

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

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Br. Ralph Baird underwent surgery in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in mid-September for the repair of a thoracic hernia, a condition that had been developing since the time of his heart transplant last year. His new heart failed to cooperate for a brief time immediately after the surgery, but the doctors managed to revive its independent activity, and Br. Ralph began slowly to recuperate. On September 30 he returned to Columba Hall. Your prayers are requested for the smooth and unimpaired continuation of his recovery.

Fr. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M., Director of Campus Ministry at Holy Cross High School, River Grove, recently sent a check in the amount of \$2,109.71 "to be used to support your Holy Cross Missions." Fr. Kennedy added, "This check represents the efforts of our students who donate to the missions on First Fridays."

Br. Douglas Roach is president of Holy Cross High School, and other brothers serving there are **Brs. Walter Duda, Joseph Dudek, Thaddeus Gottemoller, Anthony Jorae, Julian Przybyla, Maynard Rabidoux and Marius Wittner.**

Br. Bijoy Rodrigues, provincial of the St. Joseph Province, kept the CSCNET up to date on flood conditions as they were changing in Bangladesh. Responding to urgent requests for financial help so that Holy Cross in Bangladesh could make an immediate impact on the situation among those most affected by the floods, **Br. William Geenen**, provincial, sent a contribution from the province. Accompanying this gift were several individual contributions Midwest members wished to make from their patrimony funds. In a country as poor as Bangladesh, even small dollar amounts accomplish a great deal in helping provide food, shelter and clothing for the devastated population. Please remember the needs of Bangladesh in your prayers.

Sherry Bernot, receptionist at the Province Business Office, requests that *all* province houses and members who have not yet identified their *nine-digit zip code* (e.g., 46556-0460) and submitted it to the office please do so as soon as possible. There are two reasons: the post office utilizes the nine-figure codes regularly now, facilitating the delivery of mail when the additional four digits are included; and setting up address lists on the basis of zip code in the business office is significantly facilitated by everyone's having a nine-digit code on file at the office.

If you do not know the final four digits of your zip code, please contact your local post office for information. Sherry may be reached by phone at (219) 251-2222 or by fax at (219) 289-0487 or e-mail, sbernot@hcc-nd.edu, at the business office.

Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C. (I), general editor of the *Holy Cross Ordo*, asks everyone who wishes to purchase a *1999 Holy Cross Ordo* to order directly from him at *Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, IN 46556 by mid-October*. The date on which the 1999 Ordo takes effect is November 29, 1998, but he must know several weeks earlier how many Ordos to have printed. The cost for each Ordo is \$7.00 (seven dollars), *payable at the time of ordering by check made out to the Congregation of Holy Cross, not to Fr. Rocca personally*. Unless otherwise notified, Fr. Rocca will presume you wish the *U.S.A. Edition* (not the *International Edition*).

Br. John May, editor of **BROTHERS**, has sent press releases for 1998 jubilarians who requested them to home-town or diocesan newspapers. If you or your family happen to see the report that appears in one of these newspapers, Br. John would appreciate it if you would send a copy to him.

Brothers who were originally from a particular diocese were identified by original or home parish. Brothers who served at an institution in the diocese were identified as to the years serving in the diocese and what they are currently doing.

Press releases were sent to the following diocesan newspapers: (IA) Cedar Rapids, Dubuque; (IL) Belleville, Chicago; (IN) Evansville, Fort Wayne-South Bend, Gary, Indianapolis; (MI) Detroit, Saginaw; (NY) Rochester; (OH) Cleveland, Youngstown; (PA) Allentown.

Boysville of Michigan marked the beginning of celebrations noting its *50th Anniversary* on Sunday, August 30, with an open house honoring the Knights of Columbus for their support of the school from the outset. After a banquet, **Bishop Carl Mengeling** of Lansing celebrated the Eucharist. **Brs. Don Gibbs**, Assistant Provincial, and **Philip Armstrong**, former director of Boysville, represented the province.

On August 28 a reception sponsored jointly by **Br. William Geenen** and **Fr. William Dorwart**, provincial of the Indiana Province, was held at Schubert Villa in honor of **Fr. Hugh Cleary**, newly elected superior general. Members of several provinces from the Notre Dame area attended the joyful and lively occasion hosted by **Br. Tom Shaughnessy**, residents and staff, and the popular refreshments were artistically prepared and served by **Br. Tom Rock**.

Br. Robi Purification, headmaster of St. Gregory's, has arrived at Notre Dame to begin studies for a masters degree and is living at Columba Hall.

On August 28 an article appeared in *The Criterion*, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis's newspaper, announcing that Gibault School had held its first graduation in the name of *Holy Cross High School*. Former brother **Dan McGinley**, executive director, stated, "This year we had several boys eligible for high school graduation. We requested from the state authority to issue diplomas in the name of Holy Cross High School." The educational program at Gibault has long been accredited by the State Department of Education for grades 1 through 12.

The article continued, "The name Holy Cross High School was chosen because the Brothers of Holy Cross from Notre Dame ran Gibault School from the 1930's until the early 1980's."

Br. Don Gibbs, representing the province, attended the annual meeting of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, held in Milwaukee from August 20-22.

Bids will be going out shortly for major changes and improvements to the front entrance leading to The Village and Holy Cross College. According to **Br. William Geenen**, a guard shelter will monitor incoming traffic. The divided roadway will curve left almost immediately, then lead directly to the College side and new parking. The present road toward the Chapel of St. Joseph will become a pedestrian mall. New practical signage near the entrance will identify the presence of the Brothers, the Village and the College.