

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

April, 1996

Late in February, **Mrs. Viola English**, long time employee at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, died after a lengthy illness. "Vi" was well known as a helpful staff member to all of the brothers who taught at St. Edward over the years. Prayers for the repose of her soul are requested.

Br. Jerome Schwabe returned to Dujarie House early in March from St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend after several weeks of treatment to counteract the effects of the chemotherapy and radiation he was receiving to combat his pancreatic cancer.

Your prayers continue to be requested for **Sr. Catherine O'Brien, C.S.C.**, superior general of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame. Sr. Catherine has been receiving therapy for cancer in recent months and more recently has undergone a bone marrow procedure in an effort to forestall the further spread of the disease.

At the request of **Br. Joseph Annan** and the council of the District of West Africa, the provincial council recently approved the petitions of **William Anim Addo, and Kenneth Kundatani** for admission to the novitiate. The novitiate program begins in June, but the candidates travelled to East Africa in late March to begin an on-site preparation for the inter-district novitiate experience. **Br. Joseph Tsiquaye** is an assistant director on the novitiate staff in Saaka, Uganda. **Br. James Nichols (EB)** is director of novices. Assisting also on the staff is **Fr. Duane Balcerski (I)**.

Word was received of the death from cancer of former brother **William Vondriska** in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 20. He was 66. William, who worked most of his time as a brother in the Notre Dame post office, lived in South Bend after he left the community in 1990 until his illness finally prompted a return to his home town, where he died some weeks later. Please remember the repose of his soul in your prayers.

Br. Philip Smith, president and principal of Holy Trinity High School, has announced the annual *One Hope (Spes Unica)* award, "conferred annually by Holy Trinity to the person whose dedication to education represents the hope of tomorrow to the students of today."

The individual on whom the 1996 award will be conferred is the **Honorable Richard M. Daley**, mayor of Chicago.

The award will be given at a dinner sponsored by the governing board, administration and faculty of Holy Trinity on Thursday, April 25, at the Wellington Ballroom of the Westin Hotel on North Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

The event benefits the Holy Trinity High School Student Financial Aid Fund.

Br. Donald Stabrowski of the University of Portland was informed in a letter dated March 18 from **Fr. David Tyson**, president of the university, of his recent promotion to the status of full professor of history and political science.

Fr. Tyson cited Br. Donald's many significant contributions to the university as teacher, scholar, and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He said, "Your record of service to the University has been strong and a clear indication of your active support of the University's mission, and the educational mission of Holy Cross."

The congratulations and best wishes of the province go to Br. Donald on this recognition of his impact on the academic community at Portland.

Please remember in your prayers **Br. Timothy O'Connell**, who recently underwent successful heart bypass surgery at St. John's Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Tim has been ministering at SS. Andrew and Benedict parish in Detroit and living at SS. Augustine and Monica rectory.

On March 28 in Sarasota, Florida, **Br. Frank Drury**, staff member at The Senior Friendship Centers, had a kidney removed. A routine check had revealed a growth on the kidney. Keep Frank in your prayers as well.

From March 22-24 **Br. Raymond Papenfuss** gave a weekend retreat to graduates of the Ministry Formation Program of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. The retreat was held at the Gull Lake Bible Center, Gull Lake, Michigan.

Once each semester since 1988 Br. Raymond has been teaching Christology during one two-and-a-half-hour session per week over eight weeks. The program was established for the diocese by **Sr. Marlene Halpin , O.P., Ph.D.**

Thanks to those who have submitted information to be included in the monthly *Midwest Province News Items*. We count on your collaboration in keeping everyone up to date on what is happening regarding people and events related to the province but not included in the publication **BROTHERS**. Information may be sent to **Br. Donald Gibbs** or **Br. Philip Armstrong** at the provincial office.

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Br. Bernard Mosier is in the hospital in Corry, Pennsylvania, in weakened condition following the onset of internal bleeding, possibly caused by a ruptured ulcer. His condition is considered critical. Br. Bernard is alert but unable to communicate by speech. **Br. Donald Gibbs** left Notre Dame on April 8 to be with Br. Bernard.

Br. Timothy O'Connell underwent successful bypass surgery in Detroit recently, is out of the hospital and is currently recuperating.

Br. Frank Drury had a kidney removed in Sarasota recently and is out of the hospital and back at the residence recuperating.

Please keep these three province members in your prayers in a special way during this time, and continue to pray for our other province men who are ill or in Dujarie House.