

Information



Sheet

My dear sisters and brothers,

OCTOBER, 1985

This Information Sheet is fatter and a little different, due to the news of Chapter and a number of additional things I was asked to include. Rather than opening with a message from our Guardian, you get this one from me (a poor substitute!). Although I am no longer serving as Secretary, I've been asked to continue doing the Information Sheet, a labor of love that I gladly accept. I have included an edited-down version of the Chapter minutes, (if you really feel the need, the whole 19 page extravaganza may be had from our new Provincial Secretary, Ann Harris.) You will also find a couple of mandated pieces, which I was asked by Chapter to include, and a little quiz, which I put together while pondering one suggestion made by Muriel Adey for a pre-profession quiz plus some of the general misconceptions I discovered people had while I was serving as your Secretary. There is also a taste of what Chapter was like for me, beyond the frantic note taking and long agenda. I hope in the months to come that the Information Sheet will truly be just what the title suggests, will serve as a source of news and information, and help to build community. Exciting things are happening, and I hope I can convey some of that excitement to you in these pages. Lets start with:

A SUMMARY OF THE 1985 MEETING OF CHAPTER

The Chapter of the Third Order, Society of Saint Francis met in several sessions, Wednesday through Friday, October 9-11, 1985, at Saint Joseph's House, Little Portion Friary, Mt. Sinai, New York.

The Rev. Masud Syedullah was ratified as our new Chaplain. This item was first on the agenda at the request of the retiring Chaplain, Fr. Robert Goode, (Gooch), due to his need to leave early to begin his new work as Rector of St. Mark's, Honolulu. Marie Webner will serve as an Assistant Chaplain, specifically to work with the Area Chaplains and help to implement expanding this role. Gooch reminded us that our Chaplain sees much of the negative side of things in the Order and will need our prayers and support in his work. He thanked all who had worked with and prayed for him during his many years of service, and stated that he found Masud to be a wonderful successor in this work.

Mary Ann Jackman was ratified as Women's Formation Director for the remainder of the unexpired term (1 year).

Ann Harris was ratified as Provincial Secretary, to serve the remainder of the term (1 year). Gretchen Good-Pankratz will to serve as secretary for Inquirers. Mary Ann Jackman will continue to do the Information Sheet.

Dorothy Nakatsuji will serve as the elected member of Chapter on the Standing Committee.

The following were elected to Profession: Beverly Starenko, Arlene Newman, Elaine Sutton, Daisy Braithwaite, Esther Thomas, Gloria Waldron, Terrell Price, Robert and Jacqueline Smith, Robert Durand, and Lawrence Baker.

The Rev. Joseph Byrne and Rita Byrne will be received as professed members; both are former RC Franciscans.

Br. Robert Hugh SSF gave his report. He found exciting things going on in both First and Third Orders, with ideas for restructuring, new ideas re evangelism and in reorganization of provincial administration in both Orders. He found implicit in this new thinking a rebuilding of links with the wider church, and possibilities of making ourselves maximally available as a resource to the wider body. He found possibilities for First and Third Order mission teams, and said this potential for cooperative work between Friars and Tertiaries could have considerable implications for Formation if we are to prepare to engage together in this kind of outreach.

[CHAPTER, cont.]

Sr. Cecilia CSF reported on the First Order Sisters' desire to make their lives more visible. They will be meeting with the brothers in November 1985 to look at possibilities for this. She found it "exciting to see how we can all work together in new ways".

Sr. Mary Philomena PCR reported that they now have two new postulants and she stated that "this looks like the beginning of something that will stick". They have had some exchange with the Poor Clares at Freeland, getting to know one another and developing greater family feeling with the sisters of the Community of St. Clare. She expressed doubt that they would ever truly merge, due to cultural differences, but felt that "somewhere down the road, in 3-5-10 years", the relationship would be like that of the First Order brothers and sisters, a growing closeness and cooperation.

Marie Webner stated that some Fellowships now had what was being referred to as a "Fellowship Spiritual Director" and asked for our thoughts on this. It was felt that this was an ambiguous and confusing title and had no place in Fellowship structure. Marie stated she would pass this along to the Fellowships.

Provincial visitors for the year were ratified: Sr. Cecilia for the west, Br. Donald Patrick for the east. Br. Donald will serve in a coordinator's role, with the work being shared by several friars.

Fr. Goode reported on the progress of the gift shop. "St. Louis' Press" now has a letterhead, Br. John Charles has made tapes for us of his "School of Prayer" and will tape The Little Flowers for us. MaryAnn Jackman's cards will be available, including several new designs; plans for T-shirts, books and other items are progressing. Books written specifically by Third Order people, including Emily Gardner Neal and Peter Funk, will be stocked, if possible. This may serve as a central distribution point for Third Order booklets as well.

Fr. Good read a letter requesting we have some more obvious form of external sign of Third Order commitment. It was noted that there had been problems with this in the past which led to the discontinuance of the wearing of habits many years ago; that habits were generally associated with conventual orders; that the Third Order is not monastic and consequently does not need or do this. The Rev. Kale King added that this is not a local option issue, that we are a worldwide Order and can't decide to do such things for the entire Order. The letter seemed to indicate a feeling that our not wearing outward signs or using the initials after our names except in an official capacity was merely a policy of the Chaplain's; it was felt that this misinterpretation should be corrected. A statement was drafted, to be put into the Information Sheet re this, since this was an issue that occasionally came up, and needed general clarification. (see statement following Chapter summary.)

Glen-Ann Jicha reported that for the coming year, the Counselor's Handbook written by Mary Ann Jackman, edited to include the men's program and more detail on profession requirements, will be used.

David Nard reported that the responsibilities of the Area Chaplains will include the following:

1. Receiving the quarterly reports of the professed in their areas.
2. Reporting yearly to the Chaplain on the professed in their areas by August 15.
3. Approving major changes in the Rule of a professed member in their area. [It was discussed that this is a new function not in general practice, but this is an issue of accountability. It would not be necessary for Area Chaplains to keep a copy of each rule. Area Chaplains will be asked to send out a letter to the professed in their areas addressing this new policy, and a note will be put in the Information Sheet to announce this change, as well.]
4. Area Chaplains have a pastoral responsibility to the professed and will offer general pastoral assistance to the Convenors of Fellowships in their areas, serving as a resource in general pastoral concerns.
5. Area Chaplains should provide the names and addresses of new people in their areas to Convenors.
6. They will serve a definite term of office of three years, which could be renewed.
7. They will make their own reports to the Chaplain.

[CHAPTER, cont.]

The proposals for a full time paid Chaplaincy, and a full time, paid Assistant Chaplaincy were tabled; the budget is inadequate, considering present levels of giving; money is being put into savings toward a future salary, (not necessarily a Chaplaincy) including \$2000 in this year's budget toward that purpose.

David Nard and Masud Syedullah reported that copyright permissions are secured, and the new songbook is ready to be put in camera-ready form for printing.

The late Adrian Dumont has left us a bequest of \$1235 with the stipulation that it is to be used for the relief of the poor. This will be given to Franciscan Aid. Helen Myers has left us a bequest of \$100. Kale King spoke on Helen's life and witness as a Tertiary for nearly 40 years. This included social work and serving as foster mother to 35 children. The bequest will go toward the songbook, with a note about Helen's life in memorium included in the book.

The inclusive language Order for Admissions was accepted for trial use for one year, with certain changes agreed on. This includes three alternatives for the word "brotherhood"; it will be sent to Convenors of Fellowships and sent out with permission for Novicing. It is hoped this will be used and discussed, and the results shared with Chapter before it meets next year.

The inclusive language Principles and Rule, which had been presented to us by The Rev. Linda Strohmeir, were discussed. Some of these changes were found acceptable; some phrasing was altered, using the version the 1st Order has adopted. The "God language" portions were felt to have too many deep implications for us to take on at this time. Portions of this "God language" will be put in the Information Sheet as an example of what it is and of its implications. It was agreed that we accept the amended changes in the Principles and Rule for trial use for the period of one year. Our appreciation of Linda's efforts was formalized in a resolution.

Three alternatives for the phrase "to promote brotherhood among all men", to be included in the inclusive language Order for Admissions and the inclusive language Principles were given. They were:

1. to promote being brothers and sisters in the family of God.
2. to promote the spirit of love and unity within the family of God.
3. to strive for justice and peace within the family of God.

The Guardian read several letters suggesting that more "nuts and bolts" materials were needed in Formation training, and more accountability called for in the Novices' having learned what had been offered. One suggestion was for a pre-profession questionnaire covering basic factual information about the Third Order (not to be "graded!"); another was the possibility of a mini-retreat before profession, with materials provided for meditation and study and various other suggestions. Dorothy Nakatsuji suggested that novices be asked to review the statutes before profession. The Chaplain reported that he will be meeting with the Formation Directors in March to discuss these and other issues; the Formation program is aware of these needs and planning has begun to implement the training materials (including how to say Office, more on Spiritual Direction, additional Formation letters, etc.) we send out to cover this need.

Marie Webner suggested that Kale King or some other person make up a new permanent reading list, (our former "required" formation reading list was woefully out of date, and was discontinued) and keep us up to date on good new books. It was asked that the Information Sheet include a note to the effect that Kale was doing this, asking for suggestions.

Glen-Ann Jicha read a letter from Laura Adamski re "The Forgotten Peoples Project", her new ministry in South Africa; Dee Dobson spoke on "St. Francis Farm", an alternative placement for youths who would otherwise be incarcerated in the prison system. It was agreed that our Non-Franciscan Aid grant of \$500 be divided between the two, with \$300 going to the Forgotten Peoples Project, and \$200 to St. Francis Farm.

[CHAPTER, cont.]

Br. Robert talked about the "Companions with Francis in Evangelism" project and asked our cooperation in regard to this. The project involves a special relationship between a parish and a friar, with many exciting possibilities. There was discussion of 1st and 3rd Order cooperation in doing missions and parish projects in relation to this which open up a lot of possibilities for cooperation and shared work between the two Orders, and might lead to joint formation training projects, etc. Materials will be sent to everyone on the T.O. mailing list to enlist cooperation of their parishes in this project.

WHAT'S MISSING from all this is the feeling of it all. Those of you who have participated in Fellowship retreats and area Convocations, when we are able to share a bit of live-in community, will know how very special those times are. There is a certain bonding that takes place in such a family setting, working and praying together, sharing ideas, laughing together, sharing a meal, working through a hard problem, discovering more of who we are in relationship with each other and in our Franciscan vocations. Many things stand out as high points, and I'd like to share a bit of the joy I felt with you all. First, I found that Kale King, who has always been special to me, was coming in on the same flight from our transfer point in Chicago. Greeting Kale at O'Hare as we boarded was the beginning of it. When we arrived at Islip, Dorothy Nakatsuji was there. Although we'd never met before, I KNEW her; it was as if we just picked up a life-long conversation we'd left off a few minutes ago. The depth of sharing, loving, and openness among us all was amazing throughout the whole week. It felt as if the Kingdom had arrived. (We certainly felt your prayers!) Masud's Installation as Chaplain has to rank among the highest of the high points. Gooch adapted the Celebration of a new Ministry from the BCP to our needs, and Masud was presented in turn with a Bible ("be among us as one who proclaims the Word"), the Formation Handbook (help us form new brothers and sisters in the Franciscan life"), a stole ("be among us as a priest"), a cope ("help us celebrate the joys of the Franciscan life"), a cross ("remember the past for this is part of who we are"), oil stock ("be among us as a healer and reconciler"), and the Statutes ("obey these statutes and do not forget that our ministries flow from the bishops of the Church"). Gooch's sermon was eloquent and moving. The whole process was one of numinous joy, and is something I will never forget. The activity of the Holy Spirit was so apparent, and not just in the work we did -- at one point I was talking to Alden Whitney about one of the Novices in the men's program whose address we had not known since his seminary graduation last June -- he's a really special one, and just as I said to Alden "I WISH I knew where he was", the phone rang -- for me -- the lost Novice calling to say hello and tell me where he was! Zap! The Lord was obviously "at it again" all through the week. Another high point was the wild and wonderful game of Trivial Pursuit (won by Br. Kirk and Jackie Richards!) that went on until midnight one night. The deck was obviously stacked -- at one close point near the end, it was The Rev. Alden Whitney's turn to answer and the fate of the game practically hung on that answer -- what question did he draw? "Name the authors of the four Gospels." But the all time favorite question was "which leg of a chicken is most tender?" This led to a continuing joke, and David Nard and Alden quoted freely from "The 1938 USDA Study", giving number of trials per chicken, etc. We all laughed so much that we were sore from it. (Another circulating line was "The Benedictines never did it this way!") [OK, trivia fans, what color IS yak's milk?] There were quiet times, thoughtful times, serious times, too. Much work was accomplished. The day before Chapter officially opened, Br. John George facilitated an all day discussion of our assets and liabilities, and where we would like to go from here. Long range goals were discussed, and during the course of the week, many of these began to fall into place, proceeding organically from our growth and development. The strongest points seemed to be that we need to share the leadership work load, possibly on a regional basis, (this is developing beautifully with the increased responsibilities of Area Chaplains and the AFD programs now operating in both men's and women's Formation, and through the leadership arising out of area Convocations); that we need more post-profession support and involvement (this also proceeds from the newly expanded Area Chaplains' roles); and some upgrading of the Formation program (already being planned and implemented). We all saw exciting new possibilities. We have come from being more an adjunct to the First Order than anything else to being an Order in our own right, independent but related to the 1st and 2nd Orders, and fully self determining. Our Guardian now has equal status with and shared responsibility for all Three Orders in the province with the Ministers Provincial of the First Order and the Mother of the Second Order. It was clear from the results of the meeting that we know who we are and have some idea of where we're going. That we remain open to where the Lord wants to lead us is most important. Thank all of you for your prayers for us -- we were carried through a long and difficult agenda on the strength of those prayers, and we are grateful to you all.

REFERENCE LIST OF THE OFFICERS – PLEASE NOTE! Changes are underlined:

GUARDIAN: Dee Dobson
CHAPLAIN: The Rev. Masud Syedullah
ASST. CHAPLAIN (for Area Chaplains & Fellowships): Marie Webner
MEN'S FORMATION DIRECTOR: The Rev. Alden Whitney, MD
WOMEN'S FORMATION DIRECTOR: Mary Ann Jackman
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY: Ann Harris
BURSAR: Carole Watson

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE: (these officers also comprise the members of the Board of Trustees)

PRESIDENT/TREASURER: Dee Dobson
VICE-PRESIDENT: Marie Webner
SECRETARY: Mary Ann Jackman
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: Carole Watson, Terry Rogers

MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE: all members of Chapter – this is a change made because previous membership was all the Professed and we realized we could not legitimately have a quorum for the meeting!

CHAPTER'S STATEMENT ON OUTWARD SIGNS OF VOCATION: The Chapter was asked to review the Society's policy concerning outward signs of the religious life in the Third Order. In clarifying its previous posture, Chapter made three points:

1. The Profession Cross is the outward sign of our Third Order membership par excellence, and may be worn at any time.
2. The initials TSE (alternatively, TSSF), used only as part of a written signature, are appropriate on official letters within the Society. When communicating official Third Order business to people outside the Society, T.O. officials may use the initials. But the TSE/TSSF initials are not appropriately printed on any stationary, nor incorporated into documents such as curriculum vitae.
3. Habits are associated with conventual orders such as the First and Second Orders of the Society of St. Francis, wherein members live in community. Living together is not, ipso facto, a facet of Third Order religious life.

I will add two things: first, a reiteration of Kale King's words at Chapter, that we are an international body, and cannot make up our own rules. The above list represents this wider consensus. The second: the real outward sign of our T.O. vocation is our sharing of God's prodigal love and joy with all we meet.

THE IDEA OF A QUESTIONNAIRE ON FACTUAL INFORMATION is interesting. I propose the following game of "T.O. Trivia" to see how much we do know about how all this works: (answers overleaf)

1. To whom does an Inquirer write to get information about us?
2. How do we get a new Chaplain?
3. Do the Professed have to report, and if so, to whom?
4. Are Fellowship Convenors elected?
5. Where should you send various contributions to the Order?
6. How many elected members are on Chapter? How long do they serve?
7. Who handles major decisions between Chapter meetings?
8. How many First order Ministers Provincial are there in the American Province? How many are members of our Chapter?
9. How are Novices elected to Profession between Chapter meetings?
10. What outward sign of T.O. membership are we allowed to wear in public?
11. What is the appropriate place to hold a Novicing?
12. What are the three aims of the Order?
13. What happens to everyone's files after Profession?
14. How long is the Novitiate?

answers to the "T.O. Trivia" quiz:

1. to "The Third Order, Society of St. Francis, P.O. Box 399, Mt. Sinai, NY 11766". The letters are forwarded to and answered by the secretary for Inquirers. (formerly done by the Prov. Secretary.)
2. A new Chaplain is chosen and nominated by the Guardian, in consultation with the Ministers Provincial of the First Order, the Mother of the Second Order, and the Formation Directors. The choice is presented to Chapter for ratification.
3. The Professed must report quarterly, per Statute, to their Area Chaplains, except by dispensation by the Chaplain, they report yearly at a time stated in their individual Rule of life.
4. No. A Fellowship suggests the name of one of their Professed members to the Guardian for appointment as Convenor. The Guardian has the sole responsibility to appoint Convenors.
5. ALL contributions for postage, pledges, printed materials, etc. go to the Bursar. (Carole Watson, 962 Acadia Drive, Tucson, AZ 85706.)
6. Seven. They serve for 3 years, and may be re-elected. (There are also 6 ex officio members with voice and vote, plus the Ministers Provincial of the First Order and the Mother of the Second, with voice only.)
7. The Standing committee, usually meeting by conference call, is empowered to act on behalf of Chapter between annual meetings. This consists of The Guardian, Chaplain, Formation Directors, the Secretary and the Fellowship Coordinator and one elected member of Chapter. At least three of these must participate for action to be legal.
8. There are two: currently Br. Robert & Sr. Cecilia. They are consultative members with voice but not vote on our Chapter, as our Guardian is on theirs.
9. Recommendations for Profession are sent to the Formation Director responsible by the Counselor, Spiritual Director and Fellowship Convenor, with the request for Profession from the Novice. The FD adds a recommendation and sends all the paperwork to the Secretary, who prepares a Ballot and circulates Chapter. The ballots are returned to the Chaplain, who informs the novice of election.
10. The Profession cross.
11. A Fellowship meeting. It's a community event, and should be done very simply, within the family. If no Fellowship exists, it is done (low key!) by a Professed Tertiary, or lacking that, by the Postulant's priest or Spiritual Director.
12. To make our Lord known and loved everywhere; to spread the spirit of brotherhood (OR the spirit of love and unity within the family of God, OR...) (or as one wit put it as we pondered inclusive language alternatives, the spirit of "what we used to be able to call brotherhood."), and to live simply.
13. All files are destroyed after Profession -- there are no records kept except the address file.
14. "At least two years."; a total of 24 Novice reports must be received (30 reports total, counting Postulancy) before Profession may be requested.

There's no available scoring system, but I'd guess if you knew the answers to half of these, you've given the Statutes more than a passing glance. If you missed more than half, you'd better go read the Statutes NOW... (to be fair, all the answers aren't IN the Statutes, but most of them are. Telling tales: your Guardian and I were QUITE surprised to learn the answer to #2 a few months back! It had never been needed before!)

The answer to the chicken trivia question is the left leg. Chickens scratch with their right foot, which causes more muscular development in the right leg, making it less tender. (Bet you though you'd never find out... Now, dear trivialites, the official answer to the second trivia question is "yak's milk is PINK!" An extra 10 points to those of you who knew, in the interest of inclusive language, that the "yak" is the male of the species, thus rendering this question invalid. It should read "What color is dri's milk?" (Otherwise, it's like asking "what color is bull's milk?") You see how trivial it can get?!!

REMINDER: In case you missed it in the minutes summary, Kale King will be putting together a reading list for us. If you have any great favorites, and especially if you come across a new and wonderful book, please drop Kale a line and tell him about it. We'll make the list generally available, and some of the books will be listed at the end of each Formation letter as a means of making a wider variety of information and viewpoints available on each subject. Kale's address is: The Rev. Kale King, P.O. Box 997, Wheatland, WY 82201.

THE FOLLOWING IS MANDATED BY CHAPTER to be included in the Information Sheet as examples of what inclusive language may be in relationship to God and of its theological implications:

From the Strohmeir Inclusive Language Principles and Rule:

[page 2, B.1:] "The Order is founded on the conviction that in Christ the perfect revelation of God has been given; that by Christ's Incarnation and ministry, by the Cross and Resurrection, and by the sending of the Holy Spirit, the true life has been made available to us; and that this gospel of salvation is committed to Christ's Church to declare to all people. The Order therefore accepts the duty of bringing all humankind to the saving knowledge of Christ, praying and working for the day when the Lord shall establish the reign of God with power and great glory."

[page 7, C.3, last sentence:] "The chief form of service which Tertiaries have to offer is indeed to reflect on the love of Christ, who, in divine beauty and power, is the inspiration and joy of their own lives."

The same passages from our un-edited Principles and Rule:

"The Order is founded on the conviction that in Christ the perfect revelation of God has been given; that by his Incarnation and ministry, by his Cross and Resurrection, and by the sending of his Spirit, the true life has been made available to us; and that this gospel of salvation is committed to his Church to declare to all men. The Order therefore accepts the duty of bringing all men to the saving knowledge of Christ, praying and working for the day when he shall establish his Kingdom with power and great glory."

"The chief form of service which Tertiaries have to offer is indeed to reflect on the love of Christ, who, in his beauty and power, is the inspiration and joy of their own lives."

The basis on which these language changes were suggested is the concept that while Jesus was a man before the resurrection, the person of Christ who exists post-resurrection is not man, thus the words relating to the risen Christ would be changed to reflect no gender. This concept was felt by Chapter to be too much for us to tackle in the short time we had to meet, especially since the Church as a body has said that this is not something to consider at this time; we felt the implications of this were far too great for us in any case. It is hoped that individuals and fellowships will read and reflect on this "God language" and its implications, and let members of Chapter know how they feel about it. As Brother Robert so aptly put it when we discussed it at Chapter, "Once this can of worms is opened, you will find there are a lot of worms in it!" -- i.e., the implications are far greater than merely changing a few words: opening the can brings up a great many more conceptual surprises to deal with. Confronting the exclusiveness of some of the other language made some of us aware of words in ways we'd never heard them before, even though we were not previously concerned about them as they were. It was only through seeing the pain the language caused others that I realized it was exclusive. But changing the language to be INclusive may also cause some pain in the other direction. There are a LOT of worms in that can, Br. Robert, indeed! (Maybe one of them is Francis' worm, please, Lord, and will help us to be peacemakers and reconcilers in all this, rather than being on this side or that and adding to the confusion!)

THE FRANCISCAN is our international magazine, published in the European Province for the Order throughout the world. Reading this three-times-a-year magazine gives a wonderful perspective on Third Order life in its broader sense, and helps us to feel part of the worldwide family of Franciscans. Subscriptions (at last check, \$5 per year by third class mail) are available through Helen Webb, 4008 Buckingham Road, Baltimore, MD 21207.

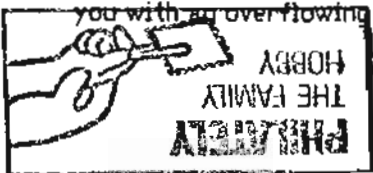
ARE YOU AWARE that Pat Mahon, our faithful Librarian, runs a Third Order by-mail library that is available to all? There are hundreds of titles available by writing to: Pat Mahon, Agate Ridge Box 27, Ashwood, OR 97711.

FROM A MEDITATION written by one of our sisters, an image that has stayed with me: the stillness of contemplation so great that if we listened, we could hear the snows tumbling silently out of heaven onto "the crazy quilt of our laughing Savior." This particular image struck a deep chord. I hope that this sister will allow her magnificent imagery to be shared with us in greater measure. I thank our beloved Lord for her special gift, and for the extraordinary grace of my being in the right place at the right time to have heard this example of it.

BR. JOHN CHARLES ASKS that he be sent a copy of any official document of the Third Order that has a circulation greater than 5 or 6 people, to be put into the Franciscan archives. He is keeping these as a history of the Society. This might include information about Convocations, newsletters from larger Fellowships, etc. -- anything relevant that would help tell the story of who we are. (Br. John Charles, c/o Little Portion Friary, P.O. Box 399, Mt. Sinai, NY, 11766.)

PLEASE REMEMBER to send all changes of address and T.O. questions, Novicing and Profession records, etc. to our new Provincial Secretary, Ann Harris (555 Reed Drive, Davis, CA 95616). Ann has some great things in her favor (besides being a super person) -- she already has the entire mailing list on her IBM PC and has been doing all our labels and the Directory for two years now, and she works with handicapped people, teaching them mail room skills, so that all the mailing her new job entails (broke my heavy leather purse-strap by the sheer weight of it, the first week!) will become part of this ministry rather than an overwhelming job for one mere mortal. She is wonderful, full of joy, and will do a glorious job as Secretary! I thank all of you for your prayers and thoughtful notes during my six-month stint in that role. It was a joy to get to know so many of you by mail; you have given me laughter, moved me to tears, graciously shared so much of yourselves, I thank you with an overflowing heart. May the peace of the Lord be always with you! - with love,

Mary Ann



THE FRANCISCANS

555 Reed Drive
Davis, CA 95616



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

FIRST CLASS MAIL