

THIRD ORDER, AMERICAN PROVINCE

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Information



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FROM OUR MINISTER PROVINCIAL: NEWS FROM THE INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

Our time in England was most worthwhile. The people were fantastic — there were three representatives from each Province, plus one observer from India, at the Third Order's Interprovincial meetings. [Dee Dobson, Masud Syedullah and Glen-Ann Jicha represented the American Province.] Before the general meetings, the Guardians/Minister Provincial met at Compton Durville, the CSF motherhouse, to plan the agenda.

The overall schedule of meetings not only allowed us to get to know each other, but also gave us time to interact, respond, respect and certainly to genuinely care for one another.

Three provinces gave papers: the Australians presented "Listening to Christ", "Praying with Christ", and "Praise"; the African Province presented "Simplicity and Service"; the American Province's paper (written and presented by our Chaplain, Masud Syedullah) explored "Penitence, Profession and Pastoral Care". All papers were profound, spiritually forceful expressions of Franciscan ideals.

THE MANUAL: There were two separate group discussions on this subject:

1. Should all Provinces have a Manual? [This refers to a one-volume version of the group of documents we call "the Basics".] 2. What should a Manual contain? 3. Should there be material common to all provinces? If so, what should that material be? The result of these discussions was creation of a "working party" in the New Zealand Province (they volunteered) to receive material toward this end from all provinces, and to produce a draft Manual to be returned for comment to all provinces. The final draft will be circulated to all Provincial Chapters for adoption.

THE CONSTITUTION: A great deal of discussion ensued on the revision of the Constitution of the Society of St. Francis and consideration of the relationships between the three Orders. [These relationships are greatly changed. Because of the actions of all three Orders at these Interprovincial meetings, we are now all entirely separate (though still familial) Orders, with autonomous, independent leadership.]

CARE OF THOSE IN THE FORMER "MINISTER GENERAL'S CUSTODY": Responsibility for Tertiaries in worldwide locations which do not readily fall into existing provinces, and whom Br. Geoffrey had raised up and encouraged on his travels will be divided as follows:

Hong Kong: Yorkshire Region of the European Province
Singapore, Sarawak, Maylasia: Australian Province
Samoa and Polynesia: New Zealand Province

INTER-PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER: It was decided that there was a need for an Inter-Provincial Newsletter, to be published twice a year. Stephen Williams (Australian Province) agreed to be responsible for a post-Chapter issue as a trial run. An "original" will be mailed out to each province for reproduction and distribution. Because of postal difficulties in the African Province, the American Province agreed to supply sufficient copies for all Tertiaries in the various African countries.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER MINUTES: it was agreed that there should be a regular exchange of Provincial Chapter minutes and all relevant documentation between the various provinces. [Most, with the exception of the European Province, already do this. -ed.]

CENTRAL FUND: The Third Order Inter-Provincial Chapter unanimously supported creation of a Central Fund, to which all provinces will contribute, to support the operating expenses of the international Third Order.

THIRD ORDER MINISTER GENERAL: After prolonged discussion, it was agreed that we will have a Minister General of the Third Order. (this resolution was subsequently welcomed by Br. Michael, formerly Minister General of the entire Society.) The method of selection [election by the Guardians/Minister Provincial of the various provinces from their numbers] and the responsibilities of the office [now basically symbolic] were worked out in these discussions. Please note that the three Orders within the Society of St. Francis no longer operate under a single Minister General [formerly elected from and by the First Order Brothers] for the entire society as we have had in the past; each branch of the Franciscan family must have its own. Bob Pope, Provincial Guardian of the European Province, was elected to serve as our first Minister General of the Third Order. [This "election of Pope" got a good laugh at the recent Roman Catholic Secular Franciscan National Congress -- with comments like "I always knew you Anglicans would eventually come around!" -ed.]

An enormous amount of time was spent discussing the Rule, discipline of members, and profession crosses. Yes, **profession crosses, again!!!**

CROSSES: A statement was issued affirming the need for a single profession cross for the whole of the Third Order, and making a commitment to find one which suitably represents the ideals and heritage of the Order. It was understood that any cross so chosen would need to have the strongest possible links with the Franciscan tradition, and yet be universally acceptable to all provinces, and to both men and women. It was recognized that Tertiaries have been professed over many years, receiving a great variety of profession crosses which already hold deep personal significance to them. Without disregarding the personal importance of these crosses already in use, it was felt that a single Third Order cross would enhance the common bond and expression of unity within the Order throughout the world, and further the establishment of the Third Order as an independent and world-wide Religious Order, and which is recognized as such by the Anglican Communion throughout the world. Each Provincial Chapter is therefore asked:

- a. to ratify this recommendation from the 1987 IPTOC meeting,
- b. to encourage all Tertiaries in their Province to wear the cross at all Franciscan gatherings and when it is to the advantage of both the Gospel and Order to do so.
- c. to assist in the search for a suitable Third Order cross, individually or in groups, by researching possible and appropriate designs. Any recommendations are to be forwarded to the Guardian [or in our case, the Minister Provincial] by May, 1988, together with relevant information re the cost, production and supply of the crosses. [Please note the emphasis! Before sending in designs, please get all the required information to go with your design, which must be submitted with it. -ed.]

FORMATION: the Inter-Provincial Chapter agreed to work toward developing a standardized program for the Formation of Tertiaries, to be used universally in all provinces. The group was careful to note that flexibility to adapt this standard program to our very diverse cultural needs would be firmly maintained.

INITIALS: the acronym to be used after one's name to denote affiliation with the Third Order, Society of St. Francis, is now standardized as "TSSF", rather than "TSF" or "TO/SSF", as sometimes used in the past.

Something new in Formation: Novice Classes!

Led by Glen-Ann Jicha in the Chicago area and Mary Ann Jackman in San Francisco, a new method for training people in our formation program has begun this fall. These two areas are testing a pilot program that uses group classes rather than the formation-by-mail method that was formerly our only means of training novices. The new groups have each met twice, and they promise to be even better than we had hoped. This method offers many advantages over the mail-order variety, including mutual support and sharing, community-building, immediate access to the novice counselor, less paperwork, direct answers to questions, greater accent on Franciscan spirituality, less isolation and a wider variety of topics covered in the course of formation. Both participants and leaders are very enthusiastic about the new classes. I was excited about the prospects of this method to begin with, but having experienced it makes me even more enthusiastic.

The curriculum for this new venture is also exciting. The first section, "Who are we?", begins with an exploration of just what a Franciscan Tertiary is, past and present — what constitutes vocation, how it is lived out, why we have a Rule and how this is used — then examines the roots of the Third Order in the Society of St. Francis, tracing our development and history in this Province and the worldwide Society. The third class examines the Statutes and who and what Chapter is and does. The fourth session covers using "the Basics" enhancing our participation in and knowledge of the Third Order community. Section II, "Personal Rule", covers spiritual direction and the individual elements of our personal Rules of life. Section III covers "the Principles: the community's Rule". Each of the nine categories will be covered in a separate session. Section IV, offers a four-part exploration of "Community Life": fellowship community, regional community (Convocations), Provincial community, Interprovincial community. Section V will explore "Witness to the Wider Community": Franciscans and social justice, ecology, ways of individual ministry, ways of being in the marketplace and the world.

Basic texts for the program include the existing formation letter series, an additional specially written series of lessons, the Principles and Rule, "the Basics", and various Franciscan documents and reference materials. Each group has its own lending library, and the "training" item in the 1988 budget was included in part to help us provide books and materials for these groups. Resource people will be called in to enhance the presentation of materials. Group leaders are available for individual counseling. Group participants are expected to review their individual Rules before each meeting and a part of each session is spent in discussing the month's progress and any problems that come up. The benefits of sharing the ups and downs of this life with others is incalculable. In our experience in the San Francisco group, the effect of having the input of the entire group applied to individual difficulties has been wonderful. Novices quickly see that they are not alone in struggling to live their Rules, and a wide variety of options is made immediately available to them from others who share the same struggles. Enthusiasm and commitment seem very high.

The growth of the Order and of Fellowships in many areas make this new method possible and even necessary. I originally conceived of this system while wracking my brain to find a more efficient way of using our somewhat limited counseling resources in the face of a major upsurge in vocations. Just these two groups have freed up nearly 20 "by-mail" counseling slots, but more than that, they are proving to be a marvelous way to train novices -- not merely in living a Rule of life as isolated individuals, but in developing Franciscan spirituality in a living community. We expect these classes to become the standard means of formation in all areas where we have sufficient postulants and novices and appropriate group leadership. It is an exciting and promising new venture in the life of our Franciscan Third Order community.

-- Mary Ann Jackman

The Chapter of the Third Order, American Province, Society of St. Francis, met in several sessions, Wednesday through Friday, October 7-9, 1987, at Little Portion Friary, Mt. Sinai, New York.

Written reports were received from Provincial officers: Dee Dobson, Minister Provincial; Masud Syedullah, Chaplain; Alden Whitney, Jackie Richards and Mary Ann Jackman, Formation Directors; Ann Harris, Secretary; Anita Catron, Fellowship Coordinator; Marie Webner, Asst. Chaplain; Carole Watson, Bursar; Joanne Maynard, Franciscan Times Editor; Sister Cecilia, CSF, Visitor; the Rev. "Gooch" Goode, St. Louis Press. Pat Mahan, Librarian, reported by phone.

Oral reports were given on the progress of the Songbook (tentatively to be distributed in Lent, 1988); Br. Rodney reported on the current state of the First Order men. He is settling into his new role as Minister Provincial. Sister Cecilia thanked us for our financial support. She reported that Sr. Catherine Joy's and Sr. Hannah's new ministry was going well, but left the house with a cash shortfall. Sr. Mary Dorothea spoke to Chapter on the status of the Poor Clares. They have had a time in England with the Community of St. Clare. With Sr. Mary Catherine currently staying at the Community of St. John the Baptist, there are now only two sisters at Maryhill. They have incorporated some of the things they learned in England and have planted a vegetable garden and initiated a somewhat different prayer schedule. They particularly ask for our prayers as they continue their Franciscan journey in somewhat uncertain circumstances.

Elections: Dee Dobson was unanimously elected to a third term as Minister Provincial. Bp. Paul Moore was unanimously elected Bishop Protector. Sister Cecilia and Brother Robert were unanimously ratified as Visitors.

By unanimous vote, Lois Jean Mahn, Carole Hoerauf, Nan Collins, Bonita Palmer, Mary Lillian Wilkes, Mirl Lewis, Rebecca Crooks, Peter Patrick and John Anderson were elected to Profession. Bob Teudesman was unanimously elected to re-instatement as a professed member of the Third Order.

Inter-Provincial Chapter: A report on the meetings in England was given by Dee Dobson, Masud Syedullah and Glen-Ann Jicha, our representatives. Br. Michael, Minister of the Society, was also with us and added his own report on this event. (For more details, see Dee's report at the beginning of this newsletter - Ed.) Chapter acted on the products of the IPTOC in the following ways:

Moved and unanimously passed: That the American Province will copy and mail the International Newsletter to all Tertiaries in the African Province (as well as our own).

Directed the Secretary to copy and distribute copies of all papers presented at the IPTOC to all members in the American province.

Approved by unanimous vote to invite the Third Order Minister General, Bob Pope, to attend the 1988 meeting of our Chapter and to lead the quiet day preceding it.

Approved by unanimous vote changes in the Constitution of the Third Order, American Province, which reflect the change in structure of the Third Order, Society of St. Francis. The amended constitution will be reprinted and distributed to all members in the American province.

Ratified the IPTOC recommendation that all professed Tertiaries be encouraged to wear their profession cross at all Franciscan occasions and when it is to the advantage of the Gospel and the Order; and to encourage individuals and fellowships to assist in submitting and producing a suitable design for a new profession cross to be used internationally.

Unanimously ratified the IPTOC policy statement that a universal syllabus for Training of Novices be created, and as a consequence of this, for the training of Novice Counselors, while preserving the right and duty of each province to apply any universal syllabus to their particular Provincial needs, cultures and character.

Order of Admissions: agreed, by unanimous vote, to make the Vow of Renewal of Profession the same in structure as the Vow of Profession. (These had differed in language structure.)

Statutes: unanimously approved the following changes in Section C III, which covers lapsed and released Tertiaries and their reinstatement:

Insert new paragraph 6: "Professed brothers and sisters who have not met normal obligations and have not responded to pastoral inquiry will be considered lapsed members, retaining membership status in the Third Order until such time as he or she is formally released or makes renewal with the intention to fulfill the normal obligations of the professed.

Old paragraph 6 becomes paragraph 7; old paragraph 7 becomes paragraph 8; old paragraph 8 is deleted.

Paragraph 9: "A request for admission to the Third order, Society of St. Francis from someone who was previously professed in any Christian Religious Community and dispensed from this vow shall be referred to the Chaplain, who will determine a period of formation of not less than 12 months, appropriate to the applicant's situation. Upon the approval of Chapter, the candidates may be professed in the Third Order.

Paragraph 10: A request for readmission to the Third Order from someone who was previously professed and released from vows by Chapter shall be referred to the Chaplain, who will determine what period of formation, if any, shall be appropriate. Upon the approval of Chapter, the candidates may be professed in the Third Order.

Request for a special visual reminder of membership, such as a scapular and cord: By unanimous vote, Chapter reaffirmed its previous statement that the profession cross is the outward and visible sign of the Third Order.

Use of the letters TSSF: discussion included a statement that novices and the professed are members of the Order and entitled to use the initials. (NOTE the CHANGE made by the IPTOC: it is TSSF, not TSF.) The precedent set by a previous Chapter was that the letters are used in official Third Order correspondence and may be used to indicate membership IN, but not sponsorship BY, the Third Order. (Br. Rodney, on hearing that use of these initials was limited by Chapter, made the wonderfully consciousness-raising comment, "Oh, I see: 'you can be professed, but you can't wear the habit'...")

Endorsement of Candidacy for Ordination: Chapter received a request to sponsor a member for Ordination. After much discussion of the Canon and our responsibility and inability to function in this respect due to our basic structure, the following motion was unanimously passed: **We, the Chapter, do not function as a vestry and do not become involved in sponsorship for ordination at all.** Because of the candidate's years of outstanding service in the Third Order in a variety of roles, a letter of affirmation was sent to the Bishop with a copy to the Rector and vestry of the candidate's parish.

Committees: met and discussed Budget, Formation and Needs of the Professed/Future Vision. Formation committee asked Mary Ann Jackman to write a philosophical statement based on the outline of the new Novice Class curriculum to be distributed to other provinces as part of the input requested by IPTOC for the proposed Formation syllabus. Professed/Future Vision came up with a new magazine will be edited by Terry Rogers to provide in depth articles for continuing formation of the Professed. Chapter unanimously approved the new periodical.

The 1988 budget was unanimously approved as presented.

Outreach: By unanimous vote, Chapter changed the name of the budget item, "Non-Franciscan Aid", to "Other Aid". By unanimous vote, "Other Aid" funds were distributed as follows:

Tucson Ecumenical Council for Refugee Relief [Sanctuary Movement] — \$350 [Marie Webner forwarded a very gracious thank-you letter from this group, which cares for the emergency needs of hundreds of Central American refugees.]

St. Elizabeth's Friary Discretionary Fund for individual needs in the community — \$150

For the rebuilding of St. Barnabas Church in Melanesia (destroyed in heavy storms) — \$500

The First Order in the Solomon Islands — \$500

Our Bursar reports that pledges have increased and for the first time in several years, we have a projected budget surplus. So that we may always begin with "nothing in our pockets", it was unanimously approved by Chapter that the Bursar be directed to divide any end of the year surplus funds between the First Order brothers and sisters.

Chapter remembered our brothers and sisters who have died in the past year: Warren Banks, Esther King, Peter Nelson, Pat Smith, Jean Sullivan, and Margaret Suthern.

Communications: Amory King brought greetings to Chapter from the United Church of Christ Third Order Franciscans. Their Principles and Rule was also made available. The Bursar stated that she **MUST HAVE RECEIPTS** for all expenditures. (Please note!) The Chaplain requested that those writing recommendations for profession include **AS MUCH INFORMATION** as possible for elections. This is our way of introducing the newest member of the family.

Material was made available from the National Congress of the Secular Franciscan and from the Western Conference on the Religious Life in the Anglican Communion.

A list of 1988 Regional Convocation dates was compiled and will be forwarded to Joanne Maynard for inclusion in the Franciscan Times.

1988 Chapter will meet at St. Joseph's House, Mt. Sinai, NY, October 5th-7th, 1988. The meeting will be preceded by a quiet day on October 4th.

Resolutions and Thanks were unanimously passed: "to Br. Michael for his meditations during the quiet day and general support; to Br. Rodney for his joyful presence and wisdom; to Sr. Mary Dorothea for sharing her trip to England and the hopes and dreams of the Second Order with us; to Br. Robert and Sr. Cecilia for their loving pastoral care as visitors during the past year; to Roberta White for keeping the accounts and Judith Austin and Yvonne Nurse for contributing their typing skills for the Trinidad tertiaries; to Bob Teudesman for lending us his tape recorder so we could enjoy hearing the Missa Gaia; to the brothers at Little Portion for their generous hospitality, and to Vivian, the cook, for her fabulous feasts; to David Nard for breaking eggs, and to Alden Whitney for providing Franciscan eggs; to Paul Saunders, whose presence was missed [he couldn't attend because of diocesan responsibilities]— however, the members at the far end of the room were remarkably well behaved." [Where did we go wrong?] Finally, thanks were offered to "Brother Sun and Sister Moon for outdoing themselves during Chapter!" As one of the four smokers "exiled" to the great outdoors for the duration, I can attest to that last claim from direct experience! We also watched the leaves turn, one by one, to glorious reds and golds that those of us who live in winterless places rarely get to see. Before Chapter, many of us joined the NYC fellowship for Helen Parker's profession, attended (as did the Presiding Bishop) the Minister's Awards Dinner at St. James, NYC, where our own Helen Webb was honored, and the "Missa Gaia" St. Francis day Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, which Masud con-celebrated, and where he blessed, and was blessed by, a gigantic elephant! (Not to mention a camel, a llama, a horse, a mouse, a bowl of goldfish, cats, dogs and a brilliantly plumaged macaw!) That was an altogether glorious experience!

THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

About a year ago, I was asked to represent Francis' Anglican Third Order family on the planning committee of our Roman Catholic Secular brothers and sisters' National Congress. That was a joy and a privilege, but nothing to compare with participating in the actual event! Dee Dobson and I were accepted as members of the immediate Franciscan household. When you get 450 Franciscans in one place to pray, rejoice and learn together, there are bound to be fireworks. The first evening of the Congress, we all thought we'd literally set off a heavenly sky show, though it turned out to be the regular nightly display from Sea World, down the canyon from the University of San Diego where the Congress met.

The speakers, Secular, Regular and OFM, eloquently explored the theme (The Rule: Learn, Live, Love It) throughout the week. The three talks given the first day were focused on formation, an ongoing process of continual "conversion", of "turning toward the Lord", throughout our lives as Tertiaries. The second day, the focus was living the Rule out of that centering: "apostolate", our Franciscan witness and work in the world. The third day was a "free" day, with excursions offered to Tiajuana, three local early Franciscan Missions, and Sea World. Dee and I went to the zoo, which didn't really live up to its billing as one of the world's best, though we enjoyed it. Our funny and wonderful dorm-mates across the hall, who had happily discovered a (literal!) fountain of Margaritas in Tiajuana, had us laughing until we cried with their description of their trip. The fourth day focused on love: of God, the environment, each other. The final day, Jim Lynch, National Minister (Dee's SFO counterpart) addressed us. [Tapes of the talks are available by mail for \$5 each — some contain two talks; others (longer) are available singly. (I have the address for ordering these.) All are relevant for all of us as Franciscans, well worth hearing, excellent for fellowship or individual study.]

Each day, we listened, learned, discussed, loved, prayed, shared Eucharist, meals and community as one big Franciscan household. Our Secular brothers and sisters are so much like us, such a similar, joyous mix, it was not at all difficult to realize that we are truly one in the Lord and Francis. From the moment of our arrival, I felt welcomed as part of the immediate family. Being greeted by familiar faces from the planning meetings helped, and to my joy, one of the first "strangers" to welcome me was Fr. Roy Gasnick, OFM — editor of the wonderful Francis Book and creator of the Marvel Comic, Francis, Brother of the Universe. He said that since our very nature as Franciscans is to be healers and reconcilers, we are the natural intersection where reconciliation of the separated branches of the family of Christ can take place. Everything that followed that week bore out his sentiments completely. We share the same ethos, the same spirituality, the same diversity, the same problems, joys and struggles to grow in living the Gospel after the manner of St. Francis. Though there are some differences, these only seem to underscore the depth of our relatedness. Though we call our local communities "Fellowships" and the SFOs call these "Fraternities", they are the same thing. Though we call our work "ministries" or "missions" and theirs are called "apostatates", the range and effectiveness of these in the community and the world is equally impressive in both cases. Both Orders are undergoing the growth of becoming autonomous and independent of (though maintaining familial ties with) the First Order brothers. Both are working toward developing the kind of formation of novices and support of the professed that will enable us grow in a mature and effective witness of the Franciscan life in both the church and the place where our vocation has called us to be: the secular world.

I made wonderful contacts with SFO Formation leadership, and am now on their mailing list. Dee was pleased to make contact with the SFO National Minister, Jim Lynch. Good contacts and sharing happened throughout the Congress, and I can still feel the glow of that experience! My profound thanks to Mary Mazotti, Minister Provincial of the hosting St. Barbara Province, for inviting us, and to all of our SFO family for warmly welcoming us, and to Chapter for enabling us to participate in this marvelous, holy sharing. Fr. Roy Gasnick's prediction was surely right: we, as Franciscans, can truly begin the mending of the broken body of Christ. We are truly ONE family in Christ and Francis!

— Mary Ann Jackman

MORE ECUMENICAL HLJINKS: While your Minister Provincial and I were off in San Diego with the Secular Franciscans, Br. Robert was off with the Major Superiors of Men. At the end of this conference, there was a drawing for a rather substantial prize, a trip, though the destination was not given in advance. The suspense built as the winning name was drawn, and then, the person who had drawn it burst into laughter. "Irony of ironies!", he laughed. "The winner is our only Anglican -- and he has won a trip to Rome!" Br. Robert was perfectly delighted with the prize, of course, though he was wisely warned to make sure it was a round trip ticket before he got on the plane! Congratulations, Br. Robert, and bon voyage!

OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS are with Nan Collins, whose husband, Walter, died quite suddenly on a vacation trip to Florida; with Dodie Walker, whose husband Basil, much beloved to those of us in the San Francisco fellowship area, passed away after a long illness; and also with Carolyn Banks, who lost her husband on August 18 after an illness of many years. In addition, Louise Mangini's father, Silvio, died suddenly in late July, and Br. Leo lost his sister, Orpha, on August 1. We are also grieved to hear of the death on July 26 of Pat Smith, one of our newest postulants. She had been chronically ill for a long time, and had been searching long and hard for a spiritual family all of her life. One of those close to her said, "It was as if, having found a spiritual home at last, she was finally set free." A note from Br. Jason brings the news that Br. John Charles' father has died recently.

PLEA FOR HELP FROM OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS: Francis loved the environment, including winds and all weather. He also called us all to be subject to the domination of all things, including winds and wild beasts. Unfortunately, our Franciscan family in the Solomons has recently had a wild beast of a windstorm, which completely flattened their church (along with everything else in its path!). Francis also admonished us all to care for one another as a family. Our brothers and sisters in the Solomons need, and have asked for our help, in the form of funds to rebuild their church, Saint Barnabas. Can we reject our brother Stephen Wario's plea for aid? He writes: "The people of St. Barnabas Church, Geta Village, are appealing to our Third Order brothers in American Province, purposely to rebuild their existing chapel building which they are struggling to attempt every effort in every means to rebuild..." Dee Dobson has volunteered to collect all contributions and send them to St. Barnabas in one lump sum. If you can help, however small the donation, please send (checks payable to Dee Dobson) to: Dee Dobson, TSSF (4001 SW 5 Terrace, Miami, FL 33134). Chapter allotted \$500 to this from our "Other Aid" funds.

MORE SOUTH PACIFIC (TONGA) NEWS, FROM ALICE CORTZ: "It is winter here now. We have rain, hard driving warm rain, daily, and sunshine and winds. The nights are surprisingly cold, two or three blankets on the beds. Many people have coughs and bad colds, as they sleep almost outside, their houses are little more than grass sided, tin-roofed places. Kitchens are lean-tos open on two or three sides, with a box for a table and a fire pit to cook in. The first sounds I hear in the mornings are the chopping of coconut wood -- a dull thud, the crackle of the fire as it starts and the grating of coconuts for coconut cream, then the drums for church. All this before light, just at the beginning of dawn...At first dawn, I hear the sound of coconut brooms sweeping the pig droppings off the park-like yards. The pigs roam free and start their day's feed at about 3:30 in the mornings. The children all wear uniforms, blue and white for the Methodist schools for the girls, and blue tupenu (wrapped skirt) for the boys, red for the primary school girls, grey shorts for the boys; grey tupenu for the Government school big boys, wine for the girls Government school. Other faiths (all Christian) wear: orange, green, black, white and so on and on, very colorful. No shoes, just rubber flip-flops or sandals. A sea of color on the way to work on my trusty Chinese bicycle!!!"

MID-WEST CONVOCATION PLANNED FOR 1988: a Midwest area Convocation is planned for next year, with dates arranged as June 3-5, 1988. The gathering will be held at the Franciscan retreat Center in Oak Brook, IL (near Chicago). Contact Judy Schmidt or Alan Easterwood for more information.

PROFESSED: Joan Kidd, 10/25/87; Helen Parker, 10/3/87; Marcia Shaw, 8/29/87; Gloria Waldron, 5/15/87; Jacqui Belcher, 11/87.

NOVICED: Louise Baker, 5/11/87; Francis Baum (Joan), 10/4/87; Yolande Chan, 8/87; Rose Doran, 10/4/87; Emma Grenier, 9/26/87; George Grenier, 9/26/87; William Haynes, 8/87; Elsie Ireland, 9/26/87; Richard Lehmann, 10/24/87; Dixie Mosier-Greene, 10/7/87; Christina Oosthuizen, 6/19/87; John L. Tolbert, 9/26/87.

REINSTATED: Novices: Pam Schaefer, Brenna Williams, Allison Trenholme; Professed: Bob Teudesman, 10/10/87.

WITHDRAWN/LAPSED: Kevin Allen, Kathy Gearhart, Helen Hancock, Arthur Heath, Kimberley Joslin, Karen Mazzo, Fred Raybourn, David Rodier, Kathy Sanford, Raymond Scalabrini, Lila Teasley.

LISTING LEFT OUT OF 1988 DIRECTORY: Please add, on page 1, under Pastoral Officers:
FORMATION DIRECTOR (Caribbean area): Jacqueline Richards.

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A NOTE FROM TERRY ROGERS: At its October meeting, the Third Order Chapter approved the beginning of a new periodical, to be published (probably) about twice a year. The Franciscan Times will continue to concentrate on news and short pieces, and the new venture will be composed of articles by Tertiaries on a variety of issues and from diverse points of view. Topics may range from theology to politics, from art to anthropology, and may include very personal accounts of spiritual journey and ministry. The overall purpose is to deepen our sense of our Franciscan vocation, stimulate our thinking and widen our view of the unique gifts and unique lives within our Third Order community.

Terry Rogers and Arthur Wolsoncroft will serve as editors. Please submit contributions to Terry Rogers at 54 East First Street, New York, NY 10003. -- Terry Rogers

10/8/87

Third Order, American Province
Society of St. Francis
1988 Budget

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Chaplain	3,500.00	3,500.00
Assistant Chaplain	700.00	1,000.00
Area Chaplains	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fellowship Coordinator	800.00	1,000.00
First Order Visitors	3,000.00	3,000.00
Regional meetings (scholarships)	400.00	500.00
Third Order Central Fund (Interprovincial Chapter)	500.00	2,000.00
General Convention (Reserve for 1988)		500.00
TOTAL COMMUNITY:	10,900.00	12,500.00
Formation Directors & AFDs:	5,000.00	5,000.00
Counselors:	1,500.00	1,000.00
Training:		500.00
TOTAL FORMATION:	6,500.00	6,500.00
Franciscan Aid Fund:	500.00	750.00
Other Aid:	1,000.00	1,000.00
First Orders:	3,500.00	4,000.00
TOTAL OUTREACH:	5,000.00	5,750.00
Information Sheet:	1,300.00	1,500.00
Franciscan Times:	500.00	1,500.00
Brochures and Booklets:	2,000.00	3,000.00
Copier Maintenance:		
Library:	175.00	175.00
TOTAL COMMUNICATION:	3,975.00	6,175.00
Minister Provincial:	4,700.00	5,000.00
Minister Provincial's Discretionary:	1,000.00	1,000.00
Secretaries (AH & GGP):	3,500.00	1,100.00
Bursar:	1,250.00	750.00
TOTAL SERVANTS:	10,450.00	7,850.00
Annual Meeting:		
Travel:	5,000.00	5,000.00
Accomodations:	3,000.00	4,000.00
Standing Committee:	175.00	100.00
TOTAL CHAPTER:	8,175.00	9,100.00
GRAND BUDGET TOTAL:	45,000.00	47,875.00

ADDRESS CHANGES: If you are moving, or have moved recently, please take a moment to let Ann Harris know where you are! The Post Office has increased the charges for informing us of your new location: this is now costing as much as TWO DOLLARS PER PIECE OF MAIL! Thanks!

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Our Lady sighs; the baby stirs.
Not long before this child of hers
Is born to us again.
We wait as eagerly as she;
We feel each birth-pang, too, till he
Comes forth to soothe our pain.

Be still, beloveds, listen well:
In Christmas Eve's last, midnight knell,
You'll hear a child's first cry!
There, in an infant's struggling breath,
You'll know that Love has conquered death
And heaven is nearby.

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