

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

February 1999

On Friday, January 22, the Midwest Province hosted the Brothers, Sisters and Priests of Holy Cross in the observance of Moreau Day, this year marking the 200th anniversary of the founder's birth at Laigne-en-Belin in 1799.

At 5:00 p.m. a Eucharistic Liturgy was celebrated in St. Joseph's Chapel by the recently ordained **Fr. Tom Doyle, C.S.C.**, who gave a fine homily. Immediately following mass, the sizeable crowd made its way through rain, fog and piled snow to Schubert Villa, where a grand buffet meal was served in the main dining room and both lounge areas. **Brs. Joseph Fox, Thomas Shaughnessy, Thomas Rock** and others assured the smooth flow of the entire evening's activities.

On February 4 and 5 the Holy Cross brothers and priests in Bangladesh celebrated several significant events together. **Br. Bijoy Rodrigues** and **Fr. Stephen Gomes**, provincials, presided at ceremonies in Dhaka marking the official transition of the two governmental entities from vice province status to that of full province, as mandated by the 1998 general chapter.

Combined with the event were also the 50th jubilees of **Br. Jarlath D'Souza** and **Fr. Richard Timm**, the 200th birthday of **Fr. Basil Moreau**, and the perpetual profession of five young Holy Cross religious.

A congratulatory message from **Br. William Geenen**, provincial, was included in the souvenir booklet printed for the occasion.

In your prayers, please remember the following intentions. **Br. John Dolan (EP)** died at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, on January 10 at the age of 88. He had spent much of his religious life in apostolic work at North Dartmouth, Massachusetts. On January 11 **Fr. Charles Mahoney (EP)** died at Holy Cross House, also at the age of 88. He was the first Holy Cross chaplain to the brothers at St. Patrick's High School in Monrovia, Liberia. **Fr. Albin Hosinski (I)** died at Holy Cross House on January 18 at the age of 83. He was stationed for a time at Holy Trinity Parish in Chicago, and over many years at parishes in his home town, South Bend. He resided for several years at the Mission House before transferring to Holy Cross House. The stepmother of **Br. Bernard Donahoe** also died recently. **Br. Edward Dailey**, now living at Columba Hall and assisting the provincial administration in the business office, reported that **Mrs. Agnes Griffin**, sister and cousin respectively of **Brs. Majella and Quentin Hegarty**, died recently at St. Paul's Hermitage, Beech Grove, Indiana. The *January News Items* had requested prayers for her in her last illness.

Special prayers are being offered continuously for **Br. Richard Weber**, who has been diagnosed as having pancreatic cancer. **Br. Richard** appreciates the support and concern shown by so many and simply requests our ongoing remembrance of him in prayer. Please remember also the continued recuperation of **Br. Thomas Schuerer** at Boysville, who suffered a heart attack recently and underwent bypass surgery.

The Helen D. Schubert Villa won the Michiana Construction Industry Advancement Fund "Excellence in Construction" award in the category of "Building Award-Institutional." The award was presented at a luncheon on February 9 at which the Troyer Group, architects and designers, Verkler general contractors, and the Brothers of Holy Cross were present. The luncheon was held as part of the building trades Expo '99 at Century Center. **Brs. John May**, Director of Planning, and **Philip Armstrong** represented the province.

News from Ghana as Reported in Holy Cross Today – Ghana for December 1998

In his Christmas Message, **Br. Michael Amakyi**, District Superior, reminded the district members that only by sacrifice do religious bring Christ to others. "The evangelical counsels demand that we totally and without reservation leave everything to follow and serve Christ. We are to be gifts for Christ."

Br. Jerome Kroetsch announced the addition of two staff members at the Holy Cross Skills Project in Takoradi, **Brs. Kenneth Kunditani** and **Emmanuel Mino**.

A Holy Cross Associates group is being established in Ghana by **Br. Daniel Dardoe**, who visited the U.S. last summer to learn more about the Associates and their organization.

Br. Vincent Gross celebrated his 40th anniversary of profession on January 30 with a large gathering at Brafuyaw, the District Center. Vince has served in West Africa in both Liberia and Ghana for 32 years. **Br. Michael Amakyi**, district superior, reported that a hundred invitations were sent and over two hundred participated, including market women with whom Br. Vince has been trading for years. **Br. Michael** described the occasion as a "joyful mystery," contrasting it with the "sorrowful mystery" of the death and burial of the father of **Br. Joseph Annan**, and the forthcoming "glorious mystery" of the district meetings scheduled to prepare for the 1999 District Chapter later this year. **Br. Joseph Tsiquaye**, in Ghana for the meetings, gave the homily at Br. Vince's celebration.

Fr. Bob Malone, C.S.C. (EP), responding to a call from the district for additional help, arrived in Ghana on December 2 to begin a two-year tour at St. John's School as chaplain to the Holy Cross community and students. **Fr. Bob Gilmour**, long time member of the district, helps staff the pre-novitiate program at Butumagyebu, just outside Sekondi.

Br. William Gates has been appointed to the recently re-constituted Board of Governors for St. John's School, Sekondi. **Br. William** has served in Ghana for over 40 years.

At the initiative of **Mr. Patrick McBride** and other regular worshippers at the 10:00 mass on Sundays at St. Joseph Chapel at the Holy Cross Village, an energetic group identifying itself as *Friends of the Brothers of Holy Cross* has been established under the guidance of **Mr. David Hurley**, Development Director for the province, and **Fr. Kenneth Grabner**, chaplain to the brothers. The mission statement of the group declares that its purpose is to "support the Brothers of Holy Cross by sharing, through prayer and action, in the spiritual life and ministries of the Brothers and by providing resources to help further their work. We educate the public about the Brothers and foster interaction with them to build community and encourage religious vocations."

Every fourth Sunday of the month, mass is followed by a brunch in the Marriott cafeteria opposite the chapel, and then a brief presentation in the adjacent Basil Hall lounge. During Lent

Brs. Raymond Papenfuss, Don Gibbs, Edward Dailey and Philip Armstrong are giving Wednesday evening participative talks at the Dujarie House chapel to interested members of the group on various forms of prayer.

The inaugural mass/brunch/presentation of the Friends on January 24 saw well over a hundred people in attendance.

Br. Tom Maddix has a new area code in Alberta: 780. He left on an Asian trip February 3 after delivering a talk, "The Distinctiveness of Faith-Based Health Care," at the annual Lutheran Health Care Association of Canada, and co-authoring with **Claudette Savard** an article entitled, "Mission and Diversity: An Experience of Integration," for the January/February issue of *Health Progress*, the journal of the Catholic Health Association of the United States.

On the Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend the temporarily professed brothers of the United States met in Austin, Texas, to hold their second annual retreat. **Br. Dan Mallon** again played a major role in organizing the retreat, which was attended by the other **Bonaventure House** residents from Akron, **Brs. Ken Haders and Ed Fox**, as well as **Brs. George Bourbeau (EB), Robert LeGros (SW), Robert Wurzelbacher (SW)**, and candidate **Gary Megan (SW)**. **Br. David Brahmstadt (EB)** was prevented by bad weather from reaching Austin. Other formation staff participants were **Brs. Philip Armstrong, Mike Winslow (SW), and Bill Zaydak (EB)**. **Br. John Tryon** gave a valuable presentation on the first day and led a sharing session.

The retreat was held at Mang House on the St. Edward's University campus and at Steiner Lodge on Lake Austin. The participants attended the Eucharistic Liturgy on Saturday evening with the **Br. Vincent Pieau** Residence members and staff. The spacious new facility overlooking the downtown Austin skyline comprises assisted living care, retirement residential space, and apartments for several brothers formerly living elsewhere on or off campus, including **Br. George Klawitter**. On the closing night everyone attended a dinner at the **Br. John Baptist** Province Center hosted by **Br. Richard Critz**, provincial, and prepared by **Br. Richard Daly**.

To organize the handling of the increasingly complex task of maintaining the buildings, infrastructure and grounds that make up the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, **Mr. Mark Maurer** was recently employed as Facilities Manager. He will be responsible for coordinating, directing and supervising programs of maintenance, housekeeping, grounds, snow removal, security, and all services related to providing and maintaining an attractive, safe and secure environment.

Selected out of a field of 60 applicants, Mark comes to the Village from the South Bend School Corporation, where he was Assistant Facilities Manager. Prior to that, Mark was employed at the Culver Academies, Culver, Indiana. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and has a degree as well from IUSB in management and administration.

He began work at the Village on January 18 and is temporarily situated in the province business office. Mark is meeting with employees, learning about the contributions of the brothers and lay employees who have been involved in providing these basic services, and familiarizing himself with the expanding Village facilities.

Mark has asked whether there are any brothers in the Notre Dame area who would enjoy

doing some volunteer lawn and flower care on the grounds of the Holy Cross Village during the summer. If anyone would like to offer, please do so through **Br. Don Gibbs** at 251-2221, by e-mail at <dgibbs@hcc-nd.edu>, or in person.

On Saturday, January 23, **Brs. William Geenen** and **Don Gibbs** hosted a meeting of brothers involved in programs for Holy Cross Associates of the Midwest Province. The purpose of the meeting was to identify and clarify principles on which both the brothers and the associates operate in their mutual relationship in Holy Cross. Attending the meeting were **Brs. John Tryon**, Vocation Promoter and Associates Coordinator, **Carl Sternberg**, **Joseph Fox**, **Frank Boylan**, **Robert Fillmore** and **Ken Haders**.

Both the present experience of the Associates and creative possibilities are exciting and encouraging for the program, and new initiatives are being planned.

The Information Center at the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, staffed by **Mr. Frank Macknick** and **Br. James Newberry**, recently sponsored two formal presentations for brothers in the area to update them on the development of the Village. Holy Cross College administrative personnel, faculty and staff personnel have a standing invitation to stop in at any time for a briefing.

The Center held a buffet luncheon and open house for administrative officers of St. Mary's College on January 26 and the University of Notre Dame on January 27 to explain the nature and purpose of the Village and to highlight the value of its presence adjacent to these two institutions of higher learning. General open houses are scheduled for others from the two schools in the near future.

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