

## MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

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On March 28 **Br. James Moroney** died at the age of 73 of complications caused over time by diabetes, kidney problems resulting in a transplant, and recently diagnosed cancer. Br. James was born in Nokomis, Illinois, into a large family of siblings, all but one of whom are deceased.

Br. James taught at Holy Trinity High School, St. Joseph High School and Gilmour Academy on the secondary level, then, for most of his career, at Holy Cross (Junior) College, the latter often while holding other formation or administrative positions such as director of Dujarie Scholasticate and assistant provincial.

A man of wit, patience and perseverance, Br. James affected many lives by his deeply formative teaching of English and theology. When his physical condition forced him to retire from active teaching, he continued to write occasionally and to be a resource for others. As **Br. Charles Gregg** remarked in his touching eulogy at the March 31 funeral, everyone has his "Br. James Moroney story," an anecdote that illustrates, often humorously, the attractive and effective characteristics of this man whose stature may have been short, but not the impact he made on students, community, family and friends.

**Br. William Geenen**, Provincial, announced that effective May 1, **Br. Thomas Shaughnessy** will become local superior at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, replacing **Br. Donald Allen**, who has held the position for the last several years. Br. Thomas was administrator of Dujarie House and Schubert Villa until he returned a few weeks ago to the Holy Cross Counseling Group in South Bend to work in the finance office. Br. Thomas had lived at Columba Hall during an earlier stint with the Family and Children's Center and Catholic Charities in South Bend.

We are reminded by **Sr. Campion Kuhn, C.S.C.**, President of the Holy Cross History Association, that those of us interested in participating in the activities of the Association's annual gathering should submit our application form soon. The form is printed as part of the brochure distributed some weeks ago. The gathering will be held from *Friday, June 9, to Sunday, June 11*, ending in plenty of time for us to check in at our assigned residence hall on the Notre Dame campus for opening of our provincial chapter that evening.

**Br. Carl Shonk** was honored with a citation at a "Galleria" event at LaSalle High School, Miami, Florida, where Br. Carl teaches. The citation read in part, "Br. Carl has given twenty-one years of his life to educational excellence, primarily here at LaSalle. Many graduates have passed through the hallowed walls of his classroom only to look back with a lot of pride to the blood, sweat and tears that he put them through. It is thanks to Br. Carl that many have gone on to journalism professions, lawyers and reporters." The accompanying plaque reads, "In appreciation for your dedication to the students of LaSalle High School toward academic excellence for the past 21 years." Congratulations for this well deserved recognition!

Br. Carl was also featured in a local fashion show as part of the celebration. He modeled a white Guayabera shirt with black slacks, cutting a handsome figure on the runway.

At South Bend St. Joseph High School's *Heritage Day* in March, **Br. Pedro Haering** of Columba Hall gave the homily at Mass. In it he spoke eloquently of former brother **Glenn Rousey**, who had been principal at St. Joe's for ten years prior to the time any of the present students would have known him, and who died in early February. The homily was very well received.

**Br. Richard Gilman**, president of Holy Cross College, has been elected to a three-year term on the Council of the College Board as the academic higher education representative of the Midwest Region. The College Board provides a wide range of services, including admission testing, financial aid and assessment testing. It is the publisher of the SAT test, AP examinations, parents' confidential financial profile assessment, and wide range of other services designed to ease the transition from high school to college.

Holy Cross Educational Ministries, under the leadership of **Br. Thomas Dziekan, C.S.C.**, (EB) Director of Mission Effectiveness, hosted its first conference for Holy Cross educational institutions in the Midwest and East at Fatima Retreat Center at Notre Dame from February 21-23. Forty-three persons representing the fourteen member institutions (presidents, principals and board representatives) and the Eastern Brothers Province, the Midwest Province, and the Indiana Province attended. **Mr. Daniel Curtin**, Executive Director of the Chief Administrators of Catholic Education of the NCEA, gave the Basil Moreau Lecture. He reflected on his long association with the Congregation and its educational ministry in the East, the history of the Congregation, and his experience of the Holy Cross educational tradition. **Br. Donald Blauvelt, C.S.C.**, (SW, Assistant General) gave the James Dujarié Lecture and reflected on the role of boards in Holy Cross educational institutions as stewards of the Holy Cross educational mission. There was ample time for discussion and socializing, allowing the participants to get to know one another and exchange information. **Br. Donald Gibbs**, Assistant Provincial, welcomed the group in the name of the Midwest Province and participated in the meetings.

On March 20 a reception was held in Alexandria, Virginia, hosted by the director and staff of Catholic Charities USA, to honor **Br. Joseph Berg** on "the thirty years of extraordinary service" he has devoted to the organization. For a memory book being put together for the occasion, **Br. William Geenen**, Provincial, was invited to contribute a letter with recollections, anecdotes and the like. In addition to remarks he made regarding Br. Joseph's years with Catholic Charities, Br. William wrote, "Br. Joseph's energetic and trend setting involvement in child care ministry in the province was already well known and respected by the time he undertook the position with Catholic Charities. In the field of social work he was a leader within the community." Congratulations to Br. Joseph on this recognition from his peers!

On January 30 **Br. Joseph Walter Olszowka** of Holy Cross, River Grove, joined in the celebration with the Sisters of the Resurrection on their 100 years of service in the United States

at a special jubilee Mass celebrated by **Francis Cardinal George**, Archbishop of Chicago, at Immaculate Conception Church in Chicago. The mass was followed by a festive dinner.

Also on the River Grove scene, **Br. Donald Fleischhacker** attended the Chicago Archdiocesan celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life on February 5 at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica. The mass was celebrated by **Francis Cardinal George**.

**Br. Thomas Maddix** reported on happenings in Canada. The March/April 2000 issue of *Religious Life Review* of Dublin, Ireland, has published Br. Tom's article on the future of religious life, "Faith Is Catchy." The November issue of *Management* published "The Essence of Ethics." In February, Br. Tom conducted a workshop for the executive directors of the various Catholic Charities of the Toronto Archdiocese, using his book, *Knowing Your Ethical Preferences: A Working Guide*. In March Br. Tom delivered two presentations on the issues of integrating spirituality and work, first to the palliative care physicians and workers in the greater Edmonton area, and then at a conference entitled, "Dare to Care," sponsored by a local college. In late February, along with two others from North America, Br. Tom was interviewed by a writer for the Edmonton Journal about the relationship between work and spirituality. The article appeared on the front page of the daily Vancouver Sun and was a feature article in the Edmonton Journal.

Word was received recently of the deaths of the following Holy Cross religious of other provinces: **Br. Gérard Maillet** (CP), who died on November 27 at the age of 78; **Br. Roland Hould** (CP), who died on November 28 at the age of 83; **Rev. Jean-Pierre Castonguay** (CP), who died on January 26 at the age of 76; **Rev. André Masse** (CP), who died on March 19 at the age of 73; and **Rev. Arnold Toner** (EC), who died on March 24 at the age of 83. Fr. Toner was provincial of the English Canadian Province from 1958-1968, and had been on the mission band and had taught at St. Thomas University, New Brunswick. Please remember these deceased religious in your prayers.

Remember as well **Br. Gregory Teodecki's** sister, **Barbara Nelson**, who died in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on March 24. **Br. Roland Driscoll** of Knoxville, Tennessee, asked that a note be included requesting prayers for **Ray Wolf**, the brother-in-law of the late **Br. Paul Mattingly**. Ray died on February 12. He had visited Dujarie House a number of times with his family when Br. Paul was there, and it was he who had a tree planted in front of Dujarie House in memory of Br. Paul.

**Br. Joseph Barry** of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, has been appointed the Director of Alumni Programs, having moved to the position from that of Campus Minister. Br. Joe's phone number is (512) 448-8405. **Fr. Rick Wilkinson**, C.S.C. (EP), assistant on the Campus Ministry program under Br. Joe and former novice director in Cascade, Colorado, was named Campus Minister.

**Br. Donald Stabrowski** of the University of Portland in Oregon has changed his address

within the complex of units on Strong Street from #17 to #23. All other address data remains the same as is found in the Province Directory.

**Brs. Bernard Donahoe** and **James Greteman** are now residents of the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. Their address is (for delivery) 54515 State Rd. 933 North, and (for mail) P.O. Box 460, Notre Dame, IN 46556-0460. Br. Bernard does not yet have a home phone number available. Br. James's telephone number is (219) 251-9241.

During the season of Lent, brothers in the Notre Dame area have been making presentations to the Friends of the Holy Cross Brothers. Last season the presentations were given on Wednesday evenings at the Dujarie House chapel. This year the site has shifted to the south lounge at Schubert Villa and the day and time changed to Sunday morning after the 10:00 Mass at the St. Joseph Chapel, which the Friends attend regularly.

Last year's theme was prayer. This year's is deepening one's spirituality. The presenters are **Brs. Raymond Papenfuss, Philip Armstrong, and Donald Gibbs**. On March 13 and 20 Br. Raymond gave the first two presentations, one on spirituality in general, and the second on spiritual direction. On April 2, Br. Philip spoke on identifying and fitting new mysteries into the traditional structure of the rosary as a popular devotion. Br. Donald's April 9 presentation discussed spirituality related to aging.

An audience of some 20 to 25 persons regularly attends this series. The actual presentation takes approximately 20 to 25 minutes, and the remainder of the 45 minutes is devoted to an informal dialogue in the form of questions, comments or suggestions.

In the fall of 2000, another of last year's presenters, **Br. Edward Dailey**, will coordinate a short series of similar talks, this time on another topic the Friends find intriguing, religions other than Christianity. Br. Edward himself will give at least one presentation and will have other speakers assist who are familiar with one or another non-Christian religion.