

Midwest News

February 2003



Provincial Council

Holy Cross Village

The provincial council approved the revised bylaws for Holy Cross Village, Inc. Brother Robert Fillmore, provincial, has established the Board of Directors for Holy Cross

Village and appointed as members of the board: Brother John May, Brother Joseph Fox, Brother Thomas Shaughnessy, Brother Philip Smith. A fifth member is to be named later.

The council reviewed the recommendations presented by the Ad Hoc Committee on Holy Cross Village. The council recommended that the finance committee for the provincial chapter prepare these recommendations for presentation to the delegates at the provincial chapter in June.

Feasibility Study for a Capital Campaign

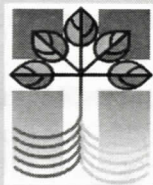
The Development Office, which began in 1995 to solicit financial support for the Midwest Province, has raised approximately \$13 million for the province. \$3.9 million was used to add 24 units to renovate Dujarie House, a 36-bed comprehensive care facility and \$4.3 million to build Schubert Villa, a 16-unit assisted living facility. An additional \$2 million was used to develop the infrastructure for Holy Cross Village. Today Holy Cross Village consists of a 26-unit apartment building, 25 single-family residences, 6 duplexes and one fourplex with a total of 77 residents including

31 Brothers. There are an additional 3 single-family residences under construction.

The funds raised to date, however, do not begin to cover the long-term needs for the Brothers in the areas of retirement, health care and unfunded ministries. For this reason, a Development Advisory Council was established by the Development Office to study the future needs of the province and to assist in identifying specific needs and to develop a strategy to meet these needs. The council recommended that a feasibility study be conducted to determine the probability of a successful major capital campaign. The findings and recommended course of action will be presented to the provincial chapter in June for deliberation and action. Community Counselling Service of Chicago, Illinois, was selected by the council members to begin this study. Community Counselling Service is a full service fund-raising firm that provides its clients with planning, feasibility studies and campaign management. Over 94% of all its campaigns meet or exceed their goals. All its campaigns for Catholic institutions have a strong respect for Catholic church traditions and teachings and each campaign is presented in a way to reflect this philosophy. Among its clients are the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, Michigan, Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Beech Grove, Indiana, and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Sale of Property

The provincial council approved the sale of province-owned property in Adrian, Michigan. Curtis Coffey, province controller, is handling the sale with realtors in Adrian.



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Lent: A Journey of the Heart

Some of the common themes that surfaced during the provincial visits are: I have never felt so supported by my brothers. As I review my life, I feel best about being a brother. I am extremely grateful for the opportunities religious life has offered me. My prayer life is growing. I realize the spiritual life is all about letting go.

As I begin to think about my own spiritual journey and the approach I want to take during this Lenten season, these thoughts keep returning. It seems they are calling me to spend time reflecting on and deepening my own sense of calling. I am reminded of the often heard phrase, "You can only love others if you first love yourself." Making time for growth in an appreciation of my own calling is a way to effectively respond to God's call in the circumstances of my own life.

I share these movements within my heart with you in the hope that they may tap into ways the Holy Spirit is working within you.

May this Lenten season be a time for each of us discover the ways God calls us to serve the needs of others as we grow closer to Him and to each other.

Brother Robert Fillmore

Lenten Reflections

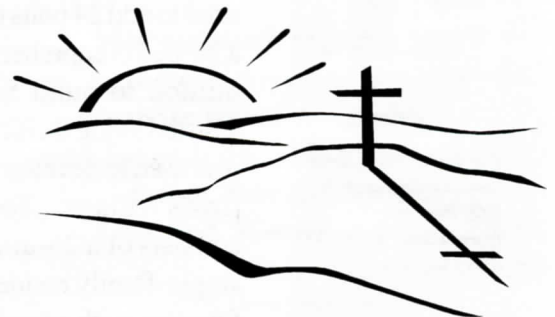
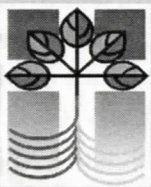
The fifth annual Lenten Reflection Series will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5, in the lounge of Schubert Villa. Brothers in the area and residents of Holy Cross Village and their friends are invited to spend an hour each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:00 P.M. with the Holy Cross community in a reflection on an aspect of personal spirituality. Following each presentation there will be an opportunity for a discussion/exchange on the topic for that evening. The speakers and their themes for this year are:

March 5 Living the Scriptural Message
Brother Raymond Papenfuss

March 12 Learning from Father Basil Moreau
Brother Thomas Dziekan
March 19 Just Plain Joseph
Brother Philip Armstrong
March 26 The Psalms as Personal Prayer
Brother Edward Dailey
April 2 Integrating the Spiritual Aspects of Relationships
Brother James Greteman
April 9 What does God Think About Us?
Father Kenneth Grabner

Father Moreau's Cause for Beatification

The general administration announced the appointment of Dr. Andrea Ambrosi as the postulator for the causes of Blessed Brother André and of Father Basil Moreau and Father Patrick Peyton. Dr. Ambrosi works in the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints. He has taken a special interest in Father Moreau's cause and has been able to advance the process of the cause which has been stalemated for eleven years. On January 31, the theologians in the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints judged heroic the virtues of the Servant of God, Basil Moreau. A committee of fourteen Cardinals will meet in on March 18 to study the recommendation of the theologians and if they make a favorable judgment, they will pass their decision to the Holy Father who will declare the Servant of God, Father Basil Moreau, Venerable. Let us encourage devotion to Father Moreau whenever and wherever we can.



Restructuring ... A Necessary Evil?

Brother Gerard Dionne, C.S.C.

Let your images develop. They are the future waiting to be born. Do not be afraid of feeling uncomfortable. The future must reside in the depths of your heart before it can flourish. Await the birth; await a time of clairvoyance.

Rainer Maria Rilke

For several months now, we have had in hand a document published by a special commission appointed by the superior general to develop proposals for restructuring in our congregation. This came as a result of Decree 6 of the last general chapter: *Developing Models for Possible Change in Structures*. The document was discussed in various houses and residences and a report was given to the council of the congregation at its meeting in November of last year.

This is the first time since the restructuring that led to the creation of homogenous provinces in 1945 that we are speaking about the necessity for restructuring and that we have in hand an official document on the subject. To tell the truth, for at least a dozen years now this has been the topic of discussions during general visitations, in provincial council meetings and during the council of the congregation. In Montreal, an inter-province commission was established in 1994 and there was a meeting of two provinces in 1995 on this subject. However, the status quo was confirmed, which, in practice, corresponded to establishing a moratorium on the entire question. It was as if restructuring had become a necessary evil to be pushed as far back as possible.

Where are we now?

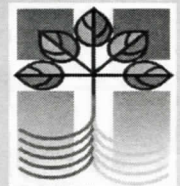
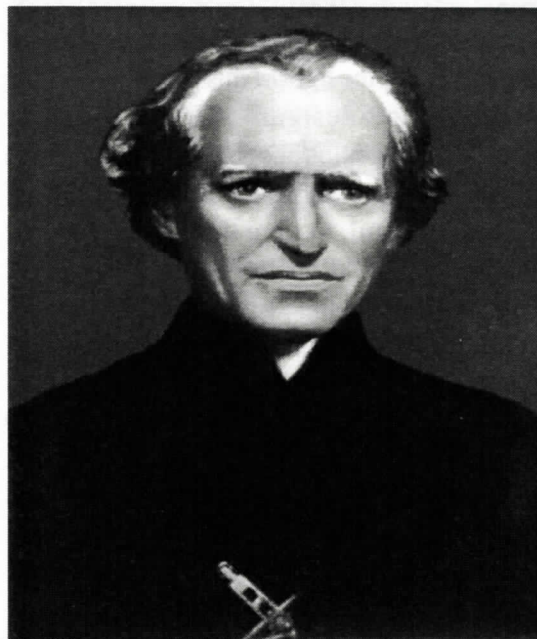
My reading of the present reality leads me to believe that we too easily content ourselves to reacting to what is proposed -- often by simply saying we do not agree -- without really being proactive and creative. We give the impression of submission rather than becoming artisans for desired renewal. In my opinion, being proactive and creative is necessary, not only for the survival of the

congregation, but most especially for the advancement of our mission in the Church and in the world.

Perhaps without our realizing it, we are tempted to relive what brought about the restructuring of 1945: waiting until the situation had deteriorated to the point that there was no other choice than to do something... By doing this we prepare for a grinding of teeth that will be heard for another half century because we gave in to a change that was neither foreseen nor prepared for.

A Call to Conversion

Change is frightening, and, on the human level, it raises resistance. We are comfortable with what is familiar, and change brings of itself a genuine possibility for destabilization that is at least transitory. The unknown generates worries and anxieties all the more if we have not prepared ourselves for change. This is especially true when we become less sure of our ability to confront it. We easily risk only seeing and stressing the negative aspects in change rather than being



open to the new opportunities it holds for us and reveals in time insofar as we are truly committed to it. The spiritual dimension has its place here and it does not minimize or put aside what we must do on the human level to act with wisdom and discernment.

At this point it might be good for us to reflect on the thought of the Servant of God, Basil Moreau, our founder. After receiving pontifical approbation of the congregation, he wrote his circular letter of April 13, 1858, in which he presented the final version of the constitutions: "Here I think it well to explain all the different modifications and changes which have been introduced into these rules from the time of the first draft in 1838 up to this last revision. I am well aware that oftentimes surprise was expressed on this score and sometimes even complaints. And yet, what was more simple and more natural?"

"If I could have foreseen the developments of the Congregation of Holy Cross from the outset, I could have then regulated and coordinated everything in advance. If such were the case, however, this Congregation would have been a merely human combination and not the work of divine Providence. The fact of the matter is that it began and developed in a manner so mysterious that I can claim for myself neither credit for its foundation nor merit for its progress. Therein lies the indubitable proof that God alone is its author, since, according to St. Augustine, 'when we cannot find the cause of a good work, we must recognize that the Lord is its beginning and author.' In the light of this truth, I had either to follow the designs of Providence by modifying our rules according as God's plan unfolded before our eyes, or wait, as did St. Vincent de Paul, to give them to you in my declining years."

This spiritual vision of Father Moreau is simply a call to conversion of heart in order to discover in the events that touch us most the sign of God's presence, which is made present in our life in a very concrete manner. God is always disturbing! He constantly calls us to go out of ourselves in order to access the route he shows us in order to approach him more closely. Such a conversion of heart is the only way for

us to move beyond the limits that fear tends to impose on us. Rather than becoming the victims of change, we become its artisans and move forward with confidence in divine Providence.

"Let your heart not be troubled!" (John 14:1)

Jesus' exhortation when taking leave of his apostles can also help us to enter willingly into renewal and change on our structural level while at the same time welcoming all that comes with it.

We will surely have grieving to do; yet we must live in trusting abandonment: with confidence in ourselves and in those in who govern our congregation. Such are the steps that will provide us access to a greater freedom in pursuing God's work while adjusting our will to His.

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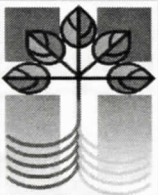
HCEM IV:

"With the eyes of faith"

From February 2nd through the 4th, 2003 some 46 Holy Cross educators gathered at the San Pedro Retreat Center in Winter Park, Florida, for **HCEM IV: "With the eyes of faith."** The blue skies and warm Florida sun were a welcome change from the last two meetings where participants were greeted by lots of snow and wind!

Holy Cross Education Ministries hosted its annual conference whose theme was taken from a quote from Father Basil Moreau's Christian Education:

With the eyes of faith, consider the greatness of your mission and the wonderful amount of good you can accomplish. And also consider the great reward promised to those who have taught the truth to others and have helped form them into justice: 'They will shine eternally in the skies like the stars of the heavens.' With the



hope of this glory, we must generously complete the Lord's work.

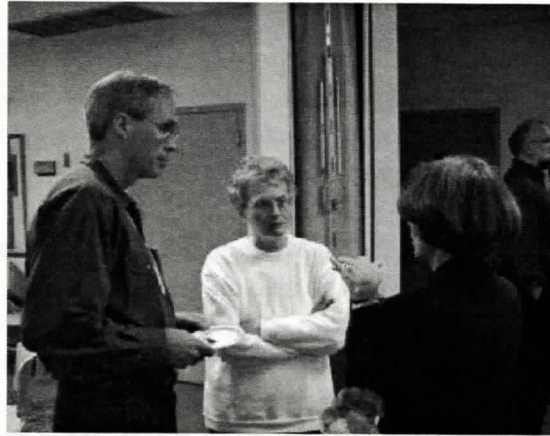
Brother Thomas Dziekan, Director of Holy Cross Educational Ministries welcomed the participants and set the context for the meeting. "It's about mission and how effective we as Holy Cross schools are in living out our mission as Catholic schools in the Holy Cross tradition. Holy Cross educational institutions have their own unique way of living out the mission and legacy handed down to us by Father Moreau. One of our important characteristics is how well we acclimate ourselves to the local context. As a congregation, we were named after a neighborhood. The purpose of the get-together was to examine how Holy Cross educators -- both religious and lay -- could work together to sustain and enhance the Holy Cross identity and character of these institutions..



Left to Right: Br. George Schmitz (EB), Br. Robert Fillmore, Mary Ann Beiting, Br. Peter Graham, Br. Kenneth Haders

Participants included the Provincials of the Eastern Province of Brothers, the Midwest Province of Brothers, and the Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers, and Assistant Provincials of the Indiana Province and the South-West Province. Also attending were the chief administrators and some board chairs of the fourteen schools in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Delaware and Maryland who make up Holy Cross Educational Ministries. The gathering included opportunities for prayer and worship, workshops and discussions, and of course,

in the Holy Cross tradition, many opportunities for social gatherings.

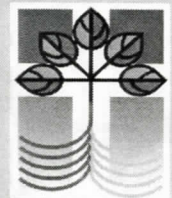


Left to Right: Jerry Murphy, board chair of Gilmour Academy, Sr. Rosemary Hammer, Gilmour Academy, and Dr. Elizabeth Fesler, director of Upper School, Gilmour Academy

Presenters for the meeting were: Brother Lawrence Harvey, CFX, Director of Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools, Sister Eileen McDevitt, SHCJ, Director of the Holy Child Network of Schools and Sister Bernadette Kenny, RSHM, an attorney in private practice who works with religious congregations and corporate structures. Workshops were presented on Faculty and Board Formation, the Evaluation of Mission Effectiveness in our institutions, and the interrelated roles and responsibilities of Sponsors, Governing Boards and Members of Religious Institutes. There were also panel presentations and an open forum where the participants were able to ask questions.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the administrators and board chairs gathered with their respective provincial administrators to devise an action plan.

All agreed that the meeting was worthwhile and helpful. It was a great opportunity for Holy Cross educators -- both religious and lay -- to reflect, discuss and network, all in the context of common Holy Cross mission. HCEM V is scheduled for next February, back in Florida, of course!



Churches Clearly Oppose War

The following is an article from the Bulletin, the monthly newsletter published by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM). May we as a community continue to pray for peace and do whatever we can to work toward peace.

Justice and Peace Director, Stan DeBoe, OSST, who also chairs Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), led a delegation of its members at a meeting with the National Security Council official to discuss the continuing arms build up and aggressive threats made by the administration toward Iraq.

Other participants at the January 3 meeting included representatives from the National Council of Churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, the American Friends Service Committee, and the Mennonite Central Committee. Because this was an off-the-record conversation, the administration official asked that he not be named in any public reports.

Participants in the meeting expressed concern that while the President and members of his administration are saying that war is not inevitable, the build up of arms in the region and the massive deployment of troops indicate otherwise. The group urged the administration to use more diplomatic means to achieve the end that they have stated and to work with the international community, particularly the UN arms inspection team.

The official said, "What comes next is mostly up to Saddam. He could avert war by meeting all the UN requirements, but I doubt he will."

The administration believes that it has wide popular support among the American people and within the international community. The National Security Council representative said that once military action begins, the U.S. public will fully support the President. He said that the only opposition is coming from the faith communities and the administration wanted some guidance in how to address the churches.

DeBoe responded, "The churches have been quite clear and public about their opposition to the war at this time. The administration has not persuaded people of faith to see this as necessary or just." The official was given statements from the represented organizations about the current situation, including CMSM statements and letters.

The delegation discussed the concern that any action in Iraq has the potential to spill over to a regional war, increases the anger and distrust of the Arab community toward the United States, endangers the lives of millions of civilians in Iraq, and places our own military personnel in extreme danger, especially should Saddam use any biological weapons that he is alleged to control.

CMEP and CMSM remain committed to seeking a peaceful means to the current crisis

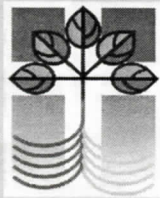
In Brief

Speaker of the Indiana House Patrick Bauer Visits Dujarie House

Indiana Speaker of the House B. Patrick Bauer made a visit to Dujarie House on Monday, January 20, to see first hand the quality of the care being provided to the residents and to discuss memories of his uncle, Brother Luke Bauer (SW) who resided at Dujarie House in the early 1990's.

Bauer spent about an hour at Dujarie House visiting the staff and residents and learning about the challenges they face each day. Mr. Bauer congratulated the staff on the perfect score from the Indiana State Department of Health survey that was recently published in the South Bend Tribune. As a newly licensed long-term care facility Dujarie House began accepting Medicaid payments from the State in 2001. Staff at Dujarie utilized the time with Mr. Bauer to stress the vital importance that Medicaid dollars play in the future of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Bauer a St. Joseph High School graduate relived his memories of his uncle, Brother Luke with residents Brother Lawrence Miller, Brother Thomas Corcoran (his former typing teacher) and Brother Flavius Ellison. The



visit proved to be a very informative for Mr. Bauer and he believes useful as he considers future legislation that would impact Medicaid funding in Indiana.

Holy Cross College Dean's List Honors

Holy Cross College recently named ninety-one students, the largest group in the history of the College, to the Dean's List for the Fall 2002 semester. To receive this designation students must earn a semester average of 3.50 or higher, while carrying a minimum of 12 hours of credit. Among the students named to the Deans' List are the student brothers from Ghana: Brother John Affum, Brother John K. Asiedu, and Brother Patrick Osei-Bonsu.

Directory Changes

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Brother John Harrington, and
Brother Thomas R. Henning

Schubert Villa:

Brother James Kinsella and
Brother Charles Beck

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Opportunities for Continuing Formation and Renewal

Annual Retreat, Columba Hall

April 11-16, 2003

Father Thomas Feeley, C.S.C., of the Family Rosary, will be the retreatmaster. Contact Brother Thomas Shaughnessy, superior of Columba Hall, for further information.

Religious Formation Conference

November 4-9, 2003

The Religious Formation Conference begins its *50th Jubilee Celebration* (1954-2004) with its Congress 2003. The theme is "*Movement in Hope: A Conversation on the Theology of the Religious Life*" and will feature theologians from the United States and around the world offering their perspectives on the future of religious life. The congress will be held in the Sheraton Westport Plaza Chalet in St. Louis. This Congress begins a series of events focusing on the future of religious life.

30th Annual Summer Scripture Seminar

"*Called to Communion*" is the theme of the 30th Annual Summer Scripture Seminar at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, IL. Speakers include: Rev. Lawrence Boadt, C.S.P., Alice Laffey, S.S.D, Michael Patrick O'Connor, Ph.D. The seminar will be held June 8-13 and June 15-20, 2003. For information, contact Ongoing Formation Ministry at 773-478-7543.

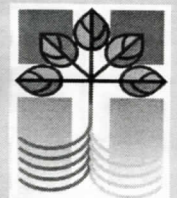
Holy Cross History Conference

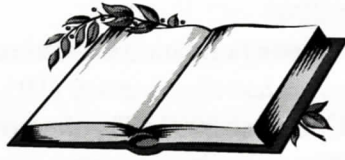
June 12-14, 2003

The 22nd Annual Holy Cross History conference will be held on the campus of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. Participants will be housed in the new Moreau Residence Hall, meals provided by the University food service, and sessions held in the Ragsdale Center on campus and adjacent to Moreau Hall. For information, contact Brother John Paige, C.S.C., at St. Edward's University, at 512-448-8655 or by e-mail at johnp2@admin.stedwards.edu.

Ministry to Ministers

A program of spiritual and personal renewal, uniquely designed for those actively engaged in church ministry -- religious men and women, priests and professional lay ministers. For information, contact the director at the Pat Guidon Center, 109 Oblate Drive, San Antonio, TX 78216-6693. E-mail: mtm@ost.edu; web page: www.ost.edu





Please Remember in Your Prayers

Bishop Joseph R. Crowley, retired auxiliary bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Brother William Dunn of the South-West Province, Brother Edward Hagus of the South West Province, Brother James Nilan of the Eastern Province of Brothers, Father Jean Dion of the Canadian Priests' Province, Mrs. Anastasia Scheurer, mother of Brother Thomas Scheurer and Mr. John K. M. Prah, father of Brother Ebenezer Prah in Ghana

Let us continue to keep in prayers our brothers who are ill or who are suffering poor health especially Brother Jerome Kroetsch in Ghana, Brother Donald Bailer, Brother Walter Davenport, and Brother James Linscott.

Calendar

- March 1 Regional meeting:
ClevelandAkron
Regional meeting:
Florida/Texas
- March 6-12 Provincial visit:
Ohio area community
- March 15 Provincial council meeting
- March 19 Provincial election ballots
due in provincial office
- March 21 Announcement of election
results
- March 24-28 Provincial Visit:
Holy Cross Villag
community
- April 26 Provincial council meeting
- May 31 Provincial council meeting
- June 21 Province jubilee celebration
- June 22- 28 Provincial chapter

**Provincial Chapter
Midwest Province
June 22-28, 2003**

Prayer

**God, our Father,
thank you for having called
us to Holy Cross.**

**During our days of planning
transform our minds and
hearts and guide us along
the ways of the Spirit.**

**Heal us of those feelings and
thoughts that separate us.
Let us experience the peace
and joy of brotherhood.**

**May our work together free
us to be witnesses of hope to
those we minister with
and for each day. Hear our prayer,
Father, Son and Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.**

