



News from the Province

Congregation of Holy Cross

Midwest Province of Brothers

November-December 2001

Provincial Council

Pastoral Plan

Brother Donald discussed with his council ways to further the planning directives of the 1998 General Chapter. To assist in the development and articulation of a comprehensive strategic pastoral plan for the Midwest Province, provincial and his council have engaged the services of Plante and Moran, LLP. Plante and Moran is a management consultant firm located in Southfield, Michigan, that specializes in assisting not-for-profit service organizations. The pastoral plan, focusing on collaboration, vocations, stewardship, community life, institutional ministries, prayer and spirituality, will provide a direction for the province as we continue to implement the decrees and recommendations of the general chapter. Gerrard Gumbleton and Susan Novack, consultants with Plante and Moran, are currently meeting with members of the province and province leadership to study current structures. They will meet with the provincial council in December to present preliminary findings and suggestions.

Finances

The council met with representatives of Kerber, Eck and Braeckel, auditors, to review and accept the audit report for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. At an earlier meeting the council recommended the approval of the budget for the fiscal year 2001-2002.

Holy Cross Village

Following upon the recommendations of the provincial chapter, the provincial and his council continue to pursue additional options available to move forward the master plan for the development of the Holy Cross Village.

Boysville Announces Name Change

Just as a tiny seedling grows slowly from a tender and fragile start, Boysville took root slowly and quietly in 1948, with the help of the Brothers of Holy Cross, to provide shelter, help and education for boys in need. And just as the tree develops strong roots and many study branches, Boysville has grown to encompass more than 30 locations all across Michigan. It has branched out from humble beginnings as a small orphanage to the present status today as a provider of 18 distinct and specialized programs designed to meet the specific needs of today's boys and girls and their families. Boysville brings its services to the children and families of Michigan at its own

facilities as well as in client communities and inside client homes.

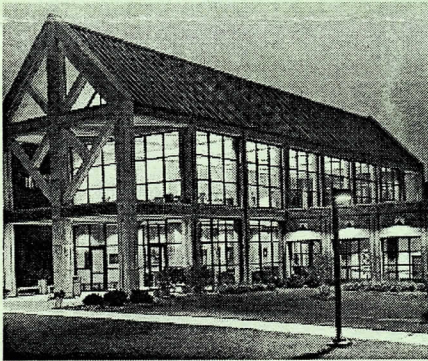
As the young tree grows bigger and stronger, it can no longer be called a seedling. In the same manner Boysville has grown beyond its original name; the time has arrived for a new name that better describes its mission. As a result, Boysville will now be known as Holy Cross Children's Services.

"As society's needs changed and evolved over the past five decades, we have always responded," said Brother Francis Boylan, President of Holy Cross Children's Services. "The truth is, we are the largest provider of services for girls in the state of

Michigan. Unfortunately, some courts, counties and community agencies won't even consider referring children or families to us because of the perceived implications of the Boysville name. Our transition to our new identity as Holy Cross Children's Services will go a long way toward removing these perceptual barriers that have been hindering us from bringing services to those in need."

The Boysville identity will not be gone completely. The original location and current main campus in Macon Township will continue to be known as the Boysville Campus and will continue to serve boys. The original roots of Boysville will remain. Holy Cross Children's Services will draw its strength – its mission, vision and core values – from the past 53 years of service as Boysville just as the tree continues to grow from roots first put down by the seedling. (adapted from Interlink, Boysville, Michigan, October 2001)

Holy Cross College Dedicates New Building Addition



As a part of its 35th anniversary celebration on October 12, Holy Cross College dedicated a new 25,000 square foot addition to the

existing Vincent Atrium and classroom building. Included in the events of the day was an anniversary Mass concelebrated by a number of priests associated with the college, including present and former faculty members and alumni.

Opened in time for the beginning of the Fall 2001 semester, the new Vincent Hall addition includes new classrooms, a science lab with an adjoining science prep room, a multi-purpose learning center, conference rooms, 30 faculty offices, 21 adjunct faculty offices, a lobby, a secretarial area, and student and faculty lounges. Several permanent exhibits, including an historical timeline, a large wall mural, and marquee, "Educating Hearts

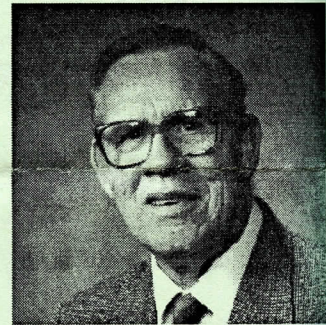
and Minds since 1966," have also been installed to highlight the special event.

Noting that the traditional gift designated for a 35th anniversary is coral, Brother Richard Gilman, president, said, "built up over the years by a colony of closely cooperating small polyps, each one is relatively simple and insignificant in and by itself. And just as a reef does not develop over-night, neither did Holy Cross. An extraordinary group of people came together and worked toward a single goal to bring about its success."

Holy Cross College's Fall enrollment for 2001 peaked at 560 students, a 15% increase from the previous year. Presently there are students enrolled from 33 different states and 16 foreign countries.

BROTHER REX HENNEL HONORED

On November 2nd, past students of Notre Dame High School, Biloxi, Mississippi, honored Brother Rex Hennel. Brother Rex was principal of Notre Dame High School from 1948 to 1954.



Mr. Joseph Canizaro, one of Brother Rex's students organized the celebration to honor the man who had a big impact on his life and on the lives of many students of the school.

At a luncheon at Mary Mahoney's Restaurant, the mayor, Mr. A.J. Holloway, declared the day, November 2nd, as Brother Rex Hennel Day for the city of Biloxi. At a special Mass at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Cathedral, Bishop Thomas Rodi spoke about the value of a Catholic education and the wonderful influence that the Brothers of Holy Cross and especially Brother Rex had on so many young men.

There was a social followed by a dinner at the Bayview Hotel in the evening. Over 200 graduates and their wives attended the banquet. Six of the graduates of Notre Dame High School gave short remembrances of their experiences at the school and what Brother

Rex meant to them. Mr. Joseph Canizaro established six scholarships for the school in Brother Rex's name.

This was an emotionally packed day during which many graduates of Notre Dame High School took the opportunity to express their gratitude to Brother Rex and the Brothers of Holy Cross for their love and dedication. They see their present successes as flowing directly from the presence of the Brothers and from their experience at Notre Dame High School.

80th Anniversary of Gibault School for Boys

Brs. Camillus Kirsch, Maynard Rabidoux and William Gates attended the 80th anniversary celebration of Father Gibault School for Boys, Terre Haute, IN, on September 8th. Brother Camillus was a member of the Gibault faculty from 1943 to 1972, Brother Maynard from 1948 to 1974, and Brother William from 1948 to 1958. Together they represented 65 years of service by the Brothers of Holy Cross at Gibault.

Three hundred fifty Knights of Columbus representing each Indiana Council, their wives and life-long friends, benefactors and supporters of the school took part in the anniversary celebration. Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, O.S.B., archbishop of Indianapolis, celebrated the outdoor Mass of Thanksgiving during which he paid special tribute to the Brothers of Holy Cross for their 46 year legacy of working and caring for disturbed children at Gibault School.

News in Brief

Brother Philip Armstrong gave the annual retreat for the Brothers living in Schubert Villa and Dujarie House from October 15 to October 19. The theme for the retreat was "Accepting the Realities of Life: Making Use of Possibilities."

Paula Auburn, long time volunteer for the Youth Service Bureau, was the recipient of the **2001 Christopher J. Dreyer, C.S.C., Award** at the annual dinner held August 30th at the Upper Deck of the Coveleski Stadium. The

award was created in 2000 in honor of Brother Chris Dreyer for his volunteer service to the Youth Service Bureau.

Autumn Harvest: Food for Thought was the title of a four-week series of presentations sponsored by the Brothers for the residents of Holy Cross Village and friends. Brother Raymond Papenfuss began the series with the topic: Growth in the Spiritual Life. Brother Philip Armstrong followed him and spoke on Using the Newspaper as a Source for Prayer. Brother Edward Dailey was the third speaker and he shared his reflections on parallels in Christian and Buddhist practice with a special emphasis on the Rule of St. Benedict. The final speaker in the series was Sr. Frances Bernard, former superior general of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Sr. Frances' theme was a woman's look at spirituality. This last presentation was postponed because of extreme weather conditions and tornados hitting the South Bend area. Brother Thomas Rock videotaped the presentations, given the Wednesday evenings of October in the Schubert Villa Lounge, for later broadcast on the Village's closed circuit television network.

The Midwest Province congratulates **Father Stephen Rotluanga, C.S.C.**, upon his appointment at bishop of Aizawl, India. Father Stephen was born in 1952. He entered Holy Cross in 1967, made his first religious profession on May 30, 1975. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1981. Father Rotluanga is the second Holy Cross priest to be appointed bishop in India. The first is Bishop Lumen Monterio, bishop of Agartala.

Province Retreat

The **Province Retreat and Day of Reflection on the Vows** will take place from Monday evening, June 10 to Friday, June 13, 2002. The site for the retreat and day of reflection is Regina Hall, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. The retreat director is Rev. Howard Gray, S.J. and the theme is: *Prayer and the Gospels*. Our week together will conclude with the province jubilee celebration. Mark you calendars and plan to be with us. More information will be forthcoming.

Brother Thomas Maddix has published two articles. "Reflecting on the Work of Palliative Care" was written with Jose Pereira, MD, and was published in the Fall 2001 issue of the Journal of Palliative Care. The second article was on organizational ethics published in Steps in Healthcare Ethics, Providence Healthcare, Vancouver, British Columbia

Corrections and Changes to the Province Directory

Brother Donald Bailer: pg. 6 school number: 818-933-3614

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Brother Walter Gluhm: pg. 16 delete E-mail address

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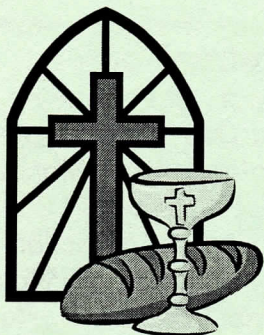
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Brother Donald Gibbs now resides with the Columba Hall community on the Notre Dame campus. *All communications are to be directed to his office address and telephone number as printed in the current Province Directory.*



Please remember in your prayers members of the province who are ill or are recuperating from surgery: Brother Donald McIntyre and Brother Remigius Bullinger.

Your prayers are also requested for the repose of Brothers Ronald LaLonde, Brother Maynard Rabidoux, Brother Leonard Siwierka, Brother Thomas Balthazor, Brother Omer Gouin (CF), Brother Lucien Monette (CF), Brother Jean-Paul Lachapelle (CF), Brother Marvin Sawner

(EB), Brother Richard MacDonald (EB), Rev. Ralph Dunn (I), Rev. Paul-Aime Martin (CP), Rev. Francis Grogan (EP), Mr. Robert Frigault, (EP), Mr. Vincent Rodrigues, father of Brother Bijoy Rodrigues, provincial of the St. Joseph Province in Bangladesh, Mrs. Lillian Tiedt, mother of Brother Carl Tiedt (SW), Mr. Russell McDermott, nephew of Brother Camillus Kirsch and Mr. Richard Armstrong, brother of Brother Philip Armstrong.

Statement of the Presidents of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) in Response to the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001

No matter where you are, I, your God, will heal you and give you peace. Is. 57:19

At this time of national tragedy when the lives of untold thousands of people have been shattered by violence and fear resulting from terrorists attacks in the United States, the Conference of Major Superiors of Men and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious express both shock and sorrow. While the details of the terrorist attack on the United States landmarks are still unknown, we are sadly aware that thousands of people died or suffered injury. We condemn senseless acts of violence that show a complete disregard for human life, abhorrent wherever and whenever they occur, in the United States or elsewhere in the world.

We pray even as we grieve for the lives that haven lost and we commend them to our loving God. We join with the U.S. Catholic bishops and religious leaders of other faiths in offering prayers for healing to those who have suffered injury and pray that our God will comfort them. We express our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have died in this tragedy and pray that they will find comfort in their sorrows as we extend both spiritual and material support as we walk with them in the long journey to healing.

CMSM and LCWR are grateful for the many people, professionals and volunteers, who responded so quickly to the tragedies. We

mourn with the families of the firefighters and police officers who gave their lives in service to others. We are united in grief within our religious families at the news of the deaths at the World Trade Center of Franciscan Father Mychal Judge, New York City Fire Department Chaplain, and Holy Cross Father Francis E. Grogan, passenger on United Airlines Flight 175. We offer our condolences and prayers to their religious communities.

At this early stage of dealing with the tragedy, so many things are still unclear. The identities of those who plotted the attacks remain unknown; estimates of casualties increase daily. As shock and fear give way to sorrow and anger, we, individually and as a nation, may be tempted to call for action before sufficient information and facts are gathered. We could be tempted to respond to violence with violence of our own. We could be tempted to blame all people of a given nation, ethnicity, or ideology for the actions of a few.

CMSM and LCWR call on all people, especially people of faith, to seek truth and justice, witnessing to God's forgiveness and reconciliation. In a word, we are called to be peacemakers in a wounded and chaotic world. We condemn all terrorist acts. We join with them in a call for restraint in our national and personal responses. Terrorism is not confined to the actions of September 11, 2001. Terrorism is a daily reality for many people throughout the world. We are united in our fear, sorrow, and vulnerability. We must also be united in our efforts to end terrorism and violence. We are equally united in efforts to renew and sustain right relationships grounded in mutual respect. Justice for all people is the sure foundation for peace. This is not the responsibility of national leaders alone; it is the responsibility of each person of faith, regardless of ethnic background, national heritage, and way of life.

At this time of national tragedy, recognizing and acknowledging worldwide violence and terrorism, we turn in prayer to our merciful and compassionate God. We pray that the God of all people bring healing to all victims of violence, especially at this time, the victims of violence here at home. We pray that from the ashes of this tragedy we will journey in hope to

the promise of resurrection. We pray that relationships will be healed, that renewed life will emerge, and especially that peace, grounded in justice for all people, will prevail on this earth.

September 14, 2001



BOOK REVIEW

THE SHATTERED LANTERN **Rediscovering a Felt Presence of God** Reginald Rolheiser, O.M.I.

(Crossroad, NY, 2001, paperback. Originally published in Great Britain in 1994)

Those familiar with Rolheiser's exceptionally popular and influential book, *The Holy Longing*, will not be disappointed in taking up this earlier volume. All too often works by an author republished after a later blockbuster has attracted a new audience are less than satisfactory. Not so this book, which the Canadian Oblate believes to be his best work.

The subtitle tells more of the purpose of the book than does the principal title. Rolheiser sets out to suggest how we can rediscover a felt presence of God if, living in today's world, we may have lost that sense of presence. In a preface he explains, "We live in a culture that, for the most part, no longer imagines God's existence and generally thinks this means both that it has lost its faith and that God doesn't exist." He admits there are many today, among them perhaps our own relatives and friends, who wonder whether God really exists because they can't "conjure up God at the level of imagination and feeling."

He goes on, "I suspect that this is also true to a certain extent for each of us personally. We live lives of quiet agnosticism. Our faith often feels like doubt. Our every day consciousness contains little or no awareness of God. We

tend to be atheistic in our imaginations and in our feelings, even as we still profess faith, say the creed, go to church, and perhaps even do ministry ... Our present mental software, certainly in the Western World, is not much equipped to help us imagine or feel God's existence. The natural air we breathe is agnostic, even atheistic. Why is this so? ...How did we move from a condition wherein a sense of God's existence dominated an entire culture and consciousness to a situation within which our normal consciousness is agnostic and we seem to lack the very mental software within which to think, imagine, and feel God's existence?"

He summarizes in the final chapter, "Our consciousness today is so clouded with narcissism, pragmatism, and restlessness that we are contemplatively asleep, ... contemplatively lame. Through too many years we have not been exercising our contemplative muscles and now they have atrophied to the point where we can no longer use them. We need some therapy."

"The road back to a lively faith," he concludes, "is not a question of finding the right answers, but of living in a certain way, contemplatively." The therapy is in the living.

Obviously I have omitted the entire middle premise of the argument, which constitutes by far the greater portion of the book. In it, Rolheiser draws from a variety of stories and experiences to offer a spiritual antidote to the situation he describes.

The book sprang largely from the author's doctoral thesis. Sometimes he tends toward the world of academe in his rhetoric. But don't let esoteric chapter titles or the occasional less used word or phrase prevent you from carrying on through his treatment of the traditions of contemplation and mysticism he cites. Let me also hasten to clarify those two terms lest you be dissuaded from continuing, because Rolheiser means them and uses them at a level every person finds attainable. He likens contemplation, for example, to the open-mouthed, silent, wide-eyed awe so evident on the face of a child when observing a natural phenomenon for the first time. How do we, he asks, return to that childlike simplicity before God? He intends to help us learn how, and he does a more than credible job of it.

Though a book you will not breeze through as you would an Ed McBain 87th Precinct novel, it does not create potholes for us on our way. In fact, the author's liberal use of titled subdivisions, almost as if an outline, helps greatly. Some patience will be required, but in the end it's unquestionably worth the effort.

Brother Philip Armstrong, C.S.C.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!