

Information



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THE THIRD ORDER, AMERICAN PROVINCE

SOCIETY OF ST. FRANCIS

NOVEMBER, 1986

Most of this issue is devoted to a "Reader's Digest" edition of the Chapter minutes. (Full copies are the Chapter minutes are available by request from our Provincial Secretary, Ann Harris, 555 Reed Drive, Davis, CA 95616. Included is a separate page of Directory changes, which can conveniently be removed and kept in your Directory. Though some of this month's contents threaten to be dull as a two-dollar diamond, it is all important information, so please do read on. Our Roman Catholic Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters have warmly invited us to attend their national Congress, to be held August 9-14, 1987 in San Diego, CA. Information about this is also included. The Provincial Minister of the host (St. Barbara) Province, Mary Mazotti, has declared this a year of prayer for the Congress. I have included the December segment of the series of prayers and meditations on the SFO Rule, especially written for this purpose.

Love and prayers for a blessed Advent, Mary Ann Jackman, Editor

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

ELECTIONS:

Formation Directors: Mary Ann Jackman, Alden Whitney, Jacqueline Richards (Caribbean).

Secretary: Ann Harris

Fellowship Coordinator: Anita Catron

Standing Committee member-at-large: Amory King

RATIFICATION:

Provincial Visitors: Sister Cecilia, CSF and Brother Robert, SSF.

ELECTED TO PROFESSION:

Cathy Bongioirno, Judy Schmidt, Robert Affleck, Heber Peacock, Clyde "Pete" Brewer, Robert Buys.

DISPENSED FROM PROFESSION VOWS:

Roy Schippling, Bill Lahey, Justin Van Lopik, Suki Miller, Katharine Watt.

NAME CHANGE OF GUARDIAN TO MINISTER PROVINCIAL:

The change of name from Guardian to Minister Provincial was approved by unanimous vote. This reflects changes in the Interprovincial Constitution adopted two years ago, defining the executive leadership and parallel structure of the three Orders. This name change does not effect the role of the Guardian as currently defined by the Interprovincial Constitution and the Provincial Statutes. By unanimous vote it was decided to notify the other Provinces of this change, and to change the terminology in the Provincial Statutes and other documents of the Third Order, American Province.

RECOGNITION BY HOUSE OF BISHOPS AS A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:

The House of Bishops Committee on Religious Orders has officially recognized the Third Order, Society of Saint Francis, as a Christian Community under Canon 27. This was the result of the good efforts of Br. John Charles, SSF, Fr. "Gooch" Goode, TSF and Fr. George Metcalf, TSF. Letters of thanks will be sent to Presiding Bishop Browning and to Bishop Griswold, chairman of the committee. Because of this action, The Rev. Canon Paul Saunders and Mary Ann Jackman were elected by unanimous vote to represent the Order as delegates to the Western Conference on Religious Life, a gathering of representatives of Anglican religious Orders, to be held at the Valyermo (Paulist) Conference center in Southern California, November 17-19, 1986.

POLICY FOR EARLY PROFESSION OF THE TERMINALLY ILL:

"The policy will normally be that if the person is terminally ill and has been in formation for 18 months, they may, by joint decision of the Formation Director and the Chaplain, be Professed. If time permits, the Chapter or Standing Committee will be polled and Chapter will be advised of these Professions as soon as possible."

STATUTES: The committee on Statutes proposed several changes which were adopted by Chapter. (Newly revised Statutes will be mailed out to all Third Order members.) Among them were the following expanded section re the Fellowship Coordinator, which was not previously defined:

Section II, Subsection E, paragraph 2: Remove the last sentence of this paragraph. Add a subsection "I" to section II to read as follows:

I. Fellowship Coordinator

1. There shall be at least one Fellowship Coordinator, who under the direction of the Minister Provincial, shall be responsible for the formation and coordination of the Fellowships of the Order.
2. The Minister Provincial shall appoint the Fellowship Coordinator(s) who shall be ratified by a majority vote of Chapter.
3. Fellowship Coordinator(s) shall serve for three years, beginning and terminating on the 1st day of December. No person shall serve more than three consecutive terms as Fellowship Coordinator.

Other changes clarified wording and definitions in various areas. A change in Section III, Subsection C, paragraph 3 redefines the times when the Professed are to report to Area Chaplains. Rather than reporting at "Ember seasons", which has proved a confusing term to some, Professed are to report "during the months of March, June, September and December." (Same times, different wording.) For a complete list of Statute changes, see the full Chapter Minutes, available from Ann Harris.

NEEDS OF THE PROFESSED:

Chapter focused much discussion this year on the needs of those who are Professed. The majority of Chapter members met in a committee chaired by Marie Webner to discuss this issue. the recommendations offered were:

1. Access to information: The "Basics" booklets should be available to the Professed, with an order sheet included in the Information Sheet or Franciscan Times to expedite ordering them. The Secretary will determine the cost of the booklets; proceeds will be credited to our St Louis' Press giftshop. A reminder should be included in the Information Sheet or Franciscan Times that the Directory includes a list of available publications on the inside back cover. The Formation Letter series should be made available to the Professed in the same way. (These letters are currently in process of revision and are not quite in completed form.)
2. Articles on Franciscan Life: Professed members should be encouraged to write articles and articles will be solicited on selected topics. These could be published in the Franciscan Times, and possibly offered as a separate publication in the future. Marie Webner volunteered to oversee this project.
3. History of the Third Order in the American Province: it was proposed that Br. John Charles write an article on this topic.
4. Vignettes on the Franciscan lifestyle: who are our brothers and sisters? Personal histories could be written and shared, and this would be a way of building community. These too, could be printed in the Times, and possibly collected in booklet form. Terry Rogers will oversee this project.
5. Accountability: There was discussion of accountability for the Professed through their Area Chaplains, and the need of returning the Profession forms to notify the Secretary after Profession. There is need for pastoral care for the Professed, especilly the long-term Professed. Yearly vs. quarterly reporting and the issue of Area Chaplains approving Rule changes for the Professed were discussed. Final decisions re these issues were left to the Chaplain and Asst. Chaplain, as individual's needs require their discernment.
6. Special needs of the elderly and handicapped Professed: special needs include transportation to Fellowship

meetings, and special aids, such as tapes of the Offices, for those who can no longer hold a Prayer Book or read easily. In some cases, the Chaplain could give appropriate dispensation from some of the more difficult requirements, and a need was stated that there was a need for those so dispensed to her from authority that they should not feel guilty that they are no longer able to do all the Rule calls for, and that they are no less valuable as members of the community for this.

7. Spiritual Direction: Br. Robert suggested that we have a wonderful pool of potential Spiritual Directors that could be of great service to the community and the church in our long-time Professed members, who should be encouraged to explore their talents in this area. It was agreed that this area needed looking into.

INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAPTER:

Inter-Provincial Chapter will meet in England, June 19-29, 1987. The American Province has been asked to send the Minister Provincial, Chaplain and one delegate. Glen-Ann Jicha was unanimously elected to serve as our delegate. Br. Robert summarized the Minister General's proposal for changing the central structure of the Society's leadership. At present, Br. Michael serves as both leader of the brothers of the First Order and of the Society as a whole. He feels that all three Orders should participate in the leadership of the Society, and that leadership on a world-wide level should be considered - i.e., separate Ministers General for the SSF Friars, the CSF Sisters, the Poor Clares, and the Third Order, all roles equal and parallel, with shared responsibility for the care of the three Orders, as the Society is structured on the Provincial level now. The Third Order has never defined leadership on a world-wide basis.

This also opens the question of whether there should be a world-wide spokesperson or leader of the whole Society (now represented by the Minister General of the First Order brothers). Should this person be chosen only from the First Order brothers, as it is now, or could it be anyone in the Society as a whole? Should it be one of the four world-wide Ministers General? After much discussion, Chapter was polled re their opinions resulting in the following recommendations:

Regarding the Third Order only:

1. The Inter-Provincial Chapter is commended to establish the Office of Minister of the World-Wide Third Order: passed unanimously.

Regarding the Society as a whole:

2. There should be a "top person" for all Three Orders: passed with 3 opposed.
3. This person should be anyone in the Society as distinct from First Order only: passed unanimously.
4. This person should be one of the four world-wide Ministers General: passed with 2 opposed.

These results are recommendations only, and delegates to the IPC are free to vote at the Chapter in any way they feel benefits the Third order.

It was agreed by unanimous vote that the Inter-Provincial Chapter invite the Roman Catholic Secular Franciscan Order to send a delegate(s) to attend the IPC. The invitation is to be sent to Manuela Mateoli of Venezuela, President of the Interantional Secular Franciscans. As the Profession cross is again on the IPC agenda, Chapter voted to recommend that the IPC adopt the universally recognized Franciscan Tau cross, similar to the one used by the Secular Franciscan Order, but in a form designed especially for the Third Order, Society of St. Francis. Though the Profession cross we now use was chosen by the IPC as our world-wide TSF symbol, the European Province has adopted a cross of nails independently from the rest of us.

PRINCIPLES AND RULE/ORDER FOR ADMISSIONS:

The inclusive language Principles and Rule and the Order for Admissions were adopted for use for another year. These will be submitted at the IPC. By unanimous vote, "brotherhood" Option 3, "to promote the spirit of love and unity within the family of God" was adopted as the official alternative to the phrase "promote the spirit of brotherhood" (which also remains as an option). This is in agreement with the wording used in the Principles and Rule, and was the apparent popular favorite during the year's trial use. A suggestion by Alan Vlach to include numbers of the 1980 Hymnal settings for the Ubi Caritas was rejected; though the Order for Admissions is used throughout the Province, the 1980 Hymnal is only used in the US.

NON-FRANCISCAN AID: \$500 was distributed as follows: To the Tucson, AZ Soup Kitchen, \$125; to Navajoland Animal Development/Husbandry Project, \$100; to St. Martin's Drop-In Community Center, Albuquerque, NM, \$275.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Secretary was asked to publish an annual list of the location of our First Order brothers and sisters, and to work with Br. Don on the feasibility of publishing a list of deceased brothers and sisters of all three Orders. Br. Robert Hugh reported that approximately 100 parishes had signed up for the Companions with Francis in Evangelism program; more are considering it. He looks forward to working with these parishes.

RESOLUTIONS AND THANKS: included: David Nard, Br. Cameron and Sr. Cecilia for their musical contributions and to David for his perfect omelets; Joanne Maynard for her continued creativity in producing and editing the Franciscan Times, love and blessings for a speedy recovery and a repeat of our invitation to her to attend Chapter in 1987; Marie Webner for her long and tireless labor of love as Fellowship Coordinator; Terry Rogers, Chris Dettner Boyd and Mickey Ibara for their loving service as AFDs and to the Rev. Leonard Pratt and the Rev. John Walker for their loving service as counselors; Joe and Barbara Cooper and Mike and Betty Griffin for their hospitality during the AFD training session in Albuquerque; Sr. Cecilia and Br. Robert Hugh for their saintly guidance as Provincial Visitors; Little Portion friars for their hospitality and to the local plumber for his speedy service; Kale King from the residents of the third floor and Amory, his wife, who missed him, but were thankful for the quietness of the night; Br. Mark Francis, himself, for his meditations which made all things new for us; Roberta White for keeping the financial records for Trinidad and Tobago: her sterling service is much appreciated.

AND NOW for the good stuff. For those of you who wonder what some of the above arcane references mean: David Nard, omelet chef par excellence, graciously prepared glorious omelets for all hungry Chapter members every morning. The plumber gets everyone's deepest thanks. The brothers had just had a new septic system installed, and Chapter put it to the test. This inspired it to follow the Gospel admonition to wash our feet: in the downstairs bathroom, it did just that, choosing recipients randomly, on a daily basis. Gospel or not, that's not what we hope plumbing will do; the plumber was most thankfully able to get it to repent and amend its ways. Kale King was truly missed by all, after his many years of being part of Chapter. During the days, his loving and patient wisdom would add great spirit to our deliberations; during the nights, his hearty snores would rattle the rafters of the third floor dormitory with equal spirit. Br. Mark Francis did a magnificent job leading the quiet day which preceded Chapter, which put us all in the right frame of mind for the work to come. Chapter was graced with three new members, Amory King, Dorothy Adams and The Rev. Canon Paul Saunders. All three added much to the group. Paul Saunders especially promises to keep us all on our toes with his quick wit and wise observances! I look forward to seeing him again at the Western Conference on the Religious Life in mid-November, though the two of us have been advised to try to behave ourselves and represent the Order in a sober and dignified manner. Paul set off a discussion on the morning following Chapter on why the Third Order is not "a pious guild" that should be part of our Formation materials! It was also a particular joy to have Gloria Waldron, Area Chaplain for Trinidad and Tobago, and president of the Trinidad Mother's Union, with us. This year we had no "Trivial Pursuits", though some of the evening conversations MIGHT have earned that title... But we did manage to construct a passable reading list one night, and to re-number, add to and subtract from the Formation Letters on another. Marie Webner brought along a copy of a most wonderful little book, Tales from the Magic Monastery by "Theophane the Monk", a pseudonymous Cistercian. As people discovered this book, they all seemed to spontaneously read aloud the story that most delighted them. My favorite was the story of the Buddha's visit to the Magic Monastery - the monks give him their best cell, try to do everything well during the week he spends there. After he leaves, they go into the cell he has occupied and find he has covered the walls in graffiti: everywhere they look, the Buddha has written "trivia, trivia, trivia." Good singing sometimes filled the air, accompanied by David Nard's joyful guitar. Our esteemed Chaplain was induced, through holy obedience (a truly penitential act) to repeat his Western Convocation role singing bass with an impromptu quartet performing "Dust on the Bible", an Appalachian gospel song arranged in four completely impossible parts by yours truly. Our Second Order sisters joined us for dinner one evening, including newly Noviced Sr. Mary Magdalene (formerly Connie Coligny, n/TSF) and Sr. Mary Katherine, who is now living permanently at Maryhill. Many of the local TSF brothers and sisters joined us on Saturday for Mass and a sumptuous pot-luck lunch. It would take another entire Info Sheet to cover that - so many wonderful people! It was another glorious time of sharing community, full of Franciscan joy (mostly of the "imperfect" variety), prayer, laughter and love.

13TH QUINQUENNIAL CONGRESS OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER: I have been extremely honored to represent all of you in the Society of Saint Francis on the planning committee for this Congress of our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters. The opportunity for sharing has been most wonderful for me, and indeed, a pearl beyond price. They want very much for us to draw closer in relationship as brothers and sisters in Christ and Francis together, and words fail me (you KNOW that's nearly impossible!) in describing the joy I've experienced in being able to share in this. The Congress will be held at the University of San Diego, August 9-14, 1987. We are invited to attend, and I especially ask any of you who live in that area and may be able to help to contact me. The theme is "Live, Learn, Love the Rule". Among the keynote speakers are Roy Gasnick, OFM, whom you'll recognize as editor of "The Francis Book" and the Marvel comic book-style "Francis, Brother of the Universe"; Fr. Lester Bach, author of "Catch me a Rainbow", (SFO Formation materials); Fr. Keenan Osborn, OFM, of the Franciscan School of Theology; and William Real, a reporter for the Washington Post, who will speak on "Way of Life in the Marketplace". An all night Adoration is planned for Tuesday night; Wednesday will be a free day with wonderful opportunities for sightseeing in the beautiful San Diego area: visit the world famous zoo, the four neighboring early Franciscan missions (California was founded by Franciscan friars, you know!), take a trip across the nearby Mexican border to Tijuana, or choose an itinerary of your own. The cost of \$250 covers the program, five days and nights room and board (all meals except Wednesday lunch), linens, lounges, recreation areas and facility rental. A \$75 advance deposit (\$125 for couples) is required, of which all but \$15 is refundable until June 1, 1987. If you live nearby and are able to commute, the fee is \$25 per day, meals not included. Those interested in attending should contact me (Mary Ann Jackman, 1632 Great Highway, San Francisco, CA 94122) for reservation forms. Space is limited; early registration would be much appreciated. I also ask your prayers for this event. Here follows the December edition of the SFO's special prayers for the Congress (based on the Rule):

Please join with all Secular Franciscans and pray this prayer:

From December 1, Lauds, Monday morning, to December 31, Vespers, Wednesday evening.

THEME: PRAYING THE RULE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI: The text for December is Community: Sharing the Gospel Journey. As Secular Franciscans, the Will to Community-in-Christ makes us discover Christ in everyone, especially in those who are held in contempt. We are equally brothers and sisters. In the family of Saint Francis of Assisi the instruction is "to become a viable sign of the Church as the Community of Love." [this quote corresponds to Note #2 in the TSF Principles and Rule (pg. 7-8): Love. "The Order will...know itself to be a Christian family whose members... bound in a living whole through supernatural love... will then become, as the Lord intended, a special witness to the world..." ~mj]

PRAYER: On a specific time, one night in December, the Lord of the universe entered into human community, born like any baby, and destined for all the growing phases of a human life, even unto death. God became a Being; St. Thomas says that the Being of God is the cause of the beauty of all that is. O wisdom you did come forth, and you do come forth, again and again — from the Most High — to raise all things into the divine harmony and peace. O Adonai, you showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush: set us afire. O Christ, son of our ancestors, scion of Jesse, you are God, yet took life in a human woman. You are the Key to our mystery; O Key of David's City, you unlocked for us the Kingdom of God. Who shall ever lock up again what you have unlocked for us? You locked up Nihilism, Chaos, the Demon of Nothingness, and none shall ever unlock what you have locked. O Christ, your birth in our midst changed human history forever. The loving plan of God's wisdom took flesh in Jesus Christ and charged Creation with the electric charge of God's Perfect Love.

MEDITATION: The Secular Franciscan Community begins with me and you and Saint Francis of Assisi. It begins at home, then expands, goes out as Francis did, out to the whole Church, and thence to the whole human family. We know more about our inter-relationships than in former ages, and the spirituality of earlier individualistic ages is thus enlarged. The transformation of the world begins with my conversion, my need to be rooted and grounded in Christ-love. In community with Saint Francis of Assisi, I learn to love my sisters and brothers and let live. For the awareness comes that I am not the Ideal Christian, let alone the Ideal Franciscan, but nevertheless am loved

and loveable because Francis has taken me on, to be a true child of Christ in his family. Here I learn to be me and love you; as you learn to be you and love me -- to nurture your gifts though they are not my gifts. My love is not a carbon copy of your love, nor of Saint Francis' love nor of Christ's love for all of us, except in one way: to learn to nurture each human person, to keep alive the holy fire, blowing on it; for you, for as for me. So our community under Saint Francis is more than a coffee time together, more than a prayer-meeting, more than a recital of good works. Saint Francis sends us forth, as he was sent forth, to bring the whole world into the peace of Christ. The goal of the Second Vatican Council remains the goal of Secular Franciscans, as it was from the beginning the goal of Saint Francis of Assisi -- just as the Document on THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD says: "They are mistaken who, knowing that we have here no abiding city but seek one which is to come (Heb. 13:14), think they may therefore shirk their earthly responsibilities." The visible sign of the church as the Community of Love is Christ Crucified:

"It is the image of the martyred Jesus that reveals God's great love; it is the image of the martyred Jesus that shows us how to act; it is the image of the martyred Jesus that dominates Franciscan prayer; and in that image is ours and the world's peace." (Chinnici, WAY (magazine), Nov.-Dec. 1985)

This image was stamped on the hearts of the four religious women tortured, raped and martyred in El Salvador for teaching Christ was with the poor peasants in El Salvador. Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clark and Ita Ford, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, lay worker Jean Donovan, open our December meditations in these modern times, for they were all notorious for following Christ's Gospel: to feed the poor, clothe the naked, teach the Beatitudes. They lived Community.

"We know very clearly that Francis of Assisi's life from the time he first heard the call of the Gospel read at Mass, through his last known writings, the Canticle of Brother Sun and the Testament, described himself both by word and example as a person "who serves peace". With our knowledge of Hiroshima and the Holocaust, so also grows our responsibility and understanding of the nature of Franciscan peace-striving." (Chinnici, WAY)

Here is the heart of our Rule, bursting forth in December when Christ entered the community of human beings. December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, exemplifies the Franciscan way of Prayer: "I will rejoice, rejoice in the Lord... Lord, you have taken me into your care, you made me a dwelling place for your Son." With Mary, who, though full of Grace was not given to know everything beforehand, we, too must ponder God's revelation of himself in Christ, and as the vision unfolds, we see more and more the mystery of poverty, suffering and failure that stand at the heart of the Christian commitment: Lazarus at the gate; here am I.

CONTEMPLATION: Praying the Rule of St. Francis, meditating personally on what I have prayed, on what you have prayed, must serve as a prelude to contemplation; for it is through contemplation that I am inspired, as you are inspired, to make of personal prayer and meditation a living part of Community. Contemplation is a constant reminder that the words of prayer, once said, must now be lived -- the image of Jesus we have meditated on tells me how to act; the image of Jesus we contemplate on demands we act on the know-how. Prayer, meditation and contemplation on Community brings forth to each individual and to the whole community an almost overpowering theme of oneness in diversity. A Franciscan Community is not made up of individuals who think alike, nor like -- even dislike -- the same things. Community consists of individuals, each different one from another, who contemplate on the things Francis of Assisi prayed, meditated and contemplated on: poverty, suffering, war, violence, discourtesy, and above all, love of God, of neighbor, of self. Unless we contemplate these things as Francis did, with the image of Jesus vividly before him, it is not possible to share the Gospel Journey as a community, the journey that began one night in December when the Lord of the Universe entered the human community.

[The previous 4 meditations in this series are available from me on request - mj]

ANOTHER FRANCISCAN PRAYER FOR YOU: "Most High and Glorious Lord, bring light to the darkness of my heart. Give me right Faith, certain Hope and perfect Charity. Lord, give me insight and wisdom, that I might faithfully serve your Holy and True Will." -- Saint Francis of Assisi, "Prayer before a Crucifix".

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

	1st Quarter 1986	2nd Quarter 1986	3rd Quarter 1986	1986 To Date	BUDGET 1986
Chaplain	600.00	1,318.90	1,073.00	2,991.90	3,500.00
Asst. Chaplain	237.72	189.40	763.78	1,190.90	1,500.00
Area Chaplains					1,000.00
1st Order Visitors	239.00	662.00	386.00	1,287.00	3,000.00
Sr. Cecilia	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00
Regional Meetings			236.47	236.47	500.00
Scholarship Aid					250.00
Interprovincial Chapter			500.00	500.00	500.00
General Convention			1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Reserve for 1986			500.00	500.00	500.00
Reserve for future salary					2,000.00
Gift Shop	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,025.00
TOTAL COMMUNITY	4,076.72	2,170.30	4,459.25	10,706.27	16,275.00
Directors & AFDs	399.93	695.03	727.23	1,822.19	3,000.00
Counselors	278.00		198.91	476.91	100.00
Training		2,593.95		2,593.95	1,000.00
TOTAL FORMATION	677.93	3,288.98	926.14	4,893.05	4,100.00
Franciscan Aid Fund	500.00			500.00	500.00
Non-Franciscan Aid					1,000.00
1st Order & Clares			3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
TOTAL OUTREACH	500.00		3,500.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
Information Sheet	123.60		43.07	166.67	2,000.00
Franciscan Times	321.44	320.97		642.41	1,500.00
Brochures & Booklets	169.45	268.00		437.45	1,500.00
Library					175.00
TOTAL COMMUNICATION	614.49	588.97	43.07	1,246.53	5,175.00
Guardian	601.87	1,416.99	618.69	2,637.55	5,000.00
Guardian's Discretionary	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00
Secretaries (Ann, Gretchen)	546.83		1,282.50	1,829.33	2,500.00
Bursar	441.81	98.00		539.81	1,500.00
TOTAL SERVANTS	2,590.51	1,514.99	1,901.19	6,006.69	10,000.00
Annual Meeting:					
Travel			2,564.38	2,564.38	5,000.00
Accommodations					3,000.00
Standing Committee					250.00
TOTAL CHAPTER			2,564.38	2,564.38	8,250.00
BUDGET TOTAL:					48,800.00
Brought Forward:	8.84	2.35	5.41	828.42	
Income:	8,453.16	7,566.30	14,257.04	30,276.50	
Expenses:	(8,459.65)	(7,563.24)	(13,434.03)	(29,456.92)	
Balance:	2.35	5.41	828.42		
Number of pledges:	261.00	298.00	344.00	344.00	

NEWS: Sr. Cecilia, CSF has been elected Mother of the world-wide Community of St. Francis. To our great delight, she will remain at Saint Francis House (San Francisco), and continue as Third Order Visitor. Many blessings to our beloved sister in her new ministry! +++ The Rev. Ewan Macpherson and his wife Po Wo are off to England, where he has accepted a call to be Vicar at Westbury Sub Mendip. This will allow Ewan to be close to his father, who is ill. Ewan was newly elected to Chapter and also served as Area Chaplain for Eastern Canada and Convenor of the Toronto Fellowship. Waren Beale replaces him as Convenor, and The Rev. Canon Paul Saunders, on Chapter. The Rev. Muriel Adey will serve as Area Chaplain for Canada. The Macphersons will be greatly missed. They have generously offered hospitality to any of us that might be travelling in their area while in England. +++ We are saddened to learn of the death of our sister, Jean Sullivan, in August. Jean was Professed in December, 1973, and founded the innovative Canterbury Fellowship, a group of isolated Tertiaries that met by mail via "round-robin" letter.

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR BURSAR: Blessings and our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have responded so wonderfully to our repetitive pleas for pledges! The Third Quarter budget figures showed not the usual \$2 figure under "brought forward", but an amazing \$828.42! - which means, thanks be to God, the bills can be paid, and Carole is spared from a total nervous breakdown through worry about how we'd get through the next day's expenses. The number of pledges hit an all time high of 344. That's Community in action, sharing what we have. The third quarter figures appear inside; the 1987 Budget will come to you soon, with the Stewardship letter. It is very nicely streamlined, down \$3800 from the 1986 version.

INSIDE: WE NO LONGER HAVE A "GUARDIAN"!!! (see CHAPTER NEWS, page 1)

GOOD NEWS FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS; THE SFO NATIONAL CONGRESS; FOOTWASHING BY LP PLUMBING!

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