

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

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In recent months several Midwest Province brothers have been featured in publications. **Br. Thomas Corcoran** has been written up in the *South Bend Tribune* and the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocesan newspaper *Today's Catholic* relative to his volunteer work in teaching English to adults. Br. Thomas was chosen to receive two volunteer service awards, the first made by the Community Association of Volunteer Coordinators and the second by the South Bend Community School Corporation. **Br. Edward Courtney** was interviewed by the *South Bend Tribune* in connection with the drop kick, a seldom-used form of scoring in football that George Gipp mastered at Notre Dame during the Rockne era. **Br. Richard Huber** was the focus of a sizeable article, also in the *South Bend Tribune*, about his making rosaries and distributing them for use. In the June 1996 edition of *Extension*, the magazine of the American Catholic Missions, **Br. Walter Gluhm** was included in an article about "The New and the Old South," which portrayed the growth of Catholic presence in southern Georgia, where Walter works with other Holy Cross men in the Adel area.

After seeking and receiving permission from the provincial administration to alter the structure of the administration at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, **Craig S. Dean**, chairman of the school's governing board, announced in June that the new position of President has been created to form another level of administrative responsibility along with that of Principal.

Mr. Dean wrote, "I am pleased to announce the appointment of our current Principal, **Br. Philip Smith, C.S.C., Ed.D.**, to the office of the President. The Executive Committee of the board has also appointed the current Associate Principal, **Charlene Szumilas**, to the position of Principal." Br. William Geenen had already named Br. Philip president of the corporation.

The administrative changes took place July 1. Mr. Dean remarked in his letter about "the dramatic improvements over the past year under Br. Philip's leadership."

A huge vote of thanks is due to the team of brothers and others from Columba Hall and the Brothers Center (could we call them **The Sticklers?**) who have given so generously of their time, patience, experience and attention to detail to help stick address labels on the more than 50,000 copies of BROTHERS for the first three issues and sort them for mailing.

A well organized effort is set up in the chapter room at the provincial house following the publication of each edition, and steady devotion to this tedious duty results in the newsletter's quickly reaching thousands of those whose lives have been touched by Holy Cross over the years. The responses received by **Br. John May** in the development office are indicative of the publication's warm reception everywhere.

Please remember in your prayers **Br. Bennet Nettleton's** brother, John, who died on July 25 and was buried on July 27.

Br. Edward Dailey is recovering at the generalate in Rome from prostate surgery recently at the Salvator Mundi hospital. Fortunately the operation revealed no sign of malignancy.

A letter received from **Br. John Harris** in Kathmandu, Nepal, notes that he is extending his contract with the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers for another year. John has been working through the Maryknoll volunteer program in Nepal since 1989 after many years in Bangladesh. John is to have a second cataract operation shortly. He appreciates receiving the *News Items* regularly.

Word was received recently from Ghana that **Br. Thomas Dillman**, who had been forced to leave Liberia temporarily for the second time about three months ago, has returned to Monrovia after spending some time with the brothers in Ghana.

On a visit to the United States for the first time since his graduation from St. Edward's University five years ago, **Br. Nee Wayoe** of the District of W. Africa spent some time at the Brothers Center, as did **Br. William Gates** and **Br. Jerome Kroetsch**, both on home leave from Ghana this summer. **Br. Joseph Annan**, district superior, **Br. Michael Amakyi** and **Br. Paul Mensah** are to be in the U.S. during much of August to meet at Notre Dame as members of the district council with the provincial council concerning the forthcoming district chapter in Ghana. **Fr. Bob Gilmour** of the district council, on leave in Texas, may also participate in the meetings.

Earlier notice appeared in the *News Items* that St. Edward High School in Lakewood had received the *Excellence in Education Award* from the U. S. Department of Education. **Br. James Spooner** is president there, and **Mr. James Kubacki** is principal.

Br. John Paige (EB) announced on the internet in June that two other Holy Cross schools also received this award, Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks and St. Francis High School in Mountain View.

The awards were presented in Washington, D.C., on May 29 and 30 by President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, along with the Secretary of Education, Richard Reily, who spoke to a National Catholic Educational Association breakfast, noting that "these schools serve as an example of the excellence that Catholic schools contribute to the nation's education system."

This is yet another reminder that the full ORDO (including the community obituary) published by Paulist Press and edited for Holy Cross by **Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C.**, must be ordered directly from Fr. Rocca this year if you wish to have a copy or copies. The 1997 ORDO takes effect on December 1, 1996. [Note: This is *not* the ordo that refers specifically to *Christian Prayer*, the office book put out by the Catholic Book Publishing Company.]

Enclose payment of \$7.00 per copy and send your order no later than October 15, 1996, to Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C., Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Checks should be made out directly to Fr. Peter Rocca.

REMINDERS

* You still have time to select a 1997 chapter committee. Send your selection and name to Br. Donald Gibbs before September 16th.

* Any further *province directory changes* are due immediately at the provincial office.