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MONICA, OF AFRICA

An article appeared in the San Francisco Fellowship "New Umbrian News," written by Beaver, which could affect us all. "St. Francis used to say, My brothers, let us start to serve the Lord, for as yet we have done so little. We are starting to serve the Lord in the New Umbrian Fellowship. Our first outreach is to aid a little seven-year old girl, named Monica Danwell. She is quite frail as a result of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Monica lives with her mother, Erika Maliko, an arrested leper, and her stepfather at the Piwalā Mission Hospital and Leprosarium in the Central Province of Zambia. This hospital is run by our Franciscans in Africa.

According to Sister Angels Mary, CSF, Monica is the only T.B. patient there, and it is difficult to give her the controlled treatment, rest, etc. while she remains among the other children living in the Leprosarium. The following is from Sister Angels Mary's letter to us: 'She is good and makes no fuss about her daily injections, etc., and I think is really anxious to get well and strong. It occurred to me that if you were prepared to see this child through, we might be able to get her sent to the Mission Hospital in the Eastern Province, St. Francis Hospital, Katete, when they also get some schooling in for the children. With your regular money we could pay her fare to and fro, and also perhaps help to maintain her in a hospital, which is doing splendid work, but which is also in some financial difficulties.'

So, we have prayerfully undertaken this mission in faith that God will restore Monica to perfect health. We have pledged \$10.00 each month and are willing to increase this if necessary. We encourage all Tertiaries, Companions and Friends of the Franciscan Family to pray for Monica, and to send alms to help her. We'll be keeping you up to date about this apostolate."

Note from the New Umbrian News Editor: "Please mark your alms or check, - for Monica. Checks should be made payable to New Umbrian Fellowship, Third Order, Society of St. Francis, and sent to us at San Damiano House, 573 Dolores Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94110."

"A later report re Monica. We have managed to raise her pledge so far without too much wondering where the next penny would come from. Our 'treasury' is more of a disaster fund, but we managed Monica's money without going into the red. Who can ask for more -- or rather, who wants more?"

Don Carlson

A FAMILY VISIT BY THE ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Robert J. Goode

The most valuable thing about my wanderings was the opportunity it afforded to see each Tertiary in his own geographical and cultural setting. This is difficult to appreciate if you fly from town to town. The driving gave a slow and delightful introduction to the unique qualities of each area. Here is a little "blow by blow".

Chicago: Meeting and supper at Central Home for Deaconesses with mass before supper. Wonderful visit with Deaconess Zilienski and Kathy Klein. Conferences with those interested in the Third Order. Mass next day with the group at St. Luke's, Evanston; and off to Indiana.

Bloomington, Indiana - a visit with Fr. Hull and his wife, Kathy (she bakes the world's best bread). A rare chance to help them make out rules of life as husband and wife. Springfield, Ill. - Father Gus Franklin is an old seminary friend; much reminiscing. Great interest in a possible Tertiary communal experiment. Mass at St. Luke's, the bailiwick of one of my predecessors in Pewaukee.

Memphis, Tenn. - The southern sun was taking its revenge on my yankee skin - saved by a cold beer and Jack Castleman's air conditioner. Jack, a delightful and hospitable man, proudly showed off his parish church, St. Mary's Cathedral. Jack and Joe McCoy are members of a Roman Catholic Franciscan Third Order Fraternity, with the blessings of the Sacred Heart Province. (Later, Joe was elected Prefect, or president, of the Fraternity.) An evening at the University with all three of us talking to youngsters about the Third Order. Somerville, Tennessee - Miss Juny, a wonderful old southern lady, partly crippled and afraid of losing her sight. Descended from a long line of Juny Episcopal priests, she threatens to recite the Psalter from memory if blindness strikes. Her courage was a great uplifter. She is busily teaching her seventh generation of piano students.

Port Gibson, Miss. - Hot! Hot! Hot! Had to flee to the air conditioning of a motel. Lunch with Mary Kathryn Davenport (REAL FRENCH FRIES!) A lovely chat, a hug, and a carton of cigarettes to feed my nasty habit. A quiet visit to the parish church's memorial of Frank Engelsing, one of our Tertiaries who helped restore a small church as Francis had done. New Orleans - our Tertiaries here have an ecumenical prayer group functioning. Spent a wonderful day with Virgie Hughes and got treated to lunch at Brennans. Fr. Senette and his wife are old friends.

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On the way to Texas, I waited out a hurricane in Franklin in the Cajun country at Fr. Sennette's family home. Grandmama presided over a board loaded with Gulf shrimp and stuffed crab. Houston - a visit with quiet Elizabeth Gifford. Celebrated in her parish church. Elizabeth has a deep interest in working for the Mexican people, and hopes to retire in Mexico. Killeen, Tex. - an overnight stay with Ruth Bolce, a very dedicated and committed laywoman. Fort Worth - a much too brief visit with Bob Reed and his family. Bob's enthusiasm is infectious. Wichita Falls, Tex. - Frs. Russell and Caudill work in neighboring parishes in this north Texas town. The Grand Central Station aura of Fr. Russell's home was lots of fun. His children were full of a zest for life which was a joy to see. Fr. Caudill's large parish keeps him one of the busiest priests I know. Enid, Oklahoma - Fr. Jim McElrath is also an old friend. His Rector made it possible to talk to large numbers of people about the Franciscan life. Celebrated and preached in the parish, and addressed the youth group.

Going too far too fast, the wandering Tertiary found himself a very sick man at this point. It was necessary to cancel the rest of the tour and drive non-stop to Milwaukee from Oklahoma City. Nevertheless, enough had been accomplished to make the whole undertaking worthwhile.

An Overview. The Tertiaries I visited were like all Episcopalians. Some were in the full excitement of a life they enjoyed and had just discovered. Many, like Joe McCoy in Memphis, had a wonderful contribution to make toward ecumenical relations. Would we all had the wonderful intensity toward life that Virgie Hughes does in New Orleans. Some were discouraged by changes and conflicts in the Church. Others were lost to the Order in the shuffles of years ago. There was much encouraging to do. Many needed reassurance that, despite her new dress and customs, it is the same old Catholic religion that we hold. Despite the garish tidbits of half-news, rumour and gossip afloat, many were pleased to see someone who could affirm that the Friars were still men trying to capture some of the charisma of St. Francis for today's world.

I often slept in the Volkswagen or napped on picnic tables. I grew to loathe hamburgers, but also got to fill up on grits and collard greens, and other southern esoterica. There were wonderful gastronomic side trips in New Orleans and in Louisiana Cajun country. The silence of the vast plains of Texas was refreshing. There was wonderful hospitality at the hands of every Tertiary, and many opportunities to preach and celebrate in their parish churches.

NOTE THIS DATE NOW FOR NEXT YEAR!

THIRD ORDER GENERAL CHAPTER 1973

Friday - Sunday, May 4-6, 1973

At the Convent of the R.C. Franciscan Sisters
Redwood City, just south of San Francisco, California

FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA

The six-month old tertiary fellowship of Tucson welcomed Brother Robert to its meeting on Sunday, February 6, 1972. Brother Robert arrived in the city on February 4, to spend Friday evening and Saturday enjoying both business and hospitality with the fellowship leader, Marie Hayes. Sunday began with preaching engagements for Brother Robert at the Chapel of the Resurrection and the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. Then the Order of the Teachers of the Children of God entertained Third Order members, their guests, and Brother Robert at dinner at Tuller School, which is also the home of Father Joseph, founder of the Order of Saint Francis in the United States.

The Tucson Fellowship has been meeting monthly with Father Joseph. Members include Marie Webner and Barbara Haughlum, in addition to Marie Hayes. At the February meeting we were joined by Ruth Milhoan of Glendale, Arizona, by Esther Swigelson, a Companion of St. Francis, and by Karen English, an Associate of the Transfiguration Sisters. Brother Robert brought us news and information and found time to confer individually with each Tertiary. Ruth Milhoan and Marie Webner renewed their pledges.

Such is the Franciscan news from Tucson. To speak more personally as Marie Webner, a teacher at Tuller School, I had the satisfaction of knowing how much the students were interested in Brother Robert's talk to them on Monday, February 7. Life at Tuller School is full of rewards and privileges for me: first, daily worship, work, and fellowship with the community here; and second, frequent meetings with Father Joseph. Father Joseph gives us all, by word and deed, and, especially, by the quality of his concern, much more than can be easily described. The fellowship here is enriched by his giving. Remember Father Joseph in your prayers, for every Tertiary is indebted to him for his response to God's call to build a Franciscan community in the Episcopal Church of America. We ask you to rejoice with us and to pray for us.

Marie Webner

APPOINTMENT

"Since we are growing faster than in the past, I find that it is extremely difficult to keep up with handling all of the postulants. Consequently, I asked Marie Hayes if she would act as Novice Mistress to Postulants, and to my delight she accepted. Beginning in February, I will be handling the men postulants and she the women. This is a step which will strengthen the Third Order and will prepare us for even greater growth."

Peter Funk, Novice Director

FROM FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

"When I first read your plea for news, I thought that I had nothing nor would I have, since here there are no Tertiary meetings nor retreats, and so far, Brother Robert has not made it to Fairbanks. However, this morning it occurred to me that perhaps you would be interested in glimpses of Alaska through the eyes of a Tertiary.

For instance, next Tuesday, the Feast of St. Paul, there will be an Ordination to the Priesthood in Minto. Minto is an Athabascan Indian village, formerly located on the Tanana River. They moved it last year to the North Fork of the Tolovana River because of flooding at the old site. The name, "Minto" means "lakes" in Athabascan, and at the old site there were many lakes and sloughs of the Tanana River. (In fact, it is one of the best duck hunting places in Alaska).

Luke Titus, the ordinand, is a young Athabascan Indian who was sent to Cook School in Tempe, Arizona, for training. While he was there, he met and married a young Navaho girl, Alice; they now have one child. In some way, known only to God and perhaps a few anthropologists, the Navaho and the Athabascans are related.

I shall not be able to be there physically, but in my mind's eye, I can see the beautiful church - outside everything is still and covered with snow. Will it be 60 below or nearly 20 or 30? Inside all will be warm and glorious. There will be the beautiful white leather frontal on the altar; these frontals embroidered in bead work by the women are a part of most churches of the villages in the interior. But the glory of the church and its appointments is nothing to the glory that shows in the faces of these simple people, old and young, as they lift their voices in prayer and praise in joy and humility, that one of their own is being consecrated to serve God at His Altar and among His people."

Marian F. Earp, TSF

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee of the Third Order of St. Francis met October 19, 1971. The principal discussions were concerned with: (1) overall expenses, (2) the costs of helping Friars when their work directly involves helping the Third Order, (3) some means of getting Br. Robert assistance at Little Portion. This is a continuous problem for our Chaplain, who is away much of the time, and has entirely too much detail work concerned with the Third Order and First Order affairs, (4) the positive results of Father Goode's visits to isolated Tertiaries this summer.

MIAMI, FLORIDA - - PROFESSION, AND VISIT BY BR. STEPHEN, SSF

"Our Profession took place the sixth of February at 5 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, Miami, Florida. Brother Stephen received the vows of profession from: Mrs. Thomas (Sandra) Banks, Mrs. William (Dee) Dobson, The Rev. William R. Pickels, Mrs. Jeanne Willis, and Miss Marguerite Witzig. After our vows, Br. Stephen celebrated Mass. Sandy sang the offertory, and all were invited to a reception at our house after. There were between 60 and 70 in the congregation. We were happy to have so many to rejoice with us, and it was a lovely service.

The 12th of February, our area Fellowship met, with Br. Stephen, at Mary Nelson's in Fort Lauderdale - with Mass, lunch, and discussion, as to the program."

Dee Dobson

(Note: Following this, Dee's doctor put her to bed, flat on her back for over a month, because of serious back trouble. H.W.)

SAN FRANCISCO

A very nice article with pictures, entitled, "Gift of Love from Korea," appeared Friday, December 24, 1971 in the San Francisco Chronicle. It concerns the newest addition to the family of Judith and Jerry Robinson: Christopher, a 7-year old Korean boy whom they have adopted. It is a lively household, with other children ages 12, 9, 4 and 2, as well as their St. Bernard dog.

A note from Mrs. Lee Malloy, after Brother Robert's visit in San Jose, of the South Bay Area, gives a glimpse of what many people throughout the country must have experienced: "Brother Robert's visit was really wonderful. I had not met him before and was overwhelmed with the warmth and love he radiated. . . . He told us of projects and missions the Franciscans are involved in now all over the world. He then spent time with each of us privately, getting to know us and helping us with any problems we had encountered."

I don't think that it can be described, except to say that it is Community, Love and Christmas all rolled into one.

Cursillo is primarily in the Roman Communion, having started in Spain, spread into France and then into Europe. Thence to South America and to the States, through Texas. The word, Cursillo, means roughly a course in Christianity. I don't know about other countries, but here it is tearing down the "walls" that divide the Communions, at least at the grass roots.

Here in San Francisco, the Cursillo center is at St. Benedict's, a center for many activities of the R.C. Archdiocese. The Episcopal Church is involved to the extent that about half of the Cursillos are "Anglican" (i.e., lead and staffed by Episcopalian priests and laymen) and half Roman. Bishop McGuken (R.C.) and Bishop Myers (he, of course, belongs to us) are completely aware of what is going on, approve, but look the other way and officially neither approve nor disapprove. Things get all mixed up. For example, when I made my Cursillo, there were about 30 men representing a number of communions: Roman, Anglican, Lutheran, plus one each from the Methodists, Southern Baptists, and the Church of Christ. A cursillo begins on Thursday evening and lasts until late the following Sunday afternoon. During this time, we ate, slept, prayed, studied, talked and meditated together and all received the same sacraments from the same altar at the same time.

The Rector of my cursillo, as well as the spiritual advisors happened to be all R.C.'s. For some, it was not easy to tear down the walls: I shall never forget the shout of joy and the rush of love that occurred among us when the Lutheran, after much soul searching, made his Communion with us. His was the last barrier to fall, and I literally saw men crying for joy. And I remember so well, too, the parting admonition of our Rector - to the effect that when we returned to the world from that three-day community, we would find it just as we had left it: full of barriers and walls and all the rest of our man-made impedimenta.

The Priest of my parish made his Cursillo a number of years ago and my very good friend Ron Smith (Tertiary) had made his early last year. I made mine in September of last year. We all had mutual friends, cursillistas too, and many of these friends were from other communions. I don't know how it happened, but somewhere along the line it was decided that we wanted to have a time of worship and communion together, and it ended up at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Newman Club (R.C., of course) at the College. Usually the Eucharist is celebrated by a Jesuit who comes down from the University of San Francisco, a Jesuit college. Frequently, it is concelebrated by an

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Anglican and a Roman priest - there are a half dozen of each who show up from time to time. I doubt that anyone could really say who at any mass belonged to what communion.

It is not a "Church," it is a Christian Community. During the canon of the mass, the celebrant always prays for "our Bishops, Joseph and Kilmer" (McGuken and Myers). This sort of a Community is not the exception. There are many, and they meet during the week, in all sorts of places at all sorts of times. I know of one group that meets in an office after business hours here in South San Francisco, and others that meet in homes. They never replace a parish, seldom happen on Sunday or a Holy Day, and have no organization at all. When such a group does meet and there a priest present, usually there is a Eucharist. We usually refer to this as a Cursillo Mass.

Don Carlson

NOTES

We offer congratulations to the Rev. Fergus Fulford, who in February of this year celebrated the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood:

Deaconess Dorothy Burlingham, General Secretary of the Third Order in England, sent to the Editor of our Newsletter an advance copy of the April Third Order Chronicle, along with a note: "Please give my greetings to all members of the Third Order, with all good wishes."

The ANNUAL FRANCISCAN FESTIVAL will be held on Saturday, June 17, 1972, at the Little Portion Friary, Mt. Sinai, Long Island, N.Y., beginning with the Mass at noon. Bring a picnic lunch.

Mr. Peter Funk represented the American Province of the Third Order at the English General Chapter of the Third Order, on April 14-15. He and his wife were visiting their daughter Mary, who is in England for a year. Just before leaving for the Chapter, Peter was working to meet a deadline on a book he is writing in cooperation with the Rev. Ernest Gordon, Dean of Chapel at Princeton. The book, to be published by Harpers, is entitled, "Guide Book for the New Christian."

Perhaps you noticed the April book distributed by the Episcopal Book Club is a recent one by Tertiary Emily Gardiner Neal, "The Healing Power of Christ." It is published by Hawthorn Books, with a retail price of \$4.95. If a Tertiary would care to send us a review, we'd be very pleased. But meanwhile, we heartily recommend this book, which is much more than just a summary of the healing ministry.

In the March 1972 issue of "The Canadian Churchman," a fine article appeared, with pictures, about the work and ministry of the Rev. Hugo Muller, of Noranda, northern Quebec.

PROFESSIONS:

Donald Davis, Roberta Beisel, Ruth Bolce, Sandra Banks, Dee Dobson, Bill Pickels, Jeanne Willis, Marguerite Witzig, Phyllis Chesterfield.

NOVICES: Jim McElrath, Mary Mobert.

Add: Mrs. Lois Grossman (Nov), 1617 S. 261st Place, Kent, WA 98031.

TRANSFER IN: Mrs. Lionel (Muriel) Adey, 3921 Cherrilee Crescent, Victoria, B.C., Canada. Muriel is a professed tertiary from the English Province, whose husband now has tenure with the University of Victoria in the Department of English, and who is therefore transferring to this Province of the Third Order. There is a thoughtful article, concerned with Indians, written by Muriel, in the April Third Order Chronicle, called "Canadian Comment".

REMOVE: The Rev. W. H. Powell, Mrs. Barbara Hauglum.

R.I.P. :

Mrs. Edna Park. In a brief note, Br. Paul, SSP, writes: "Edna Park was for many years a loyal member of our Third Order. She died (Feb. 27) after a long illness of cancer. Yet to the end of her life, she was active in Church affairs. For many years, she was President of the Diocesan ECW, and went to several General Conventions. Her husband was a Delegate to the Convention in Houston, and they drove there by car, from Vermont. What I remember best about Edna was her loving patience and the wisdom with which she guided her novices to profession. Before we had a Novice Director for the Third Order, she was given several aspirants to see through their early training. One aspirant lived over a hundred miles away, yet Edna drove that distance several times to consult with and to guide the novice in her studies."

Mrs. Wilma M. Luck died March 8, 1972. Patricia Whittredge wrote of her: "Wilma was the one who told me about the Order of St. Francis. . . . Wilma suffered greatly the past several years from Multiple Sclerosis, and displayed outstanding faith and courage. I rejoice that she is now even closer to our Lord. In her last letter to me, she said that He was very near."

CHANGES;

Fr. Kale King has accepted a call to Liberia. He will be Canon Pastor (in effect, Acting Dean) of Trinity Cathedral, Monrovia, for the next three or four years, until an African priest is ready to take over as Dean. Fr. King leaves Emmett, Idaho in May, and his wife, Amory, and children (Lucy - nine, and Christopher - seven) follow at the end of the school year. Fr. King's address will be: The Rev. Canon Kale King, P.O. Box 277, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.

Alice Vinik is back from Europe. Her new address is 1340 Pinetown Road, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Wenonah McGhee was in Hawaii for a couple of months, and planned to visit with our tertiaries and friars in San Francisco on the way back to Arizona. John Metcalfe and his wife will be visiting their daughter in Rome for six to twelve months, and the address would be: c/o Mrs. Franco Duranti, Via Vito Sinisi 70, Rome 00189, Italy. They left USA on March 19th.

Other new addresses: Susan Jefferson, 109 Wedgewood Drive, Naugatuck, CT 06770
The Rev. Richard Randall, 1028 N. Fairview, Lansing, Michigan 48912.
The Rev. Justin Van Lopik, 4744-B Kahala, Honolulu, HI 96816.

THOUGHT: What matters most in the apostolate is a willingness to be used, rather than an inner conviction that we have something to contribute.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Thank you for your generous response to our request for news and general comments. Word came in from Brooklyn, Alaska, Santa Barbara, and many points in between. We even have material left over which we hope to include in the next issue in early fall.

However, if YOU have been intending to write but have not yet, we'd still like to hear from you. This Newsletter is a family get-together by mail, and we enjoy hearing the viewpoints of our brothers and sisters from varied circumstances. So, do write - any time - to Mrs. Edward Webb, Editor, 4008 Buckingham Road, Baltimore, Md. 21207.