



O Jesus, guide our footsteps lest we stray. For straying, My children there is no cure except to keep so close to Me that nothing, no interest, no temptation, no other -- can come between us.

Sure of that you can but stay at My Side, knowing that, as I am the very Way itself, nothing can prevent you being in the Way, nothing can cause you to stray.

I have promised Peace but not leisure, heartrest and comfort, but not pleasure, I have said "In the world ye shall have tribulation"; so do not feel, when adverse things happen, that you have failed or are not being guided, but I have said "In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

So learn of Me the overcoming Power of one who, though spat upon, scourged, misunderstood, forsaken, crucified, could yet see His Work had not been affected by these things, and cry triumphantly from His Cross "It is finished."

Not the pain, the mocking, the agony, but His Task.

Let this thought comfort you. Amid failure, discord, contumely, suffering, even now may friends and angels be prepared to sound the chorus "It is finished."

This passage from God Calling, written by "two listeners" and edited by A. J. Russell, was submitted to us by Br. Leslie Victor, BSG. Br. Leslie Victor serves with the Superior at St. Bartholomew's Church, White Plains.

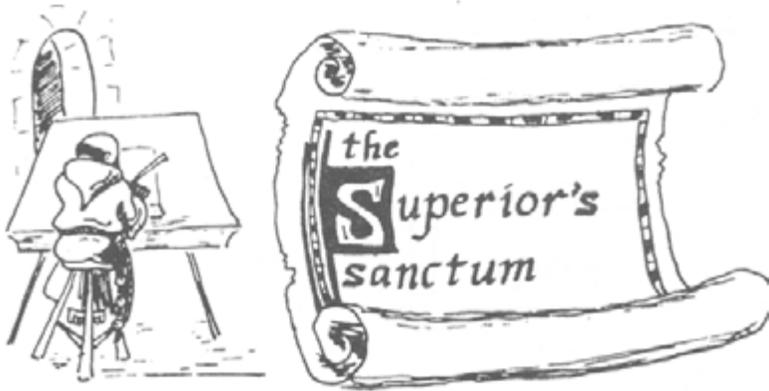
He is a member of the choir and is bass soloist. He also serves as Lector and Crucifer at many services through out the year, and assists on the Worship and Fine Arts and the Bazaar Commissions.

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JESUS CHRIST -- SERVANT - LORD



With the Brotherhood's General Chapter approaching, this column is devoted to some of the qualities of Jesus which we try to emulate as Servants of the Servants of God.

We perceive by faith, faith tested and being tested, by scripture, tradition, reason and experience, that Jesus Christ is Servant-Lord. He is God with us in the realities of our common life. Within these realities he claims authority over our corporate and personal thoughts, words,

deeds and relationships, but does not force our obedience. He challenges us to choose from between his Servant-Lordship and the lesser lords who seek to manipulate and control us.

1. He is Servant-Lord of all creation. The whole created order is sacramental because it is permeated - perhaps almost saturated - with his efforts to provide an adequate life-sustaining context for communities and persons who are traveling by his gracious favor from sin to salvation. Through the whole creation are traces of the Servant-Lord at work on our behalf.

2. He is Servant-Lord of nations. The great commission in Matthew 28:18-19 deserves more careful exegesis than it usually gets. In it the Risen Lord said "all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations." The word for 'nations' in the Greek text means literally 'multitudes associated or living together; a company; a troupe.' We see, therefore, that Christ is Servant-Lord of nations, communities, groups and that he expects to be recognized as One who creates, re-orders and sustains Kingdom-directed social and systemic values.

3. He is Servant-Lord of persons. In John 20 there is the record of Thomas and his doubting, but also of Thomas and his confessing. When the disciple recognized Christ, risen and present, he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" We see that individuals, as well as nations may come consciously under the Servant-Lord and there find new status. We believe we participate in this everywhere that we work. This is what it means to be a Servant of the Servants of God -- not the subscription to a creed, but the loving attachment to a person -- a Servant-Lord: Jesus Christ.

-- Richard Thomas, BSG Superior

*The Superior cordially invites you to attend
the Annual General Chapter Eucharist, Administration of
Rites, and Reception, at 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 12, 1982,
Saint Bartholomew's Church, White Plains, New York.*

Clergy and Religious are invited to process.

Clergy: White Stoles. If planning to attend, R.S.V.P. 914-949-5577



COMMUNITY NOTES

White Plains NY: On Sunday, June 6th, Br. Richard Thomas conducted the Hudson River Choral Society in a performance of the Mass in G by Schubert and the D-minor Requiem of Bruckner. Brother is the Musical Director of the Society. On Sunday, June 13th, Saint Bartholomew's Church, White Plains, honored Br. Richard Thomas upon his 10 years as Director of Music at the Church. He was presented with a stained-glass window miniature of the Episcopal Church Shield and a plaque with the inscription "Master of the Keys." The Choir also serenaded him at the Parish Brunch for Recognition Sunday with "God is So Wonderful." He was also given the completed copyright documents for the "Jesus Joy Mass" (Rite II) which he wrote for St. Bartholomew's use.



Manchester NH: Br. Christian is seen here on graduation day at Notre Dame College, from which he received his B.A. in Religious Studies and Nursing. At the right, he is seen accepting his diploma from Sr. Jeannette, C.S.C., President of the College. Brother also was recently re-elected to a three-year term on the executive board of the Diocese of New Hampshire Altar Guild, for Mission and Supply.



East Haddam CT: Br. James, Assistant Superior, officiated at Festival Morning Prayer at Saint Stephen's Church on the Feast of Pentecost, and preached on the importance of the parish family as an active force in the life of the Church. Br. James is seen here, censing the Altar during the singing of the Te
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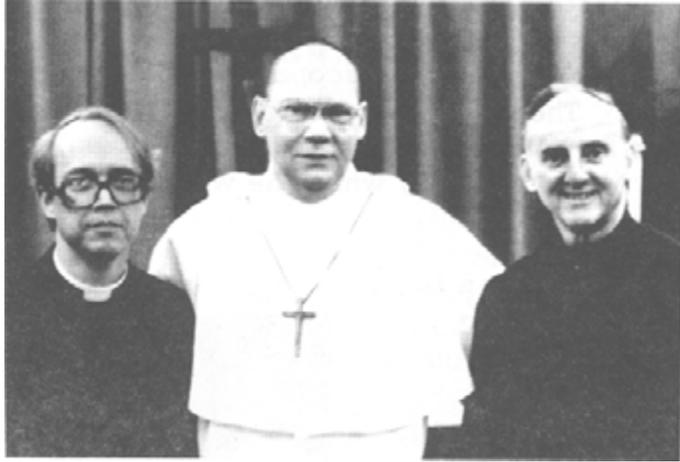


North Easton MA: Brs. Luke Anthony, William

and Roy met with Provincial Chaplain the Rev'd Richard M. Rowland for a day of prayer, discussion and fellowship. At the left are (1 to r):

Br. Roy, Fr. Rowland, and Br. Luke Anthony.

Fr. Rowland has announced that he will be moving to the West Coast and regrettably must withdraw as Provincial Chaplain. We wish to thank him for all that he has done for the Brotherhood, for the strength and wisdom he has brought, and wish him all success in his new work



Boston MA: Br. William visited with friends at the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Here he is seen with the Revd Emmett Jarrett, Vicar (1) and the Rev'd David Clayton, SSJE.



Mendham NJ: On June 26th, the Brotherhood turned out in force to join the Sisters of Saint John Baptist in the celebration of their Commemoration Day. Br. Richard Thomas was organist for the Eucharist, Br. Leslie Victor sang the prelude and offertory, and Br. James was thurifer. Brs. Richard Thomas, James, William Francis and Stephen are Associates of the Community. At right are Superiors of Religious Orders who were present (1 to r):

the Rev'd Br. Richard Thomas, BSG, the Rev'd Fr. Paul Wessinger, SSJE, the Rev'd Mother Elizabeth Anne, CSJB, and the Rev'd Fr. Arthur D. Willis, CSSS. In addition to the Brothers of the Order, Companions Dorothy Smith and Charles Kramer were also able to attend, as well as many other Religious, and friends of the Sisters. At left, Br. John Peter chats with two Oblates of the Incarnate Word.



Companions' Corner

Br. Anthony Francis, Director of Companions, and Companion Charles Kramer set up and operated a table at the St. John's Parish Flea Market, Tuckahoe NY, the proceeds from which were to the benefit of the Brotherhood. Mr. Kramer has made application to the Postulancy of the Brotherhood, and we are pleased to announce that the Superior has accepted his application.

At the right, one of our newer Companions, the Revd Edward C. Goetz of the Diocese of Connecticut, is seen with Brs. James and Tobias Stanislas.

Two other new Companions are Mr. Titus Blade Steele of Newburyport MA, and Mr. Joseph Peter Bonyata of Minneapolis MN. Welcome to you all!

Companions should take special note of the announcement of the date of the General Chapter Eucharist, and make every effort to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



The Vesting Drawer

The Brotherhood Vestment Exchange is beginning to branch out into the area of altar and communion linens. A damaged or unused altar linen can be converted into several corporals, purificators, credence covers or lavabo towels. Please send any such slightly damaged or unused linen to Br. Tobias Stanislas, BSG, Saint Augustine's House, 2462 Webb Ave., Bronx NY 10468. Other donated vestments still go to Br. Christian, BSG, Saint Gregory's House, 25 Allen Street, Manchester NH 03102. Many thanks to those who have so generously donated to this work of the Brotherhood in the past.



MOVING ?

Please send us your new address, and include the label from a current or past issue, if possible.

The Servant

St. Augustine's House 2462 Webb Avenue Bronx NY 10468

RAPTURE

As the priest raised the Host over his head
and the thurifer swung his smoke,
it was as if all Heaven was rejoicing.
"If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to me. "

As the priest raised the Host,
one could almost hear all nine choirs of angels
beautifully sing "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts."

As the priest raised the Host,
I could see all the Saints
prostrate in adoration;
I could see the seraphim and cherubim
standing at the altar of incense;
standing before the Lamb.

As the priest raised the Host,
and through the smoke the radiance shines through,
through the lives of all believers;

As the priest raised the Host,
it forces us to recall the raising of the Tree,

As the priest raised the Host,
I could see the agony He endured,
endured for all. I could hear His plea,
"Father, forgive them."

As the priest raised the Host,
I could here Him say,
"Into Your hands I commend My spirit."

As the priest raised the Host,
I could see the angels and holy spirits weeping.
Oh God, such weeping.

As the priest raised the Host,
I could see the empty tomb,
the tomb where once lay a dead Jesus.

As the priest raised the Host over his head,
I could see the living Christ.

--Edward Peter, BSG E. Orange NJ

INTERCESSIONS

For the ill: Georgina Webb Edith Tompkins The Rev' d Mother Mary Paul, OSS Elizabeth Margo Leslie Foster

For the Clergy, especially:

The Most Rev'd Robert A. K. Runcie
The Rt. Rev'd Horace W. B. Donegan
Visitor Emeritus

The Rt. Rev'd John M. Allin
The Rt. Rev' d Paul Moore, Jr.
Visitor and Protector

the Clergy of Province I, and the Brothers of the Order who serve there:

The Rt. Rev'd John B. Coburn
The Rt. Rev'd Frederick B. Wolf
The Revd Samuel G. Henderson III
The Revd Thomas R. Schulze
The Rev'd Canon W. Bruce Wirtz

The Rt. Rev'd Alexander D. Stewart
The Rt. Rev'd Philip A_ Smith
The Rev'd William Hurst
The Rev'd Richard C. Wayne

Brothers Michael, Christian, Matthew Joseph, Luke Anthony, Brendan and Roy

For Other Religious Orders:

The Sacramentine Nuns
The Poor Clares of the Reparation
The Community of the Transfiguration

The Visitation Nuns
The Community of Saint Mary
The Order of Saint Helena

For the special intentions of:

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk, England

The Companions and Friends of the Brotherhood

Mr. & Mrs. G. Sanfilippo and Fannie

Vincent Daquino

The Rev' d Barbara Schlachter

The Rev' d Ellen M. Barrett

Jerry Moize

Charles Kramer

Peter C. Skye

Edward Munro

Donald Ray Drummonds

Matthew Joseph, BSG

Martin, SCK

Marjorie Lorenz

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church

The General Chapter of the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory

For Peace and Justice in the Middle East, and wherever the innocent suffer

Thanksgiving for:

The Marriage of Ellen Goff and William Enriken

The admissions of Brs. Charles Thomas and Walter Benedict to the Worker Brothers of the Holy Spirit

The admissions of Sr. Jane Samuel and Linda Fricke to the Worker Sisters of the Holy Spirit

For the departed:

Miguel Cruz

Virginia Fernandes Ruby Sayers Julius Hohmann Marie Mac Donald-Millar