

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

November 1998

Br. Martinus Bombardier died unexpectedly of natural causes in his room at Columba Hall sometime on October 23, ten days before his 78th birthday. He had been experiencing heart trouble for several years and had seen the doctor only two days before, but his situation did not appear especially threatening. Long a devoted employee of the *Ave Maria Press*, he was widely known in his later years for his professional photographic work, which he had elevated from the status of a hobby. His funeral was held at the Brothers Center on October 27 at 4:00 p.m., with burial following immediately in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Br. Laurian LaForest (EB) died October 20 in a hospital in Albany, New York, at the age of 89. Br. Laurian had been active up to the time of his hospitalization, most recently as long-time archivist of the Eastern Province of Brothers at Valatie, NY. Br. Laurian's attention to detail was valued both in his apostolic work in schools and his respectful preservation of community history in the archives. He had been suffering from poor health for some years. He was buried at Valatie on October 24.

Also deceased is **John Balog**, brother of **Br. Vincentius Balog**. John died in early October and was buried in Warren, Michigan, on the 14th.

Please keep Brs. Martinus and Laurian as well as John in your prayers.

Br. Jerome Meyer was honored by St. Edward High School in Lakewood in late September as one of the school's *distinguished alumni*. Br. Jerome served in many capacities at St. Edward before moving a year ago to Notre Dame, where he has been rector of Knott Hall on campus.

Patricia A. O'Hara, Vice President for Student Affairs at Notre Dame, wrote a testimonial letter to the St. Edward school community affirming Br. Jerome's worthiness to be honored, saying, "Although Br. Jerome has served for just over a year as rector, he has quickly gained the deep respect and admiration of both students and his colleagues in the Office of Student Affairs. It is for this reason that we asked him to serve as a member of the Campus Life Council in only his second year on campus." She concluded by remarking, "You are justifiably proud to claim Br. Jerome as one of your most distinguished graduates. For 40 years he has given faithful witness to his vows as a brother in the Congregation of Holy Cross. We share your pride in now claiming him as part of the Notre Dame family."

On Friday, September 25, **Br. William Dygert** successfully defended his dissertation at the University of Dayton for a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. The title of the dissertation is *A Study of the President/Principal Administrative Model in Catholic Secondary Schools in the United States*. Br. William's graduation is scheduled at Dayton for December 19.

Br. William, Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, also recently attended a Catholic School Superintendents meeting in Orlando, Florida, just before coming to the province schools meeting for administrators and boards sponsored by the provincial administration at Notre Dame in early October.

Congratulations and best wishes to Br. William on his academic success!

As part of Boysville's celebration of its 50th anniversary in operation, the Michigan Knights of Columbus are sponsoring more than 100 billboards along the highways of the state saying *Thank You* to supporters, communities and co-workers of the institution.

Companies from around the state donated nearly \$60,000 of billboard space for the occasion, and Lamar Advertising, Outdoor Systems and OCI Corporation donated space and production services to make the campaign a reality.

Br. Francis Boylan, director of Boysville, has planned several events to mark the occasion of the anniversary, during one or more of which the Brothers of Holy Cross will be recognized for their invaluable contributions over the fifty years the school has been in existence. Other province members associated with Boysville are **Brs. Chester Freel, Charles Hill, James Kozak, Albin Kuzminski, Donald Morrison, Gerald Nettesheim and Thomas Scheurer**.

Br. John McMuldren will be among a party of five from the Bishop Gorman Schools in Tyler TX traveling to Washington, D.C., in November to receive the prestigious *Blue Ribbon Award* for excellence in education. Bishop Gorman High School is one of three private schools in the state of Texas to be so honored. Congratulations to John for his role in making the award possible, and to **Jim Franz**, principal, formerly at Holy Cross High School, San Antonio.

Mother Theodore Guerin, S.P., was beatified by **Pope John Paul II** in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, October 15, 1998. Mother Guerin, after whom the sisters' high school adjacent to Holy Cross in River Grove is named, was the first superior general of the Providence sisters in the U.S. **Fr. James Dujarie** founded the sisters' community in Ruille, France, around the same time he established the Brothers of St. Joseph, later the Brothers of Holy Cross.

The late **Br. Dunstan Bowles (SW)** has been memorialized in an 80-page monograph authored by **Br. Gerald Muller (SW)** of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas.

This interesting portrait of a religious of prodigious and unusual talent is available without cost directly from Br. Gerald at St. Edward's University, 3001 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704. His e-mail address is <geraldm@adm.stedwards.edu>.

Br. Anthony Dadzie, in the U.S. from Ghana and studying at Holy Cross College, has been included in the *Who's Who* for two-year colleges. Tony is completing his second year at Holy Cross and will be transferring to Indiana University at South Bend in January. Congratulations, Tony, on being recognized as an outstanding student!

Reminder! As noted in the October *News Items*, the Christian Brothers Risk Management Service will hold *Driver Awareness Safety Classes on Tuesday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. at Moreau Seminary, and at 1:30 p.m. at Corby Hall.* **Br. Don Gibbs** reminds us that the province earns a dollar reduction in our insurance rates for each province participant. If you plan to attend, *an R.S.V.P. is required* and should be sent through **Br. Albert Kern (219) 251-2227 immediately.**

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