

## MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

December 1997

**Br. Ralph Baird**, hospitalized in Fort Wayne since early March preparing and waiting for a heart transplant, finally underwent the operation in early November. After some initial difficulty adapting to the new heart, he was able to return to Dujarie House on November 28.

The heart donor was a young man whose death in no way affected the condition of his heart for transplant purposes. Please keep both Ralph and the donor in your prayers.

**Br. Robert Ludwig**, shortly after returning to Brazil in early November, suffered a slight stroke in Campinas and is recovering at the brothers' residence at Colegio Notre Dame before heading for his original destination, Santarem.

Departing for Ghana in mid-November for the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the brothers in Ghana were **Brs. Rex Hennel, Eduardo Michalik, Donald Allen** (the first three Holy Cross faculty members at St. John's School in Sekondi), and **Raymond Papenfuss**, former district superior. They returned to the U.S. on December 6 and 7.

The fall issue of *Notre Dame Magazine* carried an excellent lengthy article with accompanying photos about Holy Trinity High School in Chicago. "Beyond These Walls," was written by John McCormick, the Chicago bureau chief of Newsweek Magazine, whose material had been condensed and published in that periodical last June. The full article is highly complimentary of **Br. Philip Smith** and his administration, faculty and staff, and contains quotations from **Brs. Philip, Clement Burger, and Robert Fillmore**.

**Br. Daniel Kane**, holding down three part-time jobs last school year, has recently accepted a full-time position as a Home Health Care RN with the Benjamin Rose Institute, a Cleveland philanthropic foundation/agency that provides a variety of support services for older persons in their home environment.

In his leisure, Dan continues to pursue music composition, and he informs us that Abingdon Press of Nashville has just released, as part of its Abingdon Anthem Series, a new edition of "Thine Be the Glory," his festive setting for Choir, Congregation, Brass, Percussion and Organ.

Dan continues in his current residence at Gilmour as religious superior.

Both **Br. Roland Driscoll** and the Sisters at the Seton Thrift Shop in Harriman, Tennessee, sent information on an ecumenical Memorial Service held on October 27<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Sacrament Church, Harriman, for **Br. Gonzaga Day**. **Bishop Anthony J. O'Connell** participated in the service. An article in *The East Tennessee Catholic* dated October 26<sup>th</sup> advertised the occasion and recounted Br. Gonzaga's role in founding the Thrift Store and in helping the missions.

Br. Roland added a note about "the GROWTH of the Church in these parts. We hear about the DECLINE of the Church but it certainly is not true in East Tennessee."

Word was received recently of the re-election of **Br. John Gleason** as provincial of the Eastern Brothers Province, and of the election of **Fr. Stephen Gomes** as vice provincial of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Vice Province in Bangladesh, replacing **Fr. Benjamin Costa**.

**Br. Simon Murren** of Columba Hall died at St. Joseph Med Center; South Bend, early on the morning of November 30 of heart failure. The funeral was held December 3. **Br. Melchior Polowy** (SW), a resident of Dujarie House for the past two years, died at St. Joe, on November 12. He was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery at the Holy Cross Brothers Center. He was an institution in the world of high school wrestling for years at Holy Cross School in New Orleans. **Fr. James Buckley** (I) died in late November at Holy Cross House. Please remember these three religious in your prayers. Also, please remember **Mr. Daniel Annan**, older brother of **Br. Joseph Annan**. Daniel died as the result of a traffic accident near Nsawam, Ghana, on November 3. Br. Joseph is studying for a masters degree at the University of Notre Dame and is living at Columba Hall. Remember too the aunt of **Br. Philip Armstrong, Josephine Kirkpatrick**, who died at age 88 on November 14, and the brother of **Br. Just Paczesny, Alfred "Bud" Paczesny**, who died at the age of 77 on November 19. Bud helped conduct the brothers' funerals for several years.

Also remember in your prayers **Ellen Wilson**, sister of **Br. Kenneth Kane**, who is seriously ill and whose prognosis is not good, and **Dorothea Mallon**, mother of **Dan Mallon**, home till mid-January helping care for her since she broke her hip a few weeks ago.

After many years ministering on the east coast of Florida, **Br. Donald McIntyre** will begin work at Dujarie House, Notre Dame on December 10. He will be residing at Columba Hall.

Because eight Midwest brothers are delegates to the general chapter in Rome in July of 1998, the province will not be sending any Midwest religious to the Le Mans Heritage Session held from June 16-30 in Le Mans. The opportunity to attend will be resumed in 1999. If you have any questions about the 1998 or 1999 sessions, please contact **Br. Donald Gibbs**.

**The Sticklers** have been at it again sticking address labels on the 55,000+ copies of **BROTHERS**, No. 7, Fall 1997, and mailing them to their destinations. **David Hurley** and **Br. John May** sincerely thank these individuals for the hours of monotonous effort they generously contribute to send out each edition of the newsletter.

**Br. John Benesh** has completed the Sangre de Cristo renewal course in Santa Fe, NM, and will be returning shortly to Peru.

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