

Franciscan Times

EPIPHANY-TIDE, 1983

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here it is, the first issue of Franciscan Times for 1983, and the first issue I've attempted to assemble. Taking as my guide the statement "The easy way is the right way", I've decided to print it in the way that's most familiar to me, just typing it up and copying it on our copier. Next time, after I'm more familiar with the job, I may have it printed at the printers. This "easy" method also has the advantage of being less expensive. If you have an opinion on how the Times should be reproduced, let me know.

If you have any thoughts, comments, news, or anything else of interest, I hope that you will write to me and share what's on your mind.

My address is: 2020 Hauser Blvd. -- Helena, Montana 59601.

Read on, for news about what's going on with the rest of the Third Order.

-- Joanne Maynard



arizona fellowship

Andrew Wilkes of Phoenix sent this report:

Fr. Robert "Gooch" Goode, Third Order Chaplain, will be the conductor of the annual Lenten Retreat sponsored by the Arizona Fellowship, scheduled for the weekend of February 25th, at Picture Rocks Retreat Center, Tucson, Arizona. For more information, contact Anne Dreskell, 328 E. Palmcroft Dr. Temple, Arizona 85282 (Ph. 602-967-3786).

The Arizona Fellowship has adopted the Friary in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This situation came about as our fellowship sought an expression of our corporate ministry to the world. We wanted to "feed the hungry" without being ripped off by administrative overhead. A further consideration is that many social action groups tend to impersonally isolate the giver and recipient.

The consensus of our Fellowship was that supporting a Friary -- in effect supporting that Friary's ministry -- was the best way around these two objections. Aside from the good that comes from assisting our fellow Franciscan, there seems to be an additional bonus. The active ministry of the Third and First Orders has many complementary facets. As we each share our ministry with the other, an occasional glimpse of the totality of Christ's ministry can be had.

THE REV. JOSE A VALENZUELA, Apartado 2104. Carmelitas - Caracas, Venezuela sent a note and a copy of their "Franciscan Letter", which is (of course) in Spanish. Fr. Valenzuela has had heart surgery and has moved to Venezuela for his health.

Chi-Rho Fellowship

Claire Mahan sent the January news sheet for the Third Order in the Chicago area.

Their January Fellowship Meeting was held at St. Paul's by the Lake in Chicago. Their February meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, 2555 East 73rd, on February 12 at 10:00 a.m.

One of their special prayer concerns is for vocations to the Poor Clares.

Emily Gardiner Neal, Deacon and TSF, will conduct a healing mission at the Church of the Holy Family, Sauk Trail at Orchard, Park Forest, on February 23,24,25 beginning each evening at 8:00.

Brother John Charles, retired Bishop of Polynesia, will visit the Chicago Area Fellowship in April. They plan to hold a Quiet Day during his visit.

Long Island

Bob Teudesman, Convenor for the Long Island Fellowship, wrote on December 28:

"The only bit of news I can send you at this time is the admission to Postulancy of the Rev. Edward VanBuren on November 13, 1982. Louise Stagg was admitted to the Novitiate and the Rev. Warren Tanghe, who came to Long Island the first part of October from Cambridge, Mass. renewed his life vows.

"We now have 13 active brothers and sisters in the Long Island Fellowship. In October I was reelected as Convenor for another year.

"No doubt, from the Chicago Fellowship you received news about the Rev. Canon Thomas Rogers's 50th Anniversary celebration of Ordination as a Priest. It was a gala event...I attended that lovely event to the surprise of my dear brother Thomas."

(You'll find the news of this event on another page. jm)

A news sheet sent by Terry Rogers of the Long Island Fellowship indicated that many members attended the Northeast Regional Conference in Warwick in September.

On December 2, Vivian Morrell was received into the Novitiate of the Third Order. David Straut led a discussion on the Primitive Rule of the Third Order. On January 28, Evelyn Haworth was to renew her novice vows. The day was planned as a time for group reflection and discussion about the aspects of our rule that relate to prayer.

Oklahoma

The Rev. Masud Syedullah, Convenor for the Oklahoma Fellowship, wrote on January 4:

"As you may know, the Oklahoma Fellowship is yet very young. Nonetheless, it is very much alive and active. By the time of publication, you may note that there are 2 Professed, 5 Novices, 4 Postulants, and 2 Aspirants in our Fellowship. I am serving as Convenor. Since we are geographically a large Diocese (nearly 70,000 square miles), we find it a matter of stewardship to rotate our meetings in the homes and churches of the members throughout the Diocese. For each meeting, most of the members will have to drive in excess of 100 miles to attend, which should say something about the dedication of our members.

"At our October meeting, in honor of the 800th year celebration of St. Francis, Bishop McAllister, the Diocesan, treated us by preaching at the Eucharist and giving us a presentation of the effects of St. Francis and Franciscan life on his own life.

"He is also scheduled to receive me into Life Profession on January 22. Although he is not officially a Franciscan himself, his own life has been greatly inspired by St. Francis. His time with us has been profoundly inspirational and the Fellowship is greatly appreciative of his support and interest."

"my first glimpse of the Kingdom....."

The Rev. William Smith of Chicago kindly sent this report of the 50th anniversary celebration for Father Thomas Kelly Rogers:

Father Rogers has been a priest of this Church for 50 years, and has devoted himself to the parish ministry, where he has worked tirelessly for those many years to bring people to the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. This faithfulness as priest and pastor were celebrated at the Church of the Ascension, Chicago on 14 November, 1982, at a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving.

Father Rogers was unable to celebrate the Mass, but joined in with the Rector at the Canon to con-celebrate with him. The Saint Cecilia Mass setting by Charles Gounad was sung with perfection to the praise of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for those many years of service that Father Rogers has offered, to each of those persons present.

The reception which followed the Mass was as elegant as any I have ever attended. Father was honored with a special luncheon in Saint Michael's Hall, which was filled to capacity. Greetings from the Mayor of Chicago, and many other letters and notes of appreciation for the ministry he has and continues to exercise in the Diocese of Chicago and to many, many people were expressed.

One letter from a parishioner of Father's first parish sums it up best:

"I know that I am very grateful for the gift of your priesthood."

All of us who have been inspired and encouraged by Father Tom Rogers know of his love and care for each of us, and for those who come to him. Father Rogers presents Jesus to those with whom he comes into contact with each and every time. I rejoice in the Lord for having the opportunity to know Father Rogers and to celebrate with him his fifty years of service to God and His Church.

I close with one other statement from the same note, "when asked about the most significant event or person in my life, I always say that humble, loving and caring priest was my first glimpse of the Kingdom of God."

Thank you, Father Rogers for my glimpse of the Kingdom of God, through your ministry of service and love.

To Bill +

FR. BILL AND KATHY GRAHAM moved last May to: Long Lake Route, Box 9, Alliance, NE 69301. They are both teaching school and have been working with the program for gifted students in their county's rural schools. They are expecting a baby the end of June and Kathy plans to take a year off from teaching. Over the summer, Bill received his Master's in Learning Disabilities. Kathy has completed a needle-point piano bench cover and is working on a quilt which was begun by her Grandmother.

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Southeastern

THERE WAS A MEETING of the Southeastern Region Tertiaries on September 24 - 26, 1982 at the Convent of St. Helena in Augusta, Georgia. This was the third regular meeting in the Southeastern Region, the first two having been held in 1981.

Brother Justus Richard, SSF was present as our spiritual leader, and received the profession, novicing and renewals at the Saturday Eucharist.

Also present were: The Rev. Edward Warner, Regional Chaplain for Georgia and Alabama, and Dorothy Adams, both from Atlanta; David Nard, Paddy Kennington, John Kenninton p/SFO, Jacqui Belcher, Wayne Welch and Mike McClanahan, all from Savannah.

We were able to socialize with the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Georgia at a special dinner on Friday evening prepared by the Sisters of St. Helena.

Back Row: John Kennington, Br. Justus, David Nard, Wayne Welch, Michael McClanahan.

Front Row: Dorothy Adams, Paddy Kennington, Jacqui Belcher.



OUR OWN PROGRAM began at 8 o'clock that evening with a series of meditations and readings on 'Hunger', presented by the Savannah Fellowship. Silence was kept from Friday night through Saturday morning as meditationa by Dorothy Adams and Br. Justus continued the retreat

portion of our meeting. These meditations continued the theme of hunger.

At the Saturday noon Eucharist, Br. Justus received the Life Profession of David Nard; Paddy Kennington was noviced, and Jacqui Belcher was welcomed as a Postulant. Dorothy Adams renewed her life vows.

On saturday afternoon, we presented slides and information about various programs that deal with hunger, such as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, food banking, and soup kitchens.

Saturday evening, Br. Justus presented a slide and music representation of the Spirit of St. Francis, after which we sang and socialized, with many of the St. Helena Sisters joining us.

All in all, it was a good meeting and a joyous time together.

Our next regional meeting was planned for September 30-October 2, 1983, at the Convent of St. Helena, Augusta, Georgia.

Savannah fellowship

The Savannah Fellowship of the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis has met regularly on a monthly basis for some time. It was decided at the last meeting to send a brief report of these meetings to Marie Webner and the Franciscan Times so as to share our fellowship with other Tertiaries. Members of the Fellowship who are able to meet are:

David Nard TSF
Jacqui Belcher (Post.)

Paddy Kennington (Novice)
John Kennington (Post. Roman)

OCTOBER 3, 1982 Eve of the Feast of St. Francis

Paddy and John Kennington being in Atlanta, David Nard and Jacqui Belcher attended the Transitus presented by the Roman Third Order Sisters at Saint Michael's, Savannah Beach. It was very well attended. A joyous reception followed.

NOVEMBER 3

We met at St. Paul's Church, Savannah at 5:30 for Evening Prayer. This was followed by a jointly prepared meal (living in community isn't that easy!) Menu: spaghetti with meat sauce. Head Chef: John Kennington. Scrumptuous! The dishes done we settled down to discussing the second aspect of Franciscanism, LOVE (the first aspect, HUMILITY, was discussed at an earlier meeting). As usual, a lively discussion ensued, with at least four different view points expressed. That led us into looking at our Fellowship and the growing pains it is presently going through. We concluded that we are indeed blessed in our felling of community and fellowship. The meeting concluded with Compline in the chapel.

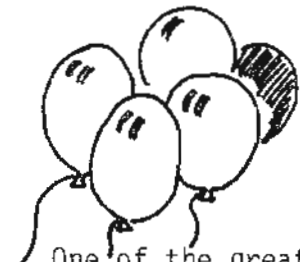
DECEMBER 1

David Nard and Jacqui Belcher attended the regularly scheduled Evening Prayer at St. Paul's Church, Savannah. The Kennington's joined us in the Parish Hall for our monthly meal and meeting. Supper, another communal effort (menu: Quiche, Head Chef: Jacqui Belcher) was an enjoyable time of reviewing the month. Cleaning up completed we previewed the newly distributed film from the National Church entitled "The Next Step". Jacqui decided to use it in her work with community outreach programs.

We looked at the newsletter on the Chapter meeting and discussed some of the 'happenings'. We were especially interested in the nuclear arms piece (we had all just recently attended a nuclear moritorium meeting concerning the Savannah River Plant). David has been asked by Marie Webner to sit on the Committee on Fellowship Coordination. The rest of us think that's a good choice, he's a great organizer!

We discussed keeping our Third Order brothers and sisters informed of our Fellowship activities as we felt that our geographical closeness afforded us a unique opportunity for community (hence the decision to start this literary masterpiece!). We realized that few Tertiaries would have the chance to do things - as a group - such as attend the nuclear moritorium meeting, have both Episcopal and Roman members and have close working and social ties with the Sisters of the Roman Third Order. We are indeed blessed in our fellowship and our friendships.

Christ Church, Savannah, has asked us to talk to their adult Sunday School on December 12. The talk will include the entire Society and not just the Third Order. Paddy, David and Jacqui will be able to go. We talked briefly about the program. It being rather late we decided to postpone our discussion on "JOY" (the third aspect of Franciscanism). Compline was said in the chapel.



FOR UNCERTAIN TRUMPETS

-- Glen-Ann Jicha
Formation Director, TSF

One of the great joys of my current responsibility in the Third Order is the privilege of reading the biographies of Aspirants, as after they relate what lead them to inquire whether a Franciscan vocation is right for them. Many of you have had the nourishing experience of a Quiet Day, Retreat, or Fellowship meeting where in each person tells who he is, why he's there, and what has called him apart for the occasion or, indeed, for the rest of his life. It affirms our own experience and it witnesses to the love of God so manifest in this world to those who are open to receive it.

A favorite example came from Fr. Ewan MacPherson and it was that a priest took him down to view the mighty Thames River and told him that it was the banks of the river that gave it power, that otherwise it would just be a great flood of water flowing all over the place. He said that his energy and love would just be flowing all over, trying to meet unmet needs without the discipline, the vehicle, the "banks" of the Third Order.

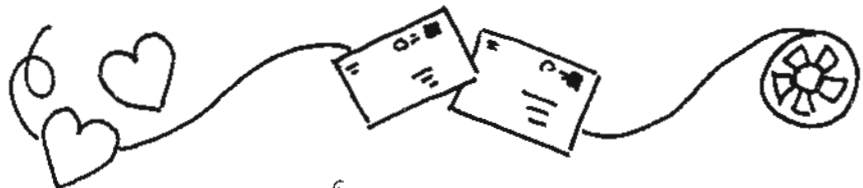
Defining vocation specifically is as elusive a task as mopping up raw eggs off the kitchen floor; still, there are helpful guidelines. When I was in high school and in college, I was always in love, or so I thought, and I often asked my mother, "But how will I know when I'm in love with someone enough to spend the rest of my life with him?" And she invariably said, "Don't worry, you'll know." Years later, I pestered my obstetrician by asking "How will I know when it's time to go to the hospital?" and he would patiently respond, "Don't worry, you'll know." They were right, of course, and recognizing a vocation is parallel to being in love with someone to whom you're willing to give the rest of your life -- Our Lord. And sooner or later we find that for the fruition of that love, we must go through something very akin to the pain of labor to bring new life and new love into our lives.

Br. Robert addressed this subject eloquently at a Retreat I attended and one example he gave was that of reading a book and suddenly realizing "Why that's ME -- I agree with that -- it's FOR me"...to the point where you are willing to step cheerfully off a cliff into the unknown for the sake of what you have found to be "for you".

Do be warned, however, about asking our Minister Provincial whether he thinks you have a Franciscan vocation (a trap I fell into right away), as he'll probably give you a standard First Order answer with a perfectly straight face, which goes, "I think you were sent to test mine." In truth, we do not sit in judgement on each other's vocation -- neither Ministers Provincial nor Novice Directors nor Convenors.

And don't be foolish enough to ask me, either, because with years of experience behind me, and all the gift of discernment I can muster, I'll just smile and say, "Don't worry, you'll know."

THE WASHINGTON, D.C. Fellowship has adopted the Rev. Richard Mowry, who is an isolated tertiary. They keep in touch by mail, and also by recording fellowship meetings on cassette. He answers by cassette and letter. One summer, during his vacation, he was able to visit the Washington D.C. Fellowship.



The Rev. Harold Baxter Liebler, senior Tertiary, Society of St. Francis, died last fall. This article is borrowed from the Rio Grande Episcopalian.

The Rev. Harold Baxter Liebler, an Episcopal priest who devoted much of his life to helping Navajo Indians, is dead at 92. He was called by the Navajos "the one with the long hair who drags his garment."

He discarded the notion that Indians must renounce their traditional beliefs to convert and he tried to interpret Christian religion in terms Indians could use in their life. He baptised 2,000 Navajos in 40 years.

He came to southeastern Utah nearly 40 years ago to establish St. Christopher's Mission, and later started Hat Rock Valley Retreat near Oljeto, where he has lived since 1966. He was known for his work in improving sanitary and health conditions among Navajos in Monument Valley.

Liebler was ordained in 1914 in Brooklyn, NY and served as curate of St. Luke's Church in New York City and recotr of St. Paul's Church in Riverside, Conn. In 1918, he founded St. Saviour's Church in Old Greenwich, Conn., and served there nearly 25 years.

He became interested in the plight of the Indians when he heard a fellow priest discuss Indian missions.

He studied the Navajo language and culture and in 1942 took a trip west and rode a horse into southeastern Utah.

"This area had not been evangelized at all, and only touched briefly by travelling Methodist missionaries", he said in a 1975 interview.

In 1943 he resigned from St. Saviour's and moved to Bluff.

"I actually spoke very little Navajo when I arrived in Bluff," so he kept his conversations short, he said.

He later learned Indians would ask one another, "What sort of white man is this that talks like a Navajo but only says a few words and then won't say anything more?"

Liebler established a school, built a church, conducted a clinic, and established some mission outstations.



Montana is a very big state with very few people. And three of those people are Franciscan Tertiaries! On October 29 and 30, we met together for the first time. Sr. Cecilia, CSF, from San Francisco was visiting in the diocese (She and Sr. Pamela had helped out at the Youth Convention) and invited us all to get together with her at a retreat house called "His Place" in Helena. We had a fine time getting to know one another. On the Saturday evening, we invited a few others to join us, and for one of them in particular, it was an especially meaningful evening. Sr. Cecilia is just super, and we thank her so much for sharing with us in this way. The three who make up the Third Order presence in the Big Sky Country are: Ann Haggett of Whitefish, Jeri Lynn Miller of Bozeman, and Joanne Maynard of Helena. Joanne was professed on January 25, 1983. We plan to get together again -- maybe next summer at Seeley Lake, Montana, a semi-central location (also beautiful).



COMMUNITY IN FELLOWSHIP

-- Marie L. Webner, TSF
Fellowship Coordinator

"I'm just not getting anything out of it." Ever heard those words in church organizations? Ever used them yourself? They ring a death knell for the organization in question, which may indeed be so unproductive that it deserves to die.

Yes, we can drop out of some groups, but we can't drop out of Third Order community. The commitment we made as novices or as professed is to a religious order, and a religious order is characterized by both rule and community. When we become members of the Third Order of St. Francis, we become part of a family. We acquire brothers and sisters with whom we must have a relationship in Christ patterned after St. Francis. If you're not getting anything out of Third Order community, it's time to start praying about ways in which you can bring about a better family relationship.

Three or more tertiaries who meet together regularly for prayer, study, and fellowship constitute (when recognized by the Guardian) a Third Order Fellowship. These groups of brothers and sisters come together to keep alive the Franciscan ideal and to support each other in their various ministries. It's not impossible to visualize, with our increasing numbers, fellowships formed of people with a common ministry, but to date they have been composed of people in many walks of life who find their common bond in following our Lord Jesus in the way of St. Francis.

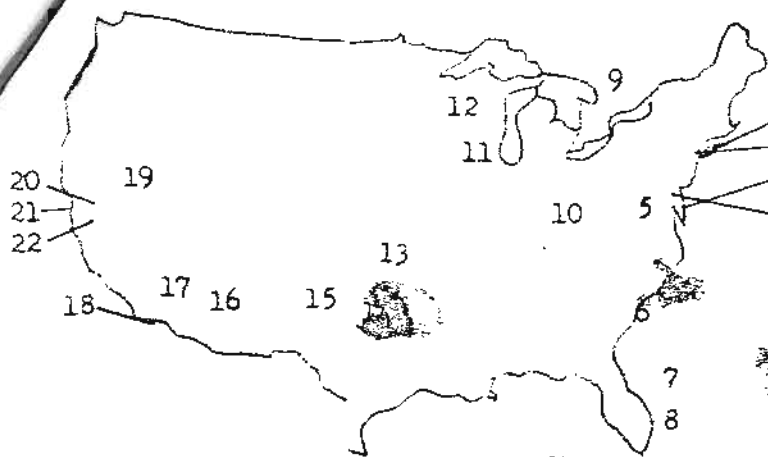
Fellowships can be and often are a joy, a strength, a support. But it's not always easy. We may have a hard time liking our brothers and sisters. It sometimes takes time and work and a lot of prayer to swallow our pride and pocket our resentments in order to recognize and love the Christ in others. If we can't make our fellowship a witness to the light and love of Christ, can we expect to transform the world? And isn't that what we are called to do?

If you are an isolated tertiary, you too have a share in community life -- principally by the offering of daily Morning or Evening Prayer, that work of praise common to all of us in the American Province. Reporting regularly to novice counselors or area chaplains is another way to keep alive the community bond. You may also request "adoption" by a fellowship in order to share by letters or tapes that aspect of community life. Write to me if you want such a relationship.

I want fellowship convenors to keep me informed about membership, schedules, programs, and problems. As fellowship coordinator, I want to know what works and doesn't work. I want to know what study materials or meeting formats have been used and with what success. I want to know who has the experience to advise others with similar problems. I alone do not have all the answers, but I know that the answers are available somewhere within the Third Order community. My job is to coordinate -- to help those with problems find those with answers. I will read with care and concern every communication from a fellowship convenor. The members of the fellowship coordination committee are also willing to help: Terry Rogers (NYC), David Nard (Savannah), Bill Smith (Chicago), Lee Malloy (Minnesota), Brother John George SSF, and Sister Cecilia CSF.

At our professions, we promise to spread the knowledge and love of Christ among men and to promote the ideal of brotherhood. I believe with all my heart that the local fellowship is our proving ground. We must learn to love and accept our brothers and sisters within the fellowship community before we can have much success in transforming the world. Only if we succeed in keeping alight a blaze of love in the fellowship can we hope to set the world on fire!

FELLOWSHIPS IN THE AMERICAN PROVINCE



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| 1 Long Island | 12 Minnesota |
| 2 New York | 13 Tulsa |
| 3 New Jersey | 14 Dallas |
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| 10 Lexington, KY | 21 San Francisco |
| 11 Chicago | 22 Santa Clara Co, CA |

- Not shown: 23 Hawaii
 24 Trinidad
 25 Guyana

If your fellowship is not on the map,
 PLEASE CONTACT THE FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR.

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BROTHER JOHN GEORGE at the Bishop's Ranch wants to be sure that you know about the FAMILY CAMP being planned by Sister Cecilia and himself.

"Our plan is for the Family Camp to start Sunday afternoon, July 17th. We will have room for a maximum of 50 people --adults and children. The program will include morning activities of seminars, crafts, skits and more. The afternoons will be free for swimming, exploring the Redwoods, the Pacific coast, the wineries, the geysers, or a trip to San Francisco. In the evening, we plan to have games and a camp fire. Of course, there is also the regular prayer life of the Ranch; Offices, Eucharist, and meditation times.

"SISTER CECILIA and I are at this moment (January 21) starting the planning. Others will be involved. Anyone who has any suggestions, please notify either of us. The Conference ends with lunch on Friday. The Third Order Western Regional Conference follows immediately Friday evening.

"Although is is not confirmed, we are hoping Brother William Lash, SSF will be with us for the week. Brother Bill is a Bishop and is one of the few living links between the present SSF and the beginnings of the Franciscan movement in the Anglican Communion. He was one of the founding members of Christa Prema Seva Sangha (Christ, Love, Service Society) a group living the Franciscan way in India in the 1930's. Their attempt was to live as Indians in an ashram style. Their Rule was based on the traditional Hindu "Ways to God"; The Bhaktimarga, or Way of Devotion; The Dnyana Marga, or Way of Study; The Karmamarga, or Way of Works. This rule is the present day Principals of both the First and Third Orders. In this way, this Franciscan experiment is deeply a part of our day to day life as Franciscans.

"Bill became Bishop of Bombay in 1947. In 1961 he went from India to Aprica. In 1970 he went to live at Hilfield Friary in England. He is now traveling through the US, after a time in the Australia /New Zealand Province."

A LETTER FROM KEN COX

This letter is dated January 11, 1983:

...This past week end, Glen-Ann Jicha, my fellow formation director, visited Pat and me so as to continue the support that she has given both of us since my hospitalization for cancer in October. I've had so many prayers offered in my behalf and have received so much love that my convalescence has been on a very positive plane.....

Glen-Ann had been in close touch with us since I entered the hospital and the purpose of her visit at this time was to see how we were getting along, to visit, and to compare notes on our collective responsibility for those in formation in the Third Order. We really appreciated Glen-Ann's giving up time from family at home to share some time with Third Order family. We met Glen-Ann at the Long Beach airport on Friday evening and the week-end celebration began. We visited, did the daily offices together, made home eucharist together with another tertiary, Fr. Michael Williams, celebrating. Michael had with him his lovely wife Connie and one year old daughter Shannon.

This was a Saturday and we had a good visit. Michael and Glen-Ann have known each other since he attended seminary at Seabury. Saturday evening while Pat and I attended a pot luck at which she was co-hostess, Glen-Ann visited with Jon Erlandson, rector of St. Luke's in a nearby city. Jon was another long-time friend and graduate of Seabury.

Sunday morning we attended Mass at St. Francis, our parish, and afterward Glen-Ann treated Pat and I to a brunch at Riverside's Mission Inn. In the afternoon, we attended an open house at St. Luke's in Fontana and from there to a meeting of the St. Bernardine Fellowship at the home of our sister, Sylvia Broadbent in Riverside. This was another joyous occasion with a lot of visiting, sharing, a novicing of a new addition to our Franciscan family (Frances, whose last name escapes me--sorry). We did Evening Prayer together and followed with a pot luck meal.

Throughout the week-end we all shared many things together talking about our families, and Glen-Ann had brought along several books that she thought would be relative to our situation. This was another splendid example of the love that Third Order people have for each other. For me, the week-end was a spiritual "shot in the arm".

My convalescence continues on a very good plane and I am really feeling fine, thanks be to God. My days seem to go by quickly and I am experiencing no pain.

Yesterday I had a phone call from Br. Robert and he plans to stop by here for a short visit and lunch on his way to Palm Desert, and so the caring and loving continues.

Peace and love in our Lord,
Ken Cox, TSF
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PAT MAHON of Portland, Oregon has written, with the good news that "I am feeling great these days. Dr. Lee is amazed at my improvement." She takes an aerobic dance class twice a week, and has obtained a new driver's license. She is busy with many things, writing a book which is about half finished.

And speaking of books, PEG SHULL of Lexington, Kentucky is also writing a book, plus all of the many other writing projects she is involved in. A poem of Peg's appears elsewhere in this issue of Franciscan Times.



INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Here are photos for which I never received the story. But I thought they should be included anyway. They were sent by John M. Scott to Helen Webb. The top photo shows Richard Scott (European Province) at the Papal audience which preceded the Congress. "He greeted the Pope in the name of all Anglican Third Order Franciscans and received the Pope's blessing and appreciation of our presence", John reports.

This photo shows "the five of us at one of the Congress sessions getting used to our headsets for simultaneous translations."



NOTES ON A VALUABLE BOOK

"Six Ways to Pray, from Six Great Saints" by Gloria Hutchinson (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1615 Republic St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45210. Paperback \$4.95)

Reviewed by +John-Charles, SSF

This is one of the most helpful books on prayer I have ever read. I recommend it highly.

Franciscans will be particularly interested in the imaginative use of Francis and Clare as models of prayer. But the attempt to ask the past masters of prayer for advice, the admitted aim of the author, bears equally instructive fruit through Ignatius of Loyola, Therese of Lisieux, Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross.

The language is poetic, beautiful, and challenging. Beginners and proficients all can learn at this school.

non-Franciscan Ministry

AS NOTED in November's Information Sheet, The 1982 budget item for Non-Franciscan Ministry was divided, with

\$300 going to St. Michael's Mission in Montreal, Canada
and

\$200 going to "Christ in the Poor", a house of prayer and mission in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In October, The Rev. Canon Paul G. Saunders, of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande wrote to Dee Dobson about the ministry in Albuquerque:

"The ministry is called 'Christ in the Streets' and consists of Fr. James Kennedy's patrolling what is called 'the strip' in Albuquerque late at night and early in the morning, sitting in coffee shops talking with boys and girls who have been walking the streets, acting as an advocate with the police, and often appearing in court on their behalf. He himself lives in the barrio part of Albuquerque, and has a small chapel and living quarters where he often puts up transients as well as conducts his street ministry. Many of the clergy of Albuquerque have contributed to his expenses, believe in his ministry, and feel that he is doing an authentic job for the Lord in this particularly unpleasant way."

The newsletter of the Companions of Christ in the Poor states:

"The Little Desert of Christ in the Poor is primarily a small monastic house in the inner-city. It is essentially a hermitage which Brother Jim Kennedy lives....The Little Desert seeks to live out the theology and spirituality of the Cross, in the spirit of Carmel. It is an embodiment of the Gospel proclamation of grace alone among the unchurched and outcasts of the inner-city."

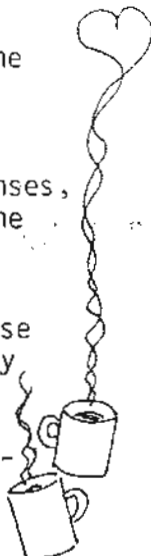
The other mission, St. Michael's, was described in The Canadian Churchman:

"St. Michael's Mission was established in 1927 under Canon Davison, and for many years was the responsibility of the Sisters of St. John the Divine. Eight years ago the Mission became a joint project of the Diocese and St. John's. Harold Parsons, the lay pastor in charge, has ably built up the Mission to what it is today -- the link between the Church and the greater Montreal community.

"In a world which criticizes the Church for either not helping the poor and the down-and-out, or for 'helping' them too much by providing money and a new theology to ensure material well-being, St. Michael's Mission stands as a flagship of true Christian charity.

"The Mission, located on the ground floor of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, is open from 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. Any and every needy soul is welcome. Hot soup and coffee are readily available. A clothing depot, shower, and small food storage are also available. Bilingual emergency counseling, help, and referral are provided. Each year the Mission sponsors a Christmas turkey dinner for those who have no family."

Mary Taylor, who wrote to the Third Order about the Mission, says that from 100 to 120 people come in each day. She says that Harold Parsons is often working alone, feeding people and attending to their needs, and counseling them, in a true Franciscan spirit.





THIS PHOTO was sent by Glen-Ann Jicha. Left to right are Carol Watson, Bursar; Dee Dobson, Guardian; Bishop Protector Paul Moore; and Fr. George Metcalf. Glen-Ann notes that the white figure in the background is a statue of Our Lady which is really 100 yards behind the house and up on a hill. "...an amazing optical illusion. I sat where she could surround and protect us, and she did."

I hope to print the next issue of Franciscan Times early in the Easter Season. Do send in your News, thoughts, art, whatever - by the deadline - MARCH 31, gm.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO find out more about the two missions which received money from the "Non Franciscan Ministry" fund, here are their addresses:

The Rev. James Kennedy
410 Hazeldine, S.W.
Albuquerque, NM 87102

St. Michael's Mission
c/o Harold Parsons
137 President Kennedy Ave.
Montreal, PQ
Canada H2X 2L9

SOME BRIEF BOOK NOTES:

"Church and Politics, from theology to a Case History of Zimbabwe" by Enda McDonagh (University of Notre Dame Press, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. Paperback, 166 pg. \$5.95)

This is an in-depth study of moral theology. A challenging, thought-provoking book.

--Helen Webb.

"Conversations with the Crucified" by Reid Isaac. (Seabury Press, NY 117 pg. \$6.95)

Here is a book of meditations which, as they help us wrestle with the significance of the Cross for today, blend together profound theological insights, a spirit of deep devotion, and an awareness of the continuing suffering of Jesus in the agonies of our times. An excellent, but disturbing, companion for Lent. Highly recommended. This is spiritual theology at its best, and social concern raised to the only level which can sanctify it.

+John-Charles, SSF

OFFERING

This, then, is our harvest:

Good grain marred

by goldenrod and thistles

Snow follows, and solemn chill.

Winds tear the darkness.

A flame pierces the Christ-bearer.

God in his courtesy

takes on humanness.

An infant named Jesus

Gives night a different darkness,

A previously-unheard-of
perfect joy.

To accept a child's offering
of grain woven

with goldenrod and thistles,

And call this inadequacy good.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

--Margaret Shull, TSF



NEW MEXICO FELLOWSHIP

The Rev. Canon Paul Saunders writes that a New Mexico Fellowship was started last summer. There are only two members of the Order who live outside of Albuquerque, but at least they are meeting monthly in the city with an attendance of about 8 or 9. They range from people who are interested to novices. They read scripture together and discuss it. They share where they are on their spritual journeys and report on things Franciscan. They also say Morning Prayer together. He reports that they feel that these meetings are very fruitful. As a matter of fact, several postulants have come out of the process and they are looking for more. He concludes; "It allows us to touch and share with others who are walking the same path in the Third Order."

They are planning a state meeting this coming June.

I will end this newsletter as I began - please send anything you'd like to share to me!

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