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WEEKEND OF PRAYER AND FASTING

the Lord's call more fully in our life and work and recognizing that it is through His Spirit that the Lord inspires and strengthens us, each Region will hold a weekend of prayer and fasting to Ask and Listen." The regional councilor, with help of interested brothers, is to organize and lead this weekend observance for his region before May 1. The format should be simple, the program preferably outside of the local house, and attendance is voluntary.

On March 6 the provincial sent the following announcement to the province: "Recognizing among us an increasing desire to respond to

RETREATS TO REPLACE SUMMER HOUSE OF PRAYER

George Albert, S.J., will be available during the month of July to direct a thirty-day retreat beginning on July 1. Three eight-day retreats will be conducted as well: from July 1 to 10; July 12 to 19; July 21 to 29. Br. Robert Fillmore should be contacted for reservations. Those not interested in the directed retreat(s) are welcome to arrange to spend a few days of quiet and prayer during July at Le Mans Academy as well.

Owing to limited response, the summer House of Prayer program in the province has been cancelled. Instead, Father

FROM LE MANS ACADEMY ROLLING PRAIRIE, INDIANA

and bedspreads for the students' rooms. Br. Edward Grams directed the affair with help from women on the Academy staff and students. *** Nearly half the student body marched in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade in Chicago. Two weeks earlier the boys received a first-place trophy for skill at marching and drill, presented at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. *** Br. James O'Donnell is working hard on "Operation Airlift 1975," the purpose being to transport Irish boys and girls from Belfast and Londonderry to the United States for a month in the summer. Many Le Mans students are making sacrifices for the project. *** Brs. John Ptaszek and Ed Grams are working with Educational Reading Service in preparing a Book Fair to which schools of the area will be invited. *** Brs. Basil Thomas and Richard Huber are back at work after stints in the hospital. *** Br. James O'Donnell chaired a meeting of the religious and lay staff to discuss the "Community of Faith" concept and its implementation at the Academy. *** Ten seminarians from Moreau spent several days at Le Mans recently for retreat and reflection under the direction of Fr. Gordon Meyers SJ. *** Br. Edward Grams prepared the Academy's exhibit in Southlake Mall, the various displays meant to inform the public about private and parochial schools in northern Indiana.

Over three hundred people attended a card party on March 16 at the Academy, thus raising over \$1000 to buy drapes

FROM ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL
LAKEWOOD, OHIO

Seventeen brothers made a weekend retreat at St. Joseph Christian Life Center, Cleveland, dealing with the theology of the vows, and directed by Dr. Anthony Iezzi, of St. John College and Case Western Reserve. Dr. Iezzi has been a consultant for many religious communities. Brothers who attended agreed it was one of their finest retreats in years. *** Br. Thomas Henning, principal, recently participated in a North Central Association evaluation of John Hay High School, Cleveland, and was chairman of the evaluation of the Gesu School, Cleveland Heights. Br. Thomas has been reappointed to the Board of Conciliation, Diocese of Cleveland, and is serving on the Committee of Student Recruitment, Diocese of Cleveland. He is the newly appointed president of the Crown Athletic Conference. *** Eight hundred happy singers attended the Seventh Annual Sing-a-Long sponsored by the Cleveland St. Edward Associates of St. Joseph. Highlight of the evening was the presentation to Br. Jerome Meyer, Associates Moderator, of a Citation of Appreciation to the Association of St. Joseph from the Cleveland City Council, signed by Mayor Ralph J. Perk, for twenty-five years of dedicated service to the youth of the Greater Cleveland community. *** Br. Donald Allen has received a Cardinal Meyer Scholarship from the Archdiocese of Chicago Board of Education for study in religious education.

FROM ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

Of 468 seventh to tenth graders who took the school's admission test, 104 were accepted. Enrollment at St. Pat's this year is 304. *** Br. Dennis Van Gemert represented St. Pat's at a four-day seminar at Cuttington College to discuss how high schools in Liberia can become more attuned to the agricultural needs of the country. *** In the recent national exams, St. Pat's students placed third in competitive tests of mathematics, English, science and social studies skills. Students from 94 schools took the test. Four St. Pat's students received scholarships to Cuttington College for their high averages on the test. *** Due to the efforts of Brs. Thomas Dillman and William Healy, a well has been dug for the Tubman Orphanage in Virginia.

A NOTE FROM ED KAMINSKI

Now a deacon at Little Flower Church in South Bend, and soon to be ordained, Ed Kaminski asked that the following note appear in the News Notes:

"All of you should have received an invitation to my ordination and First Mass by this time. I hope that you will take it as a sincere invitation to share these occasions with me, and not as a mere courtesy or token gesture. I am grateful to the Brothers of the Midwest Province who gave me my first home in Holy Cross, and who have taught me to appreciate our common life as Holy Cross Religious. It is my hope that as many of you as possible will join me in the celebration of my ordination on April 5th, at 1:30 at Sacred Heart Church (ND) and for my First Mass at Little Flower Church at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 6th. (That's 11:00, not 11:30 as the invitation reads!)"

FROM THE DACCA DISTRICT
BANGLADESH

Aspirants at Holy Cross Juniorate won many prizes during School Sports Day last month, among them Ilarish Rozario, the Senior Group champion, with three first place awards, and Prodip Costa, the Junior Group champion. *** Aspirant Sushil Costa, ill and scheduled for an operation, asks our prayers. ***

At the Scholasticate in Mohammedpur, some student-Brothers spent their free days doing part-time work at the Home for Destitutes set up by Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity at Tejgoan. At Holy Cross High School, Bandura, a house chapter was spent discussing "Vocation Consciousness," and a program of action was presented by Br. John Emminger. One result is Br. Benedict Rozario's giving a series of talks in the various grades. Br. John teaches a special English class to the minor seminarians each morning before his regular classes and is available for extra help in the evenings. ***

The school garden club at St. Nicholas High School, Nagari, began selling again to the local market, first cabbages, and--to come later--carrots, cauliflower, beets and corn. The club is directed by Br. Paul Enk. *** St. Joseph School of Industrial Trades in Dacca has an all-time high enrollment this year, with 81 students in the hostel and 30 day students. The school now has six apprentices; this may increase to twenty as students complete the three-year course and elect to stay on. *** Lines are being laid for a new carpentry shop, a new electric shop and a radio shop. Work continues on the apprentices' hostel and also on a new kitchen for students.

FROM THE BROTHERS CENTER
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA

At a house chapter Father Tom Shea, c.s.c., who has been working in the Holy Cross mission in Peru, addressed the local community on the Church in Latin America. ***

A group of Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood met at the Center for a series of pre-chapter sessions. *** In late February Father Charles McCabe, campus minister at Gilmour Academy, and 23 students visited the Center and had dinner there. *** In early March ten Holy Cross seminarians and two priests from Moreau Seminary made a retreat in Andre Hall.

The temporarily professed weekend at Le Mans Academy on February 28 to March 2, and the Renewal Conference sponsored by the Personal Growth Commission and held at the Center March 21 to 23, were both very successful events.

CHAPTER DELEGATES Delegates thus far elected to the provincial chapter from the five regions are: John Benesh, James Bluma, Joseph Chvala, Bernard Donahoe, Raymond Dufresne, William Dygert, Robert Fillmore, Eugene Hausmann, Barry Lambour, Robert Lavelle, James May, Terence Muehlenkamp, James Rottenbacher, Kieran Ryan, Donatus Schmitz, Jerome Schwabe, and Donald Stabrowski. Delegates yet to be elected: 2 from each District; 8 from the four final profession age groups; and 15 at-large; plus the 3 temporarily professed observers.

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Br. Richard Kearney's father, who died suddenly.

Br. Terence Muehlenkamp has been appointed principal at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago.

Br. Clement Burger has been approved to take final vows.

Peter Michelin's latest address: 2435 N. Wahsatch, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80907

Br. Chester Caster's address for the next month: St. Cecilia Rectory, 10400 Stoepel, Detroit, Mich. 48204. Chester recently completed five weeks at St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, as part of his medical school training program. He is presently in a five-week period of training at a Detroit hospital, after which he spends five weeks at a hospital elsewhere in Michigan. From this coming July, Chester will be in the residency program at St. Joseph's Hospital in South Bend. His present plans are to reside at Columba Hall during that period.

MORE FROM BANGLADESH

Br. Robert B. Hughes, headmaster at St. Gregory's, was honored by the Education Minister for the good SSC results of the school. Robert recently broke his collar bone and injured his left arm when his Honda ran into the back of a truck which had come to an abrupt stop after hitting a pedestrian. *** Br. Dominic Mree, studying in Manila for the past two years, has been appointed to Holy Cross High School. *** In view of his extremely heavy load of work at the technical school, Br. Donald Becker has resigned as superior. Br. Daniel Rozario has taken his place as local superior.

New phone number for Boysville: (517) 423-7451

FROM BISHOP DAVID HIGH
LOUISVILLE

Students from Bishop David responded very well to a representative from the Sister Visitation Program. Sister described the need for food and clothing for the needy in the local area. Students have been generous in collecting the needed supplies. *** On the first Sunday of March the Bishop David community had as guests for Mass, social hour and dinner Frank Heitzman, Ed Mack, Ken Chappuis, John Kuhn, David Averill, and Michael Flanagan. *** Enrollment for next year's freshman class has increased for the third consecutive year. Some 220 students took the placement test-- more than there is space for.