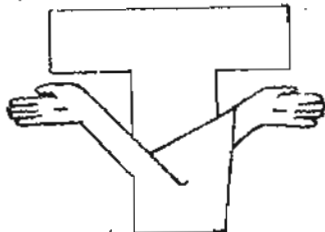


Information Sheet

Third Order
Society of St. Francis
American Province



August 1981

MEETINGS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The Third Order Chapter will meet in Seattle, November 9-11. Please send items you would like discussed to the Secretary, Helen Webb, 4008 Buckingham Rd., Baltimore, MD 21207, by the first of October. Also, did you know there is an item in the budget for gifts to needy causes? If you have a suggestion about a person or group especially in need of money, please send Helen detailed information.

CONVOCATION *** for any tertiary who would like to come. This meeting will be held in Seattle from November 11 to 15. We will observe the 800th Franciscan anniversary, and have reports from the "Gospel Now" Conference of the Society of St. Francis held in June in England. Send your reservation to Mrs. L. H. (Gloria) Goller, 428 Harbour View Drive, S.W., Apt. 125, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110. We hope to have word about cost and other details soon.

There will be a Northeast Area Conference in New York State the last weekend of September. For details contact Robert Teudesman at Little Portion. There was mention, also, of a Southeast Area Conference. Ask David Nard of Savannah about it.

The St. Clare Fellowship in Seattle will celebrate the 800th Anniversary with their Roman Brothers and Sisters on October 2nd at St. James Cathedral, Seattle: with a 5-7 p.m. international food block party, 7:30 Vespers including a Mime group, slides of Assisi, children's choir, liturgical dance, dramatic reading from the Omnibus. There will be a social hour, followed at 10 p.m. by the Transitus.

In Toronto, the tertiaries will meet with the Secular Franciscans on October 4, 1981 to celebrate the 800th Anniversary, with a service at Saint Michael's Cathedral, followed by refreshments and a display in the auditorium of St. James' Cathedral Synod House.

The Arizona Fellowship, with co-convenors Marie Webner and Andrew Wilkes, meets monthly - in addition to local meetings in Tucson and Phoenix. They are planning a 1982 Lenten retreat, March 12-14, conducted by Br. Robert.

The Southeast Florida Fellowship had a 6-week study course on "Ministry to the Sick"; and they meet monthly.

Fellowship contacts and convenors: Carolyn Banks-Fayetteville, Arkansas; Deane Kennedy-Sacramento; Lynn Bowdish - San Francisco; Billy Hoover - Santa Clara; Fr. Robert Woodfield - Southern California; Barbara Kelly - Santa Barbara. Pamela Moffat - Washington D.C., Warren Wagner and Gloria Goller - Seattle; William Smith - Chicago; Fr. Masud Syedullah - Tulsa; David Catron-Central Florida; Dee Dobson - Miami; Gretchen Wood - Pennsylvania; Tom Summers-Louisiana; Dorothy Nakatsuji - Hawaii; David Nard - Georgia; Fr. George Metcalf and Lee Malloy - Minnesota; Bob Horne - Kentucky; Roberta Deisel - Dallas. (Please send word about others to Helen Webb.)

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dee Dobson, of 4001 S.W. 5 Terrace, Miami, FL 33134, is our Interim Bursar, because Jane Ellen Traugott resigned in June.

Gretchen Good-Pankratz, who sends material to novice counselors, has a new address: 502 N. Calhoun, Liberal, Kansas 67901.

An anonymous tertiary writes, "There is a good possibility that we will be establishing a new mission, and hopefully we will be building a joint parish with our Roman brethren. One of my prayerful wishes is that we will be able to build a Chantry Chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Walsingham. I ask the brethren to pray earnestly for that intention."

Dorothy Nakatsuji has been elected new Board Chairman of the Hawaii Medical Services Association. Dorothy, a nurse who has taught at the University of Hawaii, has been a consultant to the Hawaii Nurses Association, and has served as Vice Chairman of the N.M.S.A. Board.

Pat Mahon has twice attended Convocations at the Bishop's Ranch in a wheel chair, and has had severe health problems over the years. Following the Laying-on of Hands this past fall during our Convocation, she has been able to leave the wheel chair, has felt much, much better, and takes less medication. We look forward to being with her again in Seattle. (She says the Seattle weather is very changeable, and apt to be chilly and wet.)

We have received a letter from a Friar about the effects on family members of someone with Alcoholism. (If you would like a copy, write to Helen Webb.) He ends by saying, "Please pray for all who are working at their recovery from alcoholism, both those with the addiction, and those like me who have been affected by the chemical dependency of others."

Br. David Burgdorf, formerly a 3rd Order novice, takes his First Vows as a Friar on August 15. Fr. Thomas Rogers, TSF, has been at Little Portion most of this summer. Br. Derek will return to the United States this fall. Since Br. Norman Crosbie resigned as Provincial Minister, an election is being held this summer for a new Provincial for the American Province. Also, an election of a Minister General (international) will be held soon. The First Order is asking the Friars whether or not they feel the Friar nominated would need to resign any position he has now.

Interesting figures from a financial report for 1980: The Little Chronicle expenses \$3,375; income \$248. It looks as though we have not been sending in contributions marked for The Little Chronicle.

THE ST. FRANCIS FUND

Br. Geoffrey, Minister General, sent word in a June 30th letter that "as a practical effort of our Society to help specific people in the Third World with whom we were in contact, a fund to which contributions would be invited, and which would bring speedy aid to such people. For some years, we have been helping individual tertiaries in Africa and Southeast Asia to enable them to survive and to educate their children. We have also helped a number of projects not connected with our Society - such as the Oxford Mission in Bangla-Desh and

a Roman Catholic community in South India, doing similar work to Mother Teresa but not so well known. I find as I visit Third World countries people who are really up against it - students who have real ability but no possibility of achieving their potential, some who are barely able to survive, let alone pay their school fees. I have also found tertiaries who want to help people in the Third World but they want to make sure their money goes to the people who need it and does not get swallowed up in the overheads of the assisting organisations, or fall into the wrong hands in the receiving countries. So often, the poor never see the aid which is being sent to them. ... If you have any contributions you wish to make or suggestions as to how it should be used, please send them to me.* We have not yet fully decided on the name of this fund. I have asked our Treasurer, Mr. Frank Chappell, to assist in the administration of this fund, which will be situated in England."

*In the American Province, please send your funds in care of Dee Dobson, with a note about what the money is for. She will forward it to England.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

"Poverty, who needs it?" by the Rev. David M. Knight, is a large pamphlet, available on loan from Pat Mahon, our Librarian. This pamphlet was highly recommended by a Roman Catholic Friar, and includes much to think about.

"I, Luke" is a new, informal translation of the Gospel, offered by Our Sunday Visitor, 200 Noll Plaza, P.O. Box 920, Huntington, IN 46750 as a paperback, about \$3.25.

The St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1615 Republic Street, Cincinnati, OH 45210 has an advertising flyer with several books:

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| Franciscan Saint of the Day, ed. Patrick McCloskey, OFM | \$3.25 |
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\$1.00 for one book, \$1.25 for 2 books, \$2.00 for 3 or more)

PROFESSIONS

Ruth Floyd - Jan. 5, Margo Williams - May 9, Diana Carpenter - May 14
Richard Mowry - July 25.

From Penelope Went, Third Order Secretary in Zimbabwe, 29 April 1981.
"This is to bring you the thanks of the Zimbabwean tertiaries for sending us your Chapter minutes. It is good to know that we are united with people so far away in the great family of St. Francis. I'm afraid we have no equivalent Provincial Minutes to send you. Our Province never meets as a whole. Quite apart from political difficulties between South Africa and the rest of us (I mean the countries, not the people in T.O.), travelling from one country to another really would be difficult and expensive. Our link is Br. Geoffrey who, in his yearly tour, goes from one country to another to be present at our national chapters. Of course it is a great joy to see him, but there are times when one would like to meet the others instead of just writing and hearing about them. ...

I was interested in reading your reports and to see how you are tackling the problem of communication and exploring ways of articulating what we are meant to be. It always helps to know that other people's problems are the same even if the details of the answers must be different in our very different situations. Please pray for us here in Zimbabwe as we try to maintain the ideals of Saint Francis. With Franciscan love, Penny. "

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