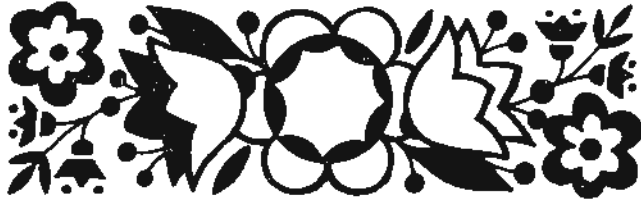


Franciscan Times



JULY, 1984

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ and Francis,

Our last newsletter came out in April, and at that time I wrote, "Can you imagine that it will be July in three months?" It was snowing on the April day when I wrote that. Now July has come, with the nicest summer weather I can remember in a long time. I spent a day hiking in Glacier Park last week, and the beauty of God's creation -- the beauty that St. Francis celebrated so well -- was just about overwhelming. I hope that you all have such opportunities for celebration as the summer season continues.

The next newsletter will appear some time in October, God willing. I will be busy with our Diocesan Convention in September, so try to get items for the Times in to me by the first of October. We welcome news of Fellowships, and also news of individuals. Poems and short articles are also nice to share.

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

*Peace -
Joanne Maynard*



FIRST, THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MARIE WEBNER, TSF -- Fellowship Coordinator:

ST. FRANCIS HATED MONEY!

I can understand that. I hate money too. Especially, I hate not having money for worthy purposes.

The printers, the telephone company, the post office -- none of them are accepting barter these days. AT & T will let you swap long-distance minutes for TWA or Amtrak fares these days. Pretty peculiar, when you think of it. The Postal Service will accept a check, but it still insists on 20 cents to mail a letter (unless it went up when I wasn't looking).

Folks, I live in the same city with the Third Order bursar. I never hear about who gives how much, but I get a lot of statistics, usually in the form of questions:

If we have 600 people in the Third Order, why do I have only 250 pledges?

Why aren't novices pledging?

The reason novices aren't pledging is that their counselors aren't pledging. Good example?

The Franciscan Times is a terrific publication. Do you know how much it costs for a mailing to those 350 people who neither pledge nor give?



MONEY (continued)

Could we start charging for the Directory? Do you know how much it costs?

I don't only get questions from the bursar (who at this time of year is wondering if we can afford to hold a Chapter meeting in October). I get questions from tertiaries everywhere:

? Will you be at our convocation? (Not unless there's money in the treasury.)

. The Handbook for Conveners is wonderful. Why can't everyone have a copy? (No money in the treasury.)

? Why hasn't the Guardian or Chaplain been to see us? (No money in the treasury.)

. Can I get a scholarship to attend convocation? (Probably not, with no money in the treasury.)

That's how it is. Some of us believe that building Third Order community is one of the better ways to build the Church. Our officers give up free time and vacations to build community. Nobody gets paid, and nobody's complaining -- except to say that we would like to do more but it will take more money.

It's time NOW to grab your checkbook and send your contribution to the bursar -- for the buiding up of Christ's body, the Church in the way of St. Francis.

Send to Carole Watson, 962 W. Acadia Drive, Tucson, AZ 85706.

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A Note received from Mary (Mrs. John) Thomas:

Thank you for the new directory. I am sorry to have to tell you that John W. Thomas, listed on page 39, died on May 2, 1984. John's membership in the Third Order meant a great deal to him and he always felt close to the brothers and sisters in the Philadelphia Fellowship...Though I was not officially a Franciscan, the group invited me to come with John and always welcomed me warmly. They truly demonstrated their commitment and I was always helped by being with them.

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A Note from Helen Webb:

I'm reading a thought-provoking book, which I think deserves reading by many people. It would be a good spring-board for discussion too.

It is "Peace Thinking in a Warring World" by Edward LeRoy Long, Jr. (Westminster Press, 1983. Paperback. About \$7)

The chapters are: From war thinking to peace thinking --From retribution to ordered freedom -- From misunderstanding to truth -- and from suspicion to trust -- From hostility to composure and compassion -- From indifference to advocacy and action.

The book focuses attention on the world-wide situation, but also can be applied to personal and local relationships. Throughout, it is written from a Christian viewpoint, and sounds quite Franciscan.

REMINDER! NE CONFERENCE -- OSSINING, NY -- SEPTEMBER 14 -- 16. Helen Webb, Registrar.



The Voice of the Turtle ~



NEWS OF THE CHI-RHO FELLOWSHIP, CHICAGO AREA:

Claire Mahan, secretary describes trying to tell her confirmation class what "a Franciscan" is. She mentions the Gospel of Matthew for identifying Poverty: "how blest are those who know their need of God" Chastity: "how blest are those of a gentle spirit" "happy are those who are merciful to others" Obedience: "happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires."

Laura Adamski made her first novice vows on April 14, and then left for an African sojourn in May. She was given a "bon voyage" luncheon following her vows.

Connie Coligny was received as a Postulant in the Third Order in June. Alonzo Pruitt, co-convenor, was ordained to the Diaconate in June and will begin serving as Curate at St. Peter's Church in Chicago in August. Dede Wentworth was received as a Postulant in July. Hattie Cockshoot will make her first Novice vows in August, on the Feast of St. Clare, when a "wonderful" program is promised in the newsletter.

A NOTE FROM DANIEL JOSLIN, 4011 S. Loring Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80909:



A fellow Tertiary received the other day a national directory of Franciscans. I would very much like to receive a copy of it also. Please note that, for whatever reason, my name has not been included in the directory. I have been a Postulant for seven months and will soon be novicing. I have been working through Formation Director Rev. Dr. Alden Whitney and my assigned counselor has been Mr. James DuBois. Thank you for sending the directory and including me in your prayers. Enclosed is a small contribution to cover the cost.

Lillies of the Field Fellowship, Colorado:

Mary Hubbard is testing her vocation with the Third Order. Sammy Stephens and Stephen Miles are new Postulants. Stephen was married in May to Mary Gilfoyle.

The Rev. Carl Andrews, who was Vicar of Craig, and more recently chaplain at Lowery Air Force Base is now chaplain at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana. (Hooray for another tertiary in the Treasure State!)

Stephen and Mary moved to Massachusetts in May.

Dearlie Moline accompanied St. Timothy's Church's annual parish picnic Mass. She also played for a Fellowship "sing-along" in June.

They were hoping to have a potluck to celebrate St. Clare's Feast. Their next regular meeting will be September 10.

NEW YORK CITY FELLOWSHIP, TERRY ROGERS, CONVENER:

Eric Menees was professed in March. Evelyn Haworth was professed and Adrian Dumont was noviced in May. It was planned that Helen Parker would be noviced in June.

LONG ISLAND FELLOWSHIP: John Apmann reports that a meeting was held in April with Fr. Warren Tanghe giving a teaching from the "Way of St. Francis." A Eucharist was held, and a time for fellowship, along with bag lunches.



JULIA BERGSTROM, Co-convenor of the Minnesota Fellowship announces the 1985 Midwest Regional Meeting will be held September 6 - 8 at the Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake, Minnesota. She welcomes ideas for themes, schedules, speakers, topics, etc.



ST. CLARE FELLOWSHIP, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



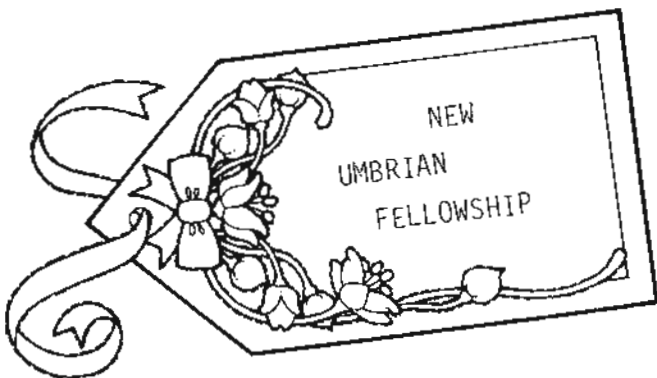
The fellowship is growing. As of July 12, there were 10 active members. Bruce Stanval, Marjorie Benson, and Andrew Sapp are the newest additions.

'Way back last August, some of the members attended the Oxford Movement celebrations at St. Paul's Church. Fr. Damian Wilson, OHC, spoke on the history of the Oxford Movement and the religious orders which grew out of it.

This past June, they met with First Order Brothers and Sisters Derek, Al, Kirk, Ruth and Anne at the Convent of St. Helena in Seattle where they were staying overnight before proceeding to a mission in British Columbia. They enjoyed a "scrumptious" supper and a slide show depicting Franciscan life.

Mark Earl will soon be married. Bruce Stanval will soon become an aspirant of the T.O. Andrew Sapp and Marjorie Benson are studying at the Diocesan School of Theology. Fr. Walker is executive director of Help House, a North Whidbey Island food and clothing bank. Gloria Goller has finished a quarter at Fuller Seminary, and is continuing her vocation as a spiritual guide.

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First Order people from all the various Provinces met in San Francisco in April, giving Tertiaries a unique opportunity to meet many of them. T.O. people helped with refreshments and decorations at the Life Profession and Sr. Pamela Clare, CSF and First Profession of St. Susanne Elizabeth, CSF on April 30.

Sr. Cecilia was a guest at a recent meeting, and Fr. Barry Beisner, new rector of the Church of the Incarnation, SF, was celebrant for the Eucharist.

The Western Area Convocation was held July 6-8 at El Rancho Del Obispo.

The Rev. Michael Munro was ordained a Priest on June 9 at Grace Cathedral, as Sr. Catherine Joy was ordained Deacon. The Rev. Machrina Blasdell was ordained a Deacon in Arizona on May 31! Kay Salinano is a new graduate of the School for Deacons, too! The Rev. John Filler, who was with us here, then moved to Hawaii, and is now back again (although we haven't seen him -- I'm going on hearsay!) -- was installed as Rector of a parish in El Cerrito on June 17.

New Umbrian Fellowship (Continued)

Travellers -- Jon Dwyer is back!!! He will be with us for a year, while completing his work at CDSP. Don Briggs WILL be back -- (please, God?) -- on July 7. He is due for Profession, God and Chapter willing, very soon! Gary Ost has been elected to Profession! The event will take place on Saturday afternoon at the Convocation, with a big party to follow on Saturday night. Gary said his trip to Europe was "perfect!". Tom Finney's Rule has been accepted! Tom's house was blessed on June 16. Ken Wilkes and I both had several examples of our work in a lively Art Show at St. Aiden's on June 16. This was followed on Sunday with a Eucharistic "Celebration of Creativity". Lynn and Mark Bowdish were surprised with a wonderful Eucharist and party to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on June 22. Louise Mangini and I were there, along with Br. Robert, and a vast crowd of others. It was great! Bev Hosea was with us for the June meeting!

--Mary Ann Jackman



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ARIZONA FELLOWSHIP



The Arizona Fellowship has chosen a name for themselves "St. Mary of the Angels Arizona Fellowship." Holly Guthrie was professed on May 26. She made a "St. Francis skirt" for the occasion, patched with pieces of fabric which were given to her by other members of the Fellowship. Fr. Don Dunn was admitted as a postulant on April 7 during a home Mass. Jim Cain has received approval for his vows of profession. Holly volunteered to silkscreen T-shirts with SMOTA on them. (You figure it out!) Deanna Gursky is no longer newsletter editor, but will keep us informed of the doings of this active group.



MINNESOTA FELLOWSHIP:

Ruth Harrington was noviced in April. Judy Schmidt, a novice in the Third Order, moved to Plymouth Minnesota from Chicago. They held a retreat in June at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center. Br. David Burgdorf was leader. Reports say that it was not what you'd call "silent," but a Quiet Day is planned for September to make up for that lack. Their 1985 retreat is already planned -- May 2-5 at the Villa Maria Center with Lee Malloy as director.

A special meeting was held on July 5 at the Episcopal Church Home, where Mable Blake was soon to be celebrating her 30th year as a Franciscan.

All tertiaries were assured that the First Order appreciated their loving support of the friary in Minneapolis, which is closing.

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Philadelphia Fellowship:

Joan Powers, convener, has moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A new convener is being chosen. The Fellowship planned to meet in May at St. Francis Inn, which must be a shelter, rather than something like the Holiday, because Joan asked members to bring coffee, dry milk, towels or other contributions for the Inn. They hoped to have Bill Barrett there, with a report of adventures in Honduras and photographs of Assisi. Because there were no further newsletters, I can't tell if these plans came off or not.



APRIL in ATLANTA



Stephen Janet John Dorothy Paddy

With spring in full bloom, the Georgia Fellowship met at Holy Trinity Church, Atlanta in early April. Paddy and John Kennington and I arrived late from Savannah to be greeted by Dorothy Adams, from Stone Mountain, and Stephen Mosman, from Ft. Oglethorpe. Dorothy, our convener, laid out the tentative plans for the morrow. John and Stephen both settled in one of the lounges for the night, while Paddy, Dorothy and I all camped in the spacious "ladies parlor" - Complaine ended a long day.

Saturday saw the arrival of Pete and Lilli Brewer and Janet Dawson (inquirer) all from the Atlanta area.

Dorothy had everything planned - worship, study, food well, you

know what they say about the best laid plans! We did, worship, joyfully, with Stephen life professing at the Eucharist, and we did enjoy the scrumptuous food, but as for the studying.....! It had just been too long since some of us had seen one another (some had not even met before) so we walked among the glorious pink and white dogwoods and talked, collectively and in pairs exchanging news, ministries, books. Over coffee we discussed our problems and offered advice. Just talked and listened, listened and talked.

The day ended with a splendid cook-out at the Brewer's (which Lilli had "nipped" home to prepare) with Stephen tickling the ivories for our entertainment. Ah, there's nothing like a family reunion!

Jacqui Belcher

[The editor especially thanks Jacqui for typing and setting up this part of the page, so that it is ready for printing. That's a huge help!]

NOTES FROM THE FELLOWSHIP

- o Dorothy Adams and family moved into their new house in March and are busy making it a home. Dorothy, among other things, volunteers at a night shelter.
- o Paddy Kennington & Jacqui Belcher are working with food programs in Savannah, Paddy having opened the night shelter as a saturday soup kitchen with Jacqui attempting to schedule the food.
- o Paddy is now working as Administrative Assistant at a school run by Roman Franciscan Sisters and as Christian Education/Youth Director at an Episcopal church.
- o John Kennington was life professed in the Roman Franciscan Secular Order on February 25.
- o The Rev. Stan McGraw has an active ministry with the poor in the Atlanta area.
- o Stephen Mosman lifed professed on April 7. He feels very isolated in Fort Oglethorpe and would welcome any communication.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28 -- 30, 1984 AT ST. HELENA'S CONVENT, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA. CONVENER, DAVID NARD. FIRST ORDER REPRESENTATIVE, BR. JON BANKERT.

ALABAMA FELLOWSHIP

On February 16, Yvonne and Louis Willie were received as novices into the Third Order at St. Andrew's in Birmingham. Fr. William Dennis, a long-time member of the Third Order, from St. Luke's, Jacksonville received them into the Order. Also present was Richard Perkins of Selma, an associate. Jan Meikle of Arab was ill and couldn't attend. She is the only other member in Alabama.

A MINISTER'S PRAYER AT THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Today I bless the animals.
Please, Lord, will You keep them still?
I won't go running all over the place
even if the animals will.

Here is a cat all shining and clean,
awaiting the touch divine.
Thank You, Lord, that she hasn't caught sight
of the mouse at the end of the line.

As I sprinkled the hen in the little girl's cage
she puffed up her feathers and clucked:
but that hamster didn't get blessed at all
'cause when I sprinkled, he ducked!

This old dog seems immobile.
Does he want to be blessed again?
"Well, that's unfair," croaks Kermit, the frog,
who is back there raising Cain.

I'm glad the animals all behaved
for their loving masters' sakes
and thank You and thank You again, dear Lord,
for not sending me any snakes!

--Marcia M. Capps

(This delightful poem was sent in by a friend
of Marcia's, Barbara Kelly.)



Barbara Kelly, who sent in the above poem, also sent in some ideas for raising money to enable Tertiaries to attend Regional Conferences. She writes, "Perhaps an idea of self-denial - over and above our rule and usual spirit -- such as some of us used profitable during the Sahel famine. According to that, you assess your regular food consumption, vacation, and entertainment allotments and deliberately reduce the amount of money spent, earmarking it for a stated purpose. Even \$50 a year from each of us would bring important people, along with representative tertiaries who could not attend without much help. I wonder why the Order has trouble impressing on people our need for contributors and sizeable pledges? (See page one for an effort in that direction.)

I wonder if tertiaries...realize how much joy they miss when they stay home? how much identity they deny themselves? Slipping dollar bills into an envelope...would pay the travel and conference costs at the end of a year....Louise Mangini was there, minus a kneecap; Sandy Shontz had a three-hour drive with her daughter as chauffeur -- she was on two crutches -- others with canes and various serious disabilities too. And Pat Mahon! She always came in a wheel chair, but last year and this she demonstrated God's supreme power to heal -- wearing Olympic running uniform this time, as a symbol of her normal health.

MIAMI FELLOWSHIP

Their new newsletter is called Wind and Spirit. They had a fellowship meeting on May 20 at Dee's, with brown bag lunch, prayer, meditation and reflection, followed by a meeting. Then Brother Justus lead a meditation on "The Sanctus." Evening Prayer was read at 4:00 to close the day's activities.

Pat Schumacher also sent this Fellowship news: In the Epiphany Season we had a quiet day lead by the Rev. Canon Michael W. Jones, assistant to the Bishop for Christian Education and Youth Ministry. It was a day of silence only to be broken at noon day meal by a cat who jumped from the balcony onto the dining table during a reading from the Genese Diary by Heni Nouwen. The theme for the quiet day was the true meaning of the gifts of the wisemen, as well as reflections on their lives and ours.

In Lent we had a retreat led by Brother Justus. The theme was the "Sanctus." We found his meditations to be insightful and beautifully honest. The most impressive offering was a slide presentation of the Stations of the Cross, great depth and immense impact.

I was also ordained to the Diaconate and was blessed with the Rev. James Jones (our brother in Francis) to be the preacher. We believe him to be a great theologian. Brother John George was present and helped me to understand the mystery of the spirituality of ordination.



A LETTER

I'm writing to tell you how great it is to receive the Franciscan Times and hear what other tertiaries are doing. It makes me feel like part of the group -- although it hi-lights my isolation also. Like Mary Mobert, I have no fellowship to attend. In addition, I have never even met a professed tertiary face to face. I met a novice once, but he has since dropped out. My only direct contact is my novice counselor, by mail.

I wonder how many of us isolated TSFs there are. Would there be a possibility of a round robin - in small groups - perhaps 6-8, so we could at least make written contact occasionally? I would be glad to start one if I had some names and addresses...We could have a two week limit on answering, so it would go around in a short time.

--Kathy Tripses N/TSF
3076 NW 83rd Pl.
Ankeny, IA 50021

(If you are interested in this idea, why not write to Kathy?)

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SOUTHWEST CONVOCATION OF 1984:

The dates were June 15-18. The theme was Peace: in the heart and in the world. There were 26 people there, including Sister Pamela Clare CSF, who gave three addresses; Dee Dobson, Guardian; Fr. Masud Syedullah and three others from Oklahoma; Sharon Sandow from Dallas. Six states were represented. Marie Webner was in charge of the program.

There was time for small group and large group discussions. Jonathan Steinhart spoke on his trip to Central America as a member of a Christian team. Fr. Henry Bird spoke on his Franciscan witness as a parish priest. Paul Saunders preached and Fr. Masud officiated at the healing service.

FROM A REPORT ON THE SOCIETY OF ST. FRANCIS, AMERICAN PROVINCE,
SENT BY Brother Robert Hugh SSF:

- * Rich Hills was made a Novice on May 9 at Little Portion. He is using his baptismal name, Fr. Richard John. He moved to San Damiano May 28.
- * James Verrilli and Donald McDonald were made Postulants at L.P. on May 19. William Judd expected (as of the writing of the report) to be made a Novice on June 23.
- * Jon Bankert was elected to First Profession at the Provincial Chapter. He took his vows on May 28.
- * David Burgdorf renewed his vows May 28.
- * John Rohim was elected to Life Profession and expects to make his life vows in Trinidad at Michaelmas.
- * Sebastian's ordination to the Diaconate was endorsed by Chapter and he expects to be ordained in Trinidad at Michaelmas.
- * Sr. Catherine Joy was ordained a deacon on June 9. She will go to General Seminary for a year of study in late August. Sr. Susanne Elizabeth will live there with her. Robert Hugh will take over her work as Chaplain to the Bay Area Seafarer's Service.
- * Dominic graduated from St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco as a registered nurse.
- * Justus will be doing a year of study at Union Theological Seminary.
- * Mark Francis was elected Guardian of Little Portion Friary for 3 years.
- * Chad was appointed Brother-in-Charge of the Manhattan House. David Burgdorf will remain in Minneapolis to complete the requirements for certification as a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor.
- * Lawrence and Philip Leonard were granted their requests for Secularization.
- * Jason Robert was appointed Provincial Secretary, effective March 25.
- * Douglas has been given a leave of absence until the end of the year.
- * Lee will continue to live as Artist in Residence at Holy Cross Monastery until the end of the year. His main work is with Elderhostel.
- * Mel joins the Brooklyn House September 1.
- * John George was appointed Brother-in-Charge of the Brooklyn House.
- * The ashes of Br. Mark Charles were interred at Old L.P. on May 27. On June 20, a tree was planted in the grounds of St. Mary's Rehb. Center in his memory, by some of his colleagues on the staff there.
- * On August 20, Leo will celebrate 50 years since he first made his Profession with O.S.F.
- * Dunstan returned from his time at Stroud and will be at L.P. for a time.
- * John Charles will visit his family in Australia and will undertake some engagements in Hawaii on his way there and back. He celebrates 25 years as a bishop on November 20.
- * On September 14, the American Province of SSF will be 65 years old. On Holy Cross Day, 1919, the Rev. Claude Crookston (Fr. Joseph OSF) made the Foundation of the Order of St. Francis at Merrill, Wisconsin.

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An Article, Prayer and the Hunger Movement, by Jacqueline Belcher n/TSF was on the front page of EPISCOPAL HUNGER NETWORKER 1984, a Newsletter of the Episcopal Church Hunger Program.

MEDITATION ON LUKE 8:1-21

Most of my life has been a bramble patch
Scrabbly, scratchy,
prickly, itchy
Points out and points in,
thick and dark.

God threw his words my way
Some caught in the thorns
sifted down to the dank ground
Laid there and molded in the dark.

Once or twice a small seedling started to grow
But no air, no light, no food, no time
Turned it to mush
Hostility and pain choked it out
Jesus, the sun, dried up the weeds
warmed the earth
The hateful prickles softened and fell away
The rain tears watered the seedlings
Dying, the old briars nourished the new plants.
It was a late spring, but summer is just begun.

--Kathy Tripses



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