



News Notes

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February 2012

Holy Week Retreat has been scheduled

This year the Holy Week Retreat will take place from April 5 to 7 at St. Mary of the Lake Conference Center in Mundelein, IL. The speaker and presider will be **Fr. Raymond Webb, AFSC**, Vice President and Academic Dean at Mundelein Seminary. The registration process will again use the WuFoo web based forms. Information will be sent to all the Brothers at a later date. Mark your calendar.

Brother James Miller Social Justice Fund Grants were awarded

On January 5th the members of the Brother James Miller Social Justice Fund committee met to review twenty-six applications and selected sixteen of them for grants totaling \$11,175. The following are the recipients: Peaceful Problem-Solving Classes at DLS Middle School, St. Louis, MO; Chastity Education Program at St. Raymond H.S. for Boys, Bronx, NY; Brother James Miller Vocation Seminar, Vicariato-Apostolico, Nicaragua; Books for the Mount LaSalle College, Naka Library, Nigeria; Training Rural Youth, St. La Salle Community College, Tamil Nadu, India ; Parent as Teachers Program, St. Gabriel Mercy Center, Mound Bayou, MS; Keren Workshop with Raw Materials for Unemployed Youth, Eritrea; ESL Program for Youth, St. Anne Catholic Church, Carthage, MS; Ministry at John XXIII Educational Center, Racine, WI; Recreation and Socialization Project, Almost Home, St. Louis, MO; Creation of a School Garden, Vincent Gray Academy, East St. Louis, IL; Youth Camp/LEAD Program, Dunrovin Retreat Center, St. Croix, MN; School Beautification Project, DLS Blackfeet School, Browning, MT; Fresh Start of Winona Program, SMUMN, Winona, MN; Basic Needs for Study Centre, St. James Secondary School, Tamil Nadu, South India; Hospitality and Outings Programs, Su Casa, Chicago, IL. Committee members include **Brother Thomas Hetland, Brother Kevin Convey, Sister Marlene Schemmel CSJ, Mrs. Lori Dressel, and Brother Charles Kelly.**

World Day for Consecrated Life is in February

In 1997 **Pope John Paul II** called for consecrated life to be promoted throughout the universal church. He declared February 2nd, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, to be observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. In the U.S. when February 2nd is not on a Sunday, the celebration is moved to the Sunday after the Presentation. WDCL will be observed on February 5th. For resources, check the website for the USA Council of Serra International - http://www.serraus.org/serrausa/serra_nccv.htm .

San Miguel Tulsa has new Principal



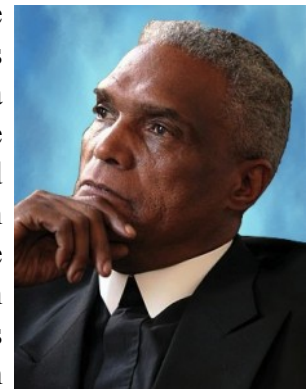
San Miguel School of Tulsa welcomed new principal **Cathy Moore** on January 2nd. She has been teaching math to middle school students since 2004. Moore has a Masters Degree in Education Administration from Oklahoma University. "I am extremely excited about becoming the principal for San Miguel," said Moore. "I am honored to be part of such an amazing school, and hope that I can contribute to furthering the education and well-being of all San Miguel students." Joseph O'Connor, President of San Miguel Tulsa, commented "I am thrilled that Cathy decided to join our team, and I look forward to working with her. We have wonderful opportunities ahead this semester with all the creative activities in running a school while our classroom building is being built."

Directory Changes

- **Dr. Roxanne Eubank** email: reubank@smumn.edu
- **Christian Brothers Conference**, p. 70 – phone (202) 529-0047

Rest in Peace

Brother Michael Collins, 74, died on January 8th at Catholic Eldercare in Minneapolis. A De La Salle Christian Brother for 54 years, he was born in Minneapolis, MN, the son of Jacob R. and Georgina (Richardson) Collins. A graduate of DeLaSalle H.S. in Minneapolis, he entered the novitiate of the Brothers in 1955 at Glencoe, MO, and professed his final vows in 1962. He earned a BA in 1959 and a MEd in 1964 from Saint Mary's College (now University) in Winona, MN. He later earned an MA from St. Thomas College in St. Paul, MN, and an EdD from the University of San Francisco. Brother Michael started his teaching and administrative career at DeLaSalle in Minneapolis from 1959-1967, then moved to Shanley H.S. in Fargo, ND, and then on to St.



Mary's College H.S. in Berkeley, CA, in 1980. He returned to the Twin Cities in 1987 as one of the first co-principals of the newly merged Cretin-Derham Hall H.S. in St. Paul. He was named President of DeLaSalle in 1991 and was the longest tenured chief administrator in the 112 year history of the school. Brother Michael served on the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Educational Association from 1996-2004, serving as president of the secondary school department from 1996-2000 and as vice-chair of the Board from 2001-2004. He received the NCEA's 2007 Sister Catherine T. McNamee, CSJ, Award for his leadership in promoting diversity in Catholic education. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 14th at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. Over 2,000 people attended. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights on January 16th.

- **Myrtle Carson**, 90, died on January 3rd in Kansas City, MO. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Monica Church on January 7th. Mrs. Carson was the cook for the Archbishop O'Hara High School Brothers Community for many years and had retired from the position in 2000.
- **Thomas Roller**, brother of **Brother Richard**, died at his home in Kirkland, WA, on December 30th. Other survivors include his wife, Carol, four children and three siblings. A simple funeral was held in Kirkland, and a memorial service will be held in the spring in Amboy, IL, where he lived most of his married life.
- **Donald Schwendau**, 82, St. George '47, died on January 23rd after a brief illness. Survivors include his wife and family and De La Salle Chicago community member Robert "Bob" Schwendau, his brother. A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 27th at St. Hilary's Church in Chicago. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery.

LLI will be on hiatus

After fifteen years the Lasallian Leadership Institute (LLI) will take a hiatus to allow for a thorough evaluation. A new cohort will not be formed in 2012 as a committee revamps the program to meet future needs. The committee was formed in the fall of 2011 with representatives from each District, including curriculum designers, practitioners, mission formation directors, former LLI faculty and Regional staff. Their charge is to look at the entire three-year LLI curriculum including the purpose, scope and sequence. They will make recommendations for improvements in content and delivery and reshape the program based upon this review. Although LLI will not be conducted this summer, registration materials will be available during the first full week of February for the Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies and the Lasallian Social Justice Institute (LSJI).

Health Updates

- **Brother Ed Staszak** has been working with his doctors since October 2011 to determine the cause and treatment for atrial fibrillation.
- **Brother Pius Kamphofner** is recuperating well from pneumonia and his right leg ulcer is healing.
- **Brother Henry Baldwin** recently had cataract surgery and is doing very well.
- **Brother Chris Baker** should be having the colon reversal surgery on February 20 if all goes well.
- **Brother Joe Zastrow** continues his chemotherapy treatments for prostate cancer.
- **Brother Jeff Gros** continues his chemotherapy treatments for pancreatic cancer.
- **Brother Jerome Cox** continues his recovery at home with limited activity but is healing well.
- **Brother Raimond Rose** had a successful heart procedure on January 31st and is doing well.

Health Notes

Grief and Loss

Grief is a normal, healthy response to a loss. Grieving is a very personal journey and the length of time one grieves is unique to that individual, but grief is not forever! Many aspects of life are affected during the grieving process, as grief is experienced on a physical, emotional, mental and spiritual level.

The symptoms one may experience with the onset and through course of grief are:

Physical: headaches, nausea, anorexia, heartburn, diarrhea, shortness of breath, sleep disturbances

Emotional: crying, fear, anxiety, anger, depression, emptiness, shock, loneliness, helplessness

Mental: confusion, lack of concentration, self-care deficit, lack of motivation, substance abuse, guilt

Spiritual: loss of faith, doubting God, withdrawal from and anger toward the faith community

Q: What losses can cause grief?

A: Anything that is special to a person can cause grief when lost. This may be the loss of a loved one, a friend, a mentor, a sibling, a parent, a grandparent, a student, a colleague, or a beloved pet. The loss may be the loss of a position in the community, a home, a livelihood, a ministry, or the loss of health, independence, memory or a body part.

Q: Who handles grief better?

A: Current research suggests that men suffer more from bereavement than women. Men tend to ignore or repress their emotional responses. When this occurs, the unresolved grief can manifest itself in persistent physical symptoms, as described above.

Q: How can one deal with grief?

A: It is important to be aware of feelings and thoughts. Remember that while the loss is forever, the acute grief is not. Talk to someone who is willing and able to listen, perhaps someone who has experienced a similar loss or perhaps the same loss. Take care of your own physical health during this time. Reflect on the happy memories of the person or thing lost. Pray, Smile, Laugh and Love!

Q: When is the grief response abnormal?

A: It may be necessary to seek professional help if one is having trouble “getting through it.” If one experiences overbearing symptoms, such as lack of sleep, weight loss or the inability to concentrate; if one is unable to resume normal activities; or if one is overcome with guilt and doubt one’s own self-worth. When those who care about you recognize changes and approach you about those changes, then it is time to seek counseling.

References:

Kemmons Wilson Family Center for Good Grief http://www.bmhcc.org/services/community/grief/helpguide.org/mental/grief_loss.htm

Pat Bader APRN-BC/ Midwest District Nurse/ Memphis TN

Brother Marvin Becker

I was born October 19, 1932 in Jefferson City, MO, the second child of Vincent and Esther (Prenger) Becker. Of the five children born to this union, two entered religious life - Sister Esther Becker, SSND and me. The other three Bernard, Catherine and Bob married and raised families. When Mom was thirty-three, cancer took her from Dad and our young family. The daunting task of raising five children without a mother was resolved when Dad married Mom's sister, Alberta (Prenger) Becker. One child, John, was born of this union.



My first eight years of school were at St. Peter's Grade School in Jefferson City, with the School Sisters of Notre Dame as teachers. My first contact with the Christian Brothers came in my freshman year at St. Peter's High School in 1946. In February with a classmate, Don Michels, I entered the Juniorate in Glencoe. We were the first FSC vocations to come from St. Peter's. Three of my years in the Juniorate were under the watchful eye of Brother Bernardine. I was part of the Novitiate Class of 1950. From the Novitiate our class moved to the Scholasticate at St. Mary's in Winona. My three years there were divided fairly evenly between college courses and training in the trades. This was the plan for those of us who had chosen to become "Working Brothers."

My first community assignment was back to La Salle Institute in Glencoe to work with Tom Hanlon on maintenance and to design and install new electrical panels and wiring for the center building. Then I moved to Memphis to join Brother Emery in opening Stritch Hall—the new Scholasticate. I was the sub-Director and the manual labor supervisor to get the interior walls painted, the floors tiled and the kitchen and laundry equipment installed. From 1964 to 1967 I was the Director General of La Salle Institute in Glencoe. Then it was back to Stritch Hall in Memphis as Sub-Director.

In the fall of 1970 I made the renewal program at Sangre De Cristo Center in Santa Fe. I was asked to join the staff and became the Director of the facility for four years. Then I joined the staff at Providence Educational Center in St. Louis as a social worker for adjudicated youth. In 1978, I returned to Memphis as campus minister for a semester before going to Rome for the CIL program. I returned to Memphis as Director of the Scholasticate for two years. When the formation program moved to St. Louis, I moved to Chicago to study at Loyola for a Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies while living and working at Mercy Boy's Home.

I returned to St. Louis in 1983 as Director of Residency and then Director of Vocations/Formation. In 1990, Brother Vincent Malham asked me to take charge of property development at La Salle Institute. After many building improvements, the retreat center, which had closed in the mid-eighties, was again opened. I functioned as Director of La Salle Retreat Center until 2007 and have remained on the staff to the present time. A special project of recent years has been guiding the rebuilding of the Lady of Lourdes Grotto at La Salle.

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