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### LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

In our home we have two thirty-gallon fish tanks. One of the tanks is a community tank. The other has one fish approximately twelve inches long. This fish cannot be kept in the community tank because he preys on smaller and less aggressive fish.

Are we sometimes like this fish? Do we not sometimes feed on the weaker or the non-aggressive person? Do we make little of another's problems or accomplishments? Do we make our family or friends around us feel insecure or unwanted?

God provided each of us with a brain and sometimes with certain talents. For some of us it is being able to sing, while others play the piano or some other musical instrument; for some it's being able to lead others to do good works. You aren't really part of a community if you join only in order to glorify yourself, to use your talent or skill only in lording it over others. We must remember that it is just as important to be an usher or a money-counter as it is to sing in the choir or to play the organ in your parish. It is also as important to be a part of the congregation in the pews as it is to serve at the altar.

Those who have a God-given talent should thank him for it and use it for his glory, unselfishly sharing their gift.

Do not be like my fish, feeding on your less talented associates, or crowding them out. Realize that the less apparent gifts or talents might be the rarer and more valued by God. Don't use your gifts as a way to please yourself. Use them to help those others to find a place in the community. This is what community living and loving are all about: using the gifts God has given to build up the Church in the likeness of Christ.

Love your neighbors not because they are like you, but because they are different from you.

-- Jason Jude, BSG

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Br. Jason Jude serves at St. Andrew's, the Bronx, as parish treasurer, as an instructor to the adult acolytes, and as a leader in parish services and activities.



## INSTITUTIONALIZED RELIGION

A church becomes institutionalized when its members are related primarily to it as an institution rather than to Christ.

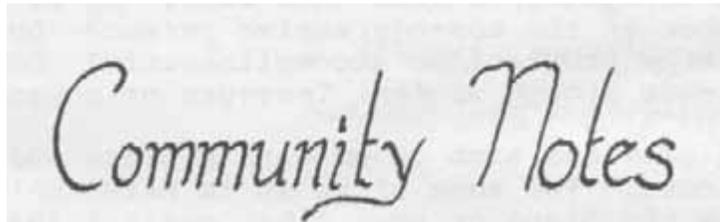
A church becomes institutionalized when its primary concern is turned inward and its chief concern is with its existence, not with its reason for existence.

A church becomes institutionalized when means become ends and ends become means or, to put it bluntly, when we get the cart before the horse.

A church becomes institutionalized when it becomes more concerned with the correctness of belief than with the quality of living that belief demands.

A church becomes institutionalized when form replaces the Spirit, when the Spirit is lost and only form remains. Form is acceptable, but not having the Spirit is not acceptable. A church is either alive by the Spirit as a part of the body of Christ or it is dead.

Richard Thomas, BSG  
Superior General



**Sunbury PA: Br. Thaddeus David** attended the Diocesan Convention, June 8-9 at Bucknell University. He was present for several ordinations to the diaconate and Bishop McNutt's sermon on "Servanthood." Bishop Birney of Idaho, a friend of the community, later preached at a Service of Witness using the theme "Mission." Br. Thaddeus David is also working with "Choir II" at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, preparing a musical presentation entitled "Light Eternal."

**New York NY: Br. Thaddeus David** visited "home base" recently when he accompanied the Rev. Jeremy Bond to the 100th Anniversary Eucharist of the Order of the Holy Cross. Later, they were able to go back to "all our roots" with an extended visit to the Cloisters at Ft. Tryon Park.

**Bronx NY: Br. Jason Jude** has begun concentrated work with visits to the sick and shut-in of his parish in the absence of a rector. He also serves as Chaplain to the Gospel Choir at New York's Interchurch Center.

**Portland OR: Br. Kevin James** serves on the Convocation Clergy Committee and has been assisting at Good Samaritan Hospital in this city, in addition to being staff dietitian.

**Quantico VA: Postulant Thomas Martin,** is a member of **ACTS** (Action in the Community Through Service), which feeds, clothes and assists the hungry and battered of the streets. He also holds the rank of gunnery sergeant in the United States Marine Corps.

**Mendham NJ: Br. Richard Thomas, Superior General,** joined by **Brs. Leslie Victor, James, Tobias Stanislas, William Francis, Stephen, John Peter, William and Novice Br. Charles,** attended Commemoration Day Vespers at the Convent of St. John Baptist, June 24. **Br. Richard** Thomas served as organist, and the Creed and Lord's Prayer were sung to settings written by him.

## A GREAT DAY IN GOFFSTOWN

The first of July was more than just the beginning of a new month for one of our brothers. Brother Christian made his Life Profession of Vows to Superior General Richard Thomas at a festival eucharist that afternoon, in St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown, New Hampshire. The Celebrant was the Rt. Rev. Philip A. Smith, Bishop of the diocese, and a long-time friend and supporter of the works of the community.

Life Profession is a big step in a brother's life, and it is something that Brother Christian has been looking forward to for many years. In his sermon, the Superior General talked about the importance that such a total dedication of self to God's will and purpose has for an individual, whether in a religious community or as a member of the Church, lay or ordained.

Many of the brothers were able to gather in New Hampshire for the happy event. Those traveling the farthest were Brs. John and Thaddeus David, and Postulant Thomas Martin, who came from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Brothers from the New York area included the Superior General, Brs. Leslie Victor, James, William Francis, Stephen, Tobias Stanislas, William, and Novice Br. Charles. And of course, there was a full turn-out from the New England Province, which includes Brs. Michael, Luke Anthony, Roy, Laurence Andrew, Novice Br. Bernard and Postulant Joseph Thomas.

Before the service, the brothers gathered at Br. Christian's home in Manchester, N.H., for a time of fellowship and prayer. In the photograph at the right, the Superior General is seen talking with a group of the brothers on the patio outside "Saint Gregory's House."



Also present at the service, and lending a helping hand to make it a memorable and joyous day, were Sister Anita, CSC, who read the Old Testament Lesson; and the Rev. Anne S. Webb, Interim Rector of St. Matthew's Church, who served as Deacon.



In the photograph at left, Bishop Smith is seen outside the church with Christian and the Superior General.

We are sure that this will be a day long remembered with great fondness by Christian and by all who were present. For him, the memory of that day, and of his Vows, will be no further than the simple gold band he now wears as a token and a reminder.

**THE APPEAL FOR MISSION**

It has been some time since the Brotherhood has put out an appeal for contributions towards its mission and works: not because the need has decreased, but because we have been drawing more and more on the brothers themselves in an effort to enhance the commitment of the individual members to the work of the community. We have, however, certain definable needs which we feel it would be right to express to our readers, friends and supporters. A contribution to any one of these endeavors would be greatly appreciated, and help to enhance and extend our ability to serve more widely and ably. A designated gift to any of these programs will be greatly appreciated. Just indicate on your contribution which effort you wish to support.

**VESTMENT EXCHANGE** — will help to cover the costs of repair, cleaning and postage for the free distribution of vestments to missions and parishes throughout the country and around the world.

**EDUCATION** — we are grateful to the Church Periodical Club for their recent grant of \$500 to this fund, which is used for the education of the Postulants and Novices, and the further training of the Professed. This is part of a continuing effort to maintain our constitutional requirement to provide the Church with workers of high caliber, skill and knowledge.

**THE SERVANT** — your contribution to this publication, which goes to over fifteen hundred readers monthly, free of charge, will help us to spread the word about the religious life in the Episcopal Church.

**WELFARE** — to aid our brothers in need, we often rely on the support of friends outside the community. It is in this sharing of help in time of trouble or need that the Church is embodied in its most fundamental form. Will you join us in this?

Any contributions may be sent to the Superior General, at the home address of the Brotherhood: St. Bartholomew's Church, 82 Prospect Street, White Plains NY 10606.

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**You are cordially invited  
by the Superior General of  
The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory  
to attend a Festival Eucharist  
on the occasion of the  
15th Anniversary of the Foundation  
of the Brotherhood**

**Celebrant: the Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Jr.,  
Visitor to the Community**

**September 16, 1984 — 4:00 P.M.**

**Saint Bartholomew's Church - 82 Prospect Street  
White Plains, New York 10606**

**Clergy — White Stoles  
RSVP if attending — 914/949-5577**

## AUGUST INTERCESSIONS

### FOR THE ILL

Louise Miller  
Crosby

Mills Omaly  
Tilita Gonzalez

Shirley Merrell

### FOR THE DECEASED:

Van Bowen  
Eleanor C. Emmenegger

Lisa J. Walters  
Florence McCarthy  
Evelyn May Krulan

Everett Kipp  
Emmanual Cino

### FOR THOSE WHO SERVE THE CHURCH, especially:

The Most Rev. Robert A. K. Runcie  
The Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Jr.  
Episcopal Visitor

The Most Rev. John M. Allin  
The Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan  
Visitor Emeritus

The Rev. Thomas F. Pike, Chaplain Emeritus

The Rt. Rev. John B. Coburn  
The Rt. Rev. Arthur Walmsley

The Rt. Rev. Philip A. Smith  
The Rt. Rev. Andrew F. Wissemann

The Rev. Richard Holloway  
The Rev. Emmett Jarrett  
The Rev. Geoffrey Schmitt

The Rev. Steven E. Hulme  
The Rev. Richard B. Lampert  
The Rev. Thomas R. Schulz

The Rev. Anne S. Webb

### and for the brothers of Province I:

Michael, Christian, Luke Anthony, Roy; Novices Laurence Andrew and Bernard; and  
Postulant Joseph Thomas

### FOR RELIGIOUS ORDERS AND CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES, especially:

The Visitation Nuns  
The Poor Clares of Reparation  
The Third Order of Saint Francis

The Sacramentine Nuns  
The Community of Saint Mary  
The Community of the Transfiguration

Transfiguration Retreat Monastery

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS:

The Rev. E. A. St. John  
The ordination of Paul Lauer, OHC, Joseph McNamara, and Rudolph J. Vander Heil  
to the diaconate  
The 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Holy Cross  
An increased understanding of mission  
The ordination of Peter James Lee to the episcopate