

## MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

*December 1998*

On October 5 **Br. Joe Barry**, Director of Campus Ministry at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, began a seven-day bike ride from Austin to Dallas along with 720 other cyclists to raise funds (\$2.8 million) for AIDS research and treatment and to get the word out about AIDS and what it can do to the human body. Br. Joe himself raised nearly twice the required sponsorship amount for each individual rider.

The extremely wet weather in mid- and Eastern Texas at that time interrupted the journey for a day, but did not dampen the spirits of the participants or those cheering them along the way.

As an article in *Hilltop Views*, the campus newspaper (Nov. 6, 1998), said, "Besides doing a great thing for a good cause, participating in this ride served as a healing process for Brother Joe. Three weeks after one of his former students died of AIDS at the age of 25, he received the information on the Texas ride and quickly decided to take part in it. 'I wanted to do this not only for him but for all those people who have AIDS or who have died of AIDS,' said Brother Joe. 'It seemed the most positive thing I could do with my grief.'"

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Beginning officially on **February 1, 1999**, the **delivery and visiting address** at the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, including province offices and Holy Cross College, will become **54515 State Road 933 North**, replacing the former 1801 Michigan St. and U.S. Business 31/33. The beginning of work on redesigning the layout of the main entrance and new signage for it required alignment with the county's numbering system, and the highway had only last year been officially renamed as a state road rather than a national highway (which now bypasses South Bend).

The County Survey Office assigned the first three digits (545), and the last two (15) were chosen to coordinate with WNDU's use of 16 (they are Channel 16 in South Bend). The studios are located directly across from the Village, so we are on the odd-numbered side of the highway.

The **mailing address remains the Notre Dame P.O., with whatever box number is appropriate: P.O. 460 (provincial office and Village houses), 716 (Faculty House and new apartment building), 1020 (Schubert Villa), 706 (Dujarie House), 308 (Holy Cross College).**

In your prayers please remember the following deceased individuals. The father of **Br. Joseph Annan** of the District of West Africa died on November 27 in Ghana. Br. Joseph has been living at Columba Hall the past two years earning an M.A. in administration from Notre Dame. He completes his academic work in mid-December and is planning to return to Ghana in January unless the funeral arrangements require him to depart earlier.

**Br. Joseph Chvala** reports from Lakewood that **Mr. Charles "Chuck" Step**, husband of **Beverly Step**, close friend and cook/laundress for the brothers at St. Edward the past fifteen years, died recently and the family requests prayers.

**Br. Victor Chouinard's** (SW), father, **Mr. Vic Chouinard**, died in Cathedral City, California, on November 14. Br. Victor spent many years at St. Joseph Farm on the staff and was known to many in the province.

*Dates to note:* For your short-term planning, you are reminded that the jubilee celebrations for 1999 are to be held on *Saturday, June 19, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame*. The previous day, *June 18, 1999*, will be devoted to a presentation and discussion on another of the three vows. A reminder too for those interested: the Holy Cross History Conference in New Orleans is scheduled for June 18-20.

*Chapter 2000* has been scheduled by the provincial council to take place between *Monday, June 12, 2000*, (arrival in the afternoon, opening in the evening) and *Friday, June 16, 2000*, with the jubilee celebration proposed for *Saturday, June 17, 2000*. The site of the chapter is yet to be finalized, and that of the jubilees plus the date is still to be confirmed. Nevertheless, these dates in 2000 can be pencilled in for your long-range planning.

Two address changes for the province directory are: **Br. Hobart Pieper**, Schubert Villa, P.O. Box 1020, Notre Dame, IN 46556-1020. **Br. Richard Hillis**, Boysville of Michigan, 8744 Clinton-Macon Road, Clinton, MI, 49236-9569. Phone: (517) 423-2233. Richard has taken a staff position for Boysville at the Holy Cross Center in Detroit.

The Marianites of Holy Cross have just announced the dates for the annual *Holy Cross Heritage Session* in Le Mans, France. The program, entitled *Pilgrimage to the Roots of Holy Cross*, proposes to "discover the roots of our common heritage as members of Holy Cross as well as plan for the future in the light of this heritage." Visits to significant sites and group reflection prompted by presentations and experience comprise the agenda of the two weeks. The session will be held from *June 15-29, 1999*.

Bearing in mind that both the province jubilee celebrations and the annual Holy Cross History Conference will take place during the same time period, any province member interested in attending this unique educational experience of Holy Cross family history and able to do so *must submit his name* to **Br. Donald Gibbs**, assistant provincial, by *February 5, 1999*. Because of space limitations and cost considerations, the province can sponsor only one or two participants. Should more than two requests be received, participants will, as is customary, be selected by lot.

Culled from the *St. Joseph Province (Dhaka) News Notes* for November is the following information, much of it about province members well known to the Midwest.

**Br. John Rozario**, former district superior and vice provincial, had an accident on his motor bike on his way to teach outside Dhaka and broke two toes. **Br. Daniel Rozario** had a lens transplant recently.

Holy Cross High School in Bandura, directly on the Padma river, suffered from the recent flooding. **Brs. Benedict Rozario** (headmaster), **Sushanto Purification**, and **Theophil Nokrek** worked to assist refugees who had fled flooding in their villages and had come to stay at the school. Visiting from Dhaka during that time were **Br. Bijoy Rodrigues**, provincial, **Archbishop Michael Rozario**, and **Fr. Stephen Gomes**, provincial of the priests' Sacred Heart of Jesus Province.

**Br. Donald Becker** went trekking again in the Himalayas along with **Br. Joachim Gomes**. Donald had to turn back early because of leg problems, but was compensated by flying in the Air Bus cockpit with the co-pilot, a former student of his, on the way back to Dhaka.