

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

May 1997

Br. Joseph Fox, superior and director of the Holy Cross Brothers Center, reminds us that beginning on May 19, immediately after the departure of the participants in the renewal program sponsored by the Center for Continuing Formation in Ministry, work will begin in James Hall to prepare that wing for residential use by students of Holy Cross College starting in August.

As a result, there will no longer be guest rooms available in James Hall for brothers or others visiting the Notre Dame area.

Br. Joseph adds that the May 19 removal of furnishings from James Hall in preparation for the renovations will reduce the number of guest rooms at the Brothers Center to *five*, all in Basil Hall. If you foresee needing a room for any reason, write early.

The retreat being given at the Brothers Center in June will open the evening of *Monday, June 9*, and close on *Friday, June 13*, two days before the start of the provincial chapter. The retreat director is **Fr. Adrian Taylor, O.F.M., Cap.**

The effective date of transition from the term of **Br. James Newberry** as superior of Columba Hall to that of **Br. Donald Allen** is *Monday, June 30, 1997*.

Br. James Kinsella continues to improve at Rush Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, but is expected to be moved to a rehabilitation center soon before coming to Dujarie House to complete his recuperation. Thanks to the skills and interest of **Br. Charles McBride**, photos of Br. James in recovery were taken and distributed throughout the province in mid-April in a communication from Br. Charles.

Br. James Caley is also continuing to recuperate from effective foot surgery performed several weeks ago.

Mrs. Helen Schubert died on Friday, April 11, and was buried from St. John's Cathedral in Cleveland on Monday, April 14. Mrs. Schubert was the wife of **Leland Schubert**. The couple were long-time benefactors of several province apostolates, most recently making a significant contribution to the construction of the new Assisted Living Center at Notre Dame.

Br. William Geenen, provincial and close friend of the Schuberts, was in Cleveland making the visit to St. Edward and was able to be present at the wake and funeral.

Please include Mrs. Schubert and her family in your prayers for our benefactors.

Mrs. Ursula Berg, mother of **Br. Joseph Berg** of Washington, D.C., and **Br. Roger Berg** of Milwaukee, died in Milwaukee on April 15. The funeral was held on Friday, April 18, in Milwaukee. You are asked to keep Mrs. Berg in your prayers as well as all the members of the family.

On the evening of April 23 the community at Columba Hall welcomed **Br. Joseph Fox** and the residents of the Holy Cross Brothers Center to the Eucharist, a social and supper. **Br. James Newberry**, superior, hosted the occasion, a house warming marking the completion of

renovations made on the two large recreation rooms at Columba Hall.

Responding to suggestions from its readership, the *Midwest Province News Items* will include notices of the deaths of members of other provinces as and when this information is received by the provincial office.

Fr. William Lewers, C.S.C., of the Indiana Province, a former provincial (1973-1979), died at Notre Dame on April 19, and **P. Marcel L'Heureux, C.S.C.**, of the Canadian Priests' Province, died in Montreal on March 14.

The Notre Dame Club of Knoxville and Eastern Tennessee, honored **Br. Gonzaga Day** for "lifelong service to the Catholic Church, society and education" at a reception on May 3 in Knoxville. Also honored were **Bishop Anthony O'Connell** and **Ms. Aurelia Montgomery**. The reception was in connection with the satellite-delivered television program, "Generations: A Celebration of Notre Dame," emanating from Washington Hall on the university campus.

Br. Gonzaga's well deserved award was in recognition of his establishing and operating for many years the Mother Seton Thrift Shop in Harriman.

Br. Donald Gibbs, assistant provincial, received information from the Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning in Dayton, Ohio, in the form of a flyer announcing *Long-Life Directions*, a workshop/retreat for personal and spiritual growth for adults 60-85+, to be held at the Center from September 10-15, 1997.

As described in the flyer, "the Long Life Directions workshop/retreat is designed for persons growing older as a special time to learn, reflect and energize one's retirement years. This workshop/retreat provides you with an enjoyable, relaxed learning environment and an in-depth period of time to reflect on your life: reconciliation with your past and present and a new vision for your future."

For further information, contact Br. Donald.

At Kent State University, **Br. Joseph LeBon** was named Adviser of the Year by the Northeastern Ohio Scholastic Press Association April 9. Because this is his third time to win the award, Br. Joseph has been named to the NOSPA Adviser Hall of Fame. Earlier, an article by Br. Joseph entitled "Freedom of Expression in Private Schools" appeared in Communication: Journalism Education Today, the quarterly journal of the Journalism Education Association. Br. Joseph is faculty adviser of the *Visor*, student newspaper of Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron.

Congratulations to Br. Joseph on his continuously excellent moderating of a superior student newspaper at Hoban.

At the Notre Dame Alumni Association's annual presentation of the *James E. Armstrong Award*, named in honor of the late long-time Alumni Director at the university, **Br. Philip Armstrong** assisted, at the request of current Alumni Director Chuck Lennon, in making the presentation to this year's recipient, **Fr. Thomas Blantz, C.S.C.**, professor of history and an administrator at the university. At the luncheon on May 1 Br. Philip reflected on his father's life and role at Notre Dame between 1926 and 1967 when he retired.