joseph H.S. in Ironton, Ohio (across the river from us).

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FROM THE SOLITUDE of ST. JOSEPH

Sister Judith Anne Beattie, CSC, who has been part of the Solitude as planner, spiritual director and retreat director and as member of the core community, has resigned both her position with the Solitude and with the University of Notre Dame to prepare herself to do formation work with the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Judith will be part of our directed retreat program until the end of July. Her energy and insight have contributed greatly to

the development and expansion of the Solitude's outreach the past few years. She will be greatly missed not only by the Solitude community but also by the many people from the area who came to her for spiritual direction and for directed retreats.

#Laureen Wright, a Benedictine Sister from Cottonwood, Idaho has been hired as a part-time staff person and will be part of the core community. Based upon the increasing demand for directed retreats and spiritual direction and use of the facility for solitude, we decided to hire a part-time person. Laureen will be graduated this summer from a Master's program in spirituality and spiritual direction at Catholic University. She will join us in mid-August.

#The last few months have been very busy one for us with the increased usage of the facility. We would like to thank the Brothers around the Province who recommend people they know to use our facility.

(Thomas Maddix, CSC)

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FROM ANDRE HOUSE, CHICAGO

Brothers Ken Haders and Bob Fillmore conducted a retreat for a local parish youth group in late March. The retreat was modeled after the Christian Leadership Institute (CLI). Three students from Holy Trinity High School served as facilitators. Bob also directed a Confirmation retreat for a local Hispanic parish.

The community opened its doors for several days to a young man, Willie Cobb, preparing for a 300 mile walk from Chicago to St. Louis. The purpose of the walk is to raise awareness of victimized teenage runaways. Many collected at the completion of the walk will be sent to Covenant House in New York City. Willie plans to arrive in Saint Louis in time to attend the National TEC Convention. TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is a national retreat movement.

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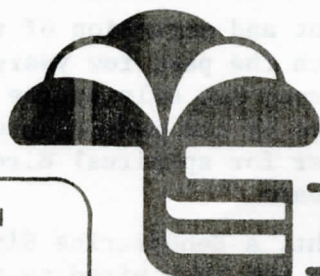
OF BROTHER COLUMBKILLE

Brother Columbkille Pickett (EB) wrote to us this month. He spent many years in what is now the Midwest Province, especially at Gibault. Many of us remember him I am sure. He is presently a Parish Minister at St. Mary's Church in Haverstraw, New York (near West Point) and this spring received the Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus. He will be visiting Notre Dame in early October, at which time he hopes to see many of his old friends.

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(Ed. note: We have copied this logo and the picture from the indicated publication and to tell you of Brother Joe Berg's election to the post of Chairman of the Executive Committee.)



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- American Radio Relay League, Inc.
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- National Catholic Disaster Relief Committee
- National Conference of Catholic Charities
- Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
- Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams
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- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Southern Baptist Convention
- United Methodist Committee on Relief
- The United Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.
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NATIONAL VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER

NVOAD LOGO: Uniqueness of Diversity is Funneled into a Cooperative Goal while Maintaining Individual Identity.

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Lt. Col. Ernie Miller of The Salvation Army congratulates Mr. Joe Berg of the National Conference of Catholic Charities upon his election as the NVOAD Executive Committee Chairman



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FROM ST. PAT'S -- MONROVIA -- LIBERIA

#Brother Edwin Mattingly is busy identifying the many new birds which he has seen in the town and in the bush. His impact is already felt in the biology department and the students have taken to him easily. His one wish is that his ear would become better attuned to the dialect.

#Brother Thomas Dillman recently accepted a position on a committee to organize a teacher training program for the Catholic schools of Monrovia. The training will take place in the evenings on the campus at St. Patrick's.

#Brother James is involved with another committee which is once again trying to standardize the religious instruction in the Catholic schools of the diocese. Associated with this program is also a plan for the training of catechists and religion teachers.

#Almost a year ago Brother Donard and his fellow ham radio operators began a campaign to raise funds for a leper project. The project is the replacement of housing in the colony. A "Q Card" was sent to all hams who responded. By last November about two thousand dollars had been raised and the figure now is at least double that. Each new duplex unit costs approximately one thousand dollars.

(James Newberry, CSC)

HISTORY CONFERENCE STUDIES "HOLY CROSS ON THE FRONTIER"

The third annual Conference on the History of the Congregations of Holy Cross in the U.S.A. met at St. Mary's Convent, Notre Dame, Indiana, April 6-8, 1984. With the exception of the opening presentation, all the papers focused on the theme (above).

Father Jacques Grise, General Archivist of the Holy Cross Brothers and Priests, opened the conference on Friday night, April 6, with a review of the tortuous story of the cause for canonization of Father Moreau, the Founder of Holy Cross. He reported that beatification is at least ten years away and noted the need for cures obtained through Fr. Moreau's intercession.

Brother William Dunn, professor of history at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, treated Holy Cross in Texas from 1900 to 1925 when St. Edward's was a struggling institution and ministry to the Hispanic community by Holy Cross religious in Texas had its beginnings. Sister Champion Kuhn, Archivist of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, presented a paper on Sister Euphrosine, a French woman recruited directly by Fr. Sorin who served for many years in Texas and Utah during the nineteenth century and revealed in her letters many details about community life and politics in the places which she knew.

Sister Maria Assunta Werner, professor emerita of religious studies at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana spoke on Holy Cross Sanitorium, a TB hospital operated by the Sisters in Deming, New Mexico from 1923 to 1939.

On Saturday evening, April 9, Fr. Thomas Shea covered the of Holy Cross in Peru since 1963 when the Holy Cross Priests' Eastern Province began work in that country. Three respondents to this paper, Sr. Aline Marie Steuer, Brother Jerome Schwabe, and Fr. Timothy Scully, contrasted the community's history in Peru with its record in Chile and Brazil, other Latin American nations where it began work in 1943 and 1944.

On Sunday morning Sister Marguerite Gravel of Manchester, New Hampshire, presented a slide lecture on the work of the Holy Cross Sisters in southeastern Alaska. Brother Harold Ruplinger responded with a short comparison between that apostolate and the work of the Brothers in the Archdiocese of Anchorage.

Later Sunday morning, thirty-one people gathered to organize the Holy Cross History Association dedicated to the study of the history of those religious communities which trace their history to Fr. Basil Moreau of LeMans, France. A constitution and by-laws were presented and adopted. Fr. James Connelly was elected President, Brother William Dunn was chosen President-Elect, and Sister Champion Kuhn is Secretary-Treasurer. A four-member Council was elected. It consists of: Sisters Carol Descoteaux, Margaret Cronley, Brother John Benesh, and Father Thomas Gariepy.

The History Conference Organizing Committee, chaired by Fr. Connelly, included Sr. Carol Descoteaux, Brother Roy Smith, and Sr. Champion Kuhn.

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FROM HOLY CROSS JUNIOR COLLEGE

A brief informal meeting in the library, followed by a cocktail hour and dinner in the lounge welcomed the newly formed Board of Advisors to the Junior College on Saturday evening, May 5. At the brief meeting Brother John Driscoll, President, welcomed the Board members and introduced Brother Philip Armstrong, Provincial, and Brother Bernard Donahoe, Chairman of the Board of Advisors. The first formal meeting of the Board will be in October, at which time various committees will be set up.

Brother John Driscoll noted that, aside from being necessary for North Central accreditation (for which the college is preparing) that the time had arrived to "sell HCJC" in a way different from what has been done and there is a need to include the people of the South Bend area more actively in our works. In his remarks Brother Philip pointed out that the role of the Brothers in education in this area goes back to the mid-19th century and suggested that the work of the Board of Advisors could be historically important in the educational annals of the area.

BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

Brother Robert Siegel's "quickie" fund drive before Easter netted Hoban High four hundred dollars' profit from selling Malley's Chocolates (a Lakewood Candy Company).

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The Ave Maria Press has informed Fr. Barrosse that several hundred copies of the following volumes in English are on hand:

- E. and T. Catta, Basil Anthony Mary Moreau (2-volume sets)
- Circular Letters of the Very Reverend Basil Anthony Moreau
(single volumes or sets of the two volumes)
- Gary MacEoin, Father Moreau -- Founder of Holy Cross

So long as the supply lasts they are available to Holy Cross religious on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those who ask for them will be requested to pay only for mailing costs, for which they will be billed after their order has been filled.

Please place orders through the PROVINCIAL OFFICE by November 1 at the latest.

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Brother Bruce Lescher, who has been teaching at East Side Catholic High School in Bellevue, Washington this year will return to Oakland this fall to continue his doctoral studies in theology at Berkeley. He will be living with Brothers Richard Kearney and Joseph McTaggart.

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By way of Bruce (above) we received a clipping from an Anchorage newspaper describing the plans for the Anchorage Catholic Youths' participation in the Holy Year pilgrimage of youth to Rome. Brothers John McMuldren, Joseph Barry, and Joseph Fox accompanied the fifty-one students to Rome

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Let us remember in our prayers Mrs. Elizabeth Beere and we send our sympathy to Brother Thomas Beere and his family. Mrs. Beere died in Racine on April 8. Brother Thomas is Director of Holy Cross Juniorate in Nagari, Bangladesh.

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Letters and notes of commendation for the NEWSNOTES have been received this past month from Father Andre Richard (Provincial of the Acadian Priests), Brother Columbkille Pickett (EB) (see other article in this issue), Fr. Dave Fosselman, CSC (who is still owrking at the Carroll-White Mental Health Center in Monticello, Indiana), and Brother James Newberry, presently in Liberia. We are grateful for your kinds words.

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An overnight shelter for so-called street people and others without permanent housing during the winter months will open in South Bend next November. It is an ecumenical project. The number needing shelter is not known but estimates by police and social workers range from thirty to seventy-five nightly.

Presently volunteers are being recruited from area churches and congregations to supervise the shelter each night. If you are interested in offering your help, or for additional details and information, please contact Brother Roy Smith at the Provincial House.

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Brother Charles Smith, Director of the Office of Life Development, is seeking input for the agenda for a meeting of the Directors in the Province. The meeting is scheduled for September 28-29-30 in South Bend.

EDITOR'S PAGE

(Should anyone who reads this page be unfamiliar with Dujarie House let me say that it is a medical facility serving Holy Cross Brothers of all three U.S. Provinces. It serves men who need daily medical care; it also serves our men who may be recovering from major illnesses. Presently there are 13 patients. On a typical day each one is up for meals and for Mass -- several in wheel chairs, of course. It is only occasionally that someone is bed ridden and rarely for longer than a few days. I have been Director of this facility for the past four years.)

It would be nice if I could give birth to some profound thought to share with you as I conclude my five-year "term" as Editor of these notes. But you can't force profundity -- it is unusual enough even to find it once in a while. I have enjoyed the privilege I've had to communicate with you nine times a year since late 1979. I have felt like I was "talking" directly to community members as I wrote the material, or that I was an instrument of communication as I copied material others had written so I could share it with you. Of course there will still be some communication from me since I intend to give Brother Harold Ruplinger a monthly report on the happenings here at Dujarie House.

I do have a thought to share and I was reminded of it again at the death of Brother John Shea (see page 2). It always saddens me to hear -- either directly or by inference -- statements about NOT wanting to come to Dujarie House since it is a place where people go to die.

Death comes when and where it will. There is a sense in which we might say we are all put on earth to die. Each day we are closer. Death does not check out "where we are" when it claims us. Brother John Shea lived 15% of his years in our Infirmary. It could be that he did as much good for as many people during that time as he did in the first sixty years of his life. I will soon be here four years. Eight of our thirteen patients were here when I came and most of them had been here at least a couple of years at that time.

Who is to say that a person cannot do great things because of the place in which he finds himself? Who can say that he would be better able to do great things somewhere else? If I am going to spend eight, ten, or fifteen years "dying" I hope I will find many useful and helpful things to do while this "dying" is going on. If a man thinks he comes to Dujarie House "to die" then he might very well also think about what he might do during those years that most of our men find they have after they come here.

(Pedro Haering, C.S.C.)