

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

February 2000

Br. Pedro Haering was featured in an article in the November 11, 1999, issue of *The Scholastic* magazine, a publication of the University of Notre Dame. The article, "For the Record," by **Brian Christ**, is an excellent summary of Br. Pedro's years prior to and while broadcasting on the university's student-run station, WSND-FM, and his hobby-turned-profession of collecting, cataloguing and playing the non-rock popular music of the 20th century, with emphasis on the 20's to the 60's.

In another article in *The South Bend Tribune* on November 21, 1999, staff writer **Andrew Hughes** quoted Br. Pedro extensively on the topic of the Bloomington, Indiana, native **Hoagy Carmichael** and his contribution to popular music of lasting value, including "Stardust."

Recipient of the St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, *Martin Luther King, Jr., Social Service Award* this year was **Br. Thomas Shaughnessy**. Br. Thomas is a graduate of St. Edward who, after joining Holy Cross in 1956, turned his focus to social work and achieved remarkable success at Gibault Home for Boys as director; Catholic Charities as director both in Bellingham, Washington, and South Bend, Indiana; the Family and Children's Center in South Bend as director, and the Holy Cross Counseling Group, South Bend, which he helped to found. Br. Thomas was also recognized for his effective direction of Dujarie House and Schubert Villa, the brothers' health care facilities at Notre Dame.

Br. Joseph McTaggart, coincidentally another St. Edward High School graduate, received the 1999 *Hospice Candlelight Award* from Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills, California, where he ministers in pastoral care. The citation accompanying the award notes that Br. Joe "provides the support and guidance needed. In Hospice, especially, he gently reminds us that *we* are not the ones in control. It is a pleasure to work with a man who has dedicated his life's work to the care of the dying and does so with great compassion and excellence." Particular reference was made to the care given following the mass shooting at the Jewish Community Center several months ago.

Br. Thomas Balthazor was featured in an article in the *Messenger* publication of Gibault School, Terre Haute, Indiana, in December 1999. The article noted, "In February, Br. Thomas will leave the field of child welfare and sexual assault. His retirement begins on Feb. 12, his 60th birthday. At that time, he will take a year's sabbatical to retrain for other kinds of work. Br. Thomas came back to Gibault, took a tour and talked to staff. It was good to remember old times. And it was good for new staff to be reminded of how things were and how things can be." Br. Thomas was a long time director at Gibault, and one of the founders and the executive director of the Holy Cross Counseling Group in South Bend.

The congratulations and gratitude of the province go out to these four brothers, **Pedro, Tom, Joe and Tom**, for their exceptional representation of dedicated service to others, both within and outside Holy Cross, that is the tradition of the mission of the Midwest Province.

Br. George Klawitter of St. Edward's University in Austin was recently granted tenure

on the faculty in the Department of English. Congratulations on this accomplishment!

Announcing his resignation as Director of Development for the Midwest Province, effective in early February, **David Hurley** thanked all those brothers who had collaborated with him over the past three years in setting up a solid program base on which further progress can be founded. David and his wife and three children plan to remain in the South Bend area.

Br. William Geenen, provincial, and **Br. Donald Gibbs**, assistant provincial, acknowledged the letter of resignation noting both their gratitude and that of the province to David for his undertaking the very difficult task of initiating a development office and program for the province and his dedicated loyalty to the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Two community deaths have occurred in the past month. **Br. Valery Greenwell (I)**, died on January 18 at the age of 81 at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame. He had been professed 61 years. A member of the Indiana Province after the separation of provinces in 1946, Br. Val had cooked and professed at Gibault School, and then was assigned to the Ave Maria Press until 1988, at which time he did internal ministry at Corby Hall until he retired to Holy Cross House in 1999. The funeral was held on January 21 at Notre Dame.

Br. Emmett Strohmeyer (SW) passed away at Dujarie House at the age of 97 on January 23. He had been professed for 64 years. A Mass of the Resurrection was held at Dujarie House on January 25 prior to Br. Emmett's body being taken to Austin, Texas, for the funeral and burial there on January 30.

Besides keeping in prayer Brs. Valery and Emmett, please remember as well **Br. Charles Smith's** brother, **Hugh Smith**, who died on January 13 of cancer in Parma, Ohio; **Br. James Spooner's** brother-in-law, **Raymond Riess**, who died on January 31; and **Br. Donald Dunleavy's** sister, **Gertrude Shillier**, who died on January 12. Br. Donald is a South-West member stationed at St. Joseph Farm.

Recuperating and also requesting prayers are **Br. Joseph Dudek** of Holy Cross in River Grove and **Br. Paul Kelly** of Le Mans Academy, Rolling Prairie. Br. Joseph had triple bypass surgery on January 14, and Br. Paul fell on the ice on December 17 and suffered a serious fracture of his left wrist and arm. The first heavy cast was removed after a month, and the final cast will be taken off in February.

Reminder: Your ballot with your vote for the next provincial must be returned to the provincial office so that it arrives before midnight, February 29th.

Chapter reminder: Chapter 2000 begins on Monday evening, June 12, and concludes on or about Friday, June 16, with the jubilee celebrations taking place on Saturday, June 17.

Address Changes for Province Directory

P. 10, Br. Walter Davenport has moved from Schubert Villa to Dujarie House.

P. 20, Br. Camillus Kirsch now resides at Columba Hall, Notre Dame.

P. 23, Br. Robert Ludwig is residing at St. Francis High School, 1885 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View CA 94040-4098. Telephone: (650) 967-2530.