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WEST AFRICA DISTRICT

Br. Anthony Insaideo made his first profession on July 16 in the chapel at St. John's School, Sekondi, Ghana. Celebrant of the Mass was Fr. Pascal Tsiquaye, brother of Br. Joseph Tsiquaye and chaplain in the Ghana Army. Anthony will live with the community at St. Augustine's College, Cape Coast, and will do the Sixth Form course there. Bertrand Nee Wayoe will enter the novitiate at Sekondi on September 10. *** Br. Frederick McGlynn taught a two-week course in modern algebra to secondary school teachers at Cape Coast University in August. The course was sponsored by the Mathematics Association of Ghana and was designed to introduce teachers to some of the modern trends in mathematics. *** Returning to Ghana is Br. Philip Armstrong, who studied at Notre Dame last fall and participated in the spring session at Sangre de Cristo, Santa Fe. *** In the U.S. on leave this summer were Brs. David Naples and Raymond Papenfuss. *** Br. Joseph Tsiquaye studied at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, this summer and will pursue work in mathematics at De Paul this year. *** Br. James Kozak returned to the U.S. in July and is registered at the Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University, Chicago, this fall.

DACCA DISTRICT

Br. Ronald Drahozal returned to Bangladesh in July after visiting his family and taking some summer courses. *** Br. Ronald Christenson is now in the U.S. and will remain until October. *** Br. Eugene Hausmann went to Bangladesh in June and has been working with Mother Theresa's group at the House of Compassion at Tejgoan and also teaching a special English course at Notre Dame College for aspirants. He will resume his studies at the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, in September.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL RIVER GROVE

Br. Thomas Corcoran reports that 93% of the Class of 1977 have been accepted at 37 different colleges, a number of them in the Chicago area. The largest group (31) will be attending De Paul. The valedictorian received an appointment to Annapolis and one graduate was accepted into an accelerated medical program at Northwestern.

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL LAKEWOOD

Over 350 students were enrolled in the summer session under the direction of Br. Charles Pinto. *** Bishop James Hickey met recently with the organizers of the Diocesan Brothers' Senate to express his support for their efforts, largely the work of Br. Jerome Meyer, who is conducting elections for the first slate of officers. *** Br. Isaac Jogues Motz, a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council on Education, recently gave the community a slide presentation, "Project Bridge," demonstrating the diocesan response to the problem of desegregation in Cleveland schools. *** Br. James Bagans kept the community supplied with fresh vegetables from his summer garden. *** Br. Theophilus Machalinski, at the venerable age of 86, was a lively participant in the National Conference on Charismatic Renewal in Kansas City in July.

LE MANS ACADEMY
ROLLING PRAIRIE

The annual holiday get-together for community members was held on July 3 with 95 brothers attending. *** Awarded master's degrees this summer were Br. Edward Grams from St. Francis College, Fort Wayne, and Br. Thomas Henning from Indiana University, South Bend. *** The Association of St. Joseph met for their convention on August 5-6, with the closing ceremonies at the Brothers Center on the 7th. *** Br. Robert Livernois was featured in the LaPorte production of "Show Boat." *** Brs. James Blaszak and Lewis Bertrand are harvesting the produce from their extensive summer garden. *** Br. William Dusseau has completed the painting and decorating of the first floor in the ongoing program of building improvement.

GIBAULT SCHOOL
TERRE HAUTE

New director of the Gibault community is Fr. Ralph Fisher C.S.C., succeeding Br. John Schuszler, who now lives with the community in Monrovia, Liberia, and works nearby at an orphanage in the town of Virginia. *** Br. Robert Vaughn returned to Gibault in June and is working as a counselor and in the out-school program. *** Bishop Francis Shea of Evansville presided at the dedication of the new residence, Gibson Hall, on July 16. Another residence hall is in the planning stages.

BOYSVILLE
CLINTON

Br. Francis Boylan, C.S.C., executive director, addressed the state convention of the Knights of Columbus at Mackinac Island in May. His remarks were focused on the design of the Boysville program, which aims "to share the gospel's realistic view of the human condition which recognizes the fact of evil and personal sin while affirming hope." He outlined the efforts of the staff to implement the ideals of message, community and service as proposed by the Bishops' pastoral, "To Teach As Jesus Did."

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* Brs. Donald Allen, James Reddy, and Dennis Van Gemert ran with the 1,000 athletes in the ten-mile Chicago Lakefront Marathon in May.

* Br. William Geenen, director of Senior Friendship Centers, Sarasota, Florida, reports the opening of a seventh center at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Venice, Florida, on July 6.

* Brs. Dennis Bednarz and Donald Gibbs made their first profession at the Brothers Center, Notre Dame, on August 27. Both are attending Notre Dame while Donald serves two days a week at Dujarie House.

* Br. William Fuller entered the Bennington novitiate on August 13.

* Five aspirants now reside at the Lincoln Way house, South Bend. Four are graduates of Holy Cross schools: one each from Le Mans, Bishop David, Reitz Memorial, and Trinity.

* Br. William Faiella has transferred to the Indiana Province and will make his final profession on September 3 at Moreau Seminary.

* New address: Br. Timothy O'Connell, 735 Renick Street, Apt. E, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Phone: 614 / 469-0200.

* Br. John Tryon is now on exclaustation and lives at 1428 W. Farrell, Apt. 2-S, Chicago, Illinois 60626. Phone 312 / 465-7247.

* Br. Donald Rink signed acceptance of dispensation on May 3 and Br. John Miller on June 22. John's address: 48 Fairview Avenue, Madison, New Jersey, 07940.

* Brs. Roman Smith, Thomas Golden, and Leo Amegashitsi (Ghana) did not renew their promises when they expired this summer. Roman's address: 1219 Hillcrest Drive, South Bend, Indiana 46617. Phone: 219 / 287-4829. Tom's address: 1140 Hillcrest Drive, South Bend, Indiana 46617. Phone 219 / 232-3181.

* Br. Columba Curran writes from Campinas, Brazil, that he did some traveling in Brazil this summer and is keeping up his study of Portuguese. He served as coordinator for the district chapter in Santarem in July and expects to be teaching twelve classes a week this year.

* All of us are indebted to the staff and residents of the Brothers Center at Notre Dame for being gracious hosts for so many province activities. Province members are asked to make arrangements for events with the superior at the Center at least one month in advance so that adequate preparations may be made.

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BROTHERS BEGINNING FULL-TIME GRADUATE STUDY THIS YEAR:

Philip Alessandro: Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington (Religious Studies).
 Kenneth Haders: Case-Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio (Social Work).
 John McMuldren: Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, California (Theology).
 Robert Dailey: Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (Engineering).
 James Kozak: Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois (Pastoral Studies).
 Celestis Mueller: Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, Chicago, Ill. (Advertising Design).
 Joseph Tsiquaye: De Paul University, Chicago, Ill. (Mathematics).
 James May: University of San Francisco, San Francisco, Cal. (Secondary School Administration).
 Lewis Brazil: Sangre de Cristo Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico (Religious Renewal).
 William Mewes: Sangre de Cristo Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico (Religious Renewal).

BROTHERS IN NEW SPECIAL PROVINCE ASSIGNMENTS:

Thomas Shaughnessy, director of parish social work, Stockton, California.
 Timothy O'Connell, Volunteers of America, Columbus, Ohio.
 Paul Rosonke, parish ministry, Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation, Cherry Creek, South Dakota.
 Liguori Denier, pastoral care and education, St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.
 Walter Gluhm, teacher, St. Joseph Grade School, South Bend, Indiana.
 Armand Amman, clinical and pastoral education, Loyola University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois.
 Remigius Bullinger, teacher, Santa Fe Catholic High School, Lakeland, Florida.
 Stephen Carter, Carmel Residence for Senior Citizens, Fallbrook, California.

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NEWS NOTES EXTRA: WORKSHOPS

Weber Center
 1257 E. Sienna Heights Dr.
 Adrian, Michigan 49221

Sept. 23-25, "Toward Christian Maturity," Dr. Bernard S. Boelen. Fee: \$45.
 Oct. 24-31, "Individually Directed Retreats." Fee: \$110.
 Oct. 28-30, "American Spirituality for the 21st Century," Matthew Fox, OP.
 Fee: \$45.

RECOMMENDED READING:

Gift from the Sea, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh (Vintage Books, 1955), \$1.65. This slender classic deserves reading if you have never done so, or rereading if you have. Mrs. Lindbergh's reflections can be a valuable resource for rediscovering the disposition for prayer, what she calls "centering one's life: the ideal of the contemplative, artist and saint--the inner inviolable core, the single eye." She shares her thoughts on simplicity of life, personal relationships, and growing older gracefully. Mrs. Lindbergh speaks sensitively of the need for solitude for busy persons. "Only when one is connected to one's own core is one connected to others . . . and the core, the inner spring, can best be refound through solitude."

The Living Reminder, by Henri J. Nouwen (Seabury Press, 1977), \$5.95. Henri Nouwen, priest and psychologist, attempts to help us discern the connections between prayer and ministry for active Christians. An excerpt:

"The emphasis on ministry as a profession that has dominated our thinking during the past several decades may have led us to put too much confidence in our abilities, skills, techniques, projects, and programs. In so doing, we have lost touch with that reality with which we are called to connect, not so much by what we do, but by who we are.

"In recent years I have become more and more aware of my own tendency to think that the value of my presence depends on what I say or do. And yet it is becoming clearer to me every day that this preoccupation with performing in fact prevents me from letting God speak through me in any way he wants, and so keeps me from making connections prior to any special word or deed.

"In no way am I trying to minimize or even to criticize the importance of training for ministry. I am simply suggesting that this training will bear more fruit when it occurs in the context of a spirituality, a way of life in which we are primarily concerned, not to be with people but to be with God, not to walk in the presence of anyone who asks for our attention but to walk in the presence of God--a spirituality, in short, which helps us to distinguish service from our need to be liked, praised, or respected.

"Over the years we have developed the idea that being present to people in all their needs is our greatest and primary vocation. The Bible does not seem to support this. Jesus' primary concern was to be obedient to his Father, to live constantly in his presence. Only then did it become clear to him what his task was in his relationships with people. This also is the way he proposes for his apostles: "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples" (John 15:8). Perhaps we must continually remind ourselves that the first commandment requiring us to love God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind is indeed the first. I wonder if we really believe this. It seems that in fact we live as if we should give as much of our heart, soul, and mind as possible to our fellow human beings, while trying hard not to forget God. At least we feel that our attention should be divided evenly between God and our neighbor. But Jesus' claim is much more radical. He asks for a singleminded commitment to God and God alone. God wants all of our heart, all of our mind, and all of our soul. It is this unconditional and unreserved love for God that leads to the care for our neighbor, not as an activity which distracts us from God or competes with our attention to God, but as an expression of our love for God who reveals himself to us as the God of all people (pp. 29-31).