

## MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

*January 2000*

The mother of **Br. Donald Gibbs**, assistant provincial, **Mrs. Ida Mary Gibbs**, died on December 31, 1999, in Sidney, Ohio, at the age of 78 after a brief illness. Br. Don had just returned a few days before from attending the district chapter in Ghana and was able to be present at his mother's death. A wake was held on the afternoon and evening of January 4, 2000, and the funeral the following day. **Br. William Geenen** attended, as did several brothers from Akron, Lakewood, Boysville and Notre Dame.

**Br. James Everett's** mother, **Mrs. Margaret Everett**, died on December 12 in South Bend at the age of 88. The funeral was held on December 18 at Christ the King Church with many brothers in attendance. Br. James lives and works with his brother **Don Everett** in the Los Angeles area.

The stepmother of **Br. William Mewes**, **Faye Mewes**, died in Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, on December 11 of complications from a heart problem. The funeral was in Carbondale, Illinois, on December 15 with burial in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, the same day. Br. William ministers at Our Lady of the Annunciation parish in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Please remember the repose of the souls of Br. Don's and Br. James's mothers, Br. William's stepmother, and the following five Holy Cross religious who passed away during the month of December.

**Fr. Paul Fryberger** (IP) died on December 2 at the age of 93 at Holy Cross House. He was ordained in 1936 and had served in several of the brothers' houses as chaplain and taught economics at the University of Portland. His funeral was held on December 7 at Notre Dame.

**Br. Rudolph Lacas** (EB) died on December 10 in the hospital in Albany at the age of 90. He had been retired and living at St. Joseph Center, Valatie. He had been professed for 62 years. His funeral was on December 13.

**Fr. Joseph Pawlicki** (IP), who ministered in the Coachella Valley, California, since 1973, died on December 13 at the age of 84. He was ordained in 1950 and had spent much of his life ministering in Chile before going to California.

Word was received from **Fr. Maurice D'Sousa**, provincial of the Indian Province, that **Fr. Pauly Kachpally** of that province was killed in a road accident on December 27 on his way to an ordination. Fr. Pauly was a second-year theologian and was temporarily professed in Holy Cross for over five years. He was buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Yercaud, India (site of the novitiate for both brothers and priests), on December 30.

On December 31 **Br. Paul Schwoyer** (EB) died suddenly at Dujarie House at the age of 93. Though Br. Paul had been in failing health, he was active. He had just been given a haircut and had returned to his wheelchair when he died. He celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his profession last June. A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at Dujarie House on Sunday, January 2. **Bishop Joseph Crowley**, retired auxiliary bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, presided, and former students from both Notre Dame International School in Rome and St. Edward High School in Lakewood were on hand for the ceremony, as were nearly a dozen relatives of Br. Paul from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Besides this unusually long list of deceased confreres and relatives, there are others who

have been confronting health problems for whom your prayers are requested.

**Br. Richard Hillis** of Boysville underwent a knee replacement at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor around December 6. **Br. Richard Johnson** of Ghana, who had been hospitalized in Cape Coast and Accra for treatment of bleeding ulcers, continued to have difficulties and returned to the United States on December 17 for further diagnosis and treatment. He anticipates being able to return to Ghana in the near future. **Br. Carlos Parilla**, who experienced heart problems and was hospitalized for treatment, has returned to Bonaventure House in Akron. **Br. Kenneth Kane**, who came from eastern Ohio to Dujarie House in early December for treatment of back problems which were thought to be limited to deteriorating discs between vertebrae, was eventually diagnosed as having a tumor in that vicinity. Surgery revealed that the tumor was benign, and after its removal and an optimistic prognosis, Br. Ken began to heal quickly and has since returned to Gilmour Academy.

At the triennial district chapter in Ghana, **Br. Michael Amakyi** was elected to a second three-year term as district superior. **Br. Daniel Dardoe** was the elected councilor. Br. Michael appointed **Br. Paul Mensah** and **Fr. Robert Gilmour** to the council. As during the first term, Br. Daniel is assistant district superior, Br. Paul steward, and Fr. Gilmour secretary.

Also attending the chapter were **Br. John Gleason** of the general administration, **Brs. Don Gibbs** (assistant provincial), **Ken Haders** (moderator), **Raymond Papenfuss**, (mission promoter), **Tony Dadzie** and **Nee Wayoe**, studying in the U.S., and **Fr. Fulgens Katende** of the District of E. Africa, observer. **Br. Joe Fox** arrived to begin a visit as chapter was about to end.

**Br. Joseph Tsiquaye**, novice director in Ghana, announced at the end of the district chapter that he had completed work on and been awarded a Ph.D. in Formative Ministry from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. Br. Joe had been resident there for two years but had been recalled to the district to assist in the novitiate in Saaka, Uganda. He had completed his course work and was able to continue writing his dissertation, which he defended by transatlantic conference call. The degree is the same as that earned a few years earlier by the present superior general, **Fr. Hugh Cleary**. Congratulations to Br. Joe on this accomplishment!

**Brs. Don Fleischhacker, Richard Shea and Douglas Roach** of Holy Cross in River Grove gave talks at Melrose Park's Sacred Heart Parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago on behalf of the religious in the United States for whom an annual collection supported by the U.S. bishops is taken up to assist the religious in funding their retirement facilities and programs.

In October **Br. William Geenen**, provincial, represented the province at a dinner at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, where **Br. James Spooner**, president, presented the Brothers of Holy Cross the *St. Joseph Benefactors' Award* in recognition of their 50 years of dedicated service in founding, staffing and developing the school.

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P. 34 – Br. Thomas Sisung now resides at Schubert Villa, P.O. Box 1020, Notre Dame, IN 46656-1020. His telephone number is (219) 251-2206.