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ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL
LAKEWOOD, OHIO

The regular biweekly house meeting on Thursday, October 21, closed with a surprise birthday party, complete with a large cake and eighty-five burning candles, honoring Brother Theophilus Machalinski. (He doused the candles with two lusty expirations!) Br. Theophilus, now the "patriarch" of the Midwest Province, participates in all house activities and spends much of his day keeping all the common rooms in the house in good order and immaculately clean. He is a genuine inspiration to everyone in the house and in the local community. *** Br. Majella Hegarty recently spent several days conducting classroom visitations. His stay in the house and visits in the school, replete with his ceaseless wit and humor, added a happy note. *** Fr. Thomas Burg, theology department chairman and close friends of the brothers and lay staff, celebrates a daily afternoon Mass for brothers, lay teachers and students. *** The Notre Dame Marching Band practiced on St. Ed's football field before the ND-Navy game in Cleveland on October 30. *** Br. Thomas Henning and Fr. Burg attended the Diocesan Community of Faith Day at Mount Augustine on October 14. *** Br. Lewis Brazil and Br. Amadeus Connor bussed fifty senior citizens from their nearby Westerly and Barton Center apartments to the St. Ed's production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." *** An article by Br. George Klawitter, "L'Homme et son desir," a choreography by Paul Claudel with music by Darius Milhaud, is now in the hands of the copy editor at the University of Dallas and will appear in the Claudel Review, a quarterly published in French and English devoted to making better known Claudel's poetry and plays. *** Br. Isaac Jogues is a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, a consultative body which advises Bishop James Hickey on pastoral matters. This shared responsibility, a direct result of the Second Vatican Council, brings to the bishop's attention needs of members of the diocese that might otherwise be unclear. The Council has forty members and five standing committees. Br. Isaac is chairperson of the education committee. *** The St. Edward Eagles were ranked No. 1 in the Greater Cleveland area for the third football season in a row. Also No. 1 in the Region I AAA computer ratings, the team lost in the state semifinal playoffs.

LE MANS ACADEMY
ROLLING PRAIRIE, IND.

Brs. Charles Beck and Edward Grams are assisting at St. John Canty Parish as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Br. Charles also teaches CCD to junior high school students. Br. Edwin Mattingly, assisted by Br. William Dusseau, gave a demonstration program with his hawks to the patients at Beatty Memorial Hospital in Westville, Indiana. *** Br. Edward Grams, the Academy's executive director, is organizing a Le Mans Booster Club.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS

Br. Charles McBride gave a presentation on public relations to representatives of archdiocesan high schools at their meeting in mid-October. *** A very successful open house was attended by 650 seventh and eighth grade students and their parents on October 20.

HOLY BROTHER BROTHERS CENTER
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA

Over the past few months Br. Damian Daele gave talks on the Rosary at St. Matthew's Grade School, Marian High School, Carlisle Nursing Home (all in the South Bend area), and at Ancilla Domini Motherhouse (Donaldson, Indiana). He continues to do substitute teaching at St. Joseph's High School. *** Br. Andrew Steffes tutors grade school dropouts once a week at Primary Day School. Despite the tutor's efforts, one pupil still calls him "Brother Anacin." *** On November 3 and 4 the planning committee for the Major Superior of Women's Communities met at the Center to organize their spring meeting. *** Forty students attending the International Student Leadership Institute at Notre Dame were housed at the Center on November 5 and 6. *** From November 7 to 11 sixty people attending the CCUM Conference at Notre Dame stayed at the Center. *** For the Alabama and Miami games the Center had its usual quota of overnight guests. *** On November 17 and 18 the Diocesan Liturgy Commission held a workshop at the Center. Among the participants was Bishop William McManus, the new Ordinary of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese. *** On November 20, the University of Windsor basketball team stayed overnight in Andre Hall, prior to their exhibition game with Notre Dame's team on Sunday, November 21. *** The South Bend Tribune ran a long feature article recently on Br. Richard Weber, giving a thorough rundown on his extracurricular work for the retarded in South Bend care centers, along with photographs of the gargoyles he cast and mounted on the roof of his shop and of brother himself in colonial garb of his own making riding his unicycle, also made by him.

FROM THE DACCA DISTRICT
NEWS NOTES

During October the aspirants and scholastics in Dacca attended several meetings at Notre Dame College to discuss service to the poor. On October 31 they participated in a day of recollection with Br. Klaus of Taize. *** Br. Nicholas Thielman and four students of the Interact Club of St. Joseph High School, Dacca, presented a gift parcel of medicines to Mother Teresa at the formal opening of her community's House of Compassion at Tejgoan on October 31. *** Br. Jerome Kroetsch, newest addition to the District, arrived on November 9. His five-day stop in Rome seemed to diminish the effect of "jet lag." *** Br. Donald Becker, now on leave in the States, will attend a mission seminar in Washington early this month.

FROM THE GENERALATE
IN RE: FRANCE

Br. Robert Montcalm, general steward, reports as follows in December's "News From the Generalate" "I have just returned from my fourth stay with our priests (30) and brothers (11) in France. I have lived with them a total of about four months. What are my impressions? I find their situation favorable to the renewal of religious life and to the updating of apostolic concerns. Many confreres of larger provinces would like to be able to live as they do--more simply, more insecurely, more availably. In fact, our French religious are not obliged at all costs to recruit in order to continue their apostolic works. They enjoy a detachment that the 'powerful' may envy. Let us look at what our forty-plus religious--the number of personnel in an American institution--do in France.

"The brothers direct a school at Domalain and a residence for young workers at Rennes. They will soon open a facility for handicapped workers; and this is an entirely new orientation in France.

"In Paris the priests direct L'Ecole Saint-Michel, which, in three locations has about 2,500 students. Four of our priests and two brothers exercise their

apostolate in this institution, which is renowned for its spirit and the seriousness of its teaching. Three priests and a brother are the leaven which keeps L'Ecole Notre-Dame d'Orveau vital and vibrant. This school has about 425 students.

"Eight priests are in the parish ministry; two work in the hospital of Saint-Germain-en-Laye and are active in the diocese; another ministers to the elderly through organizing trips; two are chaplains of the Marianite Sisters and of the clinic of Le Mans; two teach in private institutions; one is a missionary and another exercises his apostolate among workers. Three other priests are ill or retired.

"These confreres give of themselves totally because they believe in religious life. An invisible link unites these men and these works into the Congregation of Holy Cross in France. It is this link that gives rise to the birth and growth of the zeal and the fervor that is so evident and gives promise for the future. The French group cannot stop; it must struggle ceaselessly to grow. The challenges it has to take up make of it a group that is alive and vibrant.

"Numbers do not count when the fervor of commitment is present. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was alone when she ministered to her first dying person; now she has more than a thousand companions to continue and develop her work of corporal mercy. The French province, like Fr. Moreau, has been tried in the crucible of suffering. Like him, she is slowly regaining her place as the mother province by reason of what she is more than by what she does."

APOSTOLATE COMMITTEE The Apostolate Committee of the 1976 chapter met at the Brothers Center on November 20. From the list of nominees and volunteers, the following were appointed to the

Commission on the Apostolate: Brothers:

William Drury	Barry Lambour	Thomas O'Malley
Edward Grams	Thomas Maddix	Francis Rotsaert
Kenneth Haders	(temp. chm)	Robert Siegel
Eugene Hausmann	William Mewes	Lawrence Skitski

JUBILEES: Sixteen brothers celebrate anniversaries of religious profession in the coming year. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

60th: Br. Brendan Luby	25th: Br. Donald Becker	Br. Raymond Harrington
	Br. Joseph Berg	Br. Raymond Kelly
50th: Br. Roger Jamison	Br. Robert Dierker	Br. Bernard Klim
Br. Leon Gnewuch	Br. Bernard Donahoe	Br. Jerome Quella
Br. James Buckley	Br. John Driscoll	Br. Richard Shea
Br. Philbert Cook	Br. William Fitch	

BENNINGTON: With an estimated 35 novices scheduled for the novitiate next year, the provincials decided at their October 31st meeting to open another novitiate in August 1977. Brothers interested in being on the new novitiate staff should contact Br. Douglas Roach by December 10.

Br. Columba Curran left Notre Dame for Santarem, Brazil, on November 11th.

New residence
addresses:

Br. Eduardo Michalik
632 Jackson St., N.
St. Petersburg, Fla. 33705
Ph.: (813) 823-7043

Br. James Greteman
Apt. 501, Sioux Apartments
217 - 19th St.
Sioux City, Iowa 51105
Ph.: (712) 258-2179

Br. James Sullivan is now employed as a psychologist in the Gary, Indiana, school system. His business address: Gary Community School Corporation
620 East 10th Place
Gary, Indiana 46402 Ph.: (219) 886-3111

Br. David Averill signed his acceptance of dispensation on October 29.

Services were conducted in Gates Mills, Ohio, and at Notre Dame for Br. Ivo Rega who died on November 9. A wake was held at Gilmour Academy on Friday, November 10, and a Mass was offered at St. Francis Church, Gates Mills, on Saturday. That evening there was a wake service at Notre Dame and the funeral Mass was held on Sunday. Fr. Charles McCabe, campus minister at Gilmour, was celebrant and homilist and Gilmour students were the servers. The entire Gilmour community gathered on Monday morning at the school for the liturgy.

NEWS NOTES EXTRA

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: CHRISTIAN PRAYER. New one volume edition of the Divine Office approved for use in the dioceses of the United States by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and confirmed by the Holy See. Five editions are available; the one recommended includes music and is published by the Catholic Book Publishing Company.

This edition has been adopted at the Bennington novitiate, the Brothers Center, and is recommended to members of the Indiana province. List price is \$16.50, but Br. Conan at the Notre Dame Book Store can provide copies at \$10.50 plus a charge for mailing. Send orders directly to: Brother Conan Moran, C.S.C., Notre Dame Bookstore, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556.

RECOMMENDED ARTICLES from Review for Religious (November, 1976):

"The Contemplative Attitude in Direction," by William A. Barry.

"On Entering Spiritual Direction," by Shaun McCarty.

"Our Real Journey in Life: On Thomas Merton," by Agnes Hoormann.

"Contemplation and Community," by Miriam Gramlich.

"Interpersonal Relationships in Religious Life," by Robert M. Brooks.

WORKSHOPS:

States of Contemplation Rev. George Maloney, SJ December 10-12	Stages of Adult Growth Msgr. John Gorman January 14-16	Write to: ----- Weber Center 1257 E. Siena Heights Blvd. Adrian, Michigan 49221
Leadership for Local Coordinators: A Workshop to Clarify the Role of the Leader of the Local Religious Community. January 7-9. Fee: \$110.		Write to: Holy Cross Center 1055 St. Paul Place Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Individually directed retreats: 6 or 8 days. January 11-20; April 10-17 (Easter wk.)		Write to: Jesusit Retreat House 5629 State Road Cleveland, Ohio 44134
Prayer and Meditation Techniques Sister Barbara Doherty December 11-12 Fee: \$23 plus meals		Write to: Director of Continuing Education Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. 47876
Prayer from <u>Rule for a New Brother</u> (Springfield, Ill.: Templegate Publishers):		
The Lord Jesus Himself will teach you how you should pray. He is the creative Word which you may receive in the silence of your heart and the fruitful soil of your life. Listen attentively to what He will say; be swift to carry out what He will ask of you. You have been promised His Spirit who will bear your poor little efforts before the throne of grace and into the intimacy of the living God.	in desire and purity of heart, full of joy and hope. Your prayer will take countless forms because it is the echo of your life, and a reflection of the inexhaustible light in which God dwells.	Sometimes you will taste and see how good the Lord is. Be glad then, and give Him all honor, because His goodness to you has no measure. Sometimes you will be dry and joyless like parched land or an empty well. But your thirst and helplessness will be your best prayer if you accept them with patience and embrace them lovingly.
Your prayer is therefore not so much a duty as a privilege; a gift rather than a problem or the result of your own efforts.		Sometimes your prayer will be an exper- ience of the infinite distance that separates you from God; sometimes your being and His fullness will flow into each other.
So don't tire yourself out looking for beautiful thoughts or words, but stay attentive before God in humility and expectation,		Sometimes you will be able to pray only with your body and hands and eyes;

sometimes your prayer will move
beyond words and images;
sometimes you will be able to
leave everything behind you
to concentrate on God and His Word.
Sometimes you will be able to do
nothing else
but take your whole life and
everything in you
and bring them before God.
Every hour has its own possibilities
of genuine prayer.

Don't be afraid to set apart
a considerable time for your
prayer every day.
It is your vocation.
Your zeal for the Kingdom of God
and your availability for all your
brothers
will grow all the greater for it.
Remember that prayer is more
powerful
than anything you can achieve
by your actions.
And the Lord says there are evils
that can only be cast out
by prayer and fasting.

So set yourself again and again
on the way of prayer.
Never wait till you feel the need
of it.
Often enough, if you only make
a new start
God will bring it to a good end.
Make use of a method when you need it.
Learn from your brothers
and study how the saints of God
have prayed.

As you pray in community
you will discover the wide horizon
of each prayer.
Rejoice to meet your brothers
in the presence of the Lord,
and to look with them to the
Father of all light.
Let yourself be carried by
the rhythm of prayer
in the peace and joy of a new world.
Let yourself be healed of the wounds
you suffer every day
by the saving praise of God.

Let yourself be renewed
by your faith, hope and love
by the Word that comes to you.
Don't let yourself be distracted by
accidentals.
Try to understand God's Word
even in the mouth of a bad reader.
Don't be irritated
by the brother who sings off-key.
The forms are only important to the extent
that you know how to see through them.

Don't pray so that the world may admire
nor to draw men's eyes.
Pray so that God may be glorified
and His name praised.
United yourself with the unceasing prayer
of the Church on earth and in heaven.
Know that through your mouth and heart
all of creation is proclaiming the
glory of God
and groaning for its redemption in the I

In this way your life will be fed with p
and full of this search for God.
You will be able to give without counting
the cost,
and accomplish God's will every day.
You will dedicate yourself heart and soul
to the battle against the powers of evil
and you will work
with joy and indestructible hope
for the new humanity
for which Jesus gave His life and blood.
Prayer and work
are not whole without each other.

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