

## MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

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**Br. Walter Davenport**, one of the coordinators for next June's *Holy Cross History Conference*, has made preliminary information on the 1999 session available to the Midwest membership. If interested, please mark the dates and location on your calendar.

The 1999 Holy Cross History Conference will be held *from June 18 to 20, 1999, at Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana*, honoring the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Holy Cross in New Orleans.

The conference cost, if boarding at Loyola U., will be \$175.00. It will be \$75.00 for day participants. Brochures including full details and registration forms will be sent out later.

Br. Walter notes that a *guided retreat* will be offered just prior to the Conference at *Lumen Christi Retreat Center, Schriever, Louisiana, beginning the evening of June 12 and lasting until the morning of June 18*. The theme will be *The Gift of Holy Cross*. The maximum number for the retreat is 42, so book early if you wish to be included. Contact **Sr. Ann LaCour, M.S.C.**, Holy Cross Retreat, 1011 Gallier St., New Orleans, LA 70117. The cost is \$275.00.

Province members are reminded that *the 1999 jubilee celebrations at Notre Dame are scheduled for Saturday, June 19, with a community life experience, including reflections on one of the vows*, planned to precede the celebrations.

Because the Notre Dame has prepared new parking fields north of Douglas Road to accommodate football traffic, the University has **not** requested parking rights on property at the Holy Cross Brothers Center, as was arranged last year. On home football Saturdays access to the Brothers Center campus is generally unimpeded, but if a security officer is stationed at the entrance to assure that public parking does not occur, simply identify yourself as a brother.

The apartment building under construction south of Schubert Villa at the Brothers Center is moving rapidly toward completion in late December or January according to **Br. John May**. Delays caused by heavy rains in early spring were compensated for by good weather and overtime work during the summer, and the building is now nearly finished on the exterior, with mainly inside tasks occupying the construction company.

In your prayers, please remember **Fr. Clement Kazlauskas, C.S.C. (EP)**, who died in Larksville, Pennsylvania, where he retired to do parish work after teaching many years at both Stonehill and King's Colleges. He was 76. Also remember **Br. Thomas Balaz's** sister, **Anna Doyle**, who died in mid-August, and **Br. Joseph Chvala's** niece, **Patricia Sheren Pickett**, who died in early August. **Br. Henry Skitzki** asks prayers of the province members for his health.

Following the renovation of Basil Hall, completed between May 1 and the opening of the fall semester, **Br. Richard Gilman**, president of Holy Cross College, welcomed the new residents to Basil Hall at the Brothers Center. Combined now with those of James Hall, the number of residents at the College is 120. **Br. Anthony Dadzie**, in his second year at the College, resides and prefects in James Hall.

**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 *50<sup>th</sup> 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.