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Professed

Barbara Baumgarten 08/06/89
Rik Fitch 08/26/89
William Haynes 08/26/89
Anne Vellom 08/12/89

Noviced

Barbara Barker 08/12/89
Barbara Douglass 08/12/89
Ralph Hansen 08/12/89
Jeff Holloway 08/26/89
Kirby Lewis 10/88
Michael Musolf 08/26/89

Welcome

Transferred from the Australian Province - James Wilson
Transferred from the European Province - Tim & Penny Atherton
(I had a letter from Will Drake telling me that he had moved to a warmer
climate in Alberta (!) in the same mail with a letter telling me that Tim and
Penny had moved to the Diocese of the Arctic.)

Lost

Michael Orley

Found!!!

Roy Mellish is safe and well in Houston at the Iglesia Episcopal de la
Epifania. I am sure that there is a collective Franciscan sigh of relief
that he has returned safely from Honduras.

Area Chaplain for Wisconsin and Michigan

The Rev. Pat Drake

Died

Anna Bartel - Anna died three years ago but news only reached me this
August.

I received a touching letter from Rolf Pedersen who noticed that we did not
have a date for the death of Donald Seaver. I think it is a letter that
should be shared:

Dear Ann:

Just a note to fill a gap in the Third Order Directory. Donald Seaver
who introduced me to the Third Order and who was the most complete
imitation of Francis of Assisi I have ever met died May 25, 1984.

Looking through the Directory today, I once again caught sight of his
name in the "date unknown" section of the Requiescant in pace pages. Only
this time I decided to do something about it. I knew that I must have
written something about Don, his funeral and the tremendously joyful
occasion that was, in my journal. The trick, of course, was to find it

amongst the couple of dozen notebooks that contain my journal over the last six or seven years.

I reached into the cardboard box containing some of the journal notebooks, and pulled out a black, hard covered notebook. I opened it -- or rather, I let it fall open -- and there it was! Just a brief note.

Don was in his early 40s when he died of a brain tumor in a Hamilton, Ontario hospital. I went to see him several months before his death and he made me feel like a king. He had that ability. And at the funeral, my wife and I met many others who had been touched by Don and his uncanny way of greeting the Christ within.

Don probably became a Canadian citizen. But he grew up in Brooklyn and when I first met him, he was a deacon and on his own in the tiny Indian village of Moose Lake in Northern Manitoba, a place which was accessible only by seaplane in the summer and by winter road (a road built of ice and snow over frozen muskeg) in winter. How he got from Brooklyn where he did social work, to Nashota House in Wisconsin to a remote place in the Canadian North which nobody else wanted, is a mystery. As he used to put it: "You could say it was the Holy Spirit that took me there or you could say it was the only place I could find a job and you'd be right either way."

I did not intend to get carried away in this note, Ann, But I did have to tell somebody of the coincidence I experienced in my little effort to make a "date unknown" known. Don Seaver's spirit needs to be better known. So broad and so open and so lovable was it that any words I could use would, however, be hopelessly inadequate to the task. He was a real man.

Regards
Rolf pedersen

Thank you Rolf and we will remember Don and his grace on May 25.

Intercessions

For Kale and Amory King, Kale is retiring and they are moving into a new house in Lowgap, North Carolina. For Karin Wade who will be Kale's replacement in the parish in Wheatland.

For Mary Lou Hall's uncomplicated recovery from minor surgery.
For Dearlie Moline in her new career as a free-lance writer.

Rosie Mcferran received a phone call relaying a message from Joan Powers that her husband, Fred, had been in an automobile accident and is in the hospital in a coma. Please pray for Fred, Joan and their family.

Reminder

There is still time to send joys, concerns, and intercessions to be included at the Chapter meeting in New York, October 11-13th. They should be sent to: Ann Harris, 555 Reed Dr., Davis CA 95616.