

THE KYRIALE - Monthly Newsletter of the Brothers of St. Gregory
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For those to whom the Brothers of St. Gregory is new, a word about our life and work. We are a Religious Community of the Episcopal Church, Ecumenical in scope, seeking sanctification of the vocation as Musician in the Church of Christ. We have been in existence since September, 1969. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about us and our work should write: Br. Richard Thomas, BSG, at the above address.

The Brothers at work: Richard Thomas has been attending various meetings of Clergy etc. in the Westchester area and trying to spread the news about the Community. This month letters of introduction were sent out to the Religious Communities of the Episcopal Church, including the article about us in FINDINGS. Many requests for information about the Brothers and their work have come to us and have been acknowledged. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in sending us interested parties.

Richard Arthur recently represented us at a workshop of the Queens Chapter of the A.G.O. - He has done a great deal to further knowledge of us in the Diocese of Long Island..... The Bishop of Long Island, the Rt. Rev. Jonathan G. Sherman has written us a very encouraging letter ... We have received similar notes from the Society of St. Margaret, Oratory of the Good Shepherd, and the Congregation of St. Augustine.

The Brothers are available for Organ Recitals and any Church which is interested in such a program should contact Br. Richard Arthur Smid, 58-33 186th Street, Flushing, New York 11365 or phone him at (212) Fl 7-7821.

In your Prayers please remember: All Bishops and Priests
The Brothers and their work
The Nuns at Visitation Monastery as they prepare to elect a Superior.
Sisters Magdalena and Marie in their forthcoming mission.
For all new Communities of Men and Women.
For all Religious Orders
For Peace in Vietnam and in the world.
For postulants in religion, especially Estelle (at Visitation)
In thanksgiving for Mother Agnes, present Superior of Visitation.
For Merrill Van Slyke and the New Communities Bulletin Staff.
For the Rt. Rev. Paul Moore
Reminder: If you know of someone interested in the Brothers of St. Gregory or their services, please write to the above address. Send us your intercessions so that we may add them to our list.

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THE BROTHERS AT WORK:- The last two months have brought many developments in the life and work of the Brothers of St. Gregory. Brother Richard Arthur (Smid) attended the 13th Annual Alumni Workshop on Church Music at the School of Sacred Musics Union Theological Seminary, New York City on June 22-25. He sang in the Choir for the World Premier Performance of John Gardner's EASTER CANTATA. This work was commissioned for this Workshop by the School of Sacred Music. Brother Richard found this work to be an excellent example of contemporary music, and we are all looking forward to its coming publication. Brother Richard will be playing several Organ Recitals sponsored by the Brothers during the Summer months. One will take place at the Episcopal Church of St.-John the Baptist, and the other at the Presbyterian Church,, both in Center Moriches, Long Island.

Brother Richard Thomas (Biernacki) has begun the Summer Music School Program at St. Mary's in-the-Field, Valhalla., New York. This is a girl's schools administered by the Community of St. Mary, of Peekskill, New York. Brother Richard also recently attended a workshop-seminar on Electronic Music in the Church., sponsored by the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, Now York City. The results were certainly interesting to say the least, and do, in facts add a new dimension to Church Music. Several of the pieces used were very exciting indeed. The group in attendance was quite large and spanned many of the New York area Churches.

Brother Peter Eldridge (Smith) has recently been made assistant to the extern-Sisters of the Visitation Monastery. He will assist the Sisters in some of the heavy work in the Monastery at Riverdale. The Sisters have been very good to us and we share a common bond which cannot be described in words. Our union in Christ Jesus in very evident to all involved.

The Brothers have received a latter from The Rt. Rev. Horace W.B. Donegan., in which he gives us his approval and support an a new Community. Pray God that we may go from strength to strength and live up to our principles under his guidance and support. We have Accepted our first Postulant, a college Senior from Birmingham, Alabama. God has been good and now has chosen to increase our numbers. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on our new Brother.

"Thou O Christ, art all I want; more than all I find in Thee"

(John Wesley)

In your Prayers, please remember the following:

The cause of Peace in the World and all-who fight for it
St. Andrew's Church, Yonkers, N.Y
St. Paul's Church Great Neck, L.I.
The Sisters of the Visitation Visitation Monastery, Riverdale N.Y.
For Mother Margaret Mary, VHM, its new Superior
For Sister Mary de Sales, ill in St. Josephs Hospital
For Sister Bonaventura, CSM, recovering from surgery
For Sister Mary Amy, VHM
For Sister Mary Rose, VHM
For Elizabeth, Mother of Jack, Post. BSG
For the Brothers in their life and work
For all Religious Communities
For Sister Magdalena and Marie, Experimental Visitation Community.
For any unknown to us, who are sick, all prisoners of conscience, all
concerned churchmen, all oppressed peoples in the world
-Please-remember these intentions in your Prayers-

You are reminded that the Brothers are available (with sufficient notice) for Organ Recitals and Talks on Church Music. We ask that you let us know far enough in advance, of your desire for such a program* Those desiring information about the Brothers of St. Gregory; should write to Brother Richard Thomas at St.. Andrew's Church, address above.

Some Prayers for spare moments of the day:

What is the world without God ? Let all be lost, yet let not God be lost -- St. Alphonsus Liguori

Yes, Heavenly Father, I accept everything; yes and always, yes-
St. Francis de Sales

Mother of God, thou art the gate of Heaven, open to us the doors of Thy Mercy - Coptic