

MIDWEST PROVINCE NEWS ITEMS

February 1998

Br. Just Paczesny died following heart bypass surgery on January 28. He was 71. His wide-ranging contributions to Holy Cross and diocesan ministries spanned 45 years and were marked by administrative competence, apostolic enthusiasm, astute and often witty perception, and exceptional generosity. He had been experiencing heart problems and went into surgery knowing the risk, yet realizing there was no alternative. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

From January 29 to February 1 the temporarily professed brothers of the three U.S. provinces gathered for a retreat in Austin, Texas, at Moreau Hall. **Br. Dan Mallon** was the chair of a committee planning the opening day. The retreat was attended by the six temporarily professed, **Brs. Stanislao Esposito, David Brahmstadt, George Bourbeau (EB), Robert LeGros, Bob Wurzelbacher (SW), and Daniel Mallon**; the two brother candidates at Moreau Hall, **Michael Guillory (SW) and Hung Nguyen (EB)**; their director, **Br. Larry Atkinson (EB)**, and assistant, **Br. Howard Metz (SW)**; the formation directors, **Brs. Paul Bednarczyk and Bill Zaydak (EB), Michael Winslow (SW), Philip Armstrong**, and the second-day presenter, **Br. Mark Knightly (EB)**.

After the opening Thursday night, Friday focused on a reflection on each person's experience of Holy Cross and on sharing what and who each felt contributed most to their ongoing decision to remain committed to the congregation.

On Saturday Mark gave valuable input on the challenges of intergenerational living in religious life today. **Br. Romard Barthel (SW)** also contributed experiential reflections on the topic. Sunday morning was devoted to evaluation and final sharing.

Br. Thomas Dillman left directly from Evansville for Ghana on January 26 after some months in the U.S. for vacation and to be with his sister through her last illness and death. Tom will continue working on finishing the third volume of a mathematics textbook for use in Liberia and possibly Ghana as well.

Both **Brs. Carl Sternberg** and **Charles McBride** were featured in local publications, Charles for his 40th anniversary of profession and Carl for the multi-faith program sponsored by Spiritual Life Ministries in Palm Desert.

Charlie has spent 18 years in Alaska, during most of which he has served as director of the Office of Communications for the Archdiocese of Anchorage under Bishop Francis Hurley.

Carl has been in Palm Desert since 1989, where, besides directing Spiritual Life Ministries, he has served as adjunct chaplain for the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage and as Associate Director of the Newman Center and training for lay leadership programs at St. Louis Parish in Cathedral City.

Prayers are requested by **Br. Joseph Chvala** for his brother-in-law, **Albert J. Baker**, who died in early January, and for the brother-in-law of **Br. Richard Johnson, Homer (Buz) Warne** of Youngstown OH, who died on January 9. Also remember **Br. James Bagans'**

brother, **Conrad Bagans**, who underwent surgery for a cerebral aneurism on January 18 and is doing well presently.

Br. Daniel Kane sent a note in which he informs us that in the event we would like to recommend any of his musical compositions and arrangements to church musicians, the following information will be useful.

Selectable Delectables for Piano: Code 11-10619. Contains creative, reflective settings of seven familiar hymntunes.

More Selectable Delectables for Piano: Code 11-10757. Contains creative, reflective settings of ten familiar hymntunes.

Thine Be the Glory: Item No. 07125-9.

The first two are available at local music stores or through Augsburg Fortress Publishers, and the latter through local music stores or from Abingdon Press.

For your calendar, let this be a reminder that the jubilee celebrations for 1998 are to be held on *Saturday, June 20*. As the first in a series of three presentations/discussions on the vows, *Friday, June 19*, afternoon and evening, has been set aside, so you are invited to be on hand for both occasions. James Hall will be available for housing at this time.

The 1999 jubilee celebration is already scheduled for *Saturday, June 19*, so you may wish to note that date as well on your 1999 calendar.

Br. John May, director of planning at the Center, reports that the sights and sounds of construction continue on the Holy Cross Brothers' campus. Brothers are moving into other accommodations, either permanently or temporarily as the completion of new housing is awaited.

Immediately following the completion of the Schubert Villa, construction began on five single residences on the property. Consisting of two or three bedrooms, these cottages will first house community members and later become part of the housing for The Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. Two of the cottages are located near Dujarie House and the other three are just north of the provincial house. All five are scheduled for completion by the end of April.

In late January construction began on a 26-unit residential building just south of the Schubert Villa. It will contain five one-bedroom apartments and 21 two-bedroom apartments and is scheduled for completion by the end of December. This building will provide housing for brothers now located in various residences in the South Bend-Mishawaka area, and for Basil Hall brothers who will have been in temporary housing at Columba Hall or the provincial residence.

Meanwhile, Holy Cross College is continuing to expand its residency program. In the fall of '97 about 60 students began dorm life in James Hall while brothers remained in Basil Hall. The College will move into Basil Hall in the fall of '98 with a similar number of additional resident students. To allow for renovations, the remaining brothers at Basil Hall will, by May 1, occupy temporary accommodations at the provincial house, Columba Hall, or the new cottages presently under construction until the apartment building is completed in December.

In Austin TX the new assisted living/residential facility of the South-West Province is just underway on a hill overlooking the city. The building, scheduled for completion in September, is situated just off St. Edward's Drive about halfway between the campus and the Br. John Baptist Province Center.