

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

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Since the announcement of **Br. Sixtus Perzynski's** death at Dujarie House in the June *Midwest Province News Items*, two other residents of Dujarie have died, **Br. Ramon Purzycki** and **Br. Lewis Bertrand Leimeister**. Br. Ramon died on June 1 of heart problems, months later than expected when he first arrived at Dujarie House in January. Br. Lewis died on June 12 at the age of 102 after failing steadily during his final two or three weeks. As was Br. Sixtus earlier, Brs. Ramon and Lewis were eloquently and appropriately eulogized at their well attended funerals for their many contributions to Holy Cross. Please remember these three devoted religious in your prayers. Remember too the administration and staff of Dujarie House who, within three weeks, lost three residents whose lives there influenced the house most positively.

Others for whom prayers are also requested are **Fr. Louis Putz, C.S.C. (I)**, who died at Holy Cross House at the age of 89 on June 24; **Br. Richard Huber's** twin brother, **Fr. William Huber**, who died suddenly in Columbus, Ohio, on June 2; **Br. Shaun Gray's** father, **Michael Gray**, who died suddenly of a heart attack in Brookfield, Wisconsin, on June 21; **Mr. LeRoy Chollet**, a teacher and coach from 1951-1985 at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, who died at age 73 on June 11 of Lou Gehrig's disease; and **Mr. Leland Schubert**, longtime friend and generous benefactor of the brothers, especially at Gilmour Academy, Sarasota and Notre Dame, who died in Cleveland on June 28. It was after his late wife, **Helen D. Schubert**, that the Schubert Villa was named when it was dedicated last October.

Br. Richard Gilman, president of Holy Cross College, has been appointed by **Br. Richard Critz**, provincial of the Souths-West Province, to a three-year term as a member of the board of trustees of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. **Br. Richard Daly**, councilor for the South-West provincial council, delivered the invitation/appointment personally while here for the Midwest Jubilee celebrations held on June 20.

A convention of the **Holy Cross Associates** was held at Fatima Retreat House, Notre Dame, on the weekend of June 26-28. **Br. John Tryon**, vocation promoter, was the organizer, assisted by **Br. Carl Sternberg**, **Br. Dan Mallon**, **Br. Dan Dardoe** and others. Br. Dan Dardoe was in the U.S. from Ghana specifically to learn more about the Associates, as the District of West Africa intends to establish a branch of the Associates there.

During the Eucharist on Sunday, June 28, in the presence of **Br. Don Gibbs**, representing the provincial, and among the whole assembly of brothers and Associates, Br. Dan Mallon renewed his temporary vows. The event was particularly significant, highlighting the ongoing commitment of each brother and Associate to the Midwest Province.

Br. Donald Bailer, provincial steward, will act as the official representative of province authority in the Midwest Province during the time of the general chapter (July 5-31), to which the other four members of the provincial council are delegates: **Brs. William Geenen, Donald Gibbs, Joseph Fox, and Kenneth Haders**. Matters needing council attention and action during that time will, if submitted to the office at Notre Dame, be forwarded to Br. Donald in California.

As reported in the June *News Items*, Archbishop Hoban High School was given the Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education for its excellence as an educational institution. Hoban was one of the 14 schools in Ohio so honored, and the only school in the Cleveland Diocese this year.

According to **Br. Kenneth Haders**, president, the award is based on excellence in student focus and support; school organization and culture; challenges, standards and curriculum; active teaching and learning; professional community; leadership and educational vitality; school, family and community partnership; and indicators of success.

Principal **Mary Ann Beiting** remarked, "We are proud the U.S. Department of Education has recognized Hoban's excellence." Once more, congratulations to the Hoban community!

Br. Joseph Ballard sent a copy of the summer 1998 *Sacred Heart Alumni News*, a publication of the school in Floresville, Texas, at which he is beginning his third year as principal.

The newsletter notes the new office building in which Br. Joseph's office is now located, after its formerly being in a classroom.

Br. Joseph relates that Floresville is a town of about 5,000 thirty miles south of San Antonio. It is old and resembles a typical western town. He says, "One can almost see the horses tied at the post down Main St." Sacred Heart is an elementary school with just over 100 students up to sixth grade.

Br. Thomas Maddix reports his usual demanding schedule of activities and presentations north of the border this past winter and spring.

He has given the following talks and written an article: "Personal Ethics and the Search for Inner Wholeness" at Tough Choices 11: Ethics in the Continuing Care Environment, a conference in Edmonton, Alberta; "Spirituality and Healing: The Next Frontier" at the Rural Christian Health Care Providers' retreat in Alberta; "Professional Ethics: Dilemma and Challenge" at the 54th annual conference of the Catholic Health Care Association of Alberta and Affiliates; "Spirituality and Aging: The Morning, Afternoon and Evening of Our Lives," at the 10th annual Faith and Aging Conference of the Bethany Care Group, Camrose, Alberta; "Leading from Within: Spirituality and Leadership" at the National Healthcare Leadership Conference in Edmonton; "The Signs of the Times for Faith-Based Organizations in North America" for the Diocese of Buffalo in New York, where Tom facilitated the program for leaders, including major superiors; and "Spirituality and the Middle Passage," an article for the December issue of *Today's Choices*.

An article on the development of *The Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame* was published on the front page of the Local section of the June 26 *South Bend Tribune*. Written at the initiative of reporter Margaret Fosmoe, the thorough and well written piece, accompanied by two photos taken the day before, constituted the first public media coverage of the brothers' project.

Since then, many cars have been touring the campus, their occupants anxious for a closer look at what was so well described in the newspaper.