

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEW ITEMS

May, 1996

The lucky winners of the lottery for the two scholarships awarded by the Midwest Province for the *International Sessions in Holy Cross Spirituality* were **Br. Donald Allen** and **Br. George Klawitter**.

The sessions will be held in LeMans, France, from June 23 to July 7. Over the past several years these sessions have been given seventeen times and have enriched over 500 religious men and women of the Holy Cross congregations.

Besides informative lectures and discussions, the course provides opportunities for the participants to visit sites rich in Holy Cross cultural heritage, such as Fr. Dujarie's tomb in Ruille, the Solitude, and the church of Notre-Dame de Sainte-Croix in LeMans, where the tomb of Fr. Moreau is located in the crypt.

Br. Lewis Brazil was informed in mid-March by the Counselor and Social Worker Board of the State of Ohio that he had been granted approval as a *Licensed Independent Social Worker*. Br. Lewis had taken an examination leading to this accreditation and had passed successfully before applying for the license. Congratulations to Br. Lewis on his achievement.

Awarded the *Chrystal Apple Teacher* trophy by the Cleveland Plain Dealer for the 1995-1996 school year was **Br. Bennett Nettleton**. In an internet communication from **Br. James Spooner**, president of St. Edward High School, it was revealed that Br. Bennett was nominated by a young man who had been his student last year. The 1998 graduate noted that Br. Bennett had been teaching for fifty years.

Br. Bennett began teaching at Cathedral in Indianapolis, then went to Monroe Catholic Central for one year before being assigned to St. Edward in Lakewood in 1953. His forty-three years there have shown him to be "a faithful, inspiring teacher, always interested in his students in the classroom and in their extracurricular activities," according to the internet release. His classroom is referred to as "the museum" because of all the artifacts and memorabilia it contains. Br. Bennett himself calls his classroom his "hobby out of control."

On May 15 Br. Bennett will receive the award during a banquet. Congratulations to Br. Bennett on this occasion!

Because of the serious unrest in Liberia, many enquiries were launched as to the safety and welfare of **Br. Thomas Dillman**. Through the African Justice and Peace Network in Washington, **Br. Raymond Papenfuss** kept in constant touch with the developing situation. The provincial office was eventually notified on April 14 that Tom had left Monrovia, Liberia, and had proceeded via Freetown, Sierra Leone, to Dakar, Senegal, from which airport he was to fly on April 15 to New York, arriving on the 16th. From there Tom went to Washington, D.C., to visit with his brother briefly before heading on to Notre Dame. After some time there, he went to his home town, Evansville, to visit his sister. The local press in Evansville had been kept apprised of happenings in Liberia and tied them in with Tom's presence there, so the interest in and curiosity about his welfare were city-wide.

Tom intends to return to Monrovia as soon as he learns that it is safe to do so.

On Saturday, April 20, **Br. William Geenen** and his council assembled all the brothers of the province involved in school administration to further the process of finding ways to respond to the goals relative to school sponsorship set by the 1994 provincial chapter. **Br. William Dygert**, president of LeMans Academy, hosted the meeting at Rolling Prairie. The day-long meeting was beneficial and led in the direction of clarifying steps yet to be taken in fulfilling the goals according to the needs of each institution.

Br. Thomas Corcoran of Columba Hall recently received two awards for community service. The first, given April 22, was from the Community Association of Volunteer Coordinators (CAVCO). It recognized Tom, along with three others out of nearly five hundred volunteers, for his teaching of English as a second language to immigrants at Ivy Tech.

The second award was given on April 23 by the South Bend Community School Corporation for Tom's work as a volunteer tutor, a service he has been engaged in since September 1992 as part of his rehabilitation following back surgery in 1990.

Congratulations to Tom on these awards, which clearly confirm the value of his contributions to the welfare of those in need in the South Bend area.

Members of the province who have been receiving copies of the ORDO (*The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist*) each year and wish to continue receiving it will be required to follow a different routine for ordering the 1997 Ordo, which will take effect on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 1996. This Ordo includes the annually updated obituary list for the entire Congregation of Holy Cross.

This year and in subsequent years, please place your order directly with **Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C.**, General Editor of the Paulist Press Ordo and compiler of the Holy Cross edition of the Ordo. *Enclose payment of \$7.00 (seven dollars) per copy (which includes postage and handling) 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.*

This is a first notice. We will be including a reminder in a later edition of the News Items.

Br. Bernard Mosier continues to recuperate from a stroke and other complications suffered several weeks ago. He has been transferred from the hospital to a rehabilitation center in Erie, Pennsylvania, for a month's therapy. **Br. Sigismund Danielski** of River Grove and Holy Trinity High School is recuperating for a time at Dujarie House from torn ligaments in one leg.

Br. Thomas Shaughnessy, director of Dujarie House, expects by May 15 to effect the move of several of the residents from the present wing into the nearly finished new ten-room wing so that work can begin at once on the renovation of six of the present rooms into four larger ones. Routine at the infirmary will be interestingly challenged during the time of the renovation. New methods of getting from one place to another are being devised.

Work on the new wing has gone precisely according to schedule throughout the winter.