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EPIPHANY

I read a very interesting story about the Feast of the Epiphany, written by Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, and would like to share it with you.

All Epiphany really means is 'to reveal'. The Feast of the Epiphany recalls the occasion when our Lord revealed himself to the Three Kings from the East. For the Wise Men, Bethlehem was their journey's end; their beginning was when they listened to the whispered command in their hearts to 'follow the Star.'

Let's look at ourselves as one of those Three Kings, and reflect back to when we first heard that whispered command, 'Take up thy cross, and follow me,' how Jesus first revealed himself to us.

The Wise Men travelled all the way from the East to Bethlehem to find Christ. For us he is just up the road. Christ reveals himself to us each day in many different ways, to each of us, without travelling long distances. Some of these ways are the reading, of Scripture, participation in the Eucharist, when the Bread and Wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, or when we go to confession and reconciliation, and find the pardon and peace from that which has made us restless and sad.

So now, after we have put away the Christmas crib and all the decorations, we are left with the great invisible Reality; "Shine on, Christmas Star, Light of the World, throughout the whole year, and lead us to cleaner, kinder, nobler, holier lives!" The New Year deserves a new road, and Wise Men take it.

Happy New Year Thomas
Joseph, BSG Cincinnati
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Br. Thomas Joseph is on mission at S. Michael and All Angels Church, where he teaches Christian Education grades 4 through 6. He is also Acolyte Master, Sacristan, and serves on the Worship & Music, Pastoral Care, and Layreaders/Chalice Bearers Training Committee He is also active in the Southern Ohio Cursillo Movement.



UNITY

As the week of Prayer for Christian Unity occurs this month, I would like to share some thoughts on our One-ness as Churches.

Our Church is not a rival of any other Church. We should not brag that our preaching, our program, our music or our buildings are better than those of other Churches. Remember that "they who compare themselves among themselves are not wise"; we strive to be a Church worthy of the Christ whom we honor.

Our Church should not criticize any other Church. We believe that "to his own master a man stands or falls." There is so little time to spread the news of God's love through the Gospel to the world, that we dare not waste any time by pausing to condemn others.

Our Church should stand ready to share any of its vision or methods with other Churches, pray for other Churches and rejoice when any other Church shows an excellence for us to pattern after.

Our Church should stand in awesome recognition that it is part of the Body of Christ, and must strive to do the "greater things" which God promised when his own work was completed.

And finally, our Church should invite anyone who is seeking Christ and a means of serving him to join in fellowship and worship with us.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, Fountain of all good, kindle in us insight and aspiration, that each hour of prayer may be a time lived in eternity. Open our **ears** that we may hear. Soften our hearts that we may receive thy truth. Reveal thyself to us here that we may learn to find thee everywhere. AMEN.

--Richard Thomas, BSG Superior

COMMUNITY NOTES



Bronx NY: In the Fall of 1981 we were invited to attend the groundbreaking for the proposed St. Andrew's House, a senior-citizen housing complex adjacent to and being built under the auspices of St. Andrew's Church (where our Brs. Jason Jude and William serve). Just a year later the rector, the Rev'd Errol A. Harvey, invited us to take part in the dedication of the "finished product" by the Rt. Rev'd J. Stuart Wetmore, Senior Suffragan of New York. Shown are (1. to r.) Brs. Charles and James, Bishop Wetmore, and Brs. Jason Jude and William.

Boston MA: The Brotherhood was active at the Diocesan Convention here last November. Our Br. Roy was a delegate representing the parish he serves, St. Stephen's, and Br. Luke Anthony, our Novice Master, staffed an information and display booth concerning our Community, together with our Companion, Grosvenor Calkins. Attendance and participation at conventions such as this are very important to the life of the Brotherhood, as we not only welcome the opportunity to meet the wider Church face-to-face, but we also take advantage of being an integral part of that Church.

Lincoln MA: Brothers of Province I (New England) held a Quiet Day recently at Bethany Convent. The Sisters of St. Anne welcomed our Brs. Michael, Luke Anthony, William and Roy, together with our Companion, Grosvenor Calkins, the Rev'd Thomas Schulze, and Mr. Larry Keller. The meditations and discussions were designed so as to involve everyone in the group, and all came away refreshed: it was a day of give-and-take, as each person had the opportunity to contribute his thoughts as well as receive those of others. Below are (1. to r.) Brs. Michael, William and Roy, Grosvenor Calkins and Larry Keller.

McLean VA: Br. John has undertaken a new work at St. Dunstan's Church here, where he will be teaching and helping out in various ways. On the following page, we reprint, somewhat belatedly, a copy of the "letter which Br. John received from the Archbishop of Canterbury and presented to Chapter this September past. Br. John met His Grace the Archbishop while on his tour of the United States last year.





LAMBETH PALACE, LONDON, SE1 7JU 1st September, 1982.

Dear Brothers,

It gives me great pleasure to send my greetings to you at the Annual Chapter of the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory which this year will coincide with your founding on Holy Cross Day.

I pray that this will be a fruitful time for all of you and that the Brotherhood will continue to grow from strength to strength in the years ahead. May

God bless you all. With my prayers and warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Cousins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'R'.

The Brotherhood of St. Gregory,
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JANUARY INTERCESSIONS

For the ill:

Marie Baxter
Sharon Kowalchick
Anne D. Plunkett

Wessie Gleason
Alice McNutt
Betsy Rodenmayer

Eileen Campbell Gordon
Edmund Persans
Sinai Schellas

For the departed:

Robin Collins

Mary Ann Newman

George P. Hoxie, Jr.

For those who serve the Church, 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.,
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The Rt. Rev'd Alexander D. Stewart
The Rev'd Samuel G. Henderson
The Rev' d Richard C. Wayne

The Rt. Rev'd Philip A. Smith
The Rt. Rev'd Frederick B. Wolf
The Rev'd Thomas R. Schulze
The Rev' d Canon W. Bruce W irtz

and for other Religious Communities:

The Sacramentine Nuns
The Brotherhood of Jesus
The Community of the Servants of Jesus
The Order of the Holy Family
The Sisters of Jesus

The Visitation Nuns
The Church of the Messiah
The Congregation of Companions
of the Holy Savior

Special intentions for.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk England
The Companions & Friends of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory
Betty Evans Scott Chuck Garlan
Martin, SCK Norman C. Ellis
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Randy L. Hansen

Thanksgiving for:

The ministry of the Rev'd Canon Arthur Sherman, upon his retirement
The birthday of Br. Anthony Francis (Jan. 19)
The appointment of Dr. Frederick Duncanson, Companion BSG, to the staff of Misericordia Hospital,
Bronx NY
The ministry and work of the Rev'd H. Bruce Lederhouse, and his wife, Mrs. Lynne Lederhouse



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LENT - OUR RESPONSE

As Americans, we have become used to the great affluence of our contemporary culture. Indulgence and heavy consumption of things appear to be natural, while attributes such as self-denial, discipline, restraint and sexual continence are viewed as being quite unnatural. If we apply this viewpoint to our perception of Lent it would appear that Lenten observances are suspect and unnatural. How should the devout Christian respond?

I believe that Christians ought to be about the business of being in the world, but instead of allowing the world to dictate to us, we should not be afraid to show our determination to exhibit traditional Christian values. Lent affords us the opportunity to begin this process; our own perseverance and God's grace will help us to continue.

One ought to look upon a Lenten discipline as something very positive. We should not give up something or take on something just for the sake of doing it. We ought to look upon this change as a self-improvement through God's grace flowing into our being. As God's grace flows into us our relationship with God goes the way it ought to - constantly growing and improving.

--Stephen, BSG
Jersey City NJ

Br. Stephen is a member of Trinity Parish, Wall Street, and teaches Sunday School at St. Philip's Church, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn.

A LENTEN PARABLE

There was once a little boy who was caught by his brother with his hand in the cookie jar. He blamed his brother for finding him; he blamed his mother for putting the cookies in the jar; he was on the point of blaming the cookies themselves when he realized that he himself was to blame.

While I spoke not, except to curse my brother,
and looked around for others to be blaming,
my heart dried up, as by the bright sun flaming;
I was the one who should have been a-shaming,
I and no other.

(Ps. 32:3-5)

--Tobias Stanislas, BSG
Bronx NY

SERVING IN THE WORLD

Religious serving in the world, not of it, basically involves emulating St. Catherine of Siena, who after three years of prayer in the solitude of her room was commanded by Christ to engage in a life of action and apostolic works, but to maintain her "close relationship with him by carrying her monastic cell around within her. " Many of you have heard me say that we, of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory, carry our monastery on our shoulders. Catherine of Siena did it first. She soon discovered that close union

with God and a life of action and service can and do go hand in hand. Continuous awareness of God's presence within her and continuous action were found to be quite compatible.

When we, as Religious, are no longer bothered about ourselves or projecting a supposed picture of ourselves to the rest of the world, our main concern becomes simply to do the will of God discovered at our center - in the silence of the "monastery on our shoulders" - the cell of quiet and contemplation within us. Finding ourselves with and in Christ; experiencing rather than debating the Christian realities of our existence and encountering God should be at the core of our being.

Our prayer in the world as Religious or laymen must be the words "be still and know that I am God." Abbot John Chapman sums it up best in his Spiritual Letters:

It is not a peace which is felt (emotionally, sensibly) but supersensible. If you try to translate it into language, you may find yourself saying something like this: "What does it all matter? What does it matter whether I enjoy Mass, or feel distracted or annoyed? What do my feelings matter? I came here for God, not for myself. What do I matter? Only God matters. The whole world -doesn't matter. Glory to God, that is the whole of everything. "

Action and contemplation now grow together into one life and one unity. They become two aspects of the same thing. Action is Charity looking outward to others, and contemplation is Charity drawn to its own divine source. Action is the stream and contemplation is the spring. The spring remains more important than the stream, for the only thing that really matters is for love to spring up inexhaustibly from the infinite abyss of Christ and God.

From Merton's *The Wisdom of the Desert*:

A certain brother went to Abbot Moses in Skete asking for a good word. And the elder said, "Go, sit in your cell, and your cell will teach you everything."

Let us each retire to our cell from time to time, and discover God's will for us.

--Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior

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I N THE MIDST OF LENT

Lent should be a time of inward reflection, of change, and of drawing nearer to God. Reflect on Ash Wednesday, when the priest said, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return," as he put ashes on your forehead. You know where this little phrase comes from: God says this to Adam, right after he tells him that he will die (Gen. 4:19).

Because you have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; . . .
In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you re-turn to the
ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you
shall return.

While that last part might appear to be 'overkill,' it does not increase the punishment in any way; yet it allows no room for doubt as to what is going to happen to Adam. God is taking Adam's pride and humbling it. Adam had started to offer an excuse - "it is all her fault" - but after God is through with his pronouncement Adam offers no excuses. Instead, he submits to his penance in as perfect an obedience as he can, and was to persevere for nine hundred years in this penance.

The Church in its wisdom, using Jesus as example, sets aside the forty days before Easter as a period of fasting and penitence. As we find ourselves in the midst of this time of inward reflection, I call your attention to Psalm 51:18 -- 'The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.' As we approach Good Friday, look back at your goals for this Lent. Were they a lot of giving up, or a lot of doing for? Remember: God alone is worthy of God; all the good works and prayers and giving up won't do a thing for us if we will not get our hearts right with God. If you get your heart right with God, he will make you worthy, because he will give you himself. Then when you come to venerate the Cross on Good Friday, not only will you bring the only thing that is really yours to give, your sins, you will have God in you, so that when Jesus takes your sins from you, you will have only God left.

Think about this -- Adam's penance lasted nine hundred years; your penance can be as simple as giving your sins to your Savior, who died that you might live.

--William Francis, BSG
Jersey City NJ

Br. William Francis teaches Sunday School at St. Philip's Church, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn.

the superior's sanctum

THE OUTGOING NATURE OF GOD

How outgoing can God get? The answer is simple if we let Paul in the Letter to the Philippians speak to us. The answer is given in that broken yet majestic man on the cross. Love is not only, as declared in the sentimental hymns, the sweet mystery of life; it is the incredibly shattering and transforming power of God for salvation. Americans do not like being servants, and understandably hate being slaves -- aren't we known for our love of freedom and the rights of free men ? But it is to a servant life and slavery that we are called by the One who is our supreme example.

Someone once reported reading these words in the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, England; it contains the definition of a Christian:

A mind through which Christ thinks; A
heart through which Christ loves; A
voice through which he speaks; A
hand through which he helps.

Whoever framed this definition knew that Christ made himself nothing, assuming the nature of a slave, humbled himself and in obedience accepted death -- death on a cross.

How outgoing can God get? How outgoing can we get? -- As outgoing as Jesus Christ himself, and "out of your life in Christ Jesus."

--Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior



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from a current or past issue, if possible.

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We would like to announce the recent new additions to our growing 'family' of Companions: Mr. Garlan Schoenrock, Jr. of Grand Island, Nebraska, and Mr. Adrian John DuMont of New York City. Welcome to both of you, and may the Lord continue to fill your life with all power and strength through the life which Christ lives in you.

Companions of the Brotherhood live a Rule of Life based on prayer. They support the works of the Brotherhood through this active prayer-life, and through the contribution of their time and talents.

A bit of good news concerning one of our Companions: Dr. Frederick Duncanson has been named to the staff of Misericordia Hospital, Bronx NY. We rejoice with him at this new opportunity to serve God and humanity.

Anyone interested in becoming a Companion, or in finding out more about Companionship, should speak to one of the Brothers, or write to:

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Director of Companions
122 Windsor Terrace
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The Appeal for Mission

As the Brotherhood of St. Gregory grows, so does its need for assistance from the-wide-spread community of friends and supporters which has been of so much help in the past.

ask your continued help in our work of service to the needs of the Church. Your contribution, which may be sent to us in the envelope provided, will aid us in carrying out our varied missions of teaching, service and prayer.

Your contributions are tax-deductible, and a receipt will be provided to you if you so request. Again, many thanks for your support in the past.

May God bless you and keep you always in his care. Amen.

COMMUNITY NOTES
Boston MA & environs: Br. William "Georgianicus" spent a whirlwind weekend in New England at the end of January. With Br. Roy and Mr. Larry Keller, an aspirant to the brotherhood, he visited the Trappist Monastery (OCSO) at Spencer, MA. Sunday's pilgrimage began with Morning Prayer at St. Stephen's, Br. Roy's parish mission, where Companion Grosvenor Calkins joined the band of Pilgrims. Next stop was St. John the Evangelist for the Eucharist. Fr. David Clayton, SSJE was observing the anniversary of his Life Profession. After the service there was a chance to greet members of the parish who have been very supportive of the works of the Brotherhood. In the afternoon, the Brothers journeyed to Stoughton MA, where they joined Br. Luke Anthony at Trinity Church for a celebration in honor of Fr. Thomas Schulze's tenth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. The preacher was Fr. W. Bruce Wirtz, of Worcester MA, where our Br. Michael serves. It was a joyous time of fellowship hall. Br. Jerome, OHC (RC), a good friend to Fr. Schulze and the Brothers, was also able to attend.

Manchester NH: Br. Christian is continuing his studies in the Master of Education Program at Notre Dame College.

more COMMUNITY NOTES



Rockville MD: On the Feast of Christ the King, the Rt. Rev' d John Thomas Walker, Bishop of Washington, confirmed a class at Christ Church. On that occasion, Br. John was the Bishop's Chaplain and Postulant Br. Edward assisted in the Service of Confirmation and in the Eucharist.

For Br. Edward it was a first meeting with the Bishop and the opportunity to be with him was greatly appreciated. The special appeal of the day for Br. John was the blessing given him by Bishop Walker on the seventh anniversary of his Life Profession in the Brotherhood.

Both Brs. John and Edward were participants in the Diocesan Convention at the end of January.

Washington LX:: On January 16th Brs. James, Leslie Victor, Stephen, William

Francis and Andrew joined Brs. John and Edward at the Lutheran-Episcopal celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the National Cathedral. This gave our Brothers a chance to meet and pray with members of the three Lutheran Churches participating. Earlier in the day our visiting New York area Brothers spent some time at Holy Cross Mission in Falls Church Virginia, where Br. John pursues an extensive ministry. We ask our readers to join us in praying for the success of ecumenical endeavors in the Church today, "not that our divisions may cease, but that we may cease our divisions. "

New York NY: Brs. Christian, William Francis, Stephen and Andrew attended the 14th annual conference of Trinity Institute. This was an opportunity for theological reflection and growth, and a time to greet many old friends. At the conclusion of the conference, Brs. Christian and William Francis paid a visit to the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham NJ. . . . Br. John Peter has been approved as a subdeacon at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine A right, at a recent parish visitation, Brs. Richard Thomas and James had the opportunity to spend a few moments with the Rt. Rev'd Paul Moore, Jr., Visitor to the Brotherhood.



MARCH INTERCESSIONS

For the ill:

Lester Weaver
Delores Weaver

Anne D. Plunkett

The Rt. Rev'd J. Stuart Wetmore

For the departed:

Nelle Hughes
Sidney Zeikel

J. D. Boykin

Nancy Hanks

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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 Brothers of Provinces III, V, VI, & VIII:

John, Kevin James, Thomas Joseph, Thaddeus David, Augustine James,
Edward and Paul

and those with whom they serve:

The Rt. Rev'd Matthew P. Bigliardi
The Rt. Rev'd Charlie F. McNutt

The Rt. Rev'd William G. Black
The Rt. Rev'd John T. Walker

The Rt. Rev'd James Daniel Warner

The Rev'd Henry N. Fukui, Provincial Chaplain

The Rev' d David Thomas Andrews

The Rev' d Elwyn D. Brown

The Rev'd James L. jelinek

The Rev'd Richard M. Rowland

The Rev'd Robert J. Vanderau, Jr.

The Very Rev' d John P. Bartholomew

The Rev' d Stuart K. Frane

The Rev'd Wayland E. Melton

The Rev'd Thomas F. Ryan, Jr.

The Rev'd Frank S. Walinski

and for other Religious Communities:

The Sacramentine Nuns
The Order of St. Anne
The Order of Reconciliation

The Visitation Nuns
The Congregation of the Servants of Christ
The Community of the Way of the Cross

Special intentions for:

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk, England

The Friends and Companions of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory

St. Francis' Boys' Home

Richard and Leonce Soto

Martin, SCK

Philip David Deemer

Norman C. Ellis

The Lesser Chapter of the
Brotherhood

Thanksgiving for:

The birth of Karann Robinson

Anniversaries: (b - birthday)

2 Br. Michael (b)

15 Br. Kevin James (b)

25 Br. William (b)

28 Br John Peter (b)



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Easter 1983

Easter is that wonderful time of year when the northern latitudes are in the midst of the rebirth of Spring. Winter has gone and the earth's plants are budding out with new foliage for the season. Most importantly though, it is time to remember the fact that God sent his beloved Son to save us from ourselves. Although it meant death, and not a pleasant one either, he did it so that we might share his eternal kingdom.

In a letter of St. John Chrysostom it is put wonderfully. We are all invited to share in the banquet, whether we have worked from the beginning of the day or came to work at the last hour. God's love for us is so great that he would welcome anyone even in the last part of the day. Although many of us may never know while on earth how much God really loves us, be assured that it is true. That is the wonderful news of the Crucifixion and of our Lord's Resurrection the third day after, to conquer death and to give us the hope and chance to be with him for all eternity. We must never forget this, nor be allowed to stray because things go badly, or the earthly pleasures of the world lure us away to sure death. Always think of that first shining glorious Easter day when Jesus began to show himself to his friends after breaking the power of death. Easter is more than springtime, flowers, bunnies and the like. It is proof that God wants us to be with him.

Br. Michael, BSG
Worcester MA

ASPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mother Ruth, Mother Foundress of the Community of the Holy Spirit, who recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of her Life Profession. May the Almighty continue to keep her and the Community which she founded in his loving care, as living witness to a life lived in him.

DOCTORAL PROGRAM BEGINS NINTH YEAR

The Sewanee - Vanderbilt Joint Doctor of Ministry Program, one of the few which operates solely during the Summer, enabling participation without a major interruption in parochial responsibilities, is beginning its ninth year of operation. Inquiries may be addressed to the Director's Office, Joint D. Min. Program, School of Theology, Sewanee TN 37375.

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The Ecumenical Oblates The Community of the Resurrection
The Oratory of the Little Way The Sisters of Our Lady of Charity

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The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk England Martin, SCK
Sean A. Lotz Linda & Thyron Rickey Del Edwards
The Worker Sisters of the Holy Spirit at their annual meeting Bishop
Desmond Tutu and the South African Council of Churches
St. Francis Boys' Homes: for Dave, Steele, Gilbert, Jamie, Mike, Jonathan,
Damian and Kevin
Norman Ellis, Philip Deemer, Larry Keller, Michael Insogna, and Royce Sloan

Thanksgiving for: the birth of Benjamin Whitcraft Mintz

Anniversaries (b- birthday)

8 Augustine James, BSG (b) 28 Thaddeus David BSG (b)

Superior's Sanctum: THE PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

The Easter angel calls from our hearts the confirmation of the fact that God is the God of life and death. The proclamation of the Easter angel is our assurance that our waiting is not in vain, because we already live in eternity. The proclamation of the Easter angel gives to life a dimension we have not yet experienced.

Suppose the angel had said, "He is not here. " Only that ! The women at the tomb would have faced nothing but broken promises and emptiness, the emptiness of an empty tomb. Suppose he had said, "He is not here - his body has been removed." They would have searched in vain until their aromatic spices and oils had lost their fragrance. Suppose he had said, "He is not here - his body has been stolen. " Then fearing the approaching Roman soldiers, the women would have fled to avoid being involved in conspiracy. But -- the angel said, "He is not here - he is risen !" Then the whole picture changed.

Just as he said -- he arose and changed the whole picture, the whole world. We ought to preach and teach chiefly in the present tense, and much as we ought to express our joy in the Christ of yesterday and the Christ of tomorrow -- the Christ of the Cross and the Christ of the Crown -- there is a sense in which we need to preach the Christ of today, the Christ who makes good his promise.

He did not simply disappear; he was not absent or stolen from us, and even in his death, he was still with us. In the light of this promise fulfilled, let us think of Easter as a God-give, time of new beginnings.

Let us pray: Thanks be to God for the empty tomb and the appearance of the Savior alive from the dead; for his presence with the disciples in the upper room, and for the manifestation to them of his risen life in word and action; for the assurance that he who raised up Christ from the dead is able to re-vitalize us altogether with him, and for the confidence that though we cannot see him now, yet through his Spirit, he is with us always. Amen.

-- Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior

Companions' Corner

We would like to welcome two new Companions into closer fellowship with the Brotherhood: Ms. Linda Aycock and Mr. Rickey Del Edwards. Linda is a parishoner at the Church of St. Luke-in-the-Fields, New York; Rickey is currently studying at the Vidyajyoti Institute in Delhi, India. Our prayers are with you both.

Dr. Frederick Duncanson, Companion BSG, has been appointed Chief of Immunology at Misericordia Hospital, Bronx NY. He also gave a series of talks on colds and flu on WOR-AM radio, a major New York station.

Community Notes

Harrisburg PA: Br. Thaddeus David gave a talk at St. Paul's Parish on the subject of the Religious Life in the Episcopal Church. In his presentation, he made extensive use of vocational materials and brochures furnished him by many of the Religious Communities of the Church.

McLean VA: Br. John has taken on a new work as a teacher at St. Dunstan's Church, and is offering additional assistance at Holy Cross Mission. Let us also take this opportunity to congratulate him and wish him well on his seventieth birthday!

Bronx NY: The Brotherhood held a Community Quiet Day at St. Andrew's Church, as guests of the Rev'd Errol A. Harvey, rector. Brs. Jason Jude and William serve in this parish, and Fr. Harvey has graciously extended us the use of the parochial facilities on several previous occasions.

The day was co-ordinated by Br. Stephen, and the theme was one of Servanthood. The day began with a meditation by Br. Tobias Stanislas "Servant of God - Son of God," an examination of several of Jesus' parables. The Superior developed the idea more particularly by speaking on the transforming power of Obedience. Fr. Harvey, who celebrated the midday Eucharist, gave a homily on the significance of Lent and the need for inward repentance. After luncheon, provided by Companion Dorcas Tornabene, Br. Stephen brought together the images of the Servant who strives and the Servant who suffers. Br. William Francis brought the day to a close with a summation and synthesis of the different yet related views of Servanthood which had been presented and developed through the day. Throughout the day there had been ample time for quiet and meditation, for prayer and inward renewal.

Below, the Superior presents his thoughts to the assembled Brothers, Companions, Friends and visitors who attended the Quiet Day.



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A SOUND FROM HEAVEN

A sermon by the Rt. Rev'd Michael E. Marshall, Bishop of Woolwich (England)

"Many happy returns of the day!" we frequently say on birthdays. Because birthdays are more than single occasions, each one has a past and a future. Each looks back to an actual birth and the years since, while also looking forward with hope to a rewarding future -so aptly summarized in the phrase, "Many happy returns !"

The Feast of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church, and we do the only thing we can do: we celebrate it. Pentecost was the day, the moment, when the Church was born and entered the history of our world. Yet Pentecost, like all birthdays, looks backward and forward.

Pentecost is related, strangely enough; 'to another birthday, Christmas. It comes as the final chapter of the Christmas story: the birth of Jesus, his life and ministry, his Passion, death and resurrection, ascension, and now, at the turning point of the Church's year, Pentecost.

So may we, on the threshold of summer, turn back our thoughts to winter and Christmas? Will you recall with me the words of the astonished Mary, when the angel of the annunciation invited her to be the mother of the Lord? "How can this be?" The reply?

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and that which is formed in you shall be called holy. "

Just try looking around the table at the first birthday party in the upper room. You must be joking ! Eleven broken men and a handful of women. Are these to be the founders of a worldwide revolutionary movement which would turn the world upside-down with its teaching, and still be going strong two thousand years later? You will repeat, if you look hard enough around that table, the incredulous cry of Mary herself at the Annunciation: "How on earth can this be?" And the reply? The same as before: "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you, and that which is formed in you will be called Holy. "

How right are these words of Bishop Marshall! To our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we wish a continued growth and a passing on to others of the gifts of this holy day: the love of caring, the joy of sharing, the giving of **self** through patience and kindness, the gentleness of listening, the peace of comforting others and thus knowing the comfort and oneness of the Spirit. How exciting that **we** who were born of the Spirit, baptized and made heirs of heaven, fed by the Eucharist, forgiven through penance and brought to eternal life, **are privileged** -- so privileged -- all for the love of God ! Happy Birthday

--Anthony Francis, BSG

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The Superior's Sanctum: A MESSAGE FOR EASTERTIDE: DON'T FENCE JESUS IN_ - - -

They nailed him to a cross and let him die -- or so they thought! He upset so many people that they didn't know what to do with him, so they crucified him. Strung up on a crude wooden cross -- it was -best-this way. For nineteen hundred years the world has tried to put a fence around Jesus. The cross was the first fence. "IN

They could kill the body -- they couldn't kill the soul; they could destroy the flesh, but they could not destroy the spirit which the flesh incarnated -- flesh and spirit that could cry out, "Father, forgive them!"

The cross having failed, the world turned to a more subtle way of disposing of Jesus: it worshiped him. It put him up on a high altar with its ornate and costly symbols, and said to him, "Stay there. That is where you belong. Stay there, and when Sundays come, we shall worship you. "

All the while, Jesus kept pleading, "Don't fence me in. Let me down from your crosses. Let me down from your altars. Let me out of the four walls of your churches. Let me into your minds and hearts. Let me into your homes. Let me into all that you do, back where I started, walking in the common ways of men and women and talking with them about how to live and how to be one together. Give me a chance. Don't fence me in. "

This is the message of Easter: the stone is rolled away from the tomb that fenced Jesus In. Let us never replace that -stone in an attempt to confine the influence of Jesus in our lives and works.

--Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior

COMMUNITY NOTES

LESSER CHAPTER - 1983 - White Plains NY: This year's Lesser Chapter was a joyous, spiritual experience for all concerned, as Brothers, Aspirants, Companions and Friends gathered from across the country for a time of prayer, renewal, and for some, new beginnings. The events of Saturday March 12th, the Feast of our Patron St. Gregory the Great, formed a concentrated examination of the life we are called to live. The Rev'd David G. Henritzky, OSL, Methodist minister and long-time friend of the Community, led two discussions on prayer, and preached at the Eucharist. Many valuable insights were gained into this vital aspect of the Religious life.

At Solemn Matins, Br. James gave a homily on the life of Holy Father Gregory, pointing out to us once again the relevance of this man who lived more than a millennium ago. At the same service, Brs. Andrew, Thomas Joseph and Tobias Stanislas made their first Renewal of *Annual Vows*. Brs. Charles and Paul were clothed as Novices. (Br. Edward, who was unable to attend Lesser Chapter, was accepted into the Novitiate by the Superior, but will undergo the actual Clothing ceremony at a later date . . . see Washington DC, next page.) The Community Rites concluded with the Admission of four new Postulants:

Laurence Andrew Keller of Boston MA, Norman Charles Ellis of Louisville KY, Philip Deemer of Santa Rosa CA, and Nathanael Sloan of Omaha NE. They are seen here (r. to l.) as they are presented to the Superior.



After a lovely lunch, provided by Companion Dorcas Tornabene, there was time for quiet fellowship and conversation, as well as for a meeting of the Superior's Council.

Vespers then introduced us to the Solemn Festival Eucharist, with the administration of the Rite of Profession. We were most pleased to have with us as Celebrant the Rev'd Thomas F. Pike, Rector of Calvary/Holy Communion/St. Georges, NY, and Chaplain Emeritus of the Community. Fr. Pike

received the Superior's Profession of Vows in the chapel of the Monastery of the Visitation (RC) in 1969. It was a joy for him to see how the Community has grown and developed in the years since then, and we were very happy indeed that he could be with us to share the Eucharist. At this service, Brs. Thaddeus David and Augustine James made their First Profession of Annual Vows. They are seen here kneeling before the Superior, who is about to cense them in token of their Oblation of self to the Rule of the Brotherhood.





Augustine James, the Superior, Fr. Pike and Thaddeus David

apart," and the knowledge of the loving Community helps us in our work, as we remain "one in Spirit and Truth" though separated by physical distance.

Washington DC: the Feast Day celebration of the Brothers in Province III had Brs. John and Edward joined by Fr. Andrew Iyambo of SW Africa, for the Eucharist at St. Paul's Church. Following the Eucharist, there was a breakfast to celebrate the acceptance of Br. Edward into the Novitiate.

The Brothers then adopted Fr. Andrew



as their special missionary work, and began acquiring

gifts to send back to his five Parishes, which he serves by riding circuit on a bicycle. Br. Edward will be Clothed at a service to take place during the convention of the National Assembly of Religious Brothers.



A Family Portrait -- 1983

Boston MA: the Province I Brothers and visitors from the NY/NJ area gathered at the Church of the Advent to hear Dr. Owen Chadwick preach and speak, and to spend a time of fellowship =and communion together.



MAY INTERCESSIONS

For the ill: Anne D. Plunkett _____ Albert DeMartin
Edmund C. Persans _____ Lionel Thomas
The Revd Aristede S. Red _____ Roland Howe, Jr.
Louise Miller _____ Sarah Peveler
Verne Weed

For the departed: Delores Weaver _____ Gladys Bever
Augusta Zagursky _____ Lennox Webster
The Rev' d Charles Hanna _____ Robert Doyle

For those who serve the Church:

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. Revd Paul Moore, Jr.,
Visitor & Protector
the Brothers of Province II: Brs. Richard Thomas, James, Leslie Victor, Jason Jude, Anthony
Francis, John **Peter**, William Francis,
Stephen, Andrew; Tobias Stanislas,
William, and Novice Br. Charles
and those with whom they serve:
The Revd J. Norman Hall
The Rev' d Ledlie I. Laughlin, Jr.
The Rev'd Robert R. Parks The Rev'd
Edgar F. Wells, Jr. The Rev'd Errol A. Harvey
The Rev'd Richard L. May
The Rev'd Thomas F. Pike
The Rev'd Canon Edward N. West
M. Williams

The Revd Bruce
and for other Religious Communities: The
The Community of the Holy Spirit
The Worker Sisters of the Holy Spirit
The Order of the Holy Apostolate
The Visitation Nuns
The Company of the Paraclete
The Worker Brothers of the Holy Spirit
The Brothers of the Sacred Heart

For the special intentions of The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk England
The Companions and Friends of the Brotherhood _____ Martin, SCK
Richard & Connie Hutchins _____ The Ven. Robert N. Willing _____ The Rev'd E.A. Stjohn
St. Francis' Boys' Homes --Henry, Brandy, Brian, Mike, Kevin, Peter, Joe, Tim,
Paul, Philip, Sean, David, Mark, John and Kerry

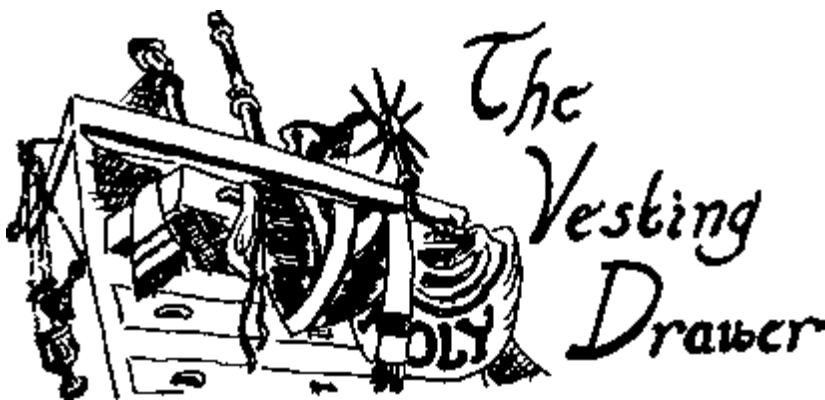
In Thanksgiving for: The ministry of the Most Rev'd Stuart Y. Blanch, Abp. of York
The healing of Thomas J. Davidson _____ The birth of Tadd Schaefer Schellenbach
The First Profession of Vows of Brs. Thaddeus David and Augustine James The Reception of
Novices Charles, Paul and Edward
The Admission of Postulants Laurence Andrew, Norman Charles, Philip and Nathanael The
reception of the First Annual Vows of Br. Anselm and Fr. Brian OSB
The appointment of the Rev'd Samuel Van Culin, Jr. as Secretary General of the Anglican
Consultative Council

The servant

COMMUNITY NOTES

New York, New York: On Saturday, April 16th, the Superior and Brs. Leslie Victor, James and Anthony Francis attended the tenth anniversary celebration of the founding of the Institute of Theology at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. This service had special significance for us in two ways: over the last few years several of our Brothers were privileged to attend classes there; and the Institute's Director, the Rev'd Canon William A. Johnson, was curate at St. Andrew's Church, Yonkers, at the time of the Brotherhood's foundation in 1969 (our Superior was then organist and choir-master at St. Andrew's). The festivities began with an address by the Bishop of New York, and was followed by the Eucharist in St. James' Chapel in the Cathedral. Bishop Moore celebrated the Eucharist and the Rev'd Canon Edward N. West preached. The day continued with a luncheon (provided in part by Br. Anthony Francis). It was a wonderful occasion made even more so by the opportunity to see so many old and dear friends, as well as having time to chat with our Companion Dr. Frederick P. Duncanson, who is also a student at the Institute.

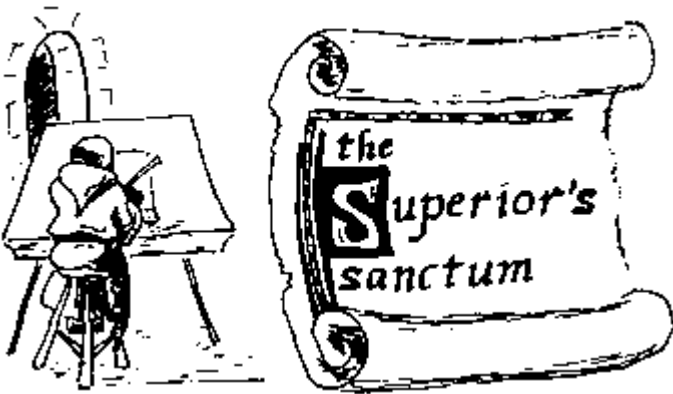
Palmer, MA: On Sunday, April 24, Br. Luke Anthony, Novice Br. Roy and Postulant Laurence Andrew visited St. Mary's *Church* here, at the request of the vicar, the Rev'd George G. Greenway. Fr. Greenway had invited our Brothers to do a presentation on the Brotherhood and the Religious Life in the Church for his parishioners, who greatly enjoyed the lecture.



The time has come for a belated call to altar guilds do dig a little deeper and do some additional spring-cleaning! The Vestment Exchange can always use old or surplus vestments to repair sort and hand on to someone who can use them. JUST IN TIME for Pentecost: we have currently an excess of green superfrontals (some as parts of sets) in stock. Write: Br. Christian, BSG/ St. Gregory's House / 25 Allen St. / Manchester NH 03102.

AN EVERYDAY MIRACLE

I would like to relate an occurrence of a few years ago and use it as an illustration of an "everyday miracle." During a period when many of us were enduring one of the worst winters ever, I was walking home from the railroad station. The temperature had risen and some of the ice patches had begun to melt. As I walked, a small piece of paper was blowing along the ground --right along my path. After a while, the paper being guided in no particular direction, was blown into one of the pools of water. It was caught -trapped - and this event made me stop and observe. This is the result of my pondering: an everyday miracle.



To stretch the point, let us call the piece of paper man or woman. The pool of water is the love of God. For many people, life is just such a wandering from place to place, from one frustration to another. No purpose - no direction. But, one day, we discover God: his love, his teachings - the Gospel of the Lord. Then what happens? Like the little piece of paper, we are caught up, helpless but saved.

The pool of water was newly melted ice, and it had been standing as it formed, fresh and new. Just like the love of God. Each time we allow ourselves to be caught in another pool, it is another miracle of faith, and a new chance to be caught up in what makes us strong - God's love. When was the last time you were truly caught up in the love of God?

Think of the paper - the pool - and then yourself. Ask: am I floating free? Do I have direction and purpose? One day, we will all encounter another pool of living water. Only we can say whether or not we have been caught up as was my little piece of paper -- an everyday miracle.

Richard Thomas, BSG

Superior

The Appeal for Mission

The Season of Pentecost is come: the time of thankfulness for the gifts of the Spirit, so graciously given. It is time for reaching out, a time for mission and activity; a time to follow the commands of the Lord to Peter: to feed the sheep and to care for the lambs.

May we call upon you once again to aid us in our work of service to God's people in the Church, and to the world through the outflow of the Spirit? Our ministry of service, to the Church while in the world, depends on the generosity of you, our friends and supporters. Please continue to share in our work by sending us whatever you can in the enclosed return-envelope. Every dollar helps in our ever expanding operation.

May the Lord bless you and the fruits of your labor in his service. Amen.

JUNE INTERCESSIONS

For the ill: Christine Lee + Hal Gross Roland Howe, Jr.
Ruth Apteker Patricia Spille

For the departed: Anthony Garafalo Evelyn A. Brodhead Lillian Farthing

For those who serve the Church, especially:

- Robert A. K. Runcie + John M. Allin
- Horace W. B. Donegan, + Paul Moore, Jr.,
Visitor Emeritus Visitor & Protector

the Brothers of Provinces III, IV, V, VI and VIII:

John, Kevin James, Thomas Joseph, Thaddeus David, Augustine James; Novices Paul and Edward; Postulants Norman Charles, Philip and Nathanael

• those with whom they serve:

- Matthew P. Bigliardi + William G. Black + Robert B. Hall
- Charlie F. McNutt + David Benson Reed + William E. Swing
+ John T. Walker + James Daniel Warner

The Rev'd David Thomas Andrews

The Very Rev'd John P. Bartholomew

The Revd Elwyn D. Brown

The Revd Richard P. Fowler

The Revd Stuart K. Frane

The Rev'd Henry N. Fukui

The Revd James L. Jelinek

The Rev'd Wayland E. Melton

The Rev'd Thomas F. Ryan

The Rev'd Thomas E. Shepherd

The Revd Grant R. Sherk

The Revd Robert J. Vanderau

The Revd Richard M. Rowland

The Revd Frank S. Walinski

for other Religious Communities, especially:

The Sacramentine Nuns

The Visitation Nuns

The Society of St. Paul

The Society of St. Barnabas *The*

Community of St. John Baptist

Special Intentions for:

The Shrine of Our lady of Walsingham, Norfolk, England

• Friends and Companions of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory
Sr. Rose Miriam, CSJ Martin, SCK The Revd E. A. St. John

• St. Francis Boys' Homes Mr. Jon Nolte

Christ Memorial Church, Danville PA, in the celebration of the 100th year of the consecration of their building

Thanksgiving for:

- love and support of the Rev. Canon William A. Johnson
- 10th Anniversary of the Institute of Theology, Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine
- birth of a daughter, Barbara, to Bob and Leonora Carr
- birth of a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to Richard and Mary Zaikowski
- birth of a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to Kevin and Linda Haller
- election of the Rev. Fr. M. Thomas Shaw as Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist

The life and work of the Rev. Fr. Paul Wessinger, and his continuing ministry

Birthdays (Belated) in MAY

20. William Francis, BSG

21. Philip, p/BSG

23. James, BSG

25. Charles, n/BSG

the servant

THE SELF OR THE SACRAMENT -- WE MAKE THE FINAL CHOICE

"I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

Life, comes, believes -- words that mean nothing by themselves, but in the context that St. John writes, are given a wealth and depth of meaning. Do we as Brothers, Companions and Friends believe in these words of Jesus? Have we meditated on them and applied them to our lives as baptized persons?

The life of a brother, or companion or Christian is not an easy life -- not saying that it is a hard one -- but it is a way of life that we freely give to God, to live as Christ told us: to love God, to love our neighbor and to love ourselves. We are to seek Jesus in all aspects of life, whatever happens in it that may seem good or bad.

We have one great stumbling-block: that of "being human." When we make a mistake, fail or do not meet Christ's expectation in our life, we become guilt-ridden, and at times discouraged and depressed. We become overwhelmed with these feelings and ask ourselves, "Why should I be good? I am always going to fail, make mistakes and be discouraged and in the dumps, so I will lead my life the way I want." These are the key words, "The way I want, my way; that is it. . . ."

Everything we do in life is a struggle -- going to work, meetings, suppers, and so on. We say, "I have to live, so I do my job. I am active in the church or community, so I attend the meetings and suppers." We just exist. One thing is missing: Jesus Christ. Once we hand our life over to him and say, "Do what you want," we have shifted control of our life from ourselves to him. Our life becomes special, it becomes a life full of joy and peace. Whether we fail or succeed, we give it all to him, and he handles the day-to-day problems for us. What a change -- we begin to say, "Thank you"; life takes on a whole new meaning -- because we said yes to Jesus and no to ourselves.

Jesus is the bread of life, and whoever comes to him shall not hunger, and whoever believes in him shall never thirst. Have you been to that living well, the sacrament of the Eucharist, lately?

Are you willing to say "YES" to Jesus? Or are you still saying "I WANT"?

-- Luke Anthony, BSG
Stoughton MA

Br. Luke Anthony serves at Trinity Church. He is the EYC and acolyte coordinator, lay-reader and Sunday-school teacher. His secular work is with the John Hancock Insurance Company as a medical claims approver. He serves as Brotherhood Novice Master.

Superior's Sanctum: FORGETTING THOSE THINGS
WHICH ARE BEHIND
Phil. 3:13

So many of us live in haunted houses, tormented by ghosts of vanished yesterdays. Their chill hangs over us and makes us fearful of the future. Christ comes to enable us to conquer our past, to forget much that ought to be forgotten. There are those who live too much in the yesterdays of a more successful and, in retrospect, a better life.

The past was not unmixed good -- living too much in it is a dangerous habit. There are some who keep old iceboxes after they have been replaced by another appliance -- out of respect for the past. There are literary people who only read books which are at least a hundred years old -- and they live in a medieval dream, losing sight of all modern artists and scholars. Nothing contemporary can be good! These people are slaves of the past, living in the spirit of the old days, in unchanging yesterdays which they have fashioned into sanctuaries.

Let us not lose a past tense, but let us not exaggerate the glories of the old or minimize the present. To do this, we must keep company with the eternal Christ. From him we learn that one significant step is to forget those things which are past, and to press on to what lies before; to press on to the goal for the prize of God's high call in Christ Jesus.

-- Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior



Religious in Church News: (DPS) The Rev. George B. Braund, member and past Superior (1969-75) of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd, has been named as the first full-time ecumenical officer of the Anglican Communion. His new position is Associate Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs of the Anglican Consultative Council. The Rev. Samuel Van Culin, secretary general, announced that this appointment came "at a very important time in the development of the ecumenical affairs of the Anglican Communion. . . . 1983 marks the beginning of fresh rounds of talks with the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation. Discussions are continuing with the Orthodox, and the Final Report of the Anglican-Reformed Commission should be published in 1984." +++

COMMUNITY NOTES



NEW YORK NY: The Sixth Annual Festival of Worship and Music of the Diocese of New York had a very special guest in attendance on May 7th: the preacher was the Most Rev'd and Rt. Honorable Stuart Y. Blanch, Archbishop of York (the see he referred to as "the other Apple"). It was wonderful to be a part of this grand service once again, at which the Bishop of New York celebrates the Eucharist and thousands of the faithful gather. As an additional treat, the Cathedral sponsored a huge reception for Archbishop and Mrs. Blanch on the great South Lawn of the Cathedral Close. The Superior and several of our local Brothers were in attendance, and even managed to have a few moments to chat with his Grace the Archbishop. +++

ROCKVILLE MD: It is an expected social norm that when a person retires from secular employment he or she will begin a life of leisure at a much slower pace. But anyone who knows our Br. John is familiar with just the opposite occurrence! Brother "retired" from his secular employment as a top-security White House aide and private financial consultant some years ago, but that was just the beginning of a new life of activity. Since then,, Br. John has given his time completely to his vocation, and in the past this column has told of his being appointed Chaplain to Montgomery County College, his becoming administrator of St. Anne's Parish, Damascus, and his many teaching and preaching engagements across this diocese and those adjoining (often accompanying our Provincial Chaplain, the Rev'd Henry N. Fukui). Well, news has just reached us that our Brother has begun yet two more works: he has recently been appointed Religious-in-Charge of Holy Cross Church, a mission of St. Dunstan's Parish, McLean VA; he also has become Director of Pastoral Services at the Potomac Valley Nursing Center, a brand-new position with great ecumenical opportunities. Our love, prayers and support are with him always. +++

BOSTON MA: Our Br. Luke Anthony, together with Novice Brother Roy and Postulant Laurence Andrew, attended a lecture here at the historic Church of the Advent recently. The speaker was the Rt. Rev'd Peter Ball, Bishop of Lewes (Suffragan to Chichester, England). His topic was "Living in Grace. . . . The Brothers also had the opportunity to meet with the Bishop before the program began. . . .

Novice Br. Roy participated in the Jubilee Patronal Festival of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, where he met the new Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, the Revd Fr. Thomas Shaw, and chatted with former Superior and long-time friend of our Community, the Revd Fr. Paul Wessinger. +++

From a sermon preached by the Revd David G. Henritzy, OSL -

There are occasions in life which might, could, ought to lead us to prayer. Prayer begins with thanksgiving; everything else evolves therefrom. For instance: I searched for over a year for a job which would be suitable for me and which would enable me in some small way to contribute to the furtherance of God's Kingdom. I finally found one. Thank you, God. I fought for years with my wife, or husband, but through perseverance and constant trying, we finally began to understand each other, and now have a wonderful relationship. Thank you, God. I have been struggling with an illness for years; finally the doctors have found the solution and I am well again. Thank you, God. One of the things which prayer is, and should be, indeed must be, is thanksgiving. Thanksgiving when we recognize something in our lives which we can attribute to his intervention, to his beneficence. Thanksgiving for his Grace . Grace to us, to a friend, to a brother, to a family member. Because we as Christians are a part of a community. We are a community which prays.

I have not always prayed as much as I felt that I ought. But it has always been a source of comfort to me to know that when I was being derelict **in** my responsibility to pray, at least I knew, or hoped, that someone was praying on my behalf. This is one of the geniuses of Christianity -- that we are a community which prays: we pray for ourselves, we pray for each other, and we pray-for the world.

[The Brotherhood] adds a further dimension to that concept. You are a community within that community which is the Church. You have accepted a call to a life of prayer. Each and every one of you . . . has accepted the responsibility to pray for each other. Pray for your brothers. Pray for me. For the peace of the world, an end to hunger and suffering. And we will do the same for you. And that, you see, that common prayer life, is what ties us all together. In all our disparity, in all the places we live, all the different people we love -- the one thing which ties us together is a shared commonality in prayer. +++

The Revd David G. Henritzy, is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Tuckahoe New York, and Director of Development for the Emergency Shelter, New York City. He is a member of the Order of St. Luke, a society for the promotion of the causes of Primitive Methodism. This sermon was preached at the Eucharist during Lesser Chapter.

Companions' Corner

We take great pleasure in announcing the names of several new Companions to the Brotherhood of St. Gregory: Mr. Daniel J. Johnson of Philadelphia, Mr. Michael P. Insogna of Horseheads NY, and Mr. K. Lawrence Troutman of Selinsgrove PA. We welcome them most heartily into the closer fellowship which Companionship provides; may they prosper in the Rule of Life that they have undertaken, and grow strong in the service of God, the Church and the Community. Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding Companionship may write directly to Br. Anthony Francis -- Director of Companions / 122 Windsor Terrace / Yonkers NY 10701.

JULY INTERCESSIONS

For the III: Roland Howe, Jr. Christopher Gardner
Anne D. Plunkett Christen Mary Storen Mrs. Keller

For the departed: Mario Milito Judy Mann

For those who serve the Church, especially:

+Robert A. K. Runcie +John M. Allin +Horace W. B. Donegan +Paul Moore, Jr.
Visitor Emeritus Visitor & Protector

the Brothers of Province I:

Michael, Christian, Luke Anthony, Novices Brendan and Roy,
and Postulant Laurence Andrew

and those with whom they serve:

+John B. Coburn +Alexander D. Stewart +Philip A. Smith +Frederick B. Wolf
Samuel G. Henderson+ Richard Holloway+ Geoffrey Schmitt+
Thomas R. Schulze+ Richard C. Wayne+

and for other Religious:

The Sacramentine Nuns The Visitation Nuns
The Congregation of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel The Order of St. Anne
The Society of St. Margaret The Sisters of Charity
The Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm The Order of St. Benedict

Special intentions for:

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk England
The Friends and Companions of the Brotherhood
E. A. St. John+ Martin, SCK +Desmond Tutu and the SACC
Andrew Iyambo+ and the Diocese of Namibia in the Church of the Province of South Africa
Jon Nolte, William E. Fessenden, II and Thomas G. Little
St. Francis' Boys' Homes, especially: David, Damian, Shawn, Kevin, John, Tom,
Raymond, Bill, Steele and John
Richard and Leonce Soto John Peter, BSG
Br. John in his new work for the Church and the Community
Postulant Philip and the success of his new publication, Wellspring

Thanksgiving for:

The 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr. Benjamin Russell Priest+, and the 40th
Anniversary of the Ordination of +William C. R. Sheridan to the Priesthood The Life
Profession of Br. Chad, SSF
The Ordination of William L. Murrell and Barbara Henry, TSF to the Sacred Order of
Deacons
The celebration of 100 years of daily Eucharist at St. James Parish, Capitol Hill,
Washington D.C.

Birthdays (July)

5. Thomas Joseph
7. Luke Anthony
10. Leslie Victor, Christian

The Servant

NO VACATION FROM GOD!

We are *now* in the midst of a great slack period. The Easter cycle has long since run its course and the Christmas cycle is still several months in the future. Our Church calls these weeks "After Pentecost", while our Roman brethren use the very apt term "Ordinary Time". This is that lovely time of long, lazy days when everyone seems to be on vacation, clergy and laity alike.

Some people have the idea that they are entitled to a vacation from their religious duties as well as from the duties of their usual work. This would imply that God goes on vacation as well. The Bible (Gen. 2:2-3) informs us that God rested when the work of creation was complete. This appears to be the only vacation he ever took, for his work of redeeming and sustaining his creatures is not finished and will not be finished until he wills it. Reason, therefore, precludes any vacation by God! Since God never stops working for us, then we must likewise, never shirk our duty to him.

When a Brother goes away on vacation, his Office Book and Bible are part of his luggage; Companions and Associates of Orders and Communities should do likewise. Further, the duty to attend the Eucharist at least on Sunday must not be neglected. If no Episcopal Church is available, one can visit a Roman Catholic or Orthodox Church, join their prayers with those of the congregation and make a spiritual Communion.

The Spanish language has a very nice and, in this context, a very appropriate way of saying farewell: *vaya con Dios*, or go with God. Have a lovely and restful vacation and go with God!

Charles, BSG
New York, N.Y.

Br. Charles is a Novice in the Brotherhood of St. Gregory and serves On Mission at St. Paul's Chapel of Trinity Parish in New York City. His secular occupation is with Prudential Bache Securities.

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Superior's Sanctum: High Religion - instead of "High Church":.....

Religion should seek to make itself as intelligent as science: know your faith; know what you believe and what the Church teaches; know your Prayer Book and the riches it contains. Be able to speak as a scientist speaks - with research and study behind you and real knowledge and truth in front. Stop using "Holy Words" - words such as "it's not Christian" or "Christians don't do that". Why does being a Christian make us different?

Religion should be as appealing as art: Our worship should be the best we can offer to God. Good taste (we are, after all, Anglicans!) well planned and carefully structured to involve the whole family of God. Beauty and grandeur, in the correct proportions. If it cannot be well done, it should NOT be overdone poorly!

Religion should be as vital as the day's work: How many people you know, put as much into their religion as they do at their work? Some do - many do not, and our "church" work should be as vital as if we were paid for it - for indeed we are paid with God's promise of eternal life! Can your employer promise the same?

Religion should be as intimate as home: We need to be more accepting; less critical. It should be shared - good and bad - up and down - just as a family shares it's daily life. But, we must go beyond that. Religion to the true Christian family goes on all week long.

And finally, Religion should be as inspiring as love: When we speak of our religion and faith, those who hear should be inspired by our enthusiasm and excitement. *The* phrase of the sixties: "Don't keep the faith- share it"!, is appropriate here. Faith (and religion) without works is dead. Many a Church has closed because it's members stayed within the walls of the buildings. A religion kept in the mind and not carried out in the heart and hand, is the same thing.

Intelligent; appealing; vital; intimate and inspiring -

The Five Marks of High Religion

- Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior

Community Notes

Manchester, N.H.: Br. Christian hosted a day of fellowship and prayer for the Brothers of Province I. Several Brothers of Province II attended as well as several aspirants to the Community. The day began with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the

Rev'd. Richard C. Wayne (pictured right), Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown, N.H., Br. Christian's

Parish. After lunch the Brothers and friends visited St. Basil's Seminary (R.C., Melkite Rite) where Br. Martin A. Hyatt, FMS, Vice-Rector of Christ the Teacher Institute (a work of the Seminary) gave a talk centered on Eastern Catholic Spiritual Life and Practice. A short discussion followed comparing our spiritual life and practices to

theirs. Several members of their Community were involved as well. June 5th: Bros.

William Francis, Andrew and Stephen joined Br. Christian at St. Matthew's Church, Goffstown, for the Episcopal Visitation of the Rt. Rev'd. Phillip Smith, Bishop of New Hampshire.

White Plains, N.Y.: The Brotherhood has recently become a sponsoring organization of the White Plains Ecumenical Food Pantry. Comprising many local religious groups, the Pantry, like many around the country, supplies nonperishable foodstuffs to those in emergency situations. Br. Richard Thomas serves twice monthly in the distribution center, located at Grace Church, White Plains.

Yonkers, N.Y.: Br. Anthony Francis has been involved with the Yonkers Council of Churches Food Pantry, doing similar work to that listed above. In addition to this, Brother maintains an active psychotherapy practice, visits several area hospitals and nursing homes and is responsible for Episcopal services at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, White Plains. He serves St. John's, Tuckahoe, Sunday mornings as well!

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L-R-1st row: John Mazzuca. Br. Luke Anthony, Fr. Richard C. Wayne, Bob Ames, Philip Nightingale. Br. Roy; 2nd row: Bros. Brendan and William Francis, Bob Moore; top row: Bros. Andrew, Stephen and Christian

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND

In this remarkable paragraph are hidden the names of 15 Books of the Bible. It's a real lulu, kept me looking so hard for the facts, I missed the revelations. I was in a jam, especially since the names were not capitalized. The truth will come to numbers of you -- to others it will be a real job. For all it will be a most fascinating search. Yes, there will be some easy to spot and others hard to judge, so we admit it usually results in loud lamentations. One lady says she brews coffee while she puzzles over it.

Can YOU find all fifteen?

Community Notes, continued:

New York City: On Saturday, June 4th, a long-time friend of the Community, William L. Murrell was ordained a Deacon by the Bishop of New York, the Rt. Revd, Paul Moore, Jr. Bros. James, Leslie Victor and Tobias Stanislas attended what was called by the Bishop "the largest he'd ever seen for a Diaconal Ordination." A reception followed at the Church of the Intercession, Manhattan, where the Brothers were able to visit another long-time friend of the Community, the Rev'd. Canon Frederick B. Williams. / Br. Tobias Stanislas has just completed two months service with the Diocesan Press Service at the Episcopal Church Center ("815") here. He has been working with the Rev'd. William D. Dearnaley, recently appointed Press Officer, in streamlining the office's word processing techniques. His experience with our own 'Nicodemus' has paid off well! Saturday, June 26th: NY-NJ area Brothers took part in Commemoration Day at the Convent of St. John Baptist, Mendham, NJ. Br. Richard Thomas was organist and Br. Leslie Victor sang at the preludes. Joining them were Bros. William, Stephen, William Francis, Andrew, Anthony Francis, Novice Br. Charles, and Br. Martin, Servants of Christ the King.

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FOUR WAYS TO HAVE A GOOD DAY

1. Pray every day - for yourself, others, every situation in which you find yourself. Talk in everyday language. "Pray without ceasing" Thessalonians 5:17 (Examples: pray for patience with family and friends; pray for protection when you drive; pray for world situations, National and local news, hunger, poverty - peace.) At night ask for forgiveness for any wrongdoing of the day. Ask for a refreshing sleep.

2. Think of specific ways by which you can brighten the day of those with whom you care in contact - family, friends, co-workers, store clerks and people on the street. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" Proverbs 17:22

3. Develop the art of getting along with other people. Become aware of critical thoughts and immediately substitute a positive one. Act as if you believe in another person and do the loving thing even if your feelings aren't in accord (same psychologists say this can change your attitude toward a person). Be aggressively helpful - hold a door; lighten someone's work load; pray for those who displease you; remember a birthday; praise someone. "Now abideth faith, hope and love - these three; but the greatest of these is love." I Corinthians 13:13

4. Realize that all the above is futile without a commitment to Christ and begin today to renew that commitment. Talk to Him - read about Him - get involved with other people who are fully committed to Christ. Get involved in community projects - the Church does extend outside the walls of the building! Become aware that Christ is your guide and be willing to make changes in your life as He wills!

"Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven - and all these things shall be added to you."
Matthew 6:33

AN OUTLINE FOR PRAYER

1. Close your eyes for 30 seconds and became peaceful. Feel God's presence.

2. Read the Scriptures for 10 minutes. Read a book or pamphlet about healing or meditation.

3. Use everyday language:

- a. Thank God specifically for things that happened today and/or yesterday.
- b. Pray for the wellbeing of others.
- c. Ask specifically for your needs.

Conclude always with: "IF THIS IS YOUR WILL".



AUGUST INTERCESSIONS

For the ill:

Minnie Morgan - The Rev'd. Thomas Davidson - Anna Verle - Kathryn Morgan - The Rev'd. Herbert Linley - Jason Hockenberry The Rev'd. E. Alexander Greaves

For the departed:

Roland Hove, Jr. - George Doyle - Peter Clark - Clara Randall - Anna Chamberlain - Jerry Brainard - The Rev'd. Aristede Red - The Revd. Paul L. Lattimore - The Rev'd. William Meherda

For those who serve the Church especially

The Most Rev'd. Robert **A. K.** Runcie The Rt. Rev'd. John **M.** Allin
The Rt. Rev'd. Horace W. B. Donegan The Rt. Rev'd. Paul
Moore. Jr.
Visitor Emeritus Episcopal Visitor
The Rev'd. Thomas F. Pike, Chaplain Emeritus

The Brothers of Province II:

Richard Thomas. Leslie Victor. James, Jason Jude, William. Stephen, Tobias Stanislas, Anthony Francis, John Peter, Andrew, William Francis, Novice Br. Charles and those with whom they serve:

The Rev'ds. J. Norman Hall. Errol A. Harvey, Ledlie I. Laughlin. Jr., Robert R. Parks, Richard L. May, Daniel Miner, Edward N. West, Edgar F. Wells. Jr., Bruce M. Williams

For Religious Communities, especially:

The Poor Clares of Reparation The Community of the Transfiguration
The Community of St. Mary The Third Order of St. Francis
Transfiguration Retreat Monastery

Special intentions for:

The Rev'd. Andrew Iyambo and the Diocese of Namibia Linda,
Virgil, Thyron, Fred Bean
Pastor John Gifford
The Ordination of the Rev'd. Robert P. Morrison
Susai Koch, Missionary in Japan
The Rev'd. E. A. St. John
The Ven. Robert N. Willing

Aspirants: William E. Fessenden II, Thomas G. Little. Jon Nolte The
General Chapter of the BSG, meeting September 9-12 The Shrine of Our
Lady of Walsingham- - -

Thanksgivings

for:

The Ordination to the Diaconate of the Rev'd. Richard Burnett
The Ministry of the Rev'd. Elwyn D. Brown
The Life Profession of Sr. Rosins, Rhoda Arabs Ampah, OSH First
Vows: Bros. Douglas, Lee and Patrick Ronald. SSF
The 291st Anniversary of St. Peter's Church. Westchester Square. Bronx, NY
The 150th Anniversary of Zion Church, Dobbs Ferry, NY

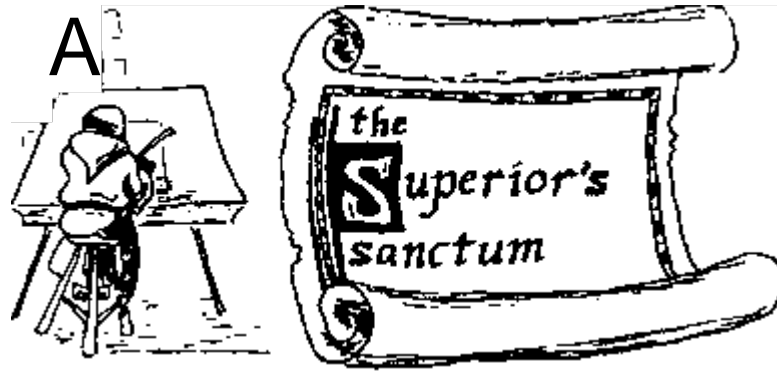
The Servant

+ HAND IN HAND - WITH MARTHA AND MARY +

We begin with the Liturgy of the Word, the reading of scripture and a homily or sermon on what has been read. This is the listening point - the Mary's of the world. But, if we all listened and did not act, how would the word go forth? Listening is an important part of hearing the word of God. In listening, our thoughts are provoked and we gain new insights. From hearing the word, we go forth to proclaim our faith, summarized in the Creeds. Here, both the Marthas and Marys join as a single unit in their belief.

We later exchange the Peace: this is the beginning for the Martha's - the sharing of togetherness; the shared togetherness of the listener and doer. The Offertory gives us the opportunity to bring our gifts to God, the summation of sharing what we received from Him, being presented in the form of bread and wine. We could go on with many parts of the Eucharist, but the point is made: If we leave the altar with renewed strength, we are Martha's with a bit of Mary thrown in, for we must listen a little to know the will of God. We leave with a bit of Martha and Mary in our heart, going forth to love and serve the Lord!

From a Sermon preached by Br. William, BSG, at St. George's Episcopal Church, Maple Valley, Washington, July 17, 1983, Pentecost VIII



COURAGE - Prerequisite for Service
Acts 27:23&24

The above Biblical reference illustrates several degrees of courage:

Physical courage - "Not a single life being lost, only the ship." This form of courage is always present in a conflict in which men and women are called upon to give their all. To be a Servant means we will be called upon to risk all - free time. not-so-free time - even future time - to enter into healing, helping situations.

Emotional courage demands we develop a quality known as fortitude. This brand of courage requires strength of mind to withstand anguish, adversity or pain. In Acts we read "So keep up your courage (fortitude): I trust in God that-it-will turn out as I- -have been--told, though we- have to be -cast ashore on some island."

Social courage, is another, easily illustrated by the prayer, close to my own personal prayer: "Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen today, that you and I can't handle." Jesus is beside us - all the way!

The Old Testament prophets were men who believed themselves commissioned from God to speak out when it would have been easier to remain silent. We, as Religious, but more as Christians. have that same commission. Standing up against the multitude with a key phrase: BEING AT ONE WITH GOD MAKES US A MAJORITY.

Spiritual Courage is gained and assured through our constant prayer and conversation with God. When we channel that prayer into active works we are one with the very life of God. Wait on God - listen for His direction - act - serve.

All that is necessary for our service to be stronger than the forces around us is to act and shoulder a burden which could be otherwise refused. Serving in the work of Christ is like playing tennis - the player who serves well seldom loses the game.

In closing, one phrase sums up our total obligation as Christians:

"The religion of Jesus begins with the verb follow and ends with the word



Shown above Br. Richard Thomas as Chalice at St. Martin of Tours; front yard of St. Martin's; visit to the famous Boy's Town.

Br. Richard Thomas speaks to the parish; a window of the Cathedral in the background.

Bob Ponec, a Companion

Bp. Warner Diocesan of Nebraska

at Diocesan Offices, --- The Cathedral and the Tomb of the First Bishop of Nebraska and his wife.



COMMUNITY NOTES

Omaha, NE: On July 29, 30 & 31, The Superior joined by Br. Andrew spent three days with our Brothers in Omaha. They began with a meeting on Friday with the Diocesan, Bp. James D. Warner. This was followed by Vespers at St. Martin of Tours Church where they were joined by Fr. Frank Walinsky and his wife Joan, and supper at the home of our Companion, Bob Ponc and his wife, Debbie. Saturday began with Matins at 8:30 and Mass at 9:00, a Votive of St. Gregory; Fr. Walinsky, Celebrant. The afternoon was spent touring Omaha and seeing Boy's Town and Uta-Halee Girls Village (where Br. Augustine James serves as Assistant Director). They were also able to visit Trinity Cathedral and the Tomb of Bishop Clarkson, First Bishop of Nebraska and Founder of Clarkson Hospital. Saturday evening the Brothers were treated to an "Omaha Steak" dinner. Sunday the Brothers attended the 8 and 9:45 AM Masses and the Superior spoke about the Religious life.

New York, NY: The Superior, Br. Richard Thomas has been appointed Secretarial Assistant to the General Convention Manager at the Episcopal Church Center ("815"). Br. served on the National Staff previously (1967-70) in Christian Social Relations and Prayer Book Revision. July 16 found Br. Luke Anthony at "hone place" in White Plains-for the Superior's Council meeting. Three applicants were interviewed and consequently accepted for Postulancy. They are Jon Nolte (John Paul), Bill Fessenden (Bernard) and John Mazzuca (John Hubert). The assembled group later had a cook-out at the home of Companions Cecil Berges and Marion Pierce. **July 23** the NY-NJ Brothers had a Quiet Day at St. Andrews, Bronx, NY with the theme "Community - Fellowship - Communion." Meditations were led by Brs. Stephen, William Francis and Richard Thomas, respectively.

Portland, OR: Br. Kevin James served at the Ordination of the Revd. Robert P. Morrison at the Cathedral of St. John Baptist.

San Francisco, CA: Philip Deemer P/BSG, has recently begun publication of "Wellspring", an ecumenical quarterly listing a varied selection of Retreats, Symposia, Conferences and Workshops across the U.S.

ANNOUNCING... news of our Companions:
Daniel Johnson has joined the family
of Companions of the Brotherhood. He works
at the University of Pennsylvania and is
studying Theology there.... Gailan
Schoerock has entered the Army.....
Michael Reed has begun a new business
venture teaching Piano; aptly named "Tune
Town".

The Servant

GENERAL CHAPTER 1983

This column will take the place of the Superior's Sanctum as a review of the events of General Chapter, 1983.

General Chapter was held at the Episcopal Camp and Conference Center in Ivoryton, Conn. from Sept 9-12, with a pre-Chapter Retreat three days before. During the meetings, the Brotherhood adopted the Province system for its government, dividing itself into Provinces similar to the National Church lines. Grouped into four Provinces for the present., Provincials Stephen, Roy, Augustine James and John were Commissioned by the Superior General at a special Eucharist. A new Staff was also "Commissioned including Br. William Francis, Administrative Assistant, Br. Luke Anthony, Director of Postulants and Novices; Br. Tobias Stanislas, Director of Education; Br. Anthony Francis, Director of Companions; Br. Jason Jude, Treasurer; Br. Christian, Director of the Exchange; Br. John, Director of Public Relations and Br. James, Ecumenical Coordinator.

Br. Roy made his First Profession of Vows, Brs. Laurence Andrew, Philip and Nathanael were received as Novices and John Paul, John Hubert and Bernard Admitted as Postulants.

The Community also conducted an in depth study of its several and varied works using the SWEEP program, adopted for such study, during the General Convention in New Orleans. We believe this is the first time a Religious Community has evaluated itself according to National Church guidelines.

The Brotherhood has begun mission programs in Northern Africa, Korea and Japan and you will hear more on these programs in the near future. It was heard at this meeting that we has secured a copier machine to send to the Revd Vincent Iyambo for his Mission stations in Africa.

We ask your continued prayers for this Community as we endeavor to do God's will in the world as "Servants of the Servants of God"

Soli Deo Gloria

Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior General



*The Rev. Mother Elizabeth Anne CSJB
1919 - 1983*

My beloved spake, and said unto me

*'Rise up my love, my fair one,
and come away.
For lo, the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth...
Arise my love, my fair one,
and come away.'*

(The Song of Solomon II:10-13)

St. Paul asks "O death, where is your sting," and we each answer this question on many occasions during our lifetimes. Of course, the pain of death is ended for those who are called to enter life in eternity; but for those who remain, there is but a shadow and a memory of someone who was once so much a part of life as we know it now. For us, the sting of death is confronted as we go on living.

Just such a sting occurred at the passing of Mother Elizabeth Anne, CSJB. A warm and caring relationship began some years ago between our two Communities during the time Sr. Margaret Helena was Mother Superior, and this spirit continued throughout the years of Mother Elizabeth Anne's leadership of the Community of St. John Baptist. Our prayer now is for her eternal rest and also that we may enjoy the ongoing relationship with her Community for many years to come.

On September 15th the Burial Office and Requiem Mass was said for Mother at the convent at Mendham, New Jersey, and our Brs. James, William Francis, Tobias Stanislas and Novice Br. Charles brought our Superior General's condolences to their Community. It was truly a solemn and moving service: the Community's Visitor, Bishop John S. Spong, was the Celebrant of the Mass, Bishop Paul Moore, Jr., was the Homilist, the Commendation was said by Br. John Charles, SSF, and the Committal by the Community's Chaplain, Fr. Joseph O Gross, CSSS. Many old and dear friends came from great distances to fill the convent chapel to overflowing, including Dr. Laura Franklin (Mother's sister) from Omaha, Nebraska, and the Rev'd Richard E. Downing from Washington, D. C. Several other Communities expressed their support in attendance: the Community of St. Mary, the Society of St. Margaret, the Order of St. Helena, the Society of St. Francis and the Companions of the Holy Saviour were represented, in addition to our own Brothers.

Our duty is clear to those who are left behind: we must continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Mother Elizabeth Anne among the saints in Glory, and also to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon the Community of St. John Baptist as the Sisters elect a new Superior and begin again to move forward in the sure and certain hope of Life Eternal.

THE JOY OF SERVANTHOOD

All of us, by the very fact of our being Christians, are called to servanthood. There is no higher calling for any of us, for servanthood means that we are called to model our lives on Jesus Christ, the greatest servant of all. In the Gospels we see our Lord time and time again in the role of a servant.

For many people, servanthood in modern times has come to have ugly - or at least irrelevant - connotations. In this regrettable day of emphasis on the "me" generation, servanthood is one of the least characteristics some people seek to express in their lives. At best, servanthood for them is something which they feel that they should be the recipients of. But we are Christians, and we are called out by Him to follow Him as the Servant.

Christian servanthood thrives when we are open to focusing upon the needs of other people and are not concerned about the cost to our-selves. Our Lord gives us the model, the inspirations, the strength and-most important of all-the motivation to be servants. It is out of that motivation that joy overcomes the personal cost to us when we serve others.

For those of us in the religious life, servanthood is not just an ideal to be hoped for; it is an imperative to be worked at through regular meditation, prayer and devotion. We are strengthened to see beyond ourselves through our Lord Jesus Christ into the lives of others: the poor, the oppressed, the sick, the alienated, the dying and the desolate. It is to these people, our brothers and sisters in the world, that we are especially called to be servants. Their needs are, in most cases, obvious. But we must be no less servants to people who are not in these obvious categories. Often our individual needs are not as obvious as are those of the poor, the sick, the homeless, et al. But we need to be there for all of our brothers and sisters.

Those **of us** in the Brotherhood of St. Gregory were attracted to this Community because of its focus exemplified in its motto, in the words of St. Gregory the Great - "Servants of the Servants of God." We have chosen this Community because we feel strongly compelled toward the ministry of servanthood. It is our ministry, our calling, our life and our joy. It is a life dedicated to the continual practice of servanthood, which every Christian is truly called to **in** following our Lord.

Without the practice of servanthood, our faith is barren and only self-serving. With servanthood as the focus of our lives, we are thus enabled too fulfill our Lord's great commandment "to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Br. Philip,N/BSG is a Novice and serves the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in San Francisco, California and publishes "Wellspring".

OCTOBER INTERCESSIONS

For the Deceased, especially: Mother Elizabeth Anne, CSJB - Ellen Sherk
William Caldwell, Bruce Goulet, Sr. Miriam Chandler, OSA, Alta
Heistand, Emma Samuel, Josephine Harry, The Most Rev'd Joseph T. Daily R.C.
Bishop of Harrisburg, William Gore.

For the Ill, especially: The Most Rev'd Terrence Cardinal Cooke -
Elizabeth Betterley, Elsie Harro, Savilla Davis, Harry Free.

For our Bishops, especially:

The Most Rev'd Robert A.K. Runcie The Rt. Rev'd John M. Allin The
Rt. Rev'd Horace W.B. Donegan The Rt. Rev'd Paul Moore, Jr.
Visitor Emeritus Episcopal Visitor

For the Diocesans of Provinces IV and V:

The Rt. Rev'd Bennison Reed The Rt. Rev'd William G. Black

For the Brothers of Provinces IV and V:

Norman Charles and Thomas Joseph

And the Clergy with whom they serve:

The Rev'ds Thomas E. Shepherd, James L. Jelinek, Robert J. Vanderau, Jr.
Provincial Chaplain Emeritus.

Special Intentions for:

The Rev'd E.A. St. John Martin, SCK Sr. Columba, SHN
Bill Bohn The Rev'd Terrence Johnson Naomi Fallon Kimball Karl B.
Fischer Lori Arnold

Thanksgivings for: The Renewal of Vows of Br. Philip Francis, MCC The
Marriage of Jeff and Naomi Humphrey The 100th.
Anniversary of Christ Church
Portsmouth, N.H.

For Religious Orders, especially:

The Society of St. Francis The
Friars of the Atonement
The Order of St. Luke (Methodist)

The Community of St. Francis
The Order of Friars Minor The
Community of St. John
Baptist



the servant

ADVENT - A BEGINNING: The Christian Year begins on the last Sunday in November with the ushering in of Advent. It was not always so and the Christian Year has survived many such new beginnings. The one most firmly established in the early Church was Easter Sunday, which being the Day of Resurrection, was felt to be the proper beginning. Eastern Churches still maintain this.

With the institution of Christmas Day in the 4th. century, the Western Church adopted that day as the beginning of the year. The earlier Missals begin with the propers of the Vigil of Christmas. The season we call Advent (aning) was first used in the Gelasian Churches of France and Spain. Although we are not sure of the date, it is felt that this occurred in the 4th. century before the idea of the Christmas celebration had reached those areas. It was a period of penitence and fasting to prepare for the Baptisms of Epiphany. By the 6th. century this period was known as St. Martin's Lent since it was reckoned from St. Martin's Day in November. It varied in term and time

for a period, settled for a while as the period of fasting which was distributed between the eight weeks of St. Martin's Day to Epiphany. The Roman Church adopted Advent in the 6th. century - not primarily as a time of fasting - but a period of preparation for Christmas. It is thus that Alleluia is still sung during this preparatory time. This time was somewhat flexible and varied between the Gelasian - Gregorian - Roman - Sarum Missals and the modern Prayer Books of 1549. It was not until the 8th. century that Advent Sunday became the first day of the Christian Year. As it developed, the season became dual in nature. First, it is the preparation for Christmas and secondly, it is the preparation for the Second Coming of Christ.

The Collect for this Sunday which begins Advent was composed for the 1549 Prayer Book while the Latin Missal had a "stir up" Collect similar to that of Advent III. In 1662, Bishop Matthew Wren required this Collect every day in Advent, and this was kept until the 1979 Prayer Book. The crucial word in this Collect is 'WW', which knits the past, present and future as to the "carving of Christ". This is especially true of present and future times as we cast aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Let us make Advent a time of preparation, not as Pharisees might with sadness, but with anticipation and great joy. In the newer Eucharistic Prayer we all have the chance to seek this avenue as we say: "*CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN*"

Brother John, BSG, is a Life Professed Brother in the Brotherhood of St. Gregory and Provincial of the Southern and Missionary Provinces. He has been a licensed Lay Reader for 52 years and is very active in Nursing Home work and Parish Calling.

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THE FOUNDER'S FORUM

"Those who know they have no right to expect anything are often most grateful. Their gratitude overflows in reverence and praise."

"She doesn't appreciate anything. She just expects it." These words describe a woman born to good fortune and accustomed to being satisfied before she ever felt a need. So - it was not strange at all that she believed she had a first right to everything. She had been a debutante, lived in the "fast lane of life" and been schooled in all the social graces. She always said "thank you" but she was never grateful and seldom reverent.

Luke 17:11-19 tells the well known story of the ten lepers who were healed, noting that the Samaritan was--grateful. Luke uses the story to suggest that the Gentiles were grateful for Christ's mission while the Jews were not.

Gratitude, not simply for physical health or material blessings, but for the risen Christ among us, is central to the worship of the Church. How sad it is, when we take the presence of God for granted, when we become convinced that we merit his friendship, with all the benedictions, blessings and benefits!

God's gifts are given to all, but they are experienced in different ways. For some, God's gifts come only as the stuff of this age. For others, every gift of life is a manifestation of God's power and grace. The power of Christ met ten lepers on the road. Nine of them experienced this in vain. One saw its true meaning and it sent him to his knees in praise and thanksgiving.

For all ten the healing was an unmerited gift, but the one who was truly grateful had that faith which valued the gift and honored the giver.

Richard Thomas, BSG
Superior General



On the whole, God's love for us is a much safer subject to think about than our love for him. Nobody can always have devout feelings; and even if we could, feelings are not what God principally cares about. Christian love, either toward God or toward man, is an affair of the will. But the great thing to remember is that, though our feelings come and go, his love for us does not. -C. S. Lewis

Some of us believe that God is Almighty and may do all, and that he is All-wisdom and can do all; but that he is All-love and will do all there we stop short. -Lady Julian of Norwich

God is not greater if you reverence him, but you are greater if you serve him.

-St. Augustine

COMMUNITY NOTES:

New York: Br. Richard Thomas, Superior General, in his capacity as a Staff member of the General Convention Office at "815", journeyed to the House of Bishops Interim Meeting in Spokane, Washington, September 30 through October 8th. As secretary to the Convention Coordinator, he worked with registration, bus schedules, volunteers, room set-up and general all-around support. During free times, he was able to meet and visit the Diocesan Bishops for whom our Brothers work and also meet the Bishops there assembled.

During the time he was in Spokane, the Standing Committee of the House of Bishops for Religious Communities met, under the leadership of the Rt. Rev'd William C.R. Sheridan, Chairman. Br. Richard Thomas, BSG and Br. Andrew Rank, SSP were elected as Advisory Council Members to the Committee. They will represent the Christian Communities and the Traditional Orders, respectively. Br. Richard Thomas was also appointed Secretary to the Committee and will serve under the direction of Bishop Sheridan.

Washington, D.C.: Br. John, accompanied by Br. Edward attended an Acolyte Seminar conducted by the Revd Dennis Michno on September 24. Br. Edward attended a service of dedication for St. Francis Catholic Worker Hospitality Center, Washington, D.C. on October 2. He also attended a birthday celebration for the Rev'd Richard MC Sorley, S. J. (69th). Br. John has recently sent a large shipment of vestments and Church goods to our adopted African Priest, Fr. Vincent Iyambo, Namibia, West Africa. Br. John was responsible for the opening Devotions at County Council, Montgomery County, Md. and he has been asked to serve on a special committee working against discrimination on the basis of Religious belief.

Omaha, NE.: Br. Nathanael is recovering nicely from gall bladder surgery. We thank all of those who have kept him in their prayers.

**If you love Jesus, 'TITHE
... anyone can honk.**

An Evening Canticle for the Armament Builders

Their toil doth multiply the Sword,
and their Spearhead hath rejoiced and gotten safer.
For they have regarded the loveliness of this surfeit.
For behold, from henceforth all generations
shall be in question.
For that which is mighty shall multiplied be;
and wholly grown insane.
And no mercy is in them that feed it,
without regeneration.
They have shown strength with their arms,
they have scattered abroad the incantations of their arts.
They can put down the mighty from their seat,
and totally exterminate the humble and meek.
They have filled the full to overflowing,
and the hungry they have sent empty away.
They, dismembering all mercy, have opened the very gates of Hell, and
they promise to destroy all of us, in an Armageddon
they've agreed to offer.
Horror is no further than to the summit of the holocaust,
as we stand at the beginning, even now,
of an empty-shelled world which will end all men.

--Tobias Stanislas, BSG

To Ponder: "GOD MAY BE OF NO CONCERN TO MAN;
but man is of much concern to God. The only
way to discover this is the 'ultimate way,'
the way of worship. For worship is a way
of living, a way of seeing the world in
the light of God. To worship is to rise to
a higher level of existence, to see the
world from the point of view of God. In
worship we discover the ultimate way is
not to 'have a symbol' but to BE a symbol,
to stand for the Divine. The 'ultimate way'
is to sanctify thoughts, time - to
consecrate words, to hallow deeds."

-Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel



NOVEMBER INTERCESSIONS

We bid your prayers this month for the following:

For the Deceased:

Mother Elizabeth Anne, CSJB
Bruce Goulet
Mary Mc Crory
Alice Kirkl and

The Most Rev'd Terence Cardinal Cooke
The Rev'd Philip M. Gamache The Rev'd
John V. Butler

For the Ill:

Elizabeth Betterley
Barbara W. Abbott
Bertha Sebastian

Ruth Hayden
Nathanael, N/BSG
Tillie Colon

For our Bishops, especially:

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

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

The Diocesans of Provinces VI and VIII:

The Rt. Rev'd James D. Warner

The Rt. Rev'd Matthew P. Bigliardi

The Rt. Rev'd William E. Swing

For the Brothers of Provinces VI and VIII:

Augustine James, Provincial
Paul
Nathanael

Kevin James
Philip

For the clergy with whom they serve:

Frank S. Walinski
Richard P. Fowler

Richard M. Rowland
John P. Bartholomew

Special Intentions for:

The Revd Thomas F. Pike, Chaplain Emeritus
Martin, SCK
Peace in the World

The Rev'd E.A. St. John
Br. Patrick, CSCK
For the Hungry and Homeless

For the new ministry of the Rev'd Errol A. Harvey, St. Augustine's Church, NYC
For the new ministry of the Rev'd Richard Lampert, St. Stephen's Church, Boston, MA.

For our Religious Communities, especially:

The Visitation Nuns
The All Saints Sisters of the Poor
Tai ze
The Servants of Christ the King, Bronx, NY

The Sacramentine Nuns
The Order of St. Helena
The Community of the Servants of
Christ the King, Hemet, CA.

For the Community of Saint John Baptist, Mendham, N.J., as they prepare to elect a new Superior.

The Servant

THE FEAST OF CHRIST'S MASS

The observance of our Lord's natural birthday on December 25, which is so much a part of our modern culture, appears not to have been so "cut and dried" to our forebears in the Faith. Not only was there continuous debate and opinion brought forward by the early Church Fathers as to when the date actually was (as there were no records kept in Palestine as to the date of Jesus' birth), but there also seems to have been an effort not to observe it at all!

Before the fifth century A.D. there was no general consensus throughout the Church as to the day of our Lord's birth; January 6, March 25 and December 25 were all "favorites" among the ancients, but various other dates were also suggested: Clement of Alexandria (c. 200) mentions that April 19 and May 20 were popular in his day, but he himself set the date as November 17 (!). On the other hand, Origen, in his homily on Leviticus (c. 245), repudiates the very idea of keeping the birthday of Christ at all, "as if he were a **king** Pharaoh!"

At least part of this controversy is concerned with the Feast of the Epiphany, the commemoration of the incarnation of God. Several dates were proffered for this festival, as well, but by the fourth century the date appears to have been universally fixed on January 6. The controversy centered around just what it was that the Epiphany celebrated: the birth of Christ, the arrival of the Magi at Bethlehem, and the wedding, at Cana were all put forward, and were all certainly manifestations of the incarnation! Eventually, of course, the Nativity of our Lord was separated from the Epiphany and established on its own date, but especially among the Eastern Churches, the Epiphany still holds a much higher place of importance even today, than does Christmas.

The theological tendency toward "de-humanizing" Jesus culminated in the Monophysite heresy of the fifth century. This wide-spread belief among the Eastern Churches that Christ's manhood was wholly absorbed into his divinity could well have been responsible for their down-playing of the importance which the Western Church placed on the observance of Christ's natural birth-date. (The strength with which this heresy was upheld can be seen in the fact that, despite its being condemned at the general council of Chalcedon in 451, the Coptic, Armenian and Jacobite Syrian Churches refused to accept this decision, withdrew from the council and retain the Monophysite heresy to this day.)

The Nativity Festival was firmly ensconced on the Roman Kalendar of Feasts by the middle of the fourth century, having been accepted and observed by several successive Popes, and, by the year 400 A.D., the Patriarchs of Constantinople, Alexandria, Jerusalem, Caesarea and Antioch had all come over to the side of the Patriarch of the West.

December 25 has thereafter stood as the observed date of Christ's birth throughout catholic Christendom, except for one insignificant deviation in England when, in 1644, the Puritan Parliament during the Commonwealth passed a law which forbid the observance of Christmas altogether (obviously, anything which was encouraged by the Roman Church was anathema to the Puritans!). But this little aside had a happy ending too, for the Restoration of the Monarchy (and of the Established Church of England) came in 1660 and with King Charles II came the restoration of Christmas - the Feast of Christ's Mass.

James, BSG New York, NY

THE FOUNDER'S FORUM

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ?

Christmas is a day **for remembering**: I am glad there is at least one day when we cannot help remembering. I do not know how it is with you, but on Christmas morning I am no longer a man of 40 years; but a boy again, in the old house.

Christmas is a day for hoping: This must be what Mary and Joseph did. The little thing in the manger was not much yet - only a baby, sleeping the day away or blinking now and then at the lights or the sound of the oxen. But they looked at him, hoping he would grow up strong and safe. Perhaps they hoped he would be a prophet like Elijah; a deliverer, a messiah. They hoped all the things that parents ever hope.

Christmas is a time for giving: We complain that this is overdone until it becomes a burden. It need not be so. The real joy of Christmas is to exercise your ingenuity and buy the greatest amount of happiness for the least possible money.

Christmas is for receiving: We pay our bills with our salary or profits. But, we live on the love of our family and friends and all this is just given to us.

Christmas is the day for opening up again those roads that lead out from the world of duty and labor and responsibility and into the world of fancy, of imagination of the ideal. We cannot believe in Santa Claus always - but above us grown folks there hovers a world of light and beauty and blessing; of ideals, of things that may be but are not. We cannot live in this ideal world all the time. But once in a while we can get a glimpse of it. **Christmas is that glimpse.**

Richard Thomas, BSG Superior General

Let us pray: O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Portland, Ore. Br. Kevin James has begun a new ministry at St. David's Parish in Portland. He recently attended the Convention of the Diocese (October 20-21) and manned the booth of William Temple House. **New Jersey:** Brs. Stephen and William Francis recently visited St. James Church, Hackettstown, at the invitation of the Rector, The Rev. George Brant. Br. Stephen delivered the homily at the 10:00 AM Eucharist, speaking specifically about the Religious Life and the Brotherhood of St. Gregory. Br. William Francis, (who with Br. Stephen, has become somewhat of a "Sunday School expert) visited the several Sunday School Classes in session. They later joined the parish at coffee hour for fellowship and additional informal discussions. Later in the month, they visited the Convent of St. John Baptist to greet Mother Susanne Elizabeth, newly elected Superior. **Pennsylvania:** Br. Thaddeus David attended the Oxford Movement Conference at Christ Church in Williamsport, Speakers were Dr. Reginald Fuller and Fr. Richard Martin, SM. **White Plains, NY:** Brs. Richard Thomas and Leslie Victor were involved with the Parish Fair at St. Bartholomew's, our Home Parish. Br. Richard ran a "Country Kitchen Booth"-and sold home-made Apple Butter and jellies/Jams. **New York:** Br. Tobias Stanislas has recently joined the staff at the Episcopal Church Center as Secretary to the Executive for Communication. **Washington, D.C.** Br. John continues his nursing home ministry, taking Novice Brother Edward along, in training. Brs. John and Edward are very involved with our project for Namibia and Fr. Iyambo. This month saw them mailing great boxes of Altar hangings and linens to Africa. (see this month's Appeal for Mission for ways you can help). **Omaha, Neb:** Br. Augustine James recently participated in the final planning and Dedication of the Lady Chapel of the Parish of St. Martin of Tours. Br. was very involved in this process. Br. Nathanael, whose name you have seen in the Intercession List, is recovering nicely from gall bladder surgery and has resumed many of his duties. **San Francisco, Cal.** Br. Philip, N/BSG, has been involved in two theatrical productions, in addition to publishing **Wellspring** and he continues his duties at the parish of St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco.

MISSION NEWS: The quarterly **Appeal for Mission** has been dedicated to the Work of the Brotherhood in Namibia, South-West Africa. You have read in these pages of our adoption of the Rev. Vincent Iyambo. This appeal will enable us to continue to send necessary supplies to be used in the many outposts he serves. We also are in need of any Altar hangings or supplies for worship that you have and no longer need. These may be sent to: Br. Christian, Coordinator of the Exchange, St. Gregory's House, 25 Allen St. Manchester, N.H. 03102. He will forward them to Br. John for shipment to Fr. Iyambo.

The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory



**Edward - Roy - John Peter - Luke Anthony - Philip - John Hubert -
Augustine James - Stephen - Anthony Francis - Thomas Joseph -
Christian - Thaddues David - John - Michael - Leslie Victor - James -
William - Charles - Jason Jude - Paul - Nathanael - John Paul -
Tobias Stanislas - Bernard - Laurence Andrew - Richard Thomas -
Kevin James - William Francis -**

wishes you a joyous Christmas and a blessed new year ---

DECEMBER INTERCESSIONS

For the Ill:

Margaret Schuller Elizabeth Gottfried Ann Kinkade
Rolyn Boles Malvina Suslansky

For the, Departed:

Irene Frederick Mother Elizabeth Anne, CSJB
Galo Gonzalez Beth A. Welliver

For our Bishops, **especially:**

The Most Rev. Robert A.K. Runcie The Most Rev. John M.
The Rt. Rev. Horace W.B. Donegan Allin The Rt. Rev. Paul
Visitor Emeritus Moore, Jr. Episcopal
Visitor

For the Diocesans of Province I:

The Rt. Rev. John B. Coburn The Rt. Rev. Philip A. Smith

For the Brothers of Province I:

Roy, Provincial Luke Anthony Michael Christian
Laurence Andrew John Hubert Bernard.

For the Clergy with whom they serve:

Thomas R. Schulze Richard Holloway Emmett
Jarett
Richard C. Wayne Bruce Wirtz

Special Intentions:

The Rev. Canon E.A. St. John Charlotte B. Morgan
Sr. Margaret Mary Joyce Gloria & Mark
Don, Lou Ann, Keith, John & Elise The Rev. Terrence Johnson
William Temple House The Rev. Roy Hendricks, Phila.
PA
The Rev. Daniel C. Miner Reubens
Aspirants: William Holiday & Joseph H. Irvin
The Rev. David Henritz, Chaplain, Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital The Rev.
Joseph Richter, Maryknoll Missionary in **Mexico**

Thanksgivings for:

The Ordination Anniversary of the Rev. Rachele Birnbaum
The New Ministry of Br. Kevin James, St. David's Church, Portland, OR The Marriage
of Companion Ricky Del Edwards and Sharon Winn Hurlbert For the Baptism of John
Charles and Carolyn Martha Larsen The White Plains Ecumenical Food Pantry & Francis
House, Omaha, NE

For Religious Orders, especially:

The Visitation Nuns The Sacramentine Nuns
The Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity Oblates of the Incarnate Word The
Society of St. John the Evangelist Sisterhood of St. John the Divine
The Community of St. John Baptist and their new Superior,
Mother Susanne Elizabeth, CSJB

Pray for Peace and Good Will to all in the world, especially in Lebanon, Granada and
all places of conflict.

For the Birthdays this month of: Br. Richard Thomas, 12/8, Br. Jason
Jude, 12/16, Br. Roy, 12/19 and Br. Laurence Andrew, 12/8