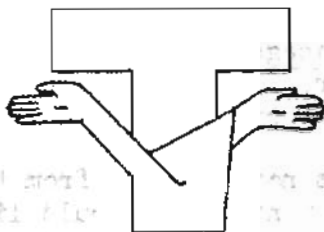


Information Sheet

THIRD ORDER
Society of St. Francis
American Province



January 1982

PLEASE NOTE

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Eagle River, WI 54521

Professions: Dec. 8 Alden Whitney; Dec. 27 Frank & Janet Moore;
Dec. 28 Mary Funk; Jan. 6 Dearlie Moline. (Reminder to the others - please
send the profession form to Helen Webb, 4008 Buckingham Rd., Baltimore, MD 21207.)

There had been questions about whether the Tau Cross pin with Crossed Hands
is still available from the Franciscan Herald Press. Yes it is, at \$1.25 each.
The address is on page 44 of our directory.

SAINT FRANCIS BIOGRAPHIES

The Poor Clares are planning to have several good biographies in their
book store: those by Engelbert, Chesterton, Jorgensen and Moorman. Also
available will be "The Francis Book", Holl's "The last Christian", "Francis-
Bible of the poor", by Auspicius van Corstanje OFM; "Francis, the journey and
the dream", by Murray Bodo. Most are paperback, and moderately priced. As of
December, the Bodo book had been obtained and the price is \$1.95. For
inquiries, write the Poor Clares at Maryhill, P.O. Box 342, Mt. Sinai,
New York 11766. Also, remember to write Pat Mahon if you have biographies you
are willing to lend.

MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIPS

March 19-21. Southeast Regional Meeting. contact David Nard, 724 East 46th Street,
Savannah, GA 31405.

March 26-28. Retreat at St. Andrew's Church, Miami. Fellowship
Convenor: Dee Dobson, 4001 S.W. 5 Terrace, Miami, FL 33134

August 6-8 Regional Meeting in Chicago. Fellowship Conv.: Bill Smith
(The Rev. Wm. Smith, 400 Westminster Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045 -
this address is newer than the one printed in the directory.)

Request: If you know of Franciscan retreats - at least 2 months ahead of time -
please share the news, via Helen Webb and the Info. Sheet.

FELLOWSHIPS

The Chi-Rho Fellowship in Chicago will have a meeting with the Secular (R.C.) Franciscans during the Week of Christian Unity. They plan a Quiet Day on Saturday, February 20, conducted by Br. John George, SSF.

The Long Island Fellowship is now separate from the New York Fellowship. Bob Teudesman is Convenor. In coming months they would like to define what they want as members in the Fellowship (purpose), and needs for spiritual and individual growth as members of a family/community.

SSF/AP (First Order)

Gleanings from their December 1981 News-sheet.

Jon Bankert to be clothed as a novice at Little Portion on Dec. 21st. Jay Lechasse received as a postulant at Little Portion on Dec. 4th. William Bennett released from his vows on Dec. 31st. The annual meeting of the Corporation and Board of Directors will be held February 3rd at the Bishop's Ranch.

The Sisters at Freeland are looking for a radio. Brother Geoffrey was installed as a Canon of Winchester on October 10th; Brother Bernard was installed as a Canon of Salisbury on June 22nd.

Br. Juniper of the European Province is promoting the idea of a regular Friday fast - against the Arms Budget, as a means of protest against the greed and selfishness inherent in the arms race, to express solidarity with those whose lives and development are impoverished by military expenditure, and in support of the growing peace movement.

Pamela Clare is to be professed in first vows, CSF, December 19th, in San Francisco. Elizabeth Moore is clothed as a novice November 9th, taking the name Suzanne Elizabeth.

Br. John Charles is based at Little Portion for one year.

Br. Geoffrey, Minister General, will be traveling in Australia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea from January to May 16th. Then he goes to Singapore, Hong Kong, and Calcutta until June 8th, when he returns to Bournemouth, England.

The SSF, American Province, Provincial Chapter will have reports from the Minister General, Minister Provincial, the Friaries, the Poor Clares, Community of St. Francis, Third Order, Associates, and others. They will vote on elections to profession, review postulants, novices, professed, requests for exclaustation and dispensation from vows, as well as other considerations about the future. Improvements to the Little Chronicle? Appointments and assignments.

ZIMBABWE TERTIARIES

The Third Order in Zimbabwe held a Chapter meeting October 30, 1981. The Shelter was moved to a spot convenient to St. Monica's Church, Seki, to be used in Salathiel's homecraft project. Officers elected: Chairman and Chaplain - the Rt. Rev. Elijah Masuko (Bishop of Manicaland, or Mutari); Assistant Chaplains, the Rev. Salathiel Matziyire (also Secretary) and the Ven. Basil French. Br. Geoffrey is their nomination for Minister General. A sum of money was set aside for assistance for people traveling to Chapter or to retreats.

EUROPEAN PROVINCE THIRD ORDER

The Provincial Chapter was held October 23-25, 1981. Those present were the Minister Provincial, Guardian, Provincial Chaplain, Novice Counselors for Women and for Men, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor Third Order Chronicle, Chapter Clerk, and regional chairman from the eight regions, Scotland & Ireland, and Sweden. The Guardian reported the sudden death of Anne Anderson, saying, "for many years Anne had held office in the Order in various capacities and shall be remembered with gratitude".

It was reported that the Manuals had been printed and would be distributed with the winter issue of the Chronicle. They have a minimum subscription per tertiary for the Order of six pounds a year; and reported about 25 professed tertiaries and some novices not paying anything, and others an insufficient amount. Regional Chairmen will be given a list of defaulters in their Regions. They sent a contribution to Brother Daniel for the Solomon Island Truck. Two Retreat Houses were dropped from use; Third Order retreats are attended by only one-third of the tertiaries, and some retreats have been poorly attended. More publicity was recommended, Area Pastoral Teams should encourage their members to attend T.O. retreats; and attendance at least once in three years at T.O. retreats should be part of the discipline of novices and professed. There was some adjustment of the areas covered by the various Regions. The intercessions leaflet will be discontinued; but it was stressed that intercession should be made for all office-bearers throughout the Order, and that these should always be included at regional and area meetings.

Newly elected officers: Mary Hobbs as Editor of the Third Order Chronicle; Peggy Downey to take office as Retreats Secretary in October 1982. There will be an Acting Assistant Guardian until an election can be held by Chapter in 1982. Hugh Beach was appointed to the Office.

A report was filed from Sweden. One hundred pounds is to be supplied from the European Province for the production of a leaflet outlining the aims of the Society, to give to serious inquirers in Sweden. They requested that a Friar should visit at intervals of a few years. The Guardian suggested that the Swedish Region have similar officers to the rest of the Province, and revise their Statutes to include: Regional Chairman, Convener, Regional Novice Counselor, Chaplain.

The Third Order European Province Chaplain is a Friar. Donations were requested for the Friary where the Chaplain is based, to help cover his expenses.

General Chapters of one-day duration were planned for several regions - in May, June and July. Conferences on particular interests had been held or planned: "tertiaries in industry", "senior tertiaries", "lay spiritual directors", "those in the teaching profession".

It was recommended that the annual Day of Penitence be renamed the Day of Reflection and Penitence, and be transferred from Lent, to the Feast of the Stigmata.

An Order of Service for rededication of tertiaries will be sent to Area Chaplains, urging rededications on a regional basis during this 8th centenary year.

The following tapes may be obtained from Brother Edward, SSF, 42 Balaam Street, Plaistow, London E13 8AZ, England, at the cost of one pound and postage:

1. "The Eucharist and Healing", by Christopher Hamel-Cooke, TSF
2. Spiritual Direction - by Canon John Townroe
3. Nuclear War and Disarmament: a discussion between General Sir Hugh Beach and a unilateralist brother
4. "Racism", by Br. Julian, N/SSF, who works for British Council of Churches, Race Dept.
5. "Death and Bereavement", by Dr. Richard Lamerton, of S. Joseph's Hospice for the Dying
6. "Contemplation", by Br. Hubert, SSF
7. "The Third Order in the '80's", by Mary Johnson, tertiary Guardian

Study Notes on The Gospel Now Conference are available from Brother Edward.

Br. Geoffrey reported in October that Franciscan Aid is the name of the interprovincial fund, used for assistance to specific needs in the Third World. Trustees of the Fund are the Guardian and Treasurer of the 3rd Order European Province and the Minister General.

MINISTER GENERAL - Br. Geoffrey, SSF

He wrote a letter on a recent African tour, including Zimbabwe (much hostility toward the Church, many problems, but growing 3rd Order); South Africa (growing 3rd Order, two Bishops professed as tertiaries); Zambia (good group in Lusaka, other Copper Belt tertiaries widely scattered); Tanzania - Dar es Salaam Friary (supplies scarce, especially soap, toothpaste, clothes, sheets, towels. Requested other friaries send some) Full copies of the letter available from Helen Webb.

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