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Brothers and Sisters -

We continue to grow and mature! A new Chapter has been elected (also a Guardian!) according to the procedures of our proposed Provincial Statutes. About seventy-five professed tertiaries took part in the balloting, a great start. May that double by the next election, so that we will be almost 100 per cent.

We are very grateful to Katherine Klein and Fathers Woodfield and Schippling who served us well on the previous Chapter; and we welcome Ken Cox and Dee Dobson as members of the new Chapter. We even expect the next two runners-up to be aboard as replacements for persons holding ex-officio status on the Chapter.

We have not reminded ourselves of the obligation of support for the Third Order itself. Such is essential - for communication, both by mail and by the travels of the Chaplain; and finally, for the meetings of the Chapter which governs our Order.

To make the October Chapter fully representative as it should be will tax our resources. You will soon receive a more detailed account of the Third Order's finances and an envelope for your use during 1974. Please be on the watch for it!

Recently "The Way of St. Francis" was mailed; may it be a source of strength and inspiration within our fellowship.

Peace and love -

John

(The Rev. John Scott, Guardian)

Little Portion Friary
Mount Sinai, NY 11766
May 1974

My dear brothers and sisters,

First, I want to express my appreciation to all those tertiaries who so kindly wrote to me on hearing of my election to be Guardian of our friars in California from July 1974. Many of your letters were forwarded to me in Trinidad, where I spent most of Lent conducting a series of diocesan missions - very exhausting, but greatly blessed. Other letters awaited me on my return to Little Portion in mid-May. I do ask you to accept this collective acknowledgment - I deeply valued the kind things you had to say.

As you know, I shall relinquish the Third Order Chaplaincy at the conclusion of our October Chapter (October 4-6 at Little Portion). John Scott, who has been elected as Third Order Guardian for the next three years, has invited responses from the newly-elected Chapter members on the appointment of a Chaplain, and the

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Standing Committee will meet with Brother Luke on June 24, after which an appointment will be announced; this will require ratification by the Third Order Chapter in October.

From July until October, I shall be living in San Francisco while continuing as Chaplain. A number of tertiaries have asked what they should do about reports, etc. I offer the following guidelines.

Will professed tertiaries please continue to send their reports to me at the June and September embertides, except where I have made specific alternative arrangements with you about reporting. My address will be:

San Damiano Friary
573 Dolores
San Francisco, CA 94110

I do realize that I had anticipated introducing a different system - of reporting to other tertiaries - from the beginning of this year, but for various reasons, this has only been tried out in a few cases. Now that another Chaplain is about to take office, I feel that it is important that he shall have an opportunity of evaluating that plan. In particular, it seems to me that at least for the first year, one of the best ways he can come to know each of you will be through his personally receiving your quarterly reports. I hope, therefore, that in December you will make a point of writing fairly fully about yourself, as well as about your keeping of the rule, as a way of introducing yourself.

While reports and personal letters should be sent to me; requests for materials (report forms, etc.) and address changes should be sent to Helen Webb. Inquiries about becoming a tertiary or an associate should continue to be addressed to Little Portion Friary in the first instance.

With every blessing,

Robert SSF: Chaplain

SPECIAL NEED

Douglas Pieper, of 481 Greenbelt Parkway, Holtsville, New York 11742 wrote, "I was hastily summoned to my home on February first because it was on fire! I had been visiting, and my wife and son were shopping at the time, and thus were in no danger. ... It has been a very depressing year for us and our spirits were oftentimes on the wane, because I have been quite ill for several months, and had to quit working. My entire library of books on theology was totally destroyed in the fire. If you know of anyone who would like to contribute to my library, so that I can use it for when I return to seminary, I would be very appreciative of your efforts and that of all the Third Order brothers and sisters."

STANDING COMMITTEE

March 12, 1974 meeting. The revision of the draft of Provincial Statutes was completed, and it is to be circulated to all tertiaries for further comments before the Chapter meeting, October 4, 1974. Work was done in preparation for the ballot to be sent out for election of Chapter members and Guardian.

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Standing Committee, continued

(March 12th meeting) It was reported that James Evans had been professed, and the following were elected to profession: Ronald Lausch, William Smith and Sylvia Acheson. Standing Committee noted the term, "Daily Office" needs clarification. It does not mean the mid-day or night office services proposed by the Standing Liturgical Commission. It does mean Morning and Evening Prayer, from the B.C.P. or from Morning and Evening Offices in the revised order.

May 11, 1974 meeting. The election results were announced. John Scott is Guardian, with a 3-year term beginning June 1974.

Members of the Third Order Chapter, American Province, also elected for a 3-year term beginning June 1974 are:

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| Peter Funk | Kale King |
| Helen Webb | Warren Tanghe |
| Robert Goode | Ken Cox |
| | Dee Dobson |

The Chapter meeting is scheduled for October 4-6, 1974, and all tertiaries are urged to send in suggestions for the agenda.

Ronald Smith was recommended for profession. Our supply of Manuals has been exhausted, but we do have on hand copies of an excerpt from the Manual entitled, "The Principles and Rule, a Guide to Membership". The next Standing Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 24 at the Little Portion Friary.

PERSONAL NOTES

Our Treasurer, and long-time faithful tertiary, Miss Anna Keer suffered a heart attack, and died on Friday, May 31st. May she rest in peace.

On a happier note, we congratulate: James Evans professed Feb. 13, 1974, Dr. Ronald W. Smith and William J. Smith professed May 26 and May 1, 1974. Keith Ackerman was ordained to the diaconate on April 20th at Nashotah House; and Kent Tarpley is to be ordained to the diaconate on June 8th at St. James Cathedral, Chicago. In the First Order, Br. Mark Francis is to be ordained to the priesthood and Br. Dominic Joseph is to be ordained to the diaconate, both at Little Portion Friary, on June 22nd. Then, on August 3rd, Br. Barnabas Joseph is to be ordained to the priesthood, in Africa.

The following people have become novices since January 1974: Elsie Fare, William Graham, William Hull, Cleaves Johnson, Fae Malania, Henry Morrison, Russell Northway, Rebecca Parkin, Philip Peterson, Kent Riddell, Kenneth Sanderlin, Henry Shirley, Judy Smith, and Jack Stapleton.

The Rev. Jon E. Hanshaw became Pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, and his new address is 825 N. Webster, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54302.

Those who have been sick are Fergus Fulford, Marie Hayes, and Lorne Montgomery.

Clarrette Ritch was released from her vows, on May 11th.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

From the New Umbrian Fellowship of San Francisco. All were invited to join in the celebration of the First Profession of Brother Isaac, SSF, on Thursday, 25 April at the Cathedral. On 26 April, there was a bi-monthly Open Gathering at San Damiano, for friars, friends, associates, tertiaries and sisters. Following the 7:30 p.m. Eucharist, they planned a get-together to discuss possible forms of response to a plea from Brother Desmond, SSF, of Tanzania, Africa. Desmond has asked the Bay Area Fellowship of the Third Order to assist in supplying linens and towels for the Society's newly built guest house. The apostolate of SSF in Africa has recently blossomed forth immeasurably and vocations are ever in the increase. Materials and funds, however, are a real problem. The Third Order of the New Umbrian Fellowship has committed itself to assist Br. Desmond, but "it is not our desire to merely pass the hat in order to accomplish that end, unless as a last resort there is nothing else to do."

From Carolyn Banks of Fayetteville, Arkansas. "On the 16th of this month, we will have the admission and renewal service for our Fellowship. We will admit one new Associate, renew four, admit three Associates (or rather, give them a blessing) as aspirants to the Third Order, and renew two Third Order Rules . . . Several of us in the Fellowship have been invited to speak before different groups within and without the Church in the past few months, with the resulting upsurge of interest. . . . We have a lively and growing correspondence with a Fellowship in Warwickshire, England. Every member of the Fellowship is active in a different kind of parish work . . . the churchmanship ranges from charismatic to Anglo-Catholic; but only serves to enrich our fellowship."

From Ken Cox, of San Bernardino. "We met in Ontario at Christ Church, Wednesday evening February 13th, and Jim Evans was professed during the service of Holy Communion. On March 24th, the San Bernardino Fellowship met at St. Peter's in Rialto. We did some singing - more or less - using some of the Franciscan type things that are probably used a lot. Only problem was that no two of us were familiar with any one song. . . . Father Woodfield had a baptism lined up on our meeting night, and it added some zest to our evening. . . . We've just sent our order to the American Bible Society for Easter messages in Today's English for our annual visit to the County Hospital. These are a nice idea, and always well received by the patients there. At Christmas, we were also there, and took a few of our Christmas messages to the elderly at a local rest home."

The Philadelphia Fellowship met Saturday, Feb. 23rd, and discussed Murray Bodo's book, "Francis: The Journey and the Dream".

Marie Webner wrote, from Arizona, "I'll try to think of something interesting to say about our Fellowship here one day - not that it's not interesting - but we enjoy each other, share prayer and discussion, and haven't any excitements at all."

Fr. Dennis Kuhn wrote, "Despite the fuel shortage, Franciscan tertiaries from the Central Florida area still managed to meet for worship and fellowship. To celebrate the Feast of St. Peter Damian on Saturday February 23rd, Father

Dennis Kuhn, his expectant wife, Carol, and their son Jeremy, from Daytona Beach; together with one of our newest aspirants to the Third Order, Bill Rebola, and his wife, Joan, both from Daytona Beach, and soon-to-be-professed, Bill Smith from Tarpon Springs, and visiting tertiary Pauline Hudders from New York, and a lovely and faithful tertiary, Marlee Coddington from Casselberry, all met for a Mass and brunch. As soon as the formal business of our meeting was over, we had a discussion about exorcism. Most of us have decided not to see the movie, "The Exorcist," for various reasons, and we all agreed that exorcism is not something to play around with or to dismiss as nonsense. It was further agreed that one should not be preoccupied with the thought, "Am I possessed?" but rather to be absorbed in a regular life of prayer. "

From Kathy Klein. "Thought you might like to know that there are eight of us in the Chicago Area Fellowship. We meet once a month for Mass, meditation, dinner and discussion period. A couple of months ago we had the great joy of meeting with Brother Robert. He celebrated the Eucharist, we had dinner, and then he told us about his travels, the news about our brethren elsewhere, etc."

MORE FROM INDIVIDUALS

Kale King wrote, 3 April 1974: "Spring is just coming to the 'sub-diocese of the tundra'. Last week on the trek to Scobey the Brother Gophers (actually Prairie Dogs) often appeared along-side the road to greet the parson on a lovely day in which the temperature soared to 44 degrees in a brilliant sunshine. Monday evening last, returning from Malta rather late, Brother Coyote loped across the highway on his nocturnal journey. Headlights are great for getting about on foot! Hopefully he didn't have calving grounds somewhere nearby as his destination. Newborn calves are a delicacy for him, but a costly loss to the rancher, even during these days of low selling prices. Farther along, for the second time this year, three antelope stood grazing at the side of the road, wholly unconcerned by the 'passing parade'. Brother Rabbit still wears his white winter coat, but that must be changing these days for the snow is nearly all gone. This is really the most interesting time of the year, for the gradual changes are such a delight to see happening."

Rebecca Parkin wrote from England, "I was admitted as a novice on March 23 at the Oxford area meeting of the Third Order at the Cowley Father's mission on Marston Street, Oxford. I have just come back from a very pleasant visit to Cambridge, where I had the privilege early one morning at Saint Bene't's Church of saying Morning Prayer with two of the friars who look after this lovely Anglo-Saxon Church."

Keith L. Ackerman wrote, in an article in the February 1974 Nashotah News: "A Welcome Friend: Friar Visits House" -- The Nashotah community was delighted to have as its recent guest, Br. Robert, S.S.F. ... In his role as Chaplain he visits Franciscans and aspirants across the country, and occasionally outside the country, besides attending to the usual duties of a friar. At present there are 2 Tertiaries, 3 Associates, 3 Postulants, 5 in the process of becoming Postulants, and 3 who are becoming Associates of the Society of St. Francis, at Nashotah House." Keith wrote, in a letter, "On April 20 I shall be ordained Deacon at Nashotah House by my Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Wm. Davidson of West Kansas. I shall be here with my wife and two children for summer school (toward S.T.M.) and on August 1, I will

