# REPORT FROM FIRST ORDER PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

In response to a request from the Third Order Chapter, the First Order Chapter of the American Province invited me to join its discussions on 25 and 26 May.

No manpower is now available for new projects such as college work suggested at Chapter. This reflects the fact that many Friars are studying to gain new skills. The one-year trial of a new house of studies in New York City, to remove some of the physical and financial burden of commuting to classes has been adopted. Pursuit of individual interests and abilities with the community united by Franciscan spirituality will extend the Order's apostolate.

There was sobering news, too. The Order has liquidated not-too-plentiful capital to meet a substantial deficit last year; accounts for the first months of this year indicate no less a deficit. Cuts in spending will be made, but the basic problem is insufficient income. Therefore, such sources of income as a communal industry, housing homeless boys at the friary, and some Friars taking jobs, may be sought.

The Chapter clearly encouraged closer relations with the Third Order. Cooperation in giving talks has already occurred in San Francisco. In the future, Tertiaries might supplement the Friars' work, including helping care for the boys who might come to the friary, and undertake projects that the Friars cannot presently adopt, such as work with orphans. But Tertiaries would need to give mature consideration to the effect on their families of commitment to any such apostolate.

Warren V. Tanghe Tertiary

## LET US PRAY

- For the repose of the soul of Margaret Howard of Montana, who died unexpectedly during the month of May.
- For God's sustaining grace for her family.
- For Edna Parks, who is so ill.
- For <u>Joachim Rau</u>, who is seriously ill.
- For <u>Warren Tanghe</u>, in his summer work as Assistant Chaplain at the Hartford Hospital.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- To recently professed Tertiaries:

  <u>Virgie Hughes</u>, <u>Kathy Klein</u>,

  <u>Wenonah McGhee</u>, <u>Terry</u>

  <u>Meinhardi</u>, and <u>Helen Webb</u>.
- To <u>Barbara Abrams</u>, married May 21.
- On the birth of a son to <u>Mike Cassell</u>, and a son to <u>Keith Ackerman</u>.

#### NOTES

The San Francisco Fellowship is mailing an occasional Newsletter within Area I, from San Damiano's, S.S.F., 573 Dolores Street, San Francisco, California 94110; and they also ask for items or events which may be shared.

The weekend of September 17 - 19, a conference get-together is being planned at Big Sur in California.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Brother Robert, SSF for the tremendous amount of work he did in organizing and shepherding us through the Third Order Chapter. A large part of our success is due to his loving concern and his obvious enthusiasm for what the Third Order represents.

#### WHYS AND WHEREFORES

This is the first issue of your Third Order Newsletter. What is its purpose? As members of the Third Order, we are separated by distance and circumstances, and would like to hear what other individual Tertiaries or Fellowships are doing, and to share each other's concerns and hopes.

What will the Newsletter encompass? Whatever people send in. A list of Tertiaries, especially novices and newcomers, could make it possible for us to contact them. We can share the occasion of professions as we hear of them. We could be of help with intercessory prayer, if we knew of the needs.

If Fellowship meetings and special events are publicized, more people would have a chance to attend. We can exchange thoughts and suggestions via the Newsletter. There are all sorts of possibilities. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please send material to Mrs. Edward Webb, 4008 Buckingham Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21207. It is hoped that this can be a quarterly newsletter. So please send the material by the first of September for the next period, October through December 1971.