

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

May 2000

Br. Jonas Moran died on April 4 at St. Joseph Community Hospital, Mishawaka, after illness had forced his transfer from Columba Hall to Schubert Villa and eventually to Dujarie House.

Reflective of Br. Jonas's habitual approach to life, the funeral on April 7 took on more of the atmosphere of a celebration than grieving, though his cheerful and supportive presence is certainly missed by his fellow religious as well as numerous relatives and friends, several of whom attended the Mass of the Resurrection.

Br. Jonas ministered to many people in many ways through his work at Dujarie Press and several province institutions, notably Gilmour, Hoban and Columba Hall.

Br. Giles Martin made the transition to eternal life on Easter Sunday morning, April 23, at Dujarie House. He was 91 years old and had been gradually encountering worsening effects of both his years and the illnesses that induced him to move from Columba Hall, then Schubert Villa, to Dujarie some months ago.

A brief but accurate and powerful image of Br. Giles's personality was given in the poetic eulogy by **Br. Remigius Bullinger**. The meekness, friendliness, and availability typical always of a gentle religious such as Br. Giles were affirmed by many, as was his professional capability as lifelong teacher and administrator in province institutional ministries over the years.

During Br. Giles's active years he taught and/or administered at several province institutions: Vincentian, Fort Wayne Catholic Central, Gibault, Sacred Heart College, Cathedral, Notre Dame in Biloxi, Reitz Memorial, St. Edward, Gilmour, St. John's in Sekondi, and Hoban. Some of these schools found him on the faculty more than once.

In retirement at Columba Hall and then later at Schubert Villa and Dujarie, Br. Giles contributed to the cheerful atmosphere of the house, often through his interest in animals such as the squirrels around Schubert and the parakeet in the library lounge there. Those who lived or worked with him during his last months took heart as well as example from his unfailing good nature and his resignation to his condition.

Br. Giles was buried after a Mass of the Resurrection at St. Joseph Chapel on April 26.

Other deaths prompt the request for prayers for the following individuals. **Fr. Gerald Cohen, C.S.C. (EP)**, died May 6. He had most recently been chaplain at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. On April 5 **Mrs. Mary Theresa Pinto**, aunt of former brothers **Charles** and **Thomas Pinto**, died in Akron, Ohio. Her obituary stated, "She assisted the many Brothers of Holy Cross who taught at Hoban High in the 1960s and 1970s in sewing and repair of their clothing. She was a contributing member of the Associates of St. Joseph and the Hoban Mothers Club." **Br. Albin Kuzminski's** sister, **Mrs. Florence Sullivan**, died on April 9 in Chicago at the age of 76. And **Br. Joseph Annan's** mother, **Madam Agnes Esi Appiah**, died on May 2 in Ghana. In the past three years Br. Joseph has also lost his father and a brother through a car accident. Please remember Fr. Cohen, Mrs. Pinto, Mrs. Sullivan and Madam Appiah in your prayers, as well as their families and friends.

Br. William Mewes wrote from Albuquerque, N. M., where he works at Annunciation Parish, that he placed a vocation advertisement for the brothers in six parish bulletins in the area, hoping to generate a positive response. He remarked that he was encouraged to do this after reading the text of the talks given at the Vocation Symposium last summer, organized by the vocation promoters of the three brothers' provinces in the U.S.

Br. Douglas Roach, president of Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois, announced on April 13 the appointment of a new principal for the school in the person of **Fr. Steve Bartzyszyn, C.R.** (Resurrectionists). Following the closing of Weber High School, where he taught and was assistant principal, Fr. Steve taught in the theology department at Holy Cross prior to his appointment as principal.

In an article in *The Desert Sun* from Palm Desert, California, Communities Page Editor **Marcy Storm** wrote about **Br. Carl Sternberg** as representative of "people who make a difference." She began, "A man of vision, an organizer of events emphasizing peace and an individual dedicated to educating and helping troubled youth," Sternberg recently received the 'Lights of the Desert' award from the Mid Valley Interfaith Council in recognition of his administration and organization of the Millennium Peace Conference."

Dr. Maya Angelou, noted poet, was among speakers at the event, the purpose of which was to plant the seed for expanded ecumenical community building in the local area.

The article included a short personal history of Br. Carl and an explanation of the brother's vocation.

The 2000 Chapter Planning Committee met on April 16 to continue the organization of the provincial chapter to be held on the Notre Dame campus from Sunday, June 11, until Friday, June 16, just after the Holy Cross History Conference at Saint Mary's and just prior to the Midwest Province Jubilee celebrations on June 17.

A proposed agenda and time table were drawn up, and methods of addressing agenda items surfaced earlier at regional meetings of province members were discussed, according to **Br. John May**, co-chair along with **Br. Jerome Meyer** of the committee and its secretary. Committee members also undertook to solicit membership involvement in various aspects of the chapter celebrations and activities. Another meeting of the group is scheduled for Sunday morning, June 11, just before the opening of the chapter.

Br. Thomas Shaughnessy officially took office as local superior at Columba Hall on May 1, following his appointment by **Br. William Geenen**, provincial. Br. Thomas replaces **Br. Donald Allen**, who has since returned to Holy Cross High School, River Grove.

Directory changes:

Br. Remigius Bullinger is now a resident of Dujarie House, P.O. Box 706, Notre Dame. The telephone number at Dujarie House is (219) 287-1838.

Br. Bernard Donahoe has taken up residence at 1030 E. Locust Grove at the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. His mailing address is P.O. 460, and his telephone number is (219) 251-0767.