

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

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After more than four weeks away from the Holy Cross Brothers Center for treatment of a herniated disk, **Br. Joseph Fox**, superior and director, returned temporarily in mid-February after undergoing an operation for the relief of pain caused by the disk and spent some time at Dujarie House recuperating. Then on February 20 he underwent further surgery, this time for the resectioning of the perforated colon that had caused an abcess some weeks ago. As of the end of February he was still at Dujarie House for a period of recuperation.

At the 9th Hoban Alumni Awards Dinner on March 9, Joe will be honored as a "Friend of Hoban" by the Hoban Alumni Association and the administration of the school, **Br. Kenneth Haders**, president, and **Mary Anne Beiting**, principal.

At the first ever Holy Cross College Convocation, held the evening of Wednesday, February 12, in the College auditorium, **Br. Richard Gilman**, president, honored persons for various achievements. Among awards given to students, faculty and alumni was a formal citation honoring **Mr. William Hickey**, retiring president of neighboring St. Mary's College. His association with St. Mary's as teacher and administrator spanned far more than the eleven years he held the top office at the school and included a close relationship with Holy Cross College, especially through its former president, **Br. John Driscoll**. Mr. Hickey, a graduate of King's College in Wilkes-Barre, earned post-graduate degrees from Notre Dame before teaching biology at St. Mary's. His address at the convocation was on the topic of the men's and women's Congregations of Holy Cross and their particular influence on U.S. Catholic higher education.

Also honored were **Br. James Leik**, associate professor of business administration, for his promotion to Level 3 in the category of associate professors and his thirty years of valuable service to the College in many roles, particularly as business manager. **Fr. Merwyn Thomas**, C.S.C., who has taught at the College for seventeen years, was also honored with a similar promotion.

Word was received from **Br. James Spooner**, president of St. Edward High School, Lakewood, of the death of the father of **John Bobak**, formerly a brother of the Midwest Province in the early 1960's, currently living in Las Vegas but soon to move to Idaho.

Br. Thomas Dillman is living at St. John's School, Sekondi, while completing work on a mathematics textbook he is preparing for schools in Liberia. After his final trip to Liberia in the near future to complete formalities connected with a residence permit for Ghana, Tom expects to return to Ghana full time and teach at St. Augustine's, Cape Coast. At that time he will request official membership in the district.

A recent short visit to Liberia enabled Tom to work on arranging for the acceptance of his textbook by **Archbishop Michael Francis** of Monrovia, as well as other business with former teachers and associates.

In Monrovia the archbishop has asked the Salesians to take over the former St. Patrick's High School and turn it into the Don Bosco Polytechnic Institute. There are plans to build a new St. Patrick's in another part of the city, possibly beginning within the next year. Several reports

indicate that the alumni of St. Patrick's are not happy with the archbishop's decision, but the circumstances in the country over the past half dozen years have given rise to the need for many unanticipated changes.

Midwest Directory changes: **Br. Lawrence Skitzki** has taken the position of Business Manager for the Holy Child Sisters' Cornelia Connelly School, 2323 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92804, (714) 776-1717. His home address is: 10051 Sunrise Lane, Santa Ana, CA 92705. *Temporarily* his home phone is (714) 508-0630. For **Br. Donald Johnroe**, to his street address in Fort Lauderdale, 2017 N.E. 18th St., *add* Apt. #1.

Br. Charles Drevon has announced that a new CSC-related list for the Midwest Brothers' Province is being developed for those that have Internet E-mail access. This new list, as well as the familiar CSC NET list, will be maintained on the List Server at Notre Dame.

The purpose of the new list is to facilitate confidential communication among the members of the Midwest Province. Informational items of interest to only the Midwest Province can be posted here by all subscribed members of the list. Discussion of province matters, community life in the province, posting of job opportunities, newsletters to province members, and the like, would be most welcome.

Br. Charles will be the editor of this new list. He will publish the directory of the new list within the next two weeks. Members who are listed in the Community Directory or are present members of the CSC Net will automatically become members of this new list. Others who have a new e-mail address or whose e-mail address has changed recently should contact Br. Charles at <cdrevon@gnn.com> requesting subscription or deletion from the list. It is hoped that this will become the new vehicle for intraprovince communication. This will be a stepping stone to further improvements in Internet communication within the province. If you have any questions or suggestions, please communicate these to Br. Charles.

Responding to questions he has been asked, **Br. Donald Gibbs**, assistant provincial, reminds brothers who live in rental accommodations that the province homeowner's insurance policy includes blanket coverage of personal effects on or off resident premises up to \$5,000 per person with a limit of \$500 on cash. The deductible is \$100 per occurrence. Thus, if a brother is living in a rented apartment and through theft from the apartment suffers the loss of personal effects (e.g., camera, stereo, computer, clothes, etc.), the stolen items are covered by the province policy up to the value of five thousand dollars minus the one hundred dollar deductible. If a brother's personal effects include professional equipment that extends the overall value beyond five thousand dollars, it would be good to investigate the possibility of renter's insurance to cover the added value.

Br. John May, liaison with the architects and contractor for the new Assisted Living Center, reports that the building is fully roofed except for the section over the dining area that requires a special set of trusses, and that the brick facing has been laid on more than half of the south wing. Despite the consistently intense winter weather since early November, the contractor has remained on schedule, with completion still expected around Thanksgiving time.