



News from the Province

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Midwest Province of Brothers

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Provincial Council

The provincial council met twice since the last publication of the newsletter. The first meeting was at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, in May and the second meeting was at Notre Dame in June at the conclusion of the province retreat. As customary, the meetings began with a half-hour of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. These meetings provided an opportunity for four presidents of province-sponsored institutions (Brothers James Spooner, Kenneth Haders, Robert Lavelle and Richard Gilman) to share with the council members the strategic plans for their schools.

St. Edward High School

For over fifty years the solid grounding in academic excellence and Christian life values has allowed over 14,000 graduates of St. Edward High School to move into a multitude of different directions. Today, with the help of current technology and a modern curriculum, over 95% of its graduates go directly to college. Recently a four-point plan was developed that governs both the present and future for the school.

- To ensure the permanence of St. Edward's Catholic tradition, the school fosters the understanding of the Holy Cross charism and strives to find ways to strengthen the faith community through the Campus Ministry program and community service projects.
- Even though a challenging academic environment is the foundation of an education at St. Edward High School, the school recognizes that a young man's personal growth should involve opportunities for emotional and physical development beyond the classroom. For this reason there exists a fully developed program of extra-curricular activities to assist in preparing the student for a rich and meaningful life as part of a well-rounded preparation for life-long learning.
- In keeping with its vision for excellence, St. Edward High School has embarked on a master plan of renovation and expansion of its existing facilities for the purpose of improving the academic, extracurricular and spiritual life environment. This plan includes remodeling existing classrooms and the construction of the Student Activity Center and the Jack Kahl Student Life and Leadership Center.
- Finally, the school pledges to continue its longstanding tradition of providing assistance to qualified students with financial need, having a competitive compensation and benefits package, and to sustain enrollment at an optimum level.

Archbishop Hoban High School

Archbishop Hoban High School was founded in 1953 as a comprehensive Catholic boys' high school, and in 1973 it expanded its ministry to include girls. The Holy Cross tradition of educating both the mind and heart has always pervaded this ministry and is clearly evident in the school's mission statement: "As a family of learners rooted in gospel values, we empower each student to grow spiritually, to mature intellectually, to reach out in service and to accept community responsibility . . . we are committed to challenging each student - in mind, spirit and body - to become a compassionate individual, a lifelong learner, and a responsible steward of God's creation." Hoban has emerged as a strong and vibrant example of what an urban Catholic high school can become. The United States Department of Education named the school a Blue Ribbon School in 1998. The school has a growing

rollment and today there are more than 725 students, many of whom are sons and daughters of alumni. Hoban has embarked on an ambitious strategic plan that focuses on five steps:

- to attract and retain quality faculty and provide for opportunities for spiritual and professional development;
- to maintain, increase and celebrate the diversity of its student body;
- to provide for the continued upgrading and modernization of the facility;
- to keep Archbishop Hoban High School in the minds of the community, prospective students, contributors and other stakeholders;
- to keep the school's programs - curricular and cocurricular - balanced and up-to-date.

Following from school's strategic plan are four capital priorities:

- endowment of a faculty and professional development fund,
- endowment of a financial assistance fund for needy students,
- maintenance and improvement of the physical plant,
- funding of technological improvements.

The new approach to the school and the striking domed entrance testify both today and for the future to the school's commitment that education is about wholeness and relationships: the relationship between the mind and heart, between scholarship and service, between students and teachers, between school and society. "While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for eternal life" (Basil Moreau).

Gilmour Academy

Gilmour Academy's extraordinary educational tradition is rooted in the Congregation of Holy Cross' mission to provide its students and alumni with the "competence to see and the courage to act in creating a more humane and just society." At Gilmour, teachers actively seek to nurture the intellectual development of the individual student while stressing moral integrity, self-reliance, physical fitness and leadership qualities.

Since its inception in 1946, the Academy has evolved from the original college preparatory school for eighth and ninth grade boys to a vibrant co-educational school offering a holistic education from pre-school to high school. As Gilmour Academy moves into the 21st century, it has developed a plan of support for the future focusing on three principal goals:

- endowment for faculty compensation,
- student financial aid and scholarships,
- campus capital improvements.

Gilmour Academy strives to recruit and support outstanding faculty who are committed to our Holy Cross mission and to remain competitive with other top-level independent schools. Raising teacher compensation and providing funds for faculty development will allow Gilmour Academy to hire the best-qualified educators, and to support their professional growth.

In order to ensure the continued diversity of the student body, Gilmour Academy must be able to provide scholarships to deserving students whose talents, abilities and backgrounds enrich the school community within the context of the Holy Cross mission. Increased funding for scholarships and financial aid will allow Gilmour to attract and retain academically talented students in need of economic support, and will help maintain the diversity that enhances students' educational and real world experiences.

Finally, the educational challenges of the future require Gilmour Academy to make strategic investments in technology and in the physical infrastructure of the campus. The school buildings need refurbishing, and many critical areas need to be updated and expanded to meet current and future needs.

Holy Cross College

Brother Richard Gilman, President of Holy Cross College, Dr. William Mangan, Vice president for Academic Affairs and Dr. Justin Watson, President of the Faculty Forum, presented to the council a feasibility study for offering a baccalaureate degree program at the college. Such a program will not replace the college's two-year associate degree program; it will complement the current associate degree program and provide students with an option to remain at Holy Cross College after they have completed their first two years. The program will not detract from the transfer function the college currently fulfills. Some of the features of the program are that it will be interdisciplinary, cohort based and feature elements that are distinctively "Holy Cross" in character. In addition, there will be a heavy emphasis on career development and it will include a mandatory international experience for students. The baccalaureate program will be selective in admission, requiring the completion of the associate of arts degree or its equivalent. The college administration, faculty and trustees continue studying the feasibility of the baccalaureate degree program with the hope of making a proposal for its adoption in the near future.

Finances

It was recommended that the province adopt the Life Development Trust Spending Rule as presented by the trustees of the Life Development Trust Fund. This rule will allow the province to fund retirement entirely from the trust fund. The province's current retirement obligation is approximately \$1,900,000 per year and of this amount \$1,300,000 is funded from the Life Development Trust and \$600,000 is funded from operations. In order to maintain the integrity of the trust in any fiscal year, not more than 3% of the value of the trust based on a three-year moving average is to be withdrawn. This will provide a cash reserve from which the province can make withdrawals as needed. As far as possible, the consultant and managers will fund the cash reserve at appropriate highpoints of the market.

Regional Gatherings

The province is planning three large regional gatherings for Brothers as a follow-up to the province retreat and to prepare for the provincial chapter in 2003. The dates for the gatherings are Saturday, September 29th for Brothers living in the Notre Dame area, Saturday, October 13 for Brothers living in the Ohio area and Saturday, November 17 for Brothers in the Chicago area. The meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end around 4:00 p.m. Details concerning these meetings will be sent out in the mail. Regional gatherings in other areas will take place later in the year and will be announced in the next newsletter.

From the General Administration

The Holy Cross Educational Commission, established in response to Recommendation 13 of the 1998 General Chapter, met in Rome from May 29 to June 2. This gathering of fourteen religious educators from eight countries where Holy Cross is present was a historical moment for the congregation. It was the first meeting devoted to the educational mission and ministry of Holy Cross that reflected the increasing internationality of the congregation. The meeting was an occasion

- to appreciate the different regional and national contexts in which Catholic education is done according to the Holy Cross tradition;
- to discover the rich Holy Cross tradition in education;

- to begin shaping a common language that reflects the past and present of the Holy Cross tradition in education;
- to work to establish an inventory of Holy Cross educational institutions and works and to explore more effective networking for mutual support;
- to develop ways and means to inform and form Holy Cross religious and lay colleagues;
- to understand more about and to plan for sponsorship of Holy Cross institutions.

The commission continues its work and has developed a plan of action that will take it to the General Chapter of 2004.

News Items

Ghana

Friday, June 22, marked an important moment in the life of the West African



District of Holy Cross. The recently completed **Blessed Brother Andre Novitiate** located in Brafu Yaw, Cape Coast, was solemnly blessed and dedicated. Among the many guests present at the dedication were Father Hugh Cleary, superior general, members of the general council, Brother Donald Gibbs, provincial, and religious men and women of Holy Cross ministering in Ghana. On the same day five Holy Cross novices made their first profession of vows as members of the congregation. The newly professed are **Brothers Patrick Adu Baah, Michael Effah-Kumi and Ebenezer Andre Prah**. Also making their first profession of vows were **Mr. David Eliaona** and **Mr. Ronald Kawooya** of the District of East Africa. The province congratulates these men on the important step they have taken in their life in Holy Cross and assures them of prayers.

The province congratulates two members of the District of West Africa who have completed studies in the United States and have received academic degrees. **Brother Anthony Dadzie** was awarded his bachelor of science degree in economics and sociology by Indiana University at South Bend. He was also recognized as a founding member of the university's International Student Recruitment Council. **Brother Nee Wayoe** received his master of science degree in pastoral counseling and certification in clinical pastoral education from Loyola University in Maryland. Brother Nee is the new director of novices at Blessed Brother Andre Novitiate and Brother Anthony is the assistant director of novices.

At the end of July **Brother Philip Armstrong** will travel to Ghana to give a series of conferences on Holy Cross heritage and spirituality for the men in formation.

Dujarie House

The Indiana State Department of Health completed the survey process for licensure of Dujarie House on May 14, 2001, and was

found to be in "Substantial Compliance" and deficiency-free. Dujarie House is now licensed as a 34-bed comprehensive care facility. This is truly a significant achievement for the staff and members of the Holy Cross community. A deficiency-free survey is an accomplishment achieved by only 5% of long-term care facilities in Indiana. The province thanks and congratulates Steven Kastner, director of Dujarie House, the nurses and staff for their fine efforts and their hard work in helping make the licensure of Dujarie House a reality. This accomplishment is something we can all be proud of.

The effective date for licensure for Dujarie House is April 4, 2001; however the effective date for Medicaid approval will be May 14, 2001, which coincides with the exit date for the state surveyors. Plans are currently being implemented to begin the necessary steps to initiate the Medicaid billing system.

The statue of **Blessed Brother Andre Bessette**, commissioned by Brother William Geenen, was dedicated the afternoon of June 7. Father Kenneth Molinaro, assistant provincial of the Indiana Province and board member of Andre Residential Services, Inc., blessed the statue that is located in the courtyard of the Helen D. Schubert Villa. Present for the dedication was the sculptor, Mr. Jerry McKenna, an alumnus of St. Edward High School and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame.



Saturday, May 12, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, conferred upon **Brother Richard Gilman** the degree of Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa. The citation states: "During his eight years as President of Holy Cross College, Brother Richard has been an architect of progress. During his tenure, Holy Cross has undergone a remarkable expansion. With a determined vision he began a steady campaign to upgrade campus facilities. Brother Richard's commitment to a strong faculty and to developing technology to support them has earned him high praise at Holy Cross. His love of teaching draws him

into the classroom whenever possible, and his office door is always open to welcome students, faculty, and community members... Described by colleagues and friends as witty and yet contemplative, down to earth and cultured, this Renaissance man is both an opera buff and an outdoorsman. Holy Cross and Saint Mary's College Trustee Jerry Hammes is quoted as saying that it is precisely these qualities that give Brother Richard the ability to 'raise the college in all critical areas to the next level.'" The province congratulates Brother Richard on the occasion of this special recognition.

St. Joseph High School's publication, *Soundings*, paid special tribute to **Brother Robert Dierker** for his twenty-nine years at the high school. Brother Robert has spent most of these years working in the Attendance Office. It was pointed out that former students, parents and staff members are always pleased to see Brother Robert when they return to visit the school and are impressed by how he remembers each of them by name. Reflecting on his years at St. Joseph High School, Brother Robert says, "I think St. Joseph High School is special because of the ones who have and are dedicating their life to educating young people in living and learning in the Christian way and molding them for the future in the Church and society."

Brother James Spooner was honored at a special farewell held at St. Edward High School on Saturday, May 12. Phil Donahue, the talk show host and alumnus of the school, emceed the reception attended by over 400 guests. Brother James was both principal and president of the school from 1988 to 1993, and from 1993 he served as president. Mr. Thomas Glasnapp, a 1966 graduate and teacher at the school for 31 years, said of Br. James' tenure in an article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Public schools were having a hard time, Catholic schools were closing, enrollment was dropping. It took him a while, but he did a remarkable job of calming the waters. He radiated a sense of real concern for the school." In the same article, Aaron Elias, a senior, said that Brother James "has done a lot for the school. He's made it what it is today academically, spiritually and

athletically." It was while Brother James was president that St. Edward High School was recognized by the United States Department of Education in 1996 as a Blue Ribbon School for its excellence in education. This year, Geoffrey Johnston, a member of the graduating class of 2001 was named a Presidential Scholar. As Brother James begins a well-deserved sabbatical period, the province extends its gratitude and sincere congratulations for his achievements at St. Edward High School and for the many years of dedicated service and leadership he has given to the school.

Brother Peter Graham has been appointed interim president of St. Edward High School and will assume his position with the new academic year. Before his appointment, Brother Peter was director of development at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio.

Brother Thomas Maddix has accepted the appointment of interim Senior Vice President of Organizational Advancement for the Caritas Health Group in Edmonton, Ontario. His role is to provide leadership for advancing the strategic directions and implementing the shared vision recently developed by Caritas. His responsibilities will also include furthering relationships with the Alberta Catholic Health Corporation, Youville Home, the Caritas Hospitals Foundation and external partners and organizations. Recently, Brother Thomas gave the keynote address entitled *Mentors and Mentoring* at part of the annual Trustees Seminar in Toronto sponsored by the Catholic Health Association of Ontario.

Brother George Klawitter was named the distinguished teacher of the year at St. Edward University, Austin Texas. Brother George has also been given the position of full professor of English at the university. He recently co-edited a book with Kenneth Borris, professor of English at McGill University, Montreal. The book, entitled *The Affectionate Shepherd: Celebrating Richard Barnfield*, is published by Susquehanna University Press. It contains fourteen essays by various professors on the poetry of the Renaissance writer Richard Barnfield, who died in 1620.

Brother Roy Smith, faculty member of Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, Ill., was honored with the Archbishop James P. Lyke African-American Male Image Award in February. The award recognized Br. Roy for his outstanding accomplishment in academic excellence, leadership, Christian values and dedication to the community and community service.

Vocations

Robby Davidson and **Charles Riffert**, members of the 2001 graduating class at Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana, will enter the initial formation program for the Midwest Province in August. They will be a part of the Old College Program conducted by the Indiana Province on the Notre Dame campus. **Brother Jerome Meyer** will be a member of the formation staff while continuing as rector at Knott Hall on the Notre Dame campus.

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Reminder

Please send to the Provincial Office any changes in address and ministry listings for the next edition of the Province Directory.

Please remember in your prayers

Deceased: Mr. Harry Thomas, brother of Brother John Stout, Mrs. Ann Armstrong, mother of Brother Richard Armstrong, Mr. Robert Gilman, father of Brother Richard Gilman, Mrs. Amelia Ahlin, sister of Brother

Frederick Choquette, Brother Hobart Pieper, Brother Robert Woodward, Father Anthony Lauck (IP), Father Bernard Ransing (IP), Father John Payne (SP), Brother Jean-Paul Lachapelle (CF), Brother Lucien Monette (CF) and Father Jeremiah Buttomer (SP).

Your prayers are requested for Brother John Ryan (EB) who is recovering from hip surgery and Brother Thomas C. Henning who will undergo hip surgery on July 24. Please remember also the other members of the congregation who are ill or are recovering from illness.

Justice and Peace

Daily news coverage reminds us of the HIV/Aids epidemic ravaging the African continent. Interspersed in these news releases is the dispute between



pharmaceutical companies, who are refusing to make available to African countries AIDS medication at a reduced cost which would decrease greatly the spread of the disease, and the petition of African leaders seeking this medication. Below is a recent update from the Religious Brothers Conference on the situation and a suggested course of action for making this medication available to the African people.

Thirty-nine pharmaceutical companies withdrew a lawsuit aimed at preventing the South African government from buying or producing cheaper versions of brand name anti-HIV/AIDS drugs. While hailed as a victory for poor people around the world, many obstacles still block millions of people in South Africa (and elsewhere in the developing world) suffering from HIV/AIDS from gaining access to the medications and treatment they urgently need. Poverty, poor nutrition, lack of education and of access to primary health care and lack of access to effective treatment remain key contributing factors in the continuing spread of HIV/AIDS.

In agreement with the pharmaceutical companies, the South African Government conceded that it was still bound by legal obligations under the World Trade Organization to adhere to TRIPS (Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property

Rights), guaranteeing minimal patent protection standards. The exact import of this provision is unclear, but could mean requesting permission to ignore patent rights on a cumbersome case-by-case basis.

The Catholic Task Force on Africa, a coalition committed to Catholic social teaching, wrote to President Bush and members of Congress urging them to endorse the Affordable HIV/AIDS Medicines for Poor Countries Act (H.R. 933) introduced by Rep. Maxine Walters (D-CA). In addition to encouraging drug companies to make HIV/AIDS medications available at affordable prices, the bill would bar the U.S. Trade Representative from opposing, within the WTO, developing countries' efforts to promote their citizens access to effective and affordable HIV/AIDS medication.

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni addressed a conference convened by the Rockefeller Foundation in Kampala to explore how to best expand access to AIDS treatment in Africa, where over 70% of the world's HIV positive people live. Museveni estimated that Uganda had lost 1% of its GDP growth rate as a result of AIDS. While Uganda's HIV infection rate had fallen from 30% to around 8%, Museveni said this was still too high; noting that Uganda is home to 1.7 million AIDS orphans.

Africa has been the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS global pandemic; it represents roughly 70% of those worldwide infected by AIDS. In 16 African countries over 10% of the people are HIV positive.

In an address to the U.N. Economic and Social Council in April, Harvard University economist Jeffrey Sachs urged creditor nations to convert the unpayable debt of Africa's poorest countries into funds to fight HIV/AIDS and other newly resurgent killer diseases, notably malaria and tuberculosis.

You can write to your representative, asking him/her to support H.R. 933, the Affordable HIV/AIDS Medicines for Poor Countries.



TOMORROW'S CATHOLIC
Understanding God and Jesus in a New Millennium by Michael Morwood, M.S.C.

(Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic CT, 1997)

Reviewed by Brother Philip Armstrong, C.S.C.

This book came to my attention highly recommended by several readers. Published in 1997, it seems to have been slow in attracting interest. That this 2001 edition marks the fifth printing says someone out there likes it! Indeed, it is unusually bold and fascinating.

Morwood, a Sacred Heart priest, writes with disarming simplicity and unexpected candor, phrasing questions and assumptions about the image of "tomorrow's Catholic." He also challenges long-held doctrinal beliefs, long practiced methods of worship, and acceptance of authority in the Church that he may seem to dismiss them as irrelevant in the light of today's worldview. Be warned that certain affirmations in the content may upset the unsuspecting and trusting reader, because they are truly capable of severely rattling one's presumably secure cage of faith.

Worldview. The word is tossed about these days to refer to a perspective of life based on fast-developing scientific discoveries in fields such as cosmology, sociology, anthropology, biology, archaeology, theology and bioethics, that call for a reinterpretation of the traditional core of what we accept on faith. *Worldview*, or *weltanschauung* in its familiar German form, means (says Webster) *comprehensive conception of the world from a specific viewpoint.* A worldview is used as a template or overlay by which we measure beliefs and practices stemming from our perception of ourselves in relation to God and to all of creation. As new discoveries are made, confirmed and refined, the overlay suggests changes may be needed in both content and approach. Morwood asks whether today we can afford to use a 1950's overlay to measure and judge the situation of the world in the 21st century.

The author posits three beliefs as foundational to Christianity: (1) God, seen as everywhere loving, to be trusted absolutely; (2) Jesus as human and divine; and (3) ourselves as sharers of God's Spirit and as comprising the Body of Christ. Alongside these beliefs he lists several means by which the Church keeps the beliefs in focus: stories, teaching, authority, liturgy, devotions, sacraments, doctrine, laws, prayer forms and customs. Morwood contends that when the methods of keeping the beliefs in focus begin to distract or divide us from the foundational beliefs, or leave us disappointed in them as helps in maintaining those beliefs, it is time to question the relevance or purpose of these ways.

In eight quick chapters, Morwood both challenges and instructs. He guides us through how we image God, how our cosmological worldview has necessarily changed through new discoveries, how God is present within us, what revelation means, how we understand Jesus, and how Jesus reveals the sacred in each of us; then he finishes with two powerful chapters that perhaps best express the book's intent, "A Radical Spirituality," and "Leadership in the New Millennium."

Morwood says the book "challenges all of us to be the presence of God in the world today." (P. 5, Introduction) He sees the role of humans as essential in carrying out the redemption of the world. "God can work with only what God has to work with. God is in all human vessels; but God is dependent." (P. 111)

Morwood believes that "a priority of leadership in a new millennium is to engage the faithful by challenging images and language that are barriers to a deeper spirituality," asking, "Isn't this what Jesus did?" (P. 121) He goes on, "Tomorrow's Catholics...will need help to sift the basics of Christian insight into the transcendent from literal interpretation and historical packaging. Actively promoting and providing this help, at all levels of Catholic life, may well be the biggest task the Catholic church faces in the new millennium." (P.131-2) But, "The teaching authority of the Catholic church can hardly expect to prepare future generations to embrace the faith if it silences voices raising questions that are grounded in the roots of the

church's practice and tradition, as well as questions that emerge from a dramatically changed worldview and cultural shifts in attitudes." (P. 133)

Much of what Morwood offers is, frankly, what I've sensed for some time. If I agree that "the package of Catholicism we received from the previous era is no longer adequate to the challenges of this age" (Foreword by T.H. Groome, Boston College), my excitement over the nature and content of this book is nevertheless tempered by a certain uneasiness within that I ascribe to Morwood's failure to develop adequate and convincing arguments, weighty and tempting as they are, for radical, non-traditional views of redemption, the natures of Jesus, original sin and the Trinity. He alleges rather than proves. His stance is pastoral rather than academic. He tries to turn back the focus onto the true and full humanity of Jesus, claiming it is clouded today by overemphasis on his divinity, and he contends that modern scientific revelations show that the world into which humanity was introduced was in fact not a paradise. So, he assumes, it was not any "original sin" of humanity that rendered creation less than perfect and thus in need of "redemption" by a visit from Jesus-as-God, the absentee landlord who normally sits "up there" apart from the world, intervening occasionally if and as needed.

I also question Morwood's credentials in the theological world as well as the weight of the authority he cites. An M.A. in pastoral ministry from Boston College, 27 total years in ministry, the 15 most recent of them in spirituality and adult faith development programs in Australia...are these sufficient to invite unwavering confidence in contentious propositions?

I am intrigued by the book and its challenge. I find myself engaged and responsive. But I feel my response must be wary, deliberate and very selective. I encourage you to read the book to become more familiar with levels of current thinking on topics of importance everywhere—cosmology, feminism, ecclesiology—but read it with a cavernously open mind and a judgment fortified by solid faith and prodigally generous doses of ordinary common sense.