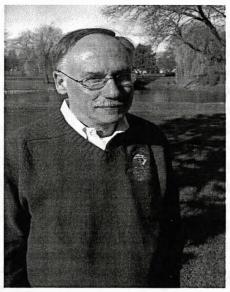
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Sponsorship model embraced by Hoban, Gilmour, St. Edward

For the past two years, the boards of Archbishop Hoban High School, St. Edward High School, and Gilmour Academy have studied sponsorship models for their respective institutions. The sponsorship model involves looking closely at the ongoing relationship between the institution and the Community decisions province. in the chapter of 2003 and emerging dialogs have taken place which will ensure that the Brothers' work and philosophy will endure at these institutions where we have spent many years.

Chapter documentation from the 2003 chapter reads in part: "In collaboration with dedicated lay men and lay women, and with the support of provincial administrators and brothers, we are proud of this commitment to the ministry of education. However, we have evolved to a period in our history which affirms the needs to investigate alternative models of ownership, governance and sponsorship. Over the next three years we need to move investigation from implementation...Increasingly, leadership and governance will need to be shared with others while we maintain the right to own the mission of these institutions through our sponsorship."

In light of this, the schools have produced documents which include a statement of understanding, a mission statement for the institution and a mission statement for the province. The documents were approved by the Provincial Council and formation of Sponsorship Boards has begun. In these institutions, the members of the corporation will consist of 4 brothers and 3 lay members of the board.

Holy Trinity High School and Holy Cross College are in process of collecting documentation.

The latest news about Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame ask the members of the province to

work on the development of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame continues at a good pace. We now have 50 independent living unit memberships for which we have received the required ten percent deposit. We require 67 to go to the bond issue and we have every confidence we will achieve that number by mid-January, 2006.

In the meantime, we are working on final design specifications and the costing of the project. Cost is being affected by the recent spurt in inflation and could hinder the launch of the project. However we presently remain optimistic that the prices will come within our ability to handle them.

At a recent meeting, it was pointed out that we should more clearly state that this is the project of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. We often refer to the fact that this is "the Brothers' Project" or that the "Brothers" are doing this. For

business, legal, and ministry reasons we must focus more on the fact that it is a project of Holy Cross Village. The employees sharing our ministry are employees of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. This is one of our ministries as are Holy Cross College

and Holy Trinity High School. So I

keep this in mind. At the present time, it is the

goal of the Holy Cross Village Board to be able to go to bond financing by April and start construction shortly thereafter. These will be exciting times as construction starts.

Br. Thomas Shaughnessy, C.S.C.



Model of planned Holy Cross Village apartments addition.

Brother James Sullivan appointed to Chicago Archdiocesan Pastoral Council

Recently Brother James Sullivan was appointed to the Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago. This group acts as a consultative body to Cardinal George.

The group meets monthly and concerns itself with questions like:

What divides the archdiocese and the Church and what can be done to foster unity?

Do you feel that your parish is a safe place to live?

What should the Church do to assist those with problems such as illness, drugs, alcohol, homelessness and the like?

James serves along with a Servite Brother and persons representing several other constituencies in the Archdiocese.



Br. James Sullivan, C.S.C.

Br. Thomas Maddix authors a number of articles

Br. Tom Maddix reports the publication of Running Scared: A call to Pilgrimage which he authored. (Published by Novalis of Toronto). He also had an article in the July-August issue of Health Progress entitled "The Challenge of Resource Allocation: Wise Decisions Require Organizations to Ask Difficult Ouestions."

Tom is also listed as a co-author for the paper "Exploring disparities between global HIV/AIDS funding and recent tsunami relief efforts: an ethical analysis." This paper will be published in the journal, *Developing World Bioethics* in 2006.

On October 15th he presented a key note address entitled, "Naming and Claiming our Unique Voice in Regional Health Delivery" to the Canadian Mennonite Health Assembly in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

Tom and Carl Roy, President and CEO of Providence Health Care, traveled to New York City on October 21st and 22nd to receive the

International Spirit at Work Award. Providence was one of nine groups honored for the incorporation of spirituality and spiritual values into business practices. While in New York, the pair did a workshop for the group entitled, "A Case Study of Change, Closing, and Transformation,"

Congratulations to Tom on all of these achievements.

Book Review

By: Br. Philip Armstrong, C.S.C.

The Art of Discernment: Making Good Decisions in Your World Of Choices

By Stefan Kiechle. Notre Dame, Ave Maria Press, 2005 Paperback, 121 p. \$9.95

This relatively brief treatment of the process of discernment is part of a series published by the Ave Maria Press to help individuals in the process of discerning a change, be it in ministry or in the direction of one's life. Describing the purpose of the title printed under the Ignatian Impulse Series, a cover statement says, "These brief, readable, engaging books present the spirituality of St. Ignatius as a practical resource for spiritual seekers of all faiths." A short anecdote introduces each chapter and assists readers to choose from their own life a similar context within which the principles of discernment can be personally applied.

Some individuals seriously seeking God's will feel attracted to Ignatian spirituality, possibly to the point of making the "Exercises of St. Ignatius," a 30-day retreat, highly structured, demanding, but rewarding in the end. Others simply want to take a quick look at the substance of the Ignatian method and apply it in their situation. This series makes that possible.

Religious, especially those in or near their retirement years, may feel that a primer of Ignatian discernment is irrelevant for them. For years they have made choices where permitted and necessary, but may consider the vow of obedience and the wishes of their superiors to be quite enough and to obviate their need for formal discernment; common sense and openness to God's will are enough in the usual routines of religious life. Reading this volume, however, may remind such individuals that discernment comes into play in many ways and is not limited to major passages in life.

Kiechle opens his first chapter: "The purpose of this book is to help you make good personal decisions." How simple can you get? The author, a European Jesuit, was director of campus ministry at the University of Munich

and since 1988 has been Master of Novices for the German Jesuits in Nuremberg.

The Art of Discernment is an explanation of the discernment process first developed by Saint Ignatius of Loyola. This process involves outlining the pros and cons, considering what it would be like to live with the decision, listening to our hearts, and seeking the freedom to do what is best." In six short chapters, Kiechle takes the reader through several steps designed to identify issues needing resolution, and quickly introduces Ignatius and his spiritual methodology. Then he looks at some criteria for discernment, offers some practical steps, exposes some difficulties that arise during the discernment process, and perhaps most valuable to the reader, lists and elaborates briefly 10 guiding principles of discernment.

Easily readable font helps the book move step by step toward the 10 "guiding principles of discernment" in the closing chapter. These principles serve as something of a summary of the book, and Kiechle polishes each with a final comment on its application. The principles encourage the reader while engaging in the discernment process, to stay in touch with reality; take the necessary time to come to a decision; seek advice from prudent persons; listen to what mind, heart and intuitions suggest; be aware of potentially harmful confusion; avoid forcing a decision because of time limits; know oneself and one's deepest yearnings; grieve for alternative choices not made; take the gospel Jesus as the norm for decision--making; and confidently accept the risk that always comes with making choices.

The Venerable Fr. Basil Moreau was greatly influenced by Ignatian spirituality and eclectically incorporated some of its substance into the sum of spiritualities that defined our founder and still color Holy Cross spirituality today. Even if readers are not anytime soon contemplating major passages in life, the transition from this life to the next is reason enough to allow *The Art of Discernment* to lend a hand.

News Notes

Brother John Tryon conducted an afternoon of reflection for the Chicago Chapter of the Holy Cross Associates of the Midwest Province. Following the meeting, he formally witnessed the renewal of promises of nine associates. The Associates prepared a meal and shared it with the Brothers community at River Grove.

The Province sponsored a table at the St. Joseph County Right To Life Benefit Dinner held in the Marriott Hotel in downtown South Bend recently. Brothers in attendance included Charles McBride, Philip Smith, John Kuhn, Donald Morgan, James Kumba, Walter Gluhm, Donald Fleishhacker, Eduardo Michalik, and Bill Mewes. Also attending was Tony Covarrubias of Bessette House. Brother Bill was invited to gtive the blessing before the meal.

John Kwesi Asiedu has been dispensed from temporary vows.

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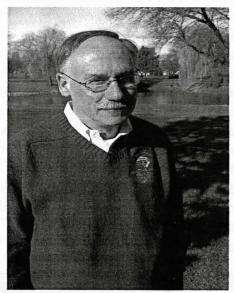
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