

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

June 1997

Br. William Geenen, provincial, has appointed **Br. Douglas Roach** as president of Holy Cross High School, River Grove, effective June 10. **Br. Louis Mangini** will return to Holy Cross as treasurer of the school.

The provincial administration is grateful to these two brothers for their generous openness in responding to a critical need in the province at this time. Br. Douglas has been involved in prison counseling in Tennessee for many years, and Br. Louis has been treasurer at Holy Cross High School in San Antonio, Texas.

On May 25th in the *East Tennessee Catholic*, Knoxville's diocesan newspaper, **Bishop Anthony J. O'Connell** remarked of Br. Douglas, "Brother Doug served on our first Diocesan Strategic Planning Council and was a faithful participant. He was especially committed to the areas of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, working closely with **Fr. Mike Jennings** and with the other Holy Cross Brothers and Sisters and with the Presentation Sisters in the area.... Our diocese will miss him--and I certainly will. Please pray for him in his new, demanding assignment."

In your prayers, please remember the following sick or deceased individuals.

Br. Barry Lambour and **Br. James Caley**, who both recently encountered health complications that put them temporarily in the hospital.

Br. David Fitzgerald's mother, **Eileen Fitzgerald**, who is suffering from cancer.

Br. John Dobrogowski's youngest sister, **Connie Swiderski**, who died in Milwaukee on May 11 of a heart attack.

Br. Rex Hennel's nephew, who died of a heart attack at the age of 45 in Cleveland, survived by a wife and four children.

Fr. John Lucey, C.S.C. (EP), who died on May 17 at the age of 87 at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame. He was one of the founders of Stonehill College and of the Eastern Province.

Br. Frederick Choquette's brother, **Al**, who died on May 19 in Independence, Iowa, at the age of 93.

Mr. Walt Nicholson, close friend of many brothers who worked at Fr. Gibault School in past years, especially **Br. Thomas Shaughnessy**, **Br. Tom Rock**, and **Br. Bernard Mosier**. Mr. Nicholson died on May 12 in Terre Haute. Remember also his wife, **Dorothy Nicholson**, who resides at 2201 First Ave., Terre Haute IN 47807.

In March **Br. Tom Maddix** gave the keynote address, "Faith-Based Ethical Decision Making in a Changing World," at a conference in Edmonton, Alberta, entitled "Tough Choices: Ethical Issues in the Continuing Care Environment." Later Tom facilitated and presented an all day conference on leadership to administrators in Catholic health care in the province of New Brunswick. As part of the conference in Fredericton, Tom gave the ethics presentation referred to above but geared to continuing and acute care situations. He also gave a presentation called "A Community of Vision, Commitment and Sacrifice: Christian Health Care in Transition."

As part of his 40th jubilee celebration and a sabbatical at Our Lady of Holy Cross College

in New Orleans, **Br. Larry Stewart** finally had the opportunity to bike across the country from west to east, having done so from south to north a few years ago.

Br. Larry rode with "Wandering Wheels," a non-profit organization of year-round bike touring open to anyone. Thousands of riders have cycled across the U.S. and other countries. He kept a journal along the way and submitted an article based on his reflections to the New Orleans newspaper.

Responding to the obvious question, "What made you take a trip like that?", Br. Larry remarked, "I have always enjoyed physical challenges. I've run six marathons and gone on more than fifteen long-distance (500-mile) bicycle rides. Psychologists have used exercise and manual labor as therapy for their patients. When the body is in motion, the mind can solve problems and reflect on what is meaningful in a person's life." He believes he "gained physical and spiritual insights from the challenge of the event." Climbing the mountain passes in California, Arizona and New Mexico was a special challenge. He experienced an inner joy and peace in accomplishing "what I thought was going to be very difficult."

Former brother **Bruce Lescher** was highlighted in *Logos*, the spring publication of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he teaches, for having reviewed James Bacik's *Spirituality in Transition* in the December 1996 edition of *Catholic Library World*. CTU has just established a Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religious Life, a project of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious designed to take a broad look at the life of Catholic religious priests, brothers and sisters in the last thirty years and assess how religious life can continue to be a prophetic and effective force in proclaiming the gospel. Bruce's presence and input should help assure the project's success.

Br. Robert Fontaine (EB), President and C.E.O. of Pius XII Youth and Family Services in New York, was chosen to be one of ten delegates to represent New York City at Independence Hall in Philadelphia on April 27-29. On that occasion, Presidents Clinton, Bush, Reagan, Carter and Ford expressed their enthusiastic support for "the national effort that strives, through mobilizing great numbers of citizens, to be actively involved in turning the tide for America's young men and women." The theme of volunteerism was front and center during these days.

Not long ago the fifth edition of BROTHERS was mailed out to the nearly 60,000 names on the development office list. Mailings do not happen by spontaneous combustion; much hard, tedious work is required to send BROTHERS to the recipients.

The following individuals helped with the process for this and/or previous mailings: **Br. Ralph Baird, Br. Fred Choquette, Br. Gonzaga Day, Br. Joseph Fox, Ms. Diana Grounds, Br. Richard Huber, Br. Ronan Koenigsknecht, Br. Robert Ludwig, Br. Brian Lyon, Mr. Vince McAloon, Br. Lawrence Miller, Br. Jonas Moran, Br. James Newberry, Br. Maurus O'Malley, Br. Hobart Pieper, Br. Carroll Posey, and Br. Donald Schapker.**

Their contribution to the development efforts of the province are invaluable and very much appreciated, especially by **Br. William Geenen**, provincial, **Br. John May**, editor of the publication, and **Mr. David Hurley**, Director of Development.

There will be no *August* issue of *Midwest Province News Items*, and a *July* issue only if sufficient material is received at the provincial office to justify publishing the items.