

Information



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THE THIRD ORDER, SOCIETY OF SAINT FRANCIS

THE AMERICAN PROVINCE JULY 1986

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This has been a very productive Spring and Summer for the Third Order. In March, the two Formation Directors, the Chaplain, and the Guardian met to evaluate the Formation Program. As a result of this meeting, the above met with the Assistant Formation Directors in Albuquerque for training. The training was very well executed. It was quality time, a quality program and without question there will be quality results. With this in mind, we would like to encourage all Novice Counselors to attend a Convocation to ensure their receiving the benefit of like training.

The Convocations are held in various geographic areas of the country. We do try to list them as soon as we know the dates so that you can plan to attend the one that is most convenient. Convocations are open to all in the Third Order, as well as to inquirers. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the Third Order family, to worship with them, many times to share the peaceful silence as one meditates upon the message that has been given to us, and of course, to share in the joy of the fellowship and interaction of one with another.

The Professed Tertiaries of our Province have elected a new Chapter (listed elsewhere), which will serve for the next three years. Chapter, as you know, is the legislative body of the Order. It is entrusted with the responsibility of preserving the spirit of the Order in the life and work of the Province as set forth in the Principles. For the Chapter to fully exercise its function, they must be aware of the various concerns of the members of the Third Order. It is time to begin planning the agenda for our Chapter meeting in October. If you have areas of concern, questions or an item that you wish the chapter to address, please send it to me or to Ann Harris, the Provincial Secretary, so that it may be placed on the agenda.

My thanks to all of you who have made pledges (and paid them) in support of the work of your chapter.

Your Chaplain, The Rev. Masud Syedullah, returned recently from a visit with the Tertiaries in Trinidad. Jackie Richards is now the Women's Formation Director of the Carribean. Gloria Waldron is the Convenor for the Northern part of Trinidad and Pamela Redhead Mongroo is the Convenor of the Southern portion of Trinidad. There are now more than 12 Professed on that beautiful island. In addition, there are many Associates. It is certainly a healthy climate !!!

Yours in Christ and Francis,
Dee Dobson, TSF
Guardian

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INSIDE: MEET YOUR NEWLY ELECTED CHAPTER!

NEW CHAPTER: The election of your new Chapter is now complete, the ballots have been counted, and the new members informed of their election. Those elected will serve, beginning with this year's meeting in October, for a three year term. They are:

The Rev. Dorothy Nakatsuji, Honolulu, HI: Dorothy is a Deacon and serves as Director of the Ministries Training Program in Honolulu. She is an incumbent member of Chapter, and an Area Chaplain.

Glen-Ann Jicha, Palatine, IL (Chicago area): Glen-Ann is also an incumbent Chapter member. She was formerly Women's Formation Director. She is active in the Cursillo movement in the Chicago area.

David Nard, Asheville, NC: David is an incumbent member of Chapter and has been working on our songbook. He was recently ordained a Deacon and is also Convenor of his Fellowship and an Area Chaplain.

Terry Rogers, New York, NY: Terry is an incumbent. She is a community health nurse in New York City. She served as Asst. Formation Director for 2 1/2 years before recently resigning that work.

The Rev. Ewan Macpherson, Sharon, Ontario (Toronto area): Ewan is newly elected. He is convenor of the Toronto Fellowship and Area Chaplain for Eastern Canada. He serves as Rector of St. James Church, Sharon; his wife, Po Wo, is a Third Order Postulant.

Amory King, Wheatland, WY: Amory is newly elected, and has just agreed to serve as an Asst. Formation Director. She operates her own home-based business as a weaver, and is the wife of The Rev. Kale King, (a former long time member of Chapter).

Dorothy Adams, Stone Mountain, GA (Atlanta area): Dorothy is new to Chapter. She works for the Presbyterian Church. She has also recently agreed to serve as an Asst. Formation Director.

We have chosen a wonderfully diverse regional representation! With the Officers added, we also come from Miami, Diego Martin (Trinidad), San Francisco, Danbury (CT), Tulsa, Davis (CA) and Tucson (AZ). It was an excellent slate of candidates, and Ann tells me there was a large response in the voting process.

FORMATION MEETINGS: As our Guardian mentioned in her opening note, the Formation Directors met with our Chaplain, Masud Syedullah, and our Guardian in March to set some policies and plan for training of the AFDs and Counselors. It was a very productive meeting and one of the major changes is that both Men's and Women's Formation will now operate on the same system. Seven AFDs participated in the program, with the Formation Directors, and Masud and Dee. I received a wonderful comment on the training from Rosie McFerran: "I came home with my head full of options, resources and possibilities that I hadn't thought of before." The time together was excellent, since we are so spread out around the country and rarely have a chance to meet except by mail and phone. Meetings like that one are very necessary. If we are to operate as a team, we must not only have consensus on how the work is to be done, but also know each other. Otherwise, we're "operating in a vacuum", as one AFD commented. Our heartfelt thanks go to Joe and Barbara Cooper and also to Mike and Betty Griffin, with whom the Coopers live in community, who made all the arrangements, ferried us to and from the airport and fed, cared for and befriended us so warmly and well. Our loving gratitude, also, to St. Joseph's Prayer Center, where the meeting was held. They charged us so little, our time there was truly a gift from them to us! I'm sure our Formation program will be greatly enriched by this having taken place.

NEWS FROM JOANNE HAYNARD: Joanne has been ill, and is just home from the hospital recovering from surgery. She is scheduled for a second operation in three months, and that is a lot to ask of anyone! Our love and prayers for a speedy recovery are with Joanne!

SAD NEWS FROM PHIL WEBER: In the course of sending out notices of the Midwest Convocation (August 8-10), Phil got the notice he had sent to our sister Dorothy Kohl back, with notation that she had died. Dorothy, who lived in the Philadelphia area, had been in a nursing home for some time. She was Professed 21 years ago.

PAUL ALEXANDER, a British T.O. brother, has been touring the world with a one-man show of the Gospel of St. John. Some of us met him at Little Portion last year. Paul will be in the U.S. again this fall, performing in the Washington D.C. area, and asks if any of us know of other churches, etc., that would be interested in presenting his performance, which has had rave reviews everywhere, including a taped version on BBC television. The cost is \$800 per performance ("negotiable", which covers his travelling expenses). He is booked through October 12, including performances at the Edinburgh Festival and the Christian "pop" festival, "Greenbelt". Interested? Contact: Paul Alexander, Flat 2-A, 3 Archer St, London, W1V 7HE, England.

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The Third Order, Society of St. Francis
American Province
Budget, 1986

	1st Quarter 1986	2nd Quarter 1986	1986 To Date	BUDGET 1986	BUDGET 1985
Chaplain	600.00	1,318.90	1,918.90	3,500.00	3,500.00
Asst. Chaplain	237.72	189.40	427.12	1,500.00	
Area Chaplains				1,000.00	300.00
1st Order Visitors	239.00	662.00	901.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
Sr. Cecilia	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Regional Meetings				500.00	1,000.00
Scholarship Aid	475.00		475.00	250.00	500.00
Interprovincial Chapter				500.00	500.00
General Convention				1,000.00	1,000.00
Reserve for 1986				500.00	500.00
Reserve for future salary				2,000.00	2,000.00
Gift Shop	1,025.00		1,025.00	1,025.00	475.00
TOTAL COMMUNITY	4,076.72	2,170.30	6,247.02	16,275.00	16,275.00
Directors & AFDs	399.93	695.03	1,094.96	3,000.00	3,000.00
Counselors	278.00		278.00	100.00	100.00
Training		2,593.95	2,593.95	1,000.00	250.00
TOTAL FORMATION	677.93	3,288.98	3,966.91	4,000.00	3,350.00
Franciscan Aid Fund	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00
Non-Franciscan Aid				1,000.00	500.00
1st Order & Clares				3,500.00	6,000.00
TOTAL OUTREACH	500.00		500.00	5,000.00	12,500.00
Information Sheet	123.60		123.60	2,000.00	800.00
Franciscan Times	321.44	320.97	642.41	1,500.00	1,200.00
Brochures & Booklets	169.45	268.00	437.45	1,500.00	1,500.00
Library				175.00	175.00
TOTAL COMMUNICATION	614.49	588.97	1,203.46	5,175.00	3,675.00
Guardian	601.87	1,416.99	2,018.86	5,000.00	3,500.00
Guardian's Discretionary	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	750.00
Secretaries (Ann, Gretchen)	546.83		546.83	2,500.00	1,800.00
Bursar	441.81	98.00	539.81	1,500.00	400.00
TOTAL SERVANTS	2,590.51	1,514.99	4,105.50	10,000.00	6,450.00
Annual Meeting:					
Travel				5,000.00	5,000.00
Accomodations				3,000.00	3,000.00
Standing Committee				250.00	250.00
TOTAL CHAPTER				8,250.00	8,250.00
BUDGET TOTAL:				48,120.00	50,500.00
Brought Forward:	8.84	2.35	5.41		
Income:	8,453.16	7,566.30	16,019.46		
Expenses:	(8,459.65)	(7,563.24)	(16,022.89)		
Balance:	2.35	5.41	1.98		
Number of pledges:	261.00	298.00	298.00		

RE MINDER: Time to send your concerns for the Chapter agenda to either the Guardian, Dee Dobson, or to the Provincial Secretary, Ann Harris. Please make these concerns known to Dee or Ann as soon as possible. This year's meeting of Chapter begins October 8, 1986.

AND YET ANOTHER REMINDER: I am still getting changes of address, Novicing and Profession papers, etc. just s if I was still Secretary - NOT SO!!! Please, please, dear ones, send these to Ann Harris, whose address is on the section of this page with your address label on it. It's probably an amazing indication of how few read the stuff we send out... If you're reading this now, you're excepted. And bless you!

ANN HARRIS got a note from our sister Josephine Keer, who is 91 years old and was Professed in September of 1943 - that's almost 43 years ago! The Third Order means as much to her as ever, and her perseverance certainly means a lot to all of us. What a wonderful witness to the Third Order life our sister Josephine is! Many blessings to her from us all!

CONGRATULATIONS: Pauline Hudders of Winter Park, FL, celebrated her 45th Profession anniversary last December. Many blessings to Pauline, also, for her faithful perseverance.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS: To Muriel Adey, Tammy Sparks and Br. Justus Richard, newly ordained Deacons; to Sharolyn Welton, new graduate of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific; to Jackie Richards, new Women's Formation Director for the Caribbean; to Bill Dennis, Dorothy Adams and Amory King, newly appointed AFDs; to Jan Syedullah, Evelyn Mackie, Janet Houghton, Esther Thomas, Sam Hale, Daisy Brathwaite and Joe and Rita Byrne, newly Professed; and last, but not least, to the newly elected members of Chapter. May our prodigal Lord's love and companionship be with you all as you strive to serve him.

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