



# News from the Province

Congregation of Holy Cross

Midwest Province of Brothers

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## Provincial Council

The first meeting of the new provincial council took place the weekend of September 2-3. The meeting began with a Mass of the Holy Spirit in St. Joseph Chapel. Fr. William Dorwart, C.S.C., provincial of the Indiana Province, was the celebrant. Brothers from the Notre Dame area also attended this Eucharistic celebration. At the conclusion of the liturgy, Brother Donald Gibbs presented each member of the council with an icon picturing Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. The icon is a symbol of the theme of Brother Donald's administration, leadership through service.

During the formal part of the meeting, Brother Donald and the council members shared their hopes and expectations for the provincial council. The roles of the provincial and the assistant provincial were also discussed as well as the formation of a province pastoral plan for the next three years. In the future the provincial council will publish a synthesis of council minutes to be included in this publication. The next provincial council meeting will take place on Saturday, November 18. The meeting will begin with a half hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

## Provincial Administration

Brother Donald Gibbs has invited the provincial administration of the Indiana Province to lease space in the newly renovated Provincial Administration Center. Fr. William Dorwart, provincial of the Indiana Province, accepted the invitation and plans are underway for moving their offices into the building once the renovations are complete. The Indiana Province Accounting Office, the Indiana Province Development Office and the Holy Cross Association Office will occupy the second floor. Fr. William Dorwart and his two assistants, Frs. Robert Epping and Kenneth Molinaro, will have their offices on the first floor along with Brs. Donald Gibbs and Robert Fillmore.

Fr. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C., superior general, announced to the congregation the resignation of **Brother Donald Blauvelt** from the general council. Our statutes state: "If for any reason becomes necessary to replace a general assistant, this is to be done by the superior general after consulting the other assistants and all the provincials." (S 104)

Father Cleary will discuss his selection of a general assistant with the provincials during the meeting of the Council of the Congregation in Santiago, Chile from November 6 - 11, 2000. Please keep this important decision in your prayers. The Midwest Province thanks Brother Donald for his service and wishes him well in his future ministry.

**Brother William Dygert** writes: "Most members of the Province are aware that the Provincial Steward's Office has not been sending out financial reports to those on individual budgets or houses on a regular basis for over a year. In the summer of 1999, the office began a conversion to new accounting software. The change over has been problematic, and all of the problems have still not been solved. In addition to adjusting to new computer software, there have been changes in personnel in the Steward's Office over the summer. Consequently, reporting has not been a priority. Recently, the annual audit was completed, so now we hope to be able to



devote some energy to solving some of the computer problems and to resuming timely and accurate reporting to those on individual budgets and to houses. I would ask, however, for your continued indulgence as we try to conquer the mysteries of modern technology. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at one of the numbers listed next to my name in the Province Residence Directory."

A **stewardship committee** has been formed to assist the province in financial matters. The task of this committee is to advise the provincial in fiscal policy and long-range financial planning and to advise the controller in matters of fiscal practice. The members of the committee are Brs. Donald Bailer, Paul Kelly, James Leik and Lawrence Skitzki. Additional members will be appointed to the committee at a later date.



A bronze life-size statue of **Blessed Brother André Bessette** was commissioned by Br. William Geenen last winter to stand in the garden area just behind Schubert Villa. Br. William's longstanding devotion to Br. André prompted him well before the

building was constructed to plan such a memorial for that location. A generous donation from Br. Raymond Kelly enabled the project to move forward.

The sculptor is a noted 1957 graduate of St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, Jerry McKenna. His home and studio are in Boerne, Texas. Jerry, also a Notre Dame graduate, is responsible for the bronzes of Coach Frank Leahy and the late Athletic Director Edward "Moose" Krause near the Notre Dame stadium. He also does bronze busts for the Pro Football Hall of Fame inductions each year, as well as other commissions.

On August 25, Br. Philip Armstrong, liaison with Jerry in the preparation of the statue, was in Texas to examine the progress and approve its completion. Final approval of the model is still required before the statue is ready for casting. The foundry that will cast the

statue currently has a backlog of projects, so the statue is not expected to be completed, delivered and ready for installation until sometime in the spring of 2001. A formal dedication will be planned when the delivery date is more certain.

### **Andre Residential Services**

Mr. Steven Kastner was appointed by Brother Donald Gibbs to the position of administrator of Andre Residential Services. Steven comes to Andre Residential Services with a wide experiential background in residential health care in the South Bend-Mishawaka area. He earned a bachelor of science degree in economics and business administration in 1983 at Manchester College and his master of science degree in business administration at Notre Dame in 1987. He is an Indiana Licensed Health Facility Administrator, a certified home health and hospice executive and a diplomate of the American College of Health Care Executives. Until recently, Steven was the president of the Indiana Home Health Association. He is currently a member of the board of directors of the American Cancer Society of St. Joseph County. The province welcomes Steven Kastner to Andre Residential Services and wishes him success as he assumes his responsibilities for the operation of Dujarie House and Schubert Villa.

### **Holy Cross Educational Ministries**

**Brother Thomas Dziekan**, Director of Mission Effectiveness met with the Midwest Leadership Committee on Monday, October 2, in the new student residence at Holy Cross Village. In attendance were Br. Donald Gibbs, Provincial of the Midwest Province, and the Presidents, Headmasters and Principals of the nine Holy Cross educational institutions in the Midwest, including Notre Dame High School, Niles, IL. The members of the leadership committee updated each other on school and board matters. A portion of the meeting was dedicated to discussion and planning for the use of the Holy Cross Educational Ministries Office by the member institutions as well as points for discussion when this group meets with the administrators of the institutions of the Eastern Province of Brothers in February 2001.



## Justice and Peace Issues

In the light of the coming national and local elections, the Indiana Catholic Conference has published a document containing questions from the Catholic Church's perspective voters should consider when electing a candidate to political office. A copy of this document is included with this newsletter.

**For Whom the Bells Toll** is a national initiative sponsored by the Dominicans of St. Catharine, KY, to have religious organizations throughout the country toll their bells whenever there is an execution. This campaign will continue until there is a moratorium on the death penalty or until the death penalty is

abolished in the United States. The Midwest Province will participate in this campaign by tolling the bells at St. Joseph Chapel for two minutes at 6 p.m. on the day of an execution anywhere in the United States. For information on the death penalty in the United States, you can check the following websites:

[www.essential.org/dpic/executionalert.html](http://www.essential.org/dpic/executionalert.html),  
[www.amnestyusa.org/abolish/pendex.html](http://www.amnestyusa.org/abolish/pendex.html)  
[www.smu.edu/~deathpen/pending.html](http://www.smu.edu/~deathpen/pending.html).

For further information on "For Whom the Bells Toll," you can contact Dorothy Briggs, OP, P.O. Box 2736, Kalamazoo, MI 49003; e-mail: [dothop@juno.com](mailto:dothop@juno.com).

## Ghana

Twenty-two men and women of the Holy Cross family gathered at the District Center, Brawfyaw, August 7 - 11, for the **African Formators' Meeting**. The meeting was sponsored by the general administration of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Fr. Arul Raj Gali, general councilor responsible for formation was the animator for the sessions. Among the participants were seven members of the District of West Africa and six Sisters of the Holy Cross working in Ghana. The other participants came from the District of East Africa (Kenya and Uganda).

The Most Rev. Peter Sarpong, bishop of Kumasi, Ghana, an anthropologist and author of several books on culture, spoke on "Inculturation and Mission" and "Response of the Congregation of Holy Cross to the Church in Africa." The second presenter, Fr. Vincent Owusu, S.V.D., provincial of the Society of the Divine Word in Ghana, had as his topics "Formation in a Multicultural Environment" and "Religious Life in an African Context/Aspects of the Religious-Missionary Life in the Ghanaian Context." Both speakers were very well received and they provided the participants much to reflect upon as they explored together common concerns and future developments in collaboration in Holy Cross formation between East and West Africa.

The District of West Africa is to be congratulated for hosting this important meeting and for its efforts in furthering international collaboration in Holy Cross on the African continent.

On Saturday, August 26, five Ghanaian Brothers made their first profession of vows as religious of Holy Cross. The newly professed are **Br. John Kwesi Asiedu, Br. John Affum Badu, Br. Benjamin Biney-Mensah, Br. Patrick Osei-Bonsu and Br. Matthew Sabogu**. Fr. Arul Raj Gali, general assistant, was the principal celebrant. Brother Donald Gibbs received the Brothers' vows and preached the homily. Brother Joseph Annan was the able master of ceremonies for the celebration.

Over four hundred persons attended the ceremony that took place on the lawn in front of the Chapel of Blessed Brother Andre at the District Center in Brafuyaw. Along with the Holy Cross Family in Ghana, there were present religious from other congregations, diocesan priests, parents and friends of the newly professed, Associates of Holy Cross from Accra and young men and women taking part in a "Come and See" vocation program held at the District Center.

Five young Africans began their novitiate formation on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Three are Ghanaian: Brs. Patrick Kojo Baah, Michael Effah-Kumi and Ebenezer Andre Prah. The two other novices, Brs. David Allen Eliaona and Ronald Kawooya, are from the District of East Africa. There are currently four men in the pre-novitiate program at Butumagyebu, near Sekondi.

The Holy Cross Family in Ghana together with many friends and former students gathered at the District Center on September 15, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, to celebrate **Brother William**



**Gates'** 42 years of dedicated service to the Church, to Holy Cross and to the people of Ghana. Brother William, one of the Holy Cross pioneers in Ghana, went to Ghana in 1958 and has ministered at St. John's School, Sekondi, St. Augustine's College, Cape Coast and St. Theresa's Minor Seminary in Amisano. In addition, he has served in the district administration and in the formation of the Ghanaian Brothers of Holy Cross. Brother William has recently returned to the United States and is currently vacationing with his family in Avon, Ohio.

**Brother Richard Johnson** returned to the United States from Ghana on September 28. Brother Richard worked in Ghana on three occasions, from 1970 to 1972, from 1973 to 1974, and most recently from 1991 to 2000. He taught at St. Augustine's College, Cape Coast; St. John's School in Sekondi and most recently he was the assistant novice master at Blessed Brother Andre Novitiate, Brawfuyaw. Brother Richard is currently living at Columba Hall. The province welcomes home both Brs. William and Richard and at the same time expresses gratitude and appreciation for their years of dedication to the Church and to Holy Cross in Ghana.

### **Bangladesh**

**Brother Ronald Drahozal** received a special award from the Rotary Club in Dacca in recognition of his work with youth having drug addictions. Brother Ronald is the director of APON, an addiction rehabilitation residence in Dhaka.

### **From the Province**

In connection with the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocesan pilgrimage and Eucharistic Congress held on the Notre Dame campus Saturday, August 26, **Holy Cross College** sponsored an afternoon of reflection on the life of St. Joseph. The reflection focused on St. Joseph as a strong role model for men and how his life is an example of the possibility of being strong yet patient; manly yet compassionate, determined but approachable; centered on economic activity while reflecting the spiritual destiny that makes it meaningful. Brother Charles Gregg spoke on the position of St. Joseph in the Holy Cross community and Fr. Ken Grabner spoke on St. Joseph as a model for workers, families, husbands and fathers.

Tuesday, October 10 marks the beginning of regular **Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Cross College**. At the initiative of the college students, each Tuesday night while the college is in session there will be a period of adoration and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00 pm to 12:00 midnight in St. Joseph Chapel. The adoration time on Tuesday, October 10 will begin with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel Jenky, C.S.C. Robert Kloska, campus minister at Holy Cross College, has extended an invitation to all the Brothers in the area to join the students each week for some time of prayer and adoration

before Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County, honored **Brother Christopher Dreyer** for his support and contribution to the bureau's Safe Station, a voluntary emergency shelter for 12 to 17 year olds who have run away from home, who are in crisis or who are victims of abuse and or neglect. The bureau created the Brother Christopher J. Dreyer, C.S.C. Award to be presented in recognition of services rendered. Chris was the first recipient of this award. In her presentation, Mary Poczik, director, cited Chris' many contributions to Safe Station. She concluded her remarks: "Chris, the renaissance man, the Brother who counsels and fixes things, your legacy to Safe Station is giving. Now it is our turn. On behalf of the Youth Service Bureau, we give you the Christopher J. Dreyer, C.S.C. Award."

**Brother Philip Armstrong** has published an article in the September-October issue of *Review for Religious*. The title of the article is *Our Past Mission's Unfinished Destiny: The Perspective of Vowed Commitment*.

**Brother Thomas Maddix** has published an article entitled *Intuition: The Missing Piece*



in the September-October 2000 issue of Health Progress.

**Brother Edward Courtney** spoke before the South Bend Common Council on August 28 on the proposed city ordinance to impose further controls on establishments providing improper entertainment for its clients.

**Brother Joseph Barry** accepted an indulgent of departure from the Congregation. A graduate of St. Edward High School, Lakewood, OH, Joe served the Brothers of Holy Cross principally in the area of youth ministry beginning in the diocese of Anchorage, Alaska. He later moved to St. Edward's University where he was the assistant director of the Holy Cross candidate program and director of the university campus ministry program. Presently Joe is the Director of Alumni Programs for St. Edward's University. The province is grateful to Joe for his years of ministry in Holy Cross; we wish him God's blessings and assure him of our prayers as he begins a new stage in his life.

#### **Holy Cross Ordo for 2001**

For those who did not receive notice by e-mail, the 2001 Holy Cross Ordo is ready and can be ordered directly from **Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C.**, Moreau Seminary, P. O. Box 668, Notre Dame, IN 46556-0668. For each copy enclose a check in the amount of \$8.00 payable to the Congregation of Holy Cross (not

to Fr. Rocca personally). The Ordo is the general Ordo for the Church year beginning the First Sunday of Advent (December 3, 2000) and contains the obituary for the entire Congregation of Holy Cross. This Ordo is not the one listing pages for the single volume of the Liturgy of the Hours widely in use.

On Monday, September 11, the provincial councils of the Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters together with Bishop Daniel Jenky, C.S.C., gathered at Saint Mary's College to celebrate with **Bishop John D'Arcy** his twenty-fifth anniversary of Episcopal ordination and his fifteenth anniversary as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. During the course of the celebration the provincial councils gave Bishop D'Arcy an icon of Our Lady of Sorrows as a remembrance of the event.

#### **Directory Corrections:**

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| Pg. 7  | Br. Joseph Ballard: delete "send mail to the Atonement Academy." |
| Pg. 25 | Br. Donald McIntyre: e-mail is dmccintyre@hcc-nd.edu             |
| Pg 29  | Br. Bernard Platte: garage telephone number is 219-251-2235      |
| Pg. 60 | Jubilees of Profession: add Br. Bernard Mosier, 75 years         |
| Pg. 62 | Replace Br. Francisco Drury with Br. Charles Krupp               |

#### **Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of:**

Rev. Victor Crasta, C.S.C., of the Indian Province, killed in Northeast India; Archbishop Mark G. McGrath, C.S.C., retired archbishop of Panama; Rev. Gilles Brunet, C.S.C. (CP); Rev. Philippe Payant (CP), Rev. Leon Baron (CP); Helen Fillmore, mother of Br. Robert Fillmore; Carmella Meduri, mother of Br. Francis Meduri, Mary Kathryn Thompson, sister of Br. John Tryon; Dorothy Balthazor, mother of Br. Thomas Balthazor; Linda Dodd, cousin of Br. Edward Foken, who was killed in an automobile accident; also Linda's daughter Trisia, who lost her baby in the same accident; and George Kovatch, a former member of the Midwest Province.

Please remember the following who are recovering from illness or surgery: Br. Walter Davenport, Br. Pedro Haering, Br. Richard Shea, Br. James Roth (EB), Br. William Dunn (SW), Br. Richard Gilson and Br. Philip Smith.







## Book Review

*FINDING THE TREASURE, Locating Catholic Religious Life in a New Ecclesial and Cultural Context*, Sister Sandra Schneiders, I.H.M., Paulist Press, Mahwah, NJ, reviewed by Br. Philip Armstrong, C.S.C.

This is the first of a two-volume work. This volume places religious life in a contemporary cultural context, creating a framework for the second volume, which will treat the various constitutive practical dimensions of religious life. The author locates religious life first in its human context and then in its ecclesial context. The former treats of religious life as a human phenomenon among world religions, as an organic life form, and as impacted by a postmodern world. The latter part of the book treats of religious life as a theological reality in the Church, as a life-form undergoing a spiritual transformation, as an ecclesiastical reality and as a charism.

Schneider's working definition of religious life is (p. 127) "A state of life in the Church, entered into by perpetual profession, and constituted by life-long celibacy." In her concluding paragraph (p. 364) she says, "I have tried to suggest that it is the exclusive, lifelong God-quest centered in a particular kind of love of Jesus which calls some people to a life of consecrated celibacy lived in communion and mission." Whatever her wording, two particulars she repeatedly incorporates into the concept throughout the book are the prophetic dimension of the life-form and the personal call/response dynamic between God and the individual religious. Religious remain religious only because of the personal call of God and their primary function is to be prophetic witnesses to God's reign in the Church and the world. To be free to be true prophets, religious must not owe unquestioning or unwitting allegiance to either worldly goals of pleasure, wealth and power, or the hierarchical structure of the institutional Church. As the title suggests, religious life is, for the Church, a treasure worth searching for, continually finding it and refining it in the realities of each historical era.

Schneiders incorporates in her approach major current concerns relative to ecology and feminism. She says on p. 283, "My thesis will be that the Gospel work of liberation, especially in its eco-feminist incarnation, is the specific expression of this charism (prophetic ministry) in the first-world ecclesial and cultural contexts." She does not apologize for her feminist stance, but suggests much of what she says about religious life is nevertheless applicable to religious brothers. No one should read her book as a strictly feminist view; there are substantive values found for everyone in its purely historical, theological, ecclesial, sociological and spiritual reflections.

Holy Cross readers may note that the issues affecting the Church and Society Schneiders considers most in need of prophetic confrontation by religious today are the very same that Fr. Moreau intended the men and women of Holy Cross to confront and exemplify by their conscious and more or less successful efforts at achieving unity of mind and heart: the appropriate relationship between men and women and between clerics and laity.

The author consulted many relevant works in researching her book. These are collected in a bibliography on pp. 425-443. Several of these works have been considered groundbreaking insights into the evolution of religious life subsequent to Vatican II. The work is a scholarly and fair synthesis of these works, of her experience and that of thousands of religious men and women, and of her own reflection and prayer, resulting in a critical, unemotional and relatively balanced assessment of religious life today. The topic is not easy, but Schneiders clear writing style helps move the text along.

**News from the Province** is now published on a bi-monthly basis. The next issue to appear will be for November-December 2000. Your contributions in the way of suggestions, news items, articles and book reviews are welcome. Please send them to: Brother Edward Dailey, C.S.C., Provincial Administration, P. O. Box 460, Notre Dame, IN 46556-0460