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## Chapter Tune -Up

THE JOY OF CHAPTER has just settled in, and these reflections have come to the surface of my mind.

Chapter was like taking my mind and body to a superior tune-up shop. I say tune-up because I liken it to the yearly tune-up of my car. My spark plugs were changed and my wires were replaced. I received new tires to travel the roads of my ministry. I replaced the old springs, enabling me to withstand the pot holes of evil. My headlights were aligned, giving me a clear picture of what will attack me from the darkness of the unknown. My oil and oil filter were changed, allowing the Blood of Jesus to flow without being tainted by doubt and confusion. The windshield was cleaned, giving me a clearer view of all that is given to me by God. I decided to replace my old radio with a new five band, high powered fully automatic heavenly spiritual model. With this new radio I am able to receive the word of God without the jamming

static of the devil. To top it off, I filled my tank with 100 octane super duper, filter cleaned and charged with the Holy Spirit.

Yes, Chapter was my tune-up for the hard roads that are ahead of me. Chapter was the tune-up that we all need and must have every year; it's the renewal that keeps the engine running smoothly, the reaffirmation of our faith, and the re-minder of our common love for each other and for God.

May the spark of Chapter that I received be with all of us until we meet at that next great gas station on our road to heaven!

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### *Here and there with the Brotherhood...*

## COMMUNITY NOTES

MANHATTAN NY: Brs. John Peter Clark, William Francis Jones and Novice Br. John Francis Jones assisted as tellers at the diocesan convention. +++++ Historic Calvary Church here was the host parish for a Quiet Day sponsored by Province II of the Brotherhood. Attending were brothers of the province, Companions Maryellen Jones and Barbara Venutolo and several Calvary parishioners. The day of quiet time and retreat was organized around the Daily Offices and the Holy Eucharist, which was celebrated by the Rev. Gerald G. Alexander, vicar of St. George's, Manhattan, and Friend of the Brotherhood. Contemplative direction was sup-

plied during meditations presented by Br. Anthony Francis Tornabene, Novice Br. John Francis and Companion Maryellen. +++++ Another historic Manhattan parish, the Church of St. Luke in the Fields, at which Brs. James Teets and Tobias Stanislas Haller serve, was rededicated in a festival eucharistic celebration in late November. The building, the third oldest church in Manhattan still in use, was severely damaged by fire in 1981, and the congregation has been meeting in what has come to be known as "St. Luke's in the Gymnasium" since that time. The celebrant was Bishop Paul Moore, Jr., and over 20 clergy associated with the

parish took part in the service. Br. James served as one of the two thurifers and in administration of the chalice. Br. Tobias Stanislas joined the choir (from which he is on sabbatical) for some festive music accompanied by the St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble and the new Casavant organ. Also attending were the Superior and several members of the Community of St. John Baptist, which had served in the parish some years ago (and in whose honor, the Lady Chapel altar was given by Mr. and Mrs. John Scott). The photograph shows the new interior, on the following Sunday morning.



WASHINGTON DC: Brs. Edward Munro and Thomas Martin Little joined our new Postulant Nicholas Sorg for Solemn Even-song and Benediction at his parish, St. Paul's ("K" Street). After the service they had time for fellowship over dinner. +++++ Br. Edward joined Nicholas for a different kind of service in early November, as he accompanied him on his "grate patrol" -- a valuable ministry carried out by members of St. Paul's -- combing downtown Washington for street people, who are given hot coffee and food.

PROSPECT PARK PA : Br. Thomas Martin attended services at St. James Parish here, reading the Epistle at the second service and doing a presentation on the Brotherhood at the coffee hour. Great interest was shown, and we are grateful to the rector, the Rev. Peter Reynierse for allowing us to share our apostolate with the people of his parish.

DOBBS FERRY NY: Br. Jason Jude Schellas is currently on assignment to Zion Episcopal Church in this lovely old Westchester County village. The parish's rector, the Rev. A. Dawson Teague, Jr. , has asked Brother to serve as chaplain to the South Memorial Hospital, Tarrytown, and formally introduced him at a luncheon for area chaplains and ministers. Brs. James and Tobias Stanislas visited the parish one Sunday morning, and the rector put them right to work : Br. Tobias Stanislas preached an impromptu sermon that morning and Brs. James and Jason Jude assisted "Fr. Dawson" as chalicists at the Eucharist. The following Sunday Br. Jason Jude rolled up his habit sleeves and officiated and preached at choral Morning Prayer, as the rector was out of town.



ROCKVILLE MD : Robert Macon was instituted as our newest Companion at a service at Christ Church here. The Rev. Henry N. FuKui, long time friend of the Brotherhood, was joined by Br. John Nidecker, Provincial of Province III, and Brs. Edward and Thomas Martin. After the service and fellowship of the coffee hour, the Brothers and Fr. Fukui returned to "St. Swithin's House" -- Br. John's home -- for lunch and a pleasant afternoon of talk and sharing.