

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

March 1998

On February 14 **Br. William Geenen**, provincial, sent the following memorandum to brothers from all provinces living in the Notre Dame/South Bend/Mishawaka area.

"With immediate effect, **Br. Joseph Fox** is appointed *Regional Director* of all religious resident on the Holy Cross Brothers Center campus, including Dujarie House and Schubert Villa.

"**Br. Thomas Shaughnessy** remains the administrator at Dujarie House and Schubert Villa."

Two reminders from the provincial administration:

(1) As indicated in the January 1998 *News Items*, anyone wishing to submit material for consideration by the general chapter should have it in the hands of one or another of the chapter delegates prior to their assembling for the April 26-27 meeting of province delegates at the provincial house. Delegates are **Br. William Geenen**, ex officio, and **Brs. Ken Haders, Don Gibbs, Mike Amakyi, Tom Maddix, Richard Gilman, Joe Fox, and John Tryon**.

(2) **Br. Don Gibbs** reminds individuals who may not yet have returned their updated family and ministry forms to do so as quickly as possible.

Because the editor of the *Midwest Province News Items*, **Br. Philip Armstrong**, will be helping to present workshops in Ghana between March 17 and April 10, **there will be no April issue** of the *News Items* published. Materials you submit in time for an April edition will be held over and appear in that of May.

Br. Robert Livernois will leave his post as principal of St. Mary Catholic Central High School in Monroe, Michigan, at the end of the school year. **Br. Bob** revealed his plan to the board of education some weeks ago, citing a need he felt to return to the classroom and to counseling students on a one-to-one basis, and admitting he will "miss the contact with kids" in Monroe.

Br. Bob took over as principal seven years ago and operated under one-year contracts. The board has begun a national search to replace him. May 1 is foreseen as the target date for naming the new administrator.

Br. William Geenen, provincial, congratulates **Bob** on his success and expresses the gratitude of the administration and the province membership for representing the province so well in Monroe.

Br. Bob has not yet committed himself to any other position, though several options are being investigated.

Out of the past has arisen the ghost of one of the Dujarie Press books to quicken a new body in Latin America. **Br. Flavius Ellison**, who authored one of the books in the series edited by **Br. Ernest Ryan**, received a letter from a **Sr. Carmelita** in Chile thanking **Br. Flavius** for permitting *Stepping Stones to Heaven*, a story about St. Gaspar, to be translated into Spanish for use in a school named after that saint. She wrote, "Everyone is proud and happy with the results of this effort. It has been an inspiration for many students and parents." Olé!

In recognition of the role of the Congregation of Holy Cross, through the services of **Br. Robert Mosher** at Good Shepherd School, Garland, Texas, the faculty, parents and students raised a sum to be contributed toward the retired religious fund. This activity was part of the observance of Catholic Schools Week in the diocese.

Br. Robert also notes he was honored by a "yearbook" of kudos for his teaching.

Three Holy Cross men religious have died in the past month. Please remember in your prayers **Rev. Joseph Doherty (I)**, long-time missionary in Chile, who died in Santiago at the age of 84 on February 15. **Br. Donald Kuchenmeister** of Hogar Santa Cruz first worked with Fr. Joe at his orphanage in Talagante, a suburb of Santiago. Fr. Joe is buried in Chile.

Rev. John Burke (I), who resided and ministered almost his entire life on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, died at the age of 86 on February 16 at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame.

Br. Larry Triolo (EP), of the Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers, formerly known as Br. Laetus, died February 21 at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame. Much of his active life had been spent at Stonehill College, North Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

We should also remember regularly the deceased members of the women's Holy Cross congregations.

Prayers are also requested for **Sña. Mercedes Parilla**, mother of **Br. Carlos Parilla** of Lakewood. Mrs. Parilla died in Lorrain, Ohio, on February 5 after having suffered a heart attack the previous week and the implanting of a pacemaker.

Br. Roy Smith asks prayers for a nephew, **Steve Patton**, who is suffering from serious complications related to diabetes and is hospitalized in Indianapolis.

By reason of unusually mild weather in February (not a flake of snow the entire month), the two construction companies at work on portions of The Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame have moved ahead considerably. **Br. John May** reports that the basement/underground garage at the site of the new apartment building has been excavated and concrete walls are going up as the substructure for the housing facility, which is to be completed before the end of the calendar year.

Meanwhile, the five bungalows approach completion by April 30, ahead of or on schedule, the two houses nearest Dujarie House outpacing the others near the provincial house because of having been begun several weeks sooner. Interior painting and trimming is underway in the first two, and the installation of cabinetry and such is scheduled soon. The brick siding and shingle roofing are in progress on the other three.

The pounding of hammers, grinding of gears, beeping of machines in reverse, and increased construction traffic are such omnipresent factors that residents of the Center campus have become quite accustomed to these symbols of growth and development.

A listing of the ex-officio and elected delegates for the 1998 General Chapter in Rome reveals that over one-third of the 59 capitulants have major ties to countries other than the U.S. and Canada. 12 are indigenous, 4 are expatriates working in other countries, and 5 spent a significant period in their lives in other countries. Thus, the composition of the chapter is beginning to reflect the demographic reality of the Congregation of Holy Cross today.