

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

September 1999

On *Saturday, September 25, 1999, at 2:00 p.m.* a simple ceremony will be held at the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame to bless the new entranceway and the apartment building, Riverside Place. All province members are invited to attend the ceremony.

Following the ceremony refreshments will be served at the Schubert Villa dining room. Please call (219) 251-2222 no later than *September 20* to indicate your intention to be present.

Reminder: dates for the 2000 Chapter are *Monday, June 12, to Friday, June 16, 2000*. The gathering will take place on the Notre Dame campus much as in 1997. Province jubilees will be celebrated on *Saturday, June 17*.

Another set of dates to be aware of and note on your calendar will be those during which the men and women of Holy Cross will celebrate the *Year of Jubilee, Holy Cross, and what Fr. Moreau is asking of Holy Cross as we enter the new millennium*. Called ***Holy Cross Jubilee 2000: Celebrating our Charism***, the event will be held at *St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, from July 20-23, 2000*.

Keynote speakers will be **Sr. Mary Kay Kinberger, M.S.C., Fr. Hugh Cleary**, Superior General of the men's congregation, and **Br. Joel Giallanza**. A panel of international representatives from among younger Holy Cross religious will also make presentations.

On July 12-13 **Sr. Mary Persico, I.H.M., and Br. Kevin Gilhooly, F.S.C.**, representing the National Religious Retirement Office, made an official visitation to the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame to familiarize themselves more thoroughly with the background behind the written request submitted by **Br. William Geenen**, provincial, for a supplemental grant from the Bishops' religious retirement fund to assist in the organization and coordination of administrative offices relating to the brothers and the Village.

The intensive two-day study of data and site resulted in a highly favorable recommendation from the team to the board that determines the distribution of grants. Word is expected by December as to the outcome of any decision taken.

Province Controller **Barbara Powlison** notes that the tax free number for the State of Indiana has been changed. If you customarily use this number for purchases in Indiana and wish to know the new number, please contact Barbara in the Province Business Office at (219) 251-2226 or by e-mail at <bpowlison@hcc-nd.edu>.

Holy Cross religious who have passed away since the last edition of the *News Items* are **Br. Christopher Taraska (EB)**, who died on July 17 at a hospital in Albany NY. A resident of St. Joseph Life Center at Valatie, he was two days short of his 73rd birthday and had been professed 53 years.

Fr. Thomas Fotusky (EP), died on July 28 in Jacksonville FL at the age of 74 following

a long illness. He was ordained in 1960 and had spent nearly all his active years in the Uganda missions until forced by heart problems to return to the U.S. a few years ago.

Fr. Andrew Wohman (I), died at the age of 85 at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, on August 11. For much of his active life he had been involved in secondary school education on the faculty of Portland Preparatory School and then at Notre Dame High School in Niles IL.

Two former brothers also died recently. **Fr. Clarence Podgorski** died in Port St. Lucy FL on July 15. He had been pastor in a parish there. He was a brother from 1950 until 1974.

Kenneth J. Austin, known in Holy Cross as **Br. Randolph**, died on February 21 in Thomaston GA, where he made his home. He had attended the reunion of former members in 1993. A brilliant historian, he was a brother during the late forties and early fifties, teaching in South Bend and at St. Edward's University.

Prayers are also requested for **Br. Charles Borromeo Beck's** sister, **Mrs. Ruth Burns**, who died on August 12 in Cincinnati OH; **Br. Ronald LaLonde's** brother-in-law, **Walter Czepcinski**, who died of cancer on August 28; and **Br. Ronald Drahozal's** mother, who died in Cedar Rapids IA on July 14. Br. Ronald was able to travel from Dhaka in time to be present at the funeral. **Br. William Geenen**, provincial, attended as well.

Requesting prayers for recovery of health are **Br. James VanDyck**, whose mother is ill; **Br. Timothy O'Connell**, who is recovering from surgery; and **Br. James Greteman**, whose brother **Robert** has cancer.

Br. Joseph McTaggart was deeply involved in the initial care process for victims of the mid-August shooting at the Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills CA, a short distance from Providence Holy Cross Medical Center where Br. Joseph is on the pastoral counseling staff. He was interviewed by several press representatives and articles appeared in the local papers.

One such article related, "Brother Joe will surely exclaim until kingdom come that this remarkable diversity is a living refutation of the repugnant ideology that fueled the tragedy." The "diversity" referred to was the makeup of the trauma team that worked to save the life of the most seriously injured child. The Jewish boy was welcomed into a Catholic institution and was operated on for over six hours by an African American surgeon, with assistance from other doctors named Peter Liu and Medhi Fakhrai. The article went on, "For the caregivers, the traumatic part was the warped genocidal hatred behind the attack, and to counteract that, Br. Joe and Sr. Emily pointed to the diversity of the people who pulled together to rescue the boy. 'There were people of every denomination and culture side by side in the operating room,' Sr. Emily said. 'There was a wealth of goodness,' Br. Joe said. 'That is the antithesis of hatred.'"

Brs. Barry Lambour, Donald Allen, Eduardo Michalik and Philip Armstrong attended the annual Serra Club picnic held on August 29 for the religious of the South Bend and Mishawaka area. **Bishops Joseph Crowley and Daniel Jenky, C.S.C.**, were in attendance besides several sisters of different congregations and diocesan priests. The Serrans are a lay group that promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Br. Edward Dailey has been elected to the advisory board that assists the directors of the *Monastic Interreligious Dialogue*, an organization “set up by the Benedictine Confederation to assume a leadership role in the dialogue between Christianity and the great religions of the East and to work in cooperation with all others engaged in this dialogue.” The M.I.D. encourages participation by North American monastics “in conversations, encounters and mutual exchanges between monastics of different religions.” Br. Edward’s sister, **Sr. Margaret Ann Dailey, O.S.B.**, is a Beech Grove (IN) Benedictine.

On August 23 **Brs. Edward, Anthony Dadzie, John Tryon and Joseph Fox** attended an interfaith prayer vigil in Bloomington IN, presided over by the **Dalai Lama**. The vigil was part of the M.I.D. activities.

Br. James Greteman, while golfing on vacation in Iowa with his brother, hit a hole in one using a seven iron over water. The ball took two bounces on the green and rolled into the cup. Unfortunately, Br. James did not win a car, as the match was not a major professional tour event.

Br. James continues to work on *Primal Hurts*, a book that discusses situations in which family, job, marriage, or relationship hurts individuals deeply, inclining them to filter present experiences through that hurt. The book suggests how to let go and heal oneself even when the others in the relationship do not care.

Br. James’ expertise and wide experience in the field of marriage and divorce writing, speaking, audio tapes and counseling are widely acknowledged. He has been active since the early 1970s, often collaborating with **Leon Haverkamp** in research, group counseling, workshops and writing. Br. James is a licensed marriage and family therapist trained in Jungian therapy, including hypnosis.

Br. Joseph Ballard writes from Sacred Heart School in Floresville TX, where he is principal, that the school is one of only a few in the San Antonio area to receive a grant called *Technology Integrated Education*. The grant helps teachers learn computer skills so they in turn can better instruct students in the appropriate use of computer technology. At the outset under the grant five teachers will do five days of training, then later all the staff will be included.

After a delay of a year, **Brs. Charles Drevon, James Leik, Richard Johnson and Charles McBride** celebrated their 40th anniversary of profession by taking an extensive trip together between June 28 and July 13. Means of transportation included car, boat, train and plane as the quartet made its way along the Pacific coast, with an incursion inland into Nevada, where they encountered the unanticipated and serious flooding in Las Vegas.

Brs. Charles Drevon and James are at Holy Cross College; Br. Charles McBride works for the Archdiocese of Anchorage; and Br. Richard serves the District of West Africa in Ghana.

From **Br. Donald Fleischhacker** of River Grove and the Franciscan Outreach Association come several items of interest.

Br. Don gave the opening prayer at the “Speak Out” in front of the State of Illinois Building in downtown Chicago on July 23 as **Governor James Edgar** issued a proclamation

naming July "End Homeless Month" in Illinois.

Br. Don also accepted an appointment by **Francis Cardinal George** to another three-year term on the Chicago Archdiocesan Pastoral Council.

In June Br. Don agreed to serve on the board for Casa San Jose Obrero Mission (the House of St. Joseph the Worker), founded by the late Dominican **Fr. David Staszak** and serving as an overnight shelter for Hispanic men.

Br. Don was among the nine hundred who participated in a special pro life liturgy and prayer march on June 26.

On September 8, the novitiate program began for five brothers in Brafuyaw, Ghana, under the direction of **Br. Joseph Tsiquaye**, assisted by **Br. Richard Johnson**. The novices are **Brs. Matthew Sabogu, Patrick Osei-Bonsu, Benjamin Biney Mensah, John Affum-Badu, and John Asiedu**. Please keep both staff and novices in your prayers that this may be the beginning of a significant surge in vocations to Holy Cross in West Africa.

Br. Philip Armstrong recently completed the manuscript for *A More Tangible Way: A Brief Account of the Foundation and Development of the District of West Africa*. With the support of the Holy Cross History Conference and the technical assistance of **Br. Edward Dailey** on desktop publishing, the long monograph should appear sometime this fall.