

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

March, 1996

Early in February the generalate informed the congregation that **Fr. Lumen Monteiro, C.S.C.**, of the Province of India, had been named by Pope John Paul II as first bishop of Agartala, India.

Bishop Monteiro joined Holy Cross in 1973 and worked mostly in formation in India until 1987, when he went to Washington, D.C., to work on a pastoral theology degree at Catholic University. During those years he acted as chaplain for the brothers teaching at Mackin High School.

Br. Joseph Berg continues slowly through therapy to recuperate from his accident last summer. He experiences some difficulty with fine motor movements of his hands, hips and legs, but does therapy on an outpatient basis to strengthen the "soft tissues." Br. Joseph is grateful to everyone for prayers, letters and cards, and support. **Br. Joseph Chvala**, after some weeks of recuperation from a stroke at Dujarie House, has moved to Columba Hall to continue his therapy in the assisted living program there. **Br. Jerome Schwabe** remains in St. Joseph's Medical Center, South Bend, but hopes soon to return to Dujarie House to continue treatment.

Br. Paul Kelly, president of Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, reports that the *telephone area code for Akron changes on March 9* from 216 to 330. Cleveland, however, remains 216. Please make a note of the area code change in your province directory.

Early in February Holy Cross College was honored with a Gold Award by the Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County for having made a capital investment of a hundred thousand dollars or more to the local economy. The College last summer completed a \$3.2 million expansion of its academic facilities. **Br. Richard Gilman**, president, announced the award in a news release in mid-February.

A community retreat open to Holy Cross religious will be held in June at the Holy Cross Brothers Center, according to **Br. Joseph Fox**, superior and director of the Center. The retreat begins on *Sunday, June 16, at 8:00 p.m.* and ends on *Thursday, June 20, after mass (with conference) in the morning.* There will be two conferences each day besides the opening and closing conferences. The retreat will be directed by **Br. Renatus Foldenauer**, former provincial of the Eastern Brothers' Province and presently a retreat director and liturgical musician at the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth, Wernersville, Pennsylvania.

Approximately thirty rooms will be available in James Hall for those interested in participating in the retreat. Immediately following the retreat, as previously noted, a province day of preparation for the 1997 chapter will be held, and then on *Saturday, June 22*, the province jubilees will be celebrated.

If you are interested in participating in the retreat, contact Br. Joseph Fox soon.

In mid-February **Br. James Spooner**, president of St. Edward High School, Lakewood, announced that the school had received confirmation that it had been chosen as a Blue Ribbon

School in the U.S. Department of Education's 1994-1996 Blue Ribbon Secondary Schools Program. St. Edward was the only private school chosen in Ohio.

Br. James said that in the process of selection 492 public and private schools were nominated. Of the 266 schools chosen as Blue Ribbon Schools, only 50 are private. The award will be presented in May in Washington, D.C.

A REMINDER: On Friday, June 21, 1996, there will be a province gathering at the Brothers Center and Holy Cross College. This occasion is being planned by the **Chapter Planning Committee**. The province jubilee celebration will be on Saturday, June 22, 1996. Please mark your calendars for both events.

At the recommendation of the **Chapter Planning Committee**, the **provincial and his council** have approved holding the 1997 provincial chapter on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. The dates for the chapter are *Sunday, June 15, to Friday, June 20, 1997*. The province jubilee celebration is to be held after the chapter on *Saturday, June 21, 1997*. Again, please mark your calendars.

One of three winners of the Sister Eileen Rice, O.P., Award for Outstanding Teaching at Siena Heights College, Adrian, Michigan, **Br. Frank Rotsaert** was honored for his work during the 1994-1995 academic year.

The citation read: "For the passion that you bring to the teaching of literature and how you inspire and stimulate students to develop their own latent interest in the subject. For challenging students to think critically, holding them to the highest standards of research and writing in the discipline, and standing firm by those principles. And finally, for your dedication and persistence in steering students through their most difficult but transformative project--the Senior presentations."

The congratulations of the province go to Frank for this well deserved recognition.

A Holy Cross seminarian in Uganda, **Mr. Aristarick Safari, C.S.C.**, died in a motorbike accident in Jinja, Uganda, on February 22. A native of Tanzania, he had completed his theology and was on a regency year before ordination to the diaconate.

Word was received of the death of former brother **Michael Flanagan** in Chicago on February 24, 1996. Michael made his first profession in 1961 and left Holy Cross in 1988 after serving at Cathedral, Holy Trinity, Reitz Memorial, Hoban, Gilmour and Notre Dame. Several members of the province had been in close contact with Michael since 1988, especially after he fell ill.

The death of **Br. Mark Finegan, O.C.S.O.**, of the New Melleray Abbey, Dubuque, Iowa, occurred on February 20, 1996. As Br. David, C.S.C., he worked at the Ave Maria Press. He left Holy Cross in 1951 to join the Trappists.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of these three men whose lives were significantly touched by Holy Cross and who in turn gifted the congregation by their presence.