

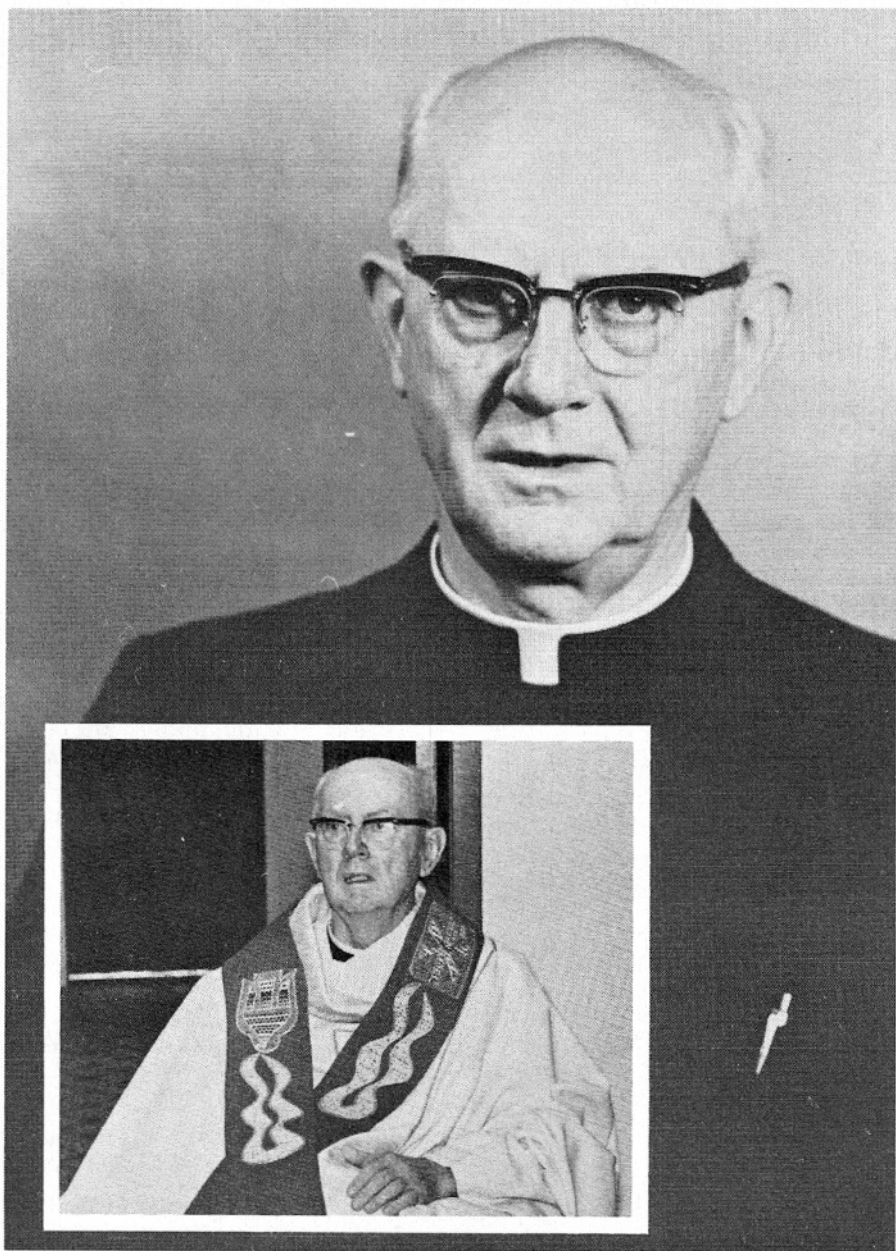
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Father Edward Benning celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, June 29.



Sister Bernadette Golden, OSE, left, and Sister Regina Rollinger, OSE, pose with Abbot Jerome and Sister Valerie Scheiber, local superior, as they visit here from the Elizabethan founding mother house in Aachen.

Abbot Jerome's activities

The triennial General Chapter of the American Cassinese Congregation was held at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Mn., June 8-15. There were 23 monasteries in this congregation, most of them in the United States, but there is one in Porto Rico, one in Mexico, and ours, in Canada. Each monastery sends its abbot (or prior), and one delegate chosen by the monks. This year, Fr. Leo Hinz and I drove, in Fr. Leo's car, enjoying the hospitality of Sr. Grace and her Benedictine community in Winnipeg, on the way to St. John's, and that of Abbot Lawrence and the monks of Assumption Abbey, Richardton, ND, on the way home.

The main work of the chapter was to finalize the constitutions of our congregation in accordance with the new code of Canon Law. At the same time as we met, the bishops of the United States, well over 200, were meeting at St. John's.

I attended two functions of the K of C: one at Muenster on April 13, and the other, the provincial convention, at Yorkton, on April 26. I also went to the meetings of the CWL, our diocesan convention at Engelfeld on May 1, and the

provincial convention at North Battleford, on June 2. I joined the Humboldt CWL for Mass and a banquet as they celebrated their 60th anniversary.

On May 19 I went to St. Louis (Sask.) to join the Daughters of Providence for the jubilees of several of their sisters. Among them was Sr. Rita Gallagher, who has been a religious for 50 years, and who was honored with a

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come-and-go tea at the residence of the sisters in Humboldt on June 1.

On my way home from St. Louis I detoured a bit to visit the shrine in honor of Mary at St. Laurent, and then went on to Duck Lake where I enjoyed a meal with Rose Brown who lives there.

As a girl my mother was a boarder for a year at the Daughters of Providence, while they were at Vegreville. I had a chance to visit this town when I travelled there by car to direct a retreat for some sisters of charity of Evron, June 18. The motherhouse of these sisters is in Evron, France and is in a former Benedictine monastery, which was taken over by the state during the French Revolution, and later given to the sisters for their use.

I attended the ordination to the priesthood of Fr. Stefano Penna and Fr. Leslie Paquin for the diocese of

Saskatoon, on May 9. I also was at the first Mass of Fr. Penna the next day, in Holy Spirit Church, and enjoyed the banquet afterwards in the cafeteria of the Bishop Mahoney High School.

On May 27 I was present at a concert in the Sutherland Theatre at the conclusion of the annual music festival. There I accepted a plaque which was presented to St. Peter's Abbey, in appreciation of all it had done in fostering music in the abbacy during the past years.

Tenth year

This issue of the Abbey Newsletter moves it into its tenth year. The first issue was dated March, 1976. It featured a cover photo of Father Wilfred Hergott cleaning snow off the sidewalks. Father Wilfred passed away that same year, Dec. 2. That issue also reported Brother Wolfgang Thiem making his profession of final (solemn) vows.

Father Peter Novecosky was the editor until 1983. Father Damian Yaskowich was main photographer. In the Summer, 1983 issue Father Damian took over as editor. He still continues to do most of the photography for each issue besides being editor. The Summer, 1983 issue featured the selling of our farm's complete dairy herd, marking the end of an operation on our farm which began in the early 1940s.

In recent years, regular contributors to the Newsletter are Abbot Jerome Weber, Father Albert Ruetz who supplies the oblate news, and Father Peter Novecosky who contributes the guestmaster's news.

The Abbey Newsletter is published four times a year, and is available to monks, relatives and friends of the abbey. Our oblates also receive the Newsletter.

Our mailing list includes about 600 readers, with extra issues distributed by individuals to readers not on the mailing list. We print 950 copies of each issue.



Received as novices on July 10 are Brothers Thomas (David) Ward, Birmingham, England, left, and Richard Meidl, Dauphin, Man.



Father Edward Benning seated in front of his anniversary cake with his brother, Father Xavier Benning.

Cudworth honors Father Edward

Cudworth honored Father Edward Benning on Sunday, June 29 on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. At this parish, which he had served for many years, Father Edward concelebrated at the eucharist which was followed by a banquet and a program honoring the jubilarian.

As a conclusion to the program Father Edward expressed thanks to those who had helped to make the celebration such a happy occasion. He concluded with the words, "I now say goodbye." This underlined the fact that he will no longer be active in the parish of St. Michael's.

In February Father Edward suffered a stroke which paralyzed his left side and impaired his speech. He is slowly regaining his ability to speak.

Father Edward was ordained to the priesthood on June 6, 1936, in St. John's Abbey Church, Collegeville, MN by Bishop Joseph Busch of St. Cloud, MN.

From 1936 - 43 he taught a variety of high school classes at St. Peter's, including French, Latin, and religion.

During the summer of 1942 he assisted Father Rudolph Palm, OSB, at Lake Lenore, and then was ad-

ministrator of the parish after the latter's death in August of that year.

In the fall of 1943 Father Edward was appointed pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Cudworth, St. Maurus Parish, Dana and chaplain of St. Michael Hospital. From 1945 - 61 he was Pastor of St. Michael's and St. Leo's, north of Cudworth. During this, his first parochial assignment, he began his devoted service to the CWL, which has continued ever since.

In the fall of 1961 Father Edward became pastor of St. Bruno's Parish, Bruno; St. Agnes, Peterson; Holy Family, north of Bruno; and St. Maurus, Dana. In 1966 St. Agnes and Maurus were placed under the care of a priest resident at St. Peter's Abbey. During most of these years at Bruno he was chaplain of the sisters of the Ursuline Convent there.

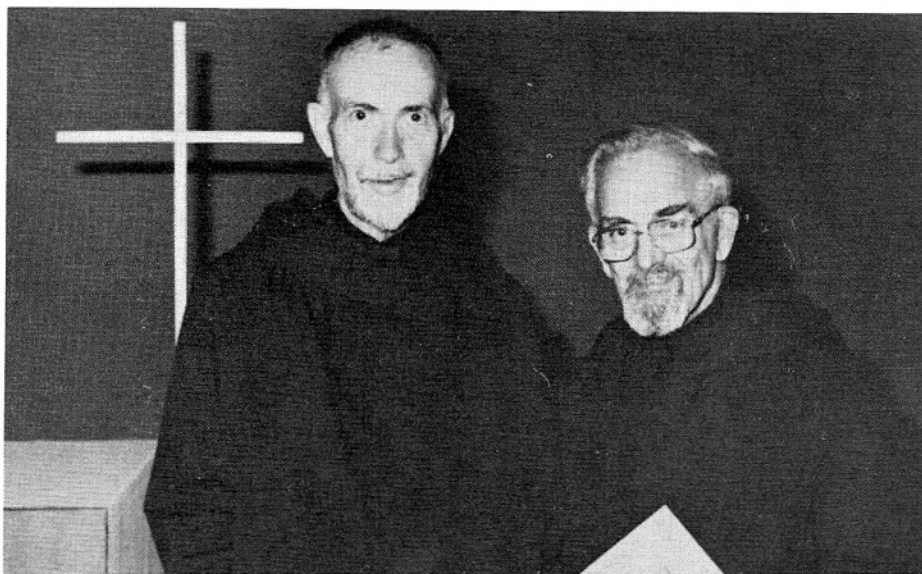
From 1968 - 75 he was pastor of St. Augustine's and St. Dominic's, Humboldt. One of his successful projects there was the acquisition of a new gymnasium in joint ownership with St. Dominic's School, for Sunday and feastday services. He also organized St. Augustine's Parish Council (1970), the first in the abbacy.

In 1975 he became chaplain of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Humboldt, and pastor at St. Joseph's Church, south of Fulda. He continued to serve on the Medico-moral commission, of which he had been a member already since 1971.

In 1978 he became pastor of Holy

Guardian Angels Parish, Englefeld, and Holy Rosary Parish, LeRoy.

Father Edward returned to Cudworth in 1981 as pastor of St. Michael's Church, chaplain to St. Michael's Hospital, and pastor of St. Luke's, Sagehill CFS (Dana). He was active here until his stroke this winter.



Brothers Gerald Moran, left, and Nicodemus (Frank) Van Amelsvoort completed their novitiate and professed temporary vows and promises on July 11.

Vows and promises

During the eucharistic celebration on the feast of St. Benedict, July 11, two monks completed their year of novitiate. Brother Gerald Moran professed triennial vows, and Brother Nicodemus Amelsvoort made promises as a cloistral oblate.

Brother Gerald Moran, recently of Medicine Hat, Alberta, was born and raised on a farm in the Plato-Eston area of Saskatchewan, where his grandparents homesteaded in 1918. The family were pioneer members of St. Basil's Catholic Church in Plato where he was baptised and confirmed.

His schooling was taken at St. Peter's College, St. Joseph's Convent, Rosetown, and the Seminary of Christ the King, then located in Burnaby, B.C.

After a three year period with the Benedictines on the West Coast, Gerald entered the hotel industry in Saskatoon. He continued working as a night clerk for over thirty years in Vancouver and Calgary before moving to Medicine Hat.

Under the tutodship and encouragement of his organ teacher Fr. Norbert Schwinghammer, OSB, Gerald began playing the organ in his parish church of St. Basil's in Plato. When he moved to Saskatoon, he was invited to be organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, a position he held for seven years. He was assistant organist of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, and organist of Canadian Martyrs' Church, Calgary, before moving to Medicine Hat in 1984.

Besides church choir music, Brother

Gerald's hobbies include barbering, enjoying the peace and quiet of gardening, early morning walks and bird preservation. Other interests include monastic studies and serving the Abbey guests, visitors and retreatants. His duties to date have been organist, barber, infirmarian, "home-care," and he has just been appointed assistant guestmaster.

In his immediate family, Brother Gerald has one sister, Mary Ellen Jones of Medicine Hat, and one brother, Dick of Saskatoon.

Brother Nicodemus (Frank) Amelvoort was born in Holland in 1924. After high school, he joined the army and was taken prisoner to a German concentration camp for eight months, before being shipped to Canada in Oc-

tober, 1944. He fought in Germany, Holland and Belgium.

During his army days which took him to England, then Holland and Indonesia Brother Nicodemus worked as an air gunner and a cook.

He spent five years at a monastery in Holland, but left in September, 1955. Prior to coming to Welland, Ont., in 1956, he married a registered nurse and they have four children.

In Canada he worked as a chef, then trained as a mechanic. He had worked with Stelco from 1956 until coming to St. Peter's. He has experience in the field of mechanics, as maintenance person, then supervisor.

Brother Nicodemus enjoys cooking, and lists one of his hobbies as cake decorating.

For the past two years he has been in charge of raising our 600 chickens. He takes pride in the high egg-production of the flock. As a novice, he was our regular morning mail man.

Pastoral changes

Abbot Jerome Weber announced the following pastoral changes in the Abbey, effective August 24.

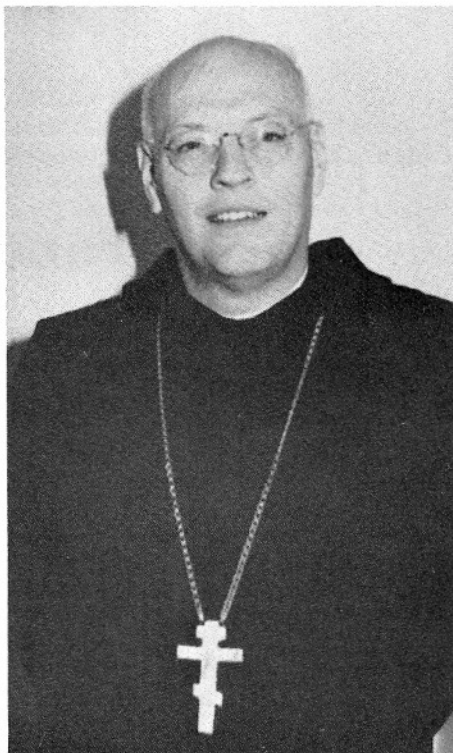
Father Francis Lohmer returns as chaplain for St. Mary's Villa, Humboldt. He also becomes pastor of St. Scholastica Parish, Burr.

Father Roman Schneider becomes pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Cudworth, chaplain to St. Michael's Hospital, Cudworth, and assumes care of the Dana Radar Base.

Father Werner Renneberg becomes pastor of St. Bruno's Parish, Bruno and is chaplain to St. Ursula's Convent, Bruno.

Father Philip Loehr remains pastor of Holy Trinity and St. Bernard's Parishes, Pilger; St. Benedict's Parish, St. Benedict; Canadian Martyrs Parish, Middle Lake and is also to serve St. Joseph's Parish, Fulda. Father Andrew Britz has been appointed his co-pastor.

Father Daniel Muyres becomes pastor of Assumption Parish, Marysburg.



Abbot Bonaventure Zerr, OSB, of Mt. Angel Abbey, Mt. Angel, Oregon, conducted our community retreat, May 26-30.



The Elizabethan Sisters of Humboldt hosted a celebration with the other religious of the abbacy on July 2. This gathering was one of the events planned in connection with their 75th anniversary of foundation in Canada.

Abbey chronicle

Abbot Jerome Weber, Fathers Albert Ruetz, Maurice Weber and Andrew Britz attended the ordination to the priesthood of Leslie Paquin and Stefano Penna on May 9. Bishop James Mahoney ordained these two men at Holy Spirit Church in Saskatoon.

Postulants David Ward and Richard Meidl, and Father Maurice Weber attended the vocations awareness evening at Queen's House, Saskatoon on May 12.

Two sisters from the founding convent in West Germany, Sisters Bernadet Golden, OSE, and Regina Rollinger, OSE, visited the abbey on May 12. The sisters visited Humboldt as part of the 75th anniversary celebrations of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth coming to Canada.

Father Werner Renneberg attended the Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC) convention at Halifax, May 20 - 23.

Father Andrew Britz was one of the main speakers at the National Newman Chaplains' Conference held at St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, May 22 - 27.

Brother Kurt Van Kuren returned home from his year of studies at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN, on May 24.

Father Maurice Weber conducted a retreat at St. Elizabeth Convent, Humboldt, May 25 - June 2.

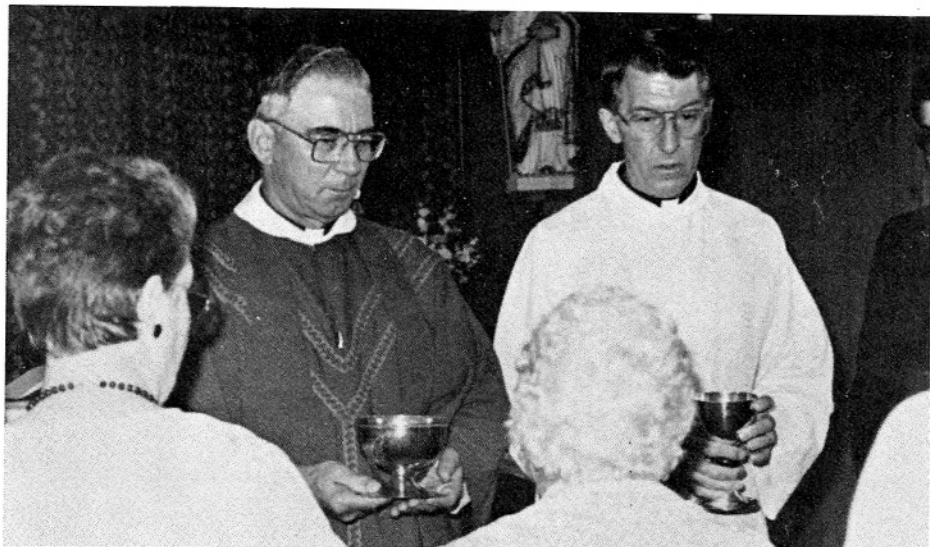
Father Francis Lohmer attended the Holy Childhood Society convention in Toronto, May 25 - 31.

Father Leo Hinz attended the General Chapter of the American Casinese Congregation held at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN, June 8 - 15. He was the abbey's delegate who accompanied Abbot Jerome.

Brother William Thurmeier returned home from his year of studies in Rome, June 29.

Brothers Patrick Genois and William Thurmeier visited Assumption Abbey, Richardton, ND, July 10 - 16.

Father Roman Schneider left on July 17 for a trip to Brazil. He will visit with our mission team in Maceio and tour parts of Latin America. He plans to return on August 21 with Father Lawrence DeMong who has been in Brazil for the past few months.



Fathers Daniel Muyres, left, and Maurice Weber celebrated the 25th anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood.

25th anniversaries celebrated

June 10 marked the 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood for Fathers Daniel Muyres and Maurice Weber. Their home parishes honored them with special celebrations.

A parish and family celebration was held for Father Daniel in St. Gregor on Sunday, June 8. The mass was followed by a banquet for invited guests and a program in the local hall. A highlight of this program was a slide presentation on the life of Father Daniel. The parish presented him with an office chair.

A second celebration was put on by the parish of St. Scholastica, Sunday, June 22. Father Maurice concelebrated the Eucharist with Father Daniel. Again, a tasty meal was served at midday, followed by a program of presentations and songs to honor him. The parish gifted him with an easy chair.

The parish of the Sacred Heart in Watson was the scene for a celebration honoring their native son, Father Maurice. This was held on Tuesday evening, June 10. Father George gave the homily at the mass, as he had done at Father Maurice's first mass 25 years ago. A delicious meal was followed by a program of presentations and songs. Ramona McFadyen, twin sister of Father Maurice, gave a descriptive

history of the life of her ordained brother.

Father Daniel Muyres

Daniel Muyres was born at St. Gregor where he received his schooling before coming to St. Peter's College for Grades 11, 12 and arts. At St. Peter's he took part in several major dramatic productions.

He received his seminary training at St. John's Abbey, Collegetown. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 10, 1961 by Bishop Francis Klein at St. Peter's Cathedral, Muenster.

At St. Peter's College he was prefect of students for three years, and taught in the high school for four years (1961 - 64), during which time he was in charge of the typewriting department.

He has been parish assistant at Humboldt (1969 - 70) and Bruno (1970-72); pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Fulda (1972 - 74); and since 1975 pastor of St. Scholastica's Parish, Burr.

He took a year for studies in 1974 at St. Paul's University, Ottawa, and received a master's degree in pastoral studies.

A major contribution of Father Daniel to the community has been that

of business manager for the abbey, college, farm and press. He began as assistant to the late Father Leonard Benning and supplemented his experience with a course in accounting at the University of Saskatchewan.

As business manager, Father Daniel has also been a member of the senior Council since 1966. From 1975 - 78 he was subprior of the community.

This fall, after being pastor of St. Scholastica for 11 years, Father Daniel will become pastor of Marysburg.

Father Maurice Weber

Raymond Weber was born at Watson and received his schooling there before coming to St. Peter's College for Grades 11, 12 and arts. He was active in dramatics, public speaking and the year book staff.

In 1954 he entered the novitiate of St. Peter's Abbey, receiving Maurice as his monastic name. On July 11, 1955, he made his first profession of vows.

He did his seminary studies at St. John's Abbey. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Peter's Cathedral, Muenster, on June 10, 1961, by Bishop Francis Klein of Saskatoon.

At St. Peter's College Father Maurice taught religion, literature, and chemistry in the high school from 1961 - 64. Then he studied chemistry at the University of Saskatchewan and at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

(1965 - 67), receiving his master of science degree.

From 1967 - 76 he taught chemistry in Grades 11, 12 and arts at St. Peter's College and, from 1972 - 76, at St. Ursula's Academy, Bruno. He was also part-time prefect of students, chaplain of students (1968 - 72) and moderator of the student paper.

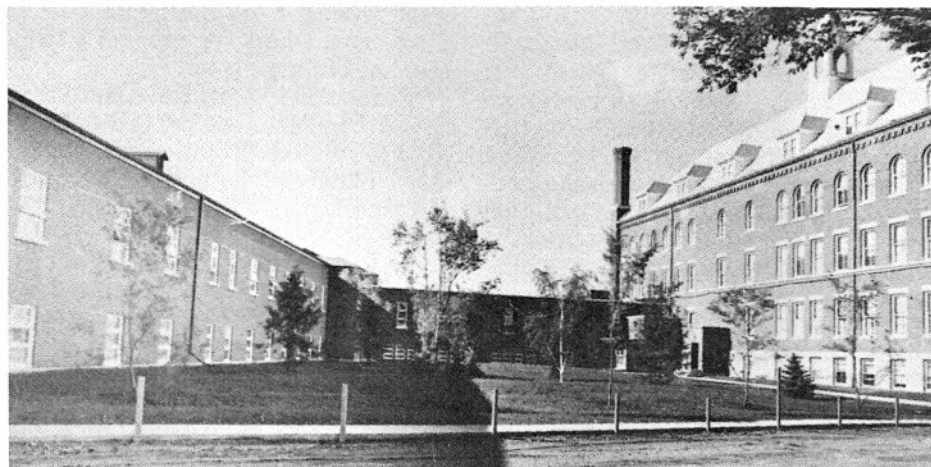
From 1973 - 76 he was principal of St. Peter's College, when he supervised the adjustment of St. Peter's from the status of a boarding school to that of a day school.

Since 1961 Father Maurice has also been active in pastoral work: assistant priest in St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Gregory's Parish (1961 - 62) and assistant priest at St. Bruno's Parish and part-time chaplain at St. Ursula's Academy, Bruno (1971 - 74).

In the fall of 1976 Father Maurice went to study theology and monastic history and spirituality at the International Benedictine College of San' Anselmo in Rome, where he received his licentiate in theology in 1978. During his stay in Europe he visited many Benedictine monasteries plus the Holy Land.

Since his return he is assisting in the instruction of novices, is dean of students and religious co-ordinator at St. Peter's College, is vocation director for St. Peter's Abbey.

In 1982 Father Maurice returned to the principalship of St. Peter's College.



The former "parking square" between Michael Hall and Severin Hall has taken on a new park-like appearance with the addition of lawn and trees. Brother Stanley Vindevogel spent many hours this summer working on this project.



Newsletter editor, Father Damian Yaskowich, right, is pictured with Ray Germaine of Carmel and some of the fish they caught at Mirond Lake. Other ardent fishermen who enjoyed fishing trips this year were: Fathers Florian Renneberg, Werner Renneberg, Alfred Engele, Daniel Muyres, Martin Brodner, Brothers Gregory Brodner, John Brodner, Bernard Lange, Wolfgang Thiem and David Gauthier.

Guestmaster's report

Bro. Gerald Moran has been named assistant guestmaster. He will also take care of the porter's office in the main entrance. Bro. Gerald, who professed vows for three years on July 11, has spent many years in the hospitality business in his work in hotels.

The main presence in the guest wing this summer has been the succession of writers and artists who have been attending the annual Saskatchewan Writer's Guild Colony here in June and July. For the past two months these artists, mainly from Saskatchewan, have come to work on their books, plays or paintings in the conducive environment of St. Peter's. As one of the writers wrote in a parting note, the goal of monks and artists is very similar and thus it is not surprising that they like coming to the abbey. They have booked another colony for next summer.

The Band Welfare and Social Ad-

ministrators finished up their classes in June and are also planning to come back for further sessions this fall and next spring. Mary Torborg and myself were invited to the closing banquet in Saskatoon, where we enjoyed a tasty meal of buffalo meat.

At the end of April Rev. Jerry Borkowsky, an annual visitor to the abbey, brought his confirmation class from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Melville for a weekend retreat at the abbey.

At the beginning of May the annual retreat for the deaf, organized by Sister Doreen Smith of Saskatoon, was held here. There was a larger crowd this year as some deaf people from Edmonton also came for the retreat. At the end of May catechetical directors from the various dioceses in Saskatchewan came for a workshop at the Abbacy Centre. The workshop was organized by Sisters Yvonne Billesberger

and Celine Graf who are in charge of the abbacy catechetical program. The participants enjoyed the spacious grounds, hearty meals and good weather.

The month of June began with a retreat for some Sisters of St. Louis, with Rev. Jack Molloy as their director. At the end of the month some of the visitors who came for Fr. Edward's jubilee celebrations were our guests. They included Fathers Cosmas Dahl-

heimer and Mark Schneider of St. John's, classmates and friends of Fr. Edward. Two other monks from St. John's visited St. Peter's a month later, namely Fathers Dan Ward and Mel Taylor.

In July Rev. Ron Evans, chaplain at the University Hospital, brought his class of Clinical Pastoral Education students here for a couple of days retreat to finish up their three-month training program.



Fathers Benjamin Stein, left, and Cosmas Dahlheimer of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN, visited us this summer and attended the jubilee celebrations for Father Edward Benning.

Completes lay ministries program

Sunday, June 8, 1986 Richard Meidl, along with 15 other men and women of the Regina Archdiocese, celebrated their completion of the Regina Lay Ministries Formation Program.

The Regina Lay Ministries Formation Program is three years in length. Each year consists of one weekend per month from September to June. The program is one of formation to develop an awareness of church and the responsibility of Christians to minister. It invites one to grow in areas of spirituality, knowledge, and community building. This is done through sessions in scripture, current theology, liturgy, morality, ministry, social justice and spirituality.

The final celebrations took the form of a noon meal at the John Paul II Centre in Regina for the candidates and their families. This was followed by an Eucharistic Celebration at Holy Rosary Cathedral with Archbishop Charles Halpin, Presider. Special guests at the celebrations included Richard's parents, Norbert and Harlinda Meidl of Dauphin, Manitoba; Edward and Marie Schneider of Saskatoon; as well as Fr. Andrew Britz and Fr. Peter Novocosky of St. Peter's Abbey.

Richard is thankful to the St. Peter's Community for allowing him to attend the final sessions of the program while he was a candidate in monastic formation at the Abbey.



From left, standing, Veronica Schurman, Helen Saretsky, Florence Reinhart, Agnes Rauw, Frances Kimmen; seated, Frank and Catherine Thurmeier and Father Albert Ruetz, oblate director.



Marie Eggen was enrolled as an Oblate candidate on June 16.

Oblate news

Marie Eggen, Esterhazy, was enrolled as an Oblate candidate on June 16. Marie has been studying campus ministry at St. John's-St. Benedict's in Minnesota for the past two years and will be teaching in the Bahama Islands during the next year.

Frank and Catherine Thurmeier, Saskatoon, made their final oblation as Oblates at the Oblate Day, July 12. On the same day Veronica Schurman and Frances Kimmen of Muenster, and Agnes Rauw, Florence Reinhart and Helen Saretsky, all of Humboldt were enrolled a Oblate candidates.

The way of life as set down by St. Benedict in his Rule offers Oblates a set of Christian ideals which are sufficiently flexible, adaptable and moderate so that no one need be dismayed or discouraged by them. St. Benedict makes this clear in the Rule, "Let the Abbot so moderate all things that there be something for the strong to strive after and nothing to dishearten the weak." (Chapter 64)

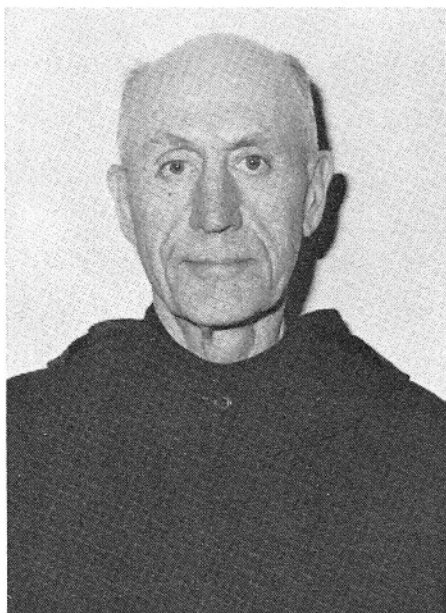
Faith, prayers and cancer

To many of our readers, the name Brother Oswald King may have little meaning, but to his fellow monks at the Abbey he is well known. Brother Oswald joined the community in 1939. Since then he has spent most of his working time either in the carpenter shop or in some other building on the abbey grounds repairing, building or installing some equipment, many times of his own invention. He is also one of the very few around the college and abbey who has dared to go on top of the roof of Michael Hall. He erected the five-foot cross that tops the bell tower (which he has repaired many times). He has often repaired the college building roof and has painted it three times.

One project that Brother has enjoyed over the years is the repairing, designing and building of bicycles. He has designed and built different models, one which can be pedaled with your hands, another one pedaled by hands and feet.

This past year has seen Brother Oswald taking things easier. Early this year he began having difficulty in sleeping at nights and experienced loss of appetite. In March, the doctors diagnosed Brother has an inoperable cancer on his lung. the cancer produces a fluid which fills up his lung cavity and requires draining about every two weeks.

Brother Oswald is now relying on the goodness and the power of Almighty God along with his knowledge of herbs, vitamin diets and magentic therapy to help relieve him of the discomfort



Brother Oswald King

caused by the cancer. He also asked for your prayers.

Dates to remember

Anniversary celebration for the monks marking anniversaries this year will be held at the abbey on Friday, Aug. 15.

Celebrating anniversaries are:

Father Augustine Nenzel, 60th anniversary of profession (July 17, 1926)

Father Edward Benning, 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood (June 6, 1936)

Fathers George Brodner, Martin Brodner and Philip Loehr, 50th anniversary of religious profession (July 11, 1936)

Fathers Daniel Muyres and Maurice Weber, 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood (June 10, 1961)

Christian Faith Conference. St. Peter's Abbey, October 24 - 25. Speaker: Janet Sommerville of Toronto.

Address

Members of our Maceio mission team appreciate letters from back home. All your letters will be most welcome. Their address is:

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The annual pilgrimage in honor of our Lady of Mt. Carmel was held July 20 and attracted about 1,500 pilgrims.

Mount Carmel pilgrimage

The 64th annual pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was held Sunday, July 20. Approximately 1,500 pilgrims were present at the shrine to worship Christ through Mary. The day began with rosary and Marian hymns. Elizabeth Saretsky led the rosary, Sister Colette Kaller, OSU, led the singing while Brother Gerald Moran was at the organ.

Abbot Jerome Weber was principal celebrant at the morning eucharist. Larry Benning led the singing with Carmel Saretsky as organist. Readings were taken by Rosanne Schemenauer of Lake Lenore and Peter Dauk of Annaheim.

The afternoon program opened with the blessing of the sick. Many pilgrims came forward to receive the blessing from Abbot Jerome. This was followed by a guest speaker, Heather Leier, of Saskatoon, CWL provincial president.

Mrs. Leier recalled the history of Mount Carmel, then spoke on Mary in the church. She admitted a growing rejuvenation in devotion to Mary. Mary is a powerful intercessor on our behalf to her son, Jesus Christ.

Instead of the usual public stations of the cross, pilgrims were encouraged to pray them privately. A rosary procession and litany was prayed as the pilgrims made the familiar journey around the hill. Brother Kurt Van Kuren acted as cantor and guitarist.

Abbot Jerome concluded the celebration with the procession with the Blessed Sacrament (for which the Knights of Columbus formed the honor guard) and closing remarks. He thanked the parish of Carmel for all the work they do to make this day possible. Abbot Jerome thanked everyone for attending and honoring the mother of our Lord.

PM wins awards

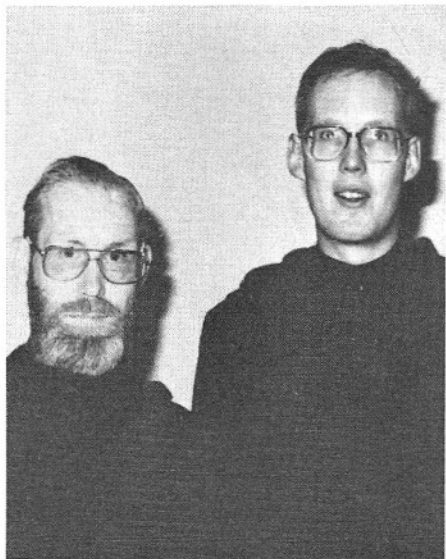
The Prairie Messenger won the Canadian Church Press general excellence award for regional newspapers. The award was made at the national convention held in Toronto, May 1-2.

The paper also won four other awards. The Nov. 18 issue was awarded best front page. The best treatment of a news event went to Kathryn Fahy's articles on the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission's call for more native teachers in schools.

Jacqueline Russell's centre-feature on the elderly in Regina won the best feature award. In choosing this award, the judges noted, "It said something about the human condition. It did it through real people and it hinted at some solutions."

The award for the best column went to Ron MacGillivray. His international concerns column appears frequently in the PM.

The Prairie Messenger has always done well in this Church Press competition over recent years.



Junior monks, Brothers Michael McAllister, left, and Alex Mullie are attending the Summer Monastic Institute for Junior Monks at Holy Cross Abbey, Canon City, Colorado from July 12 - Aug. 9.

Rest in peace

In your prayers please remember our deceased confreres and relatives:

Father Ignatius Leo Kohl, 75, Saint Mary's Abbey, Morristown, New Jersey, died on May 4.

Brother Victor Repon, 89, St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio, died on May 15.

Prior Rembert Sorg, 78, Saint Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois, died on May 27.

Father Blase Strittmatter, 80, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, died on June 18.

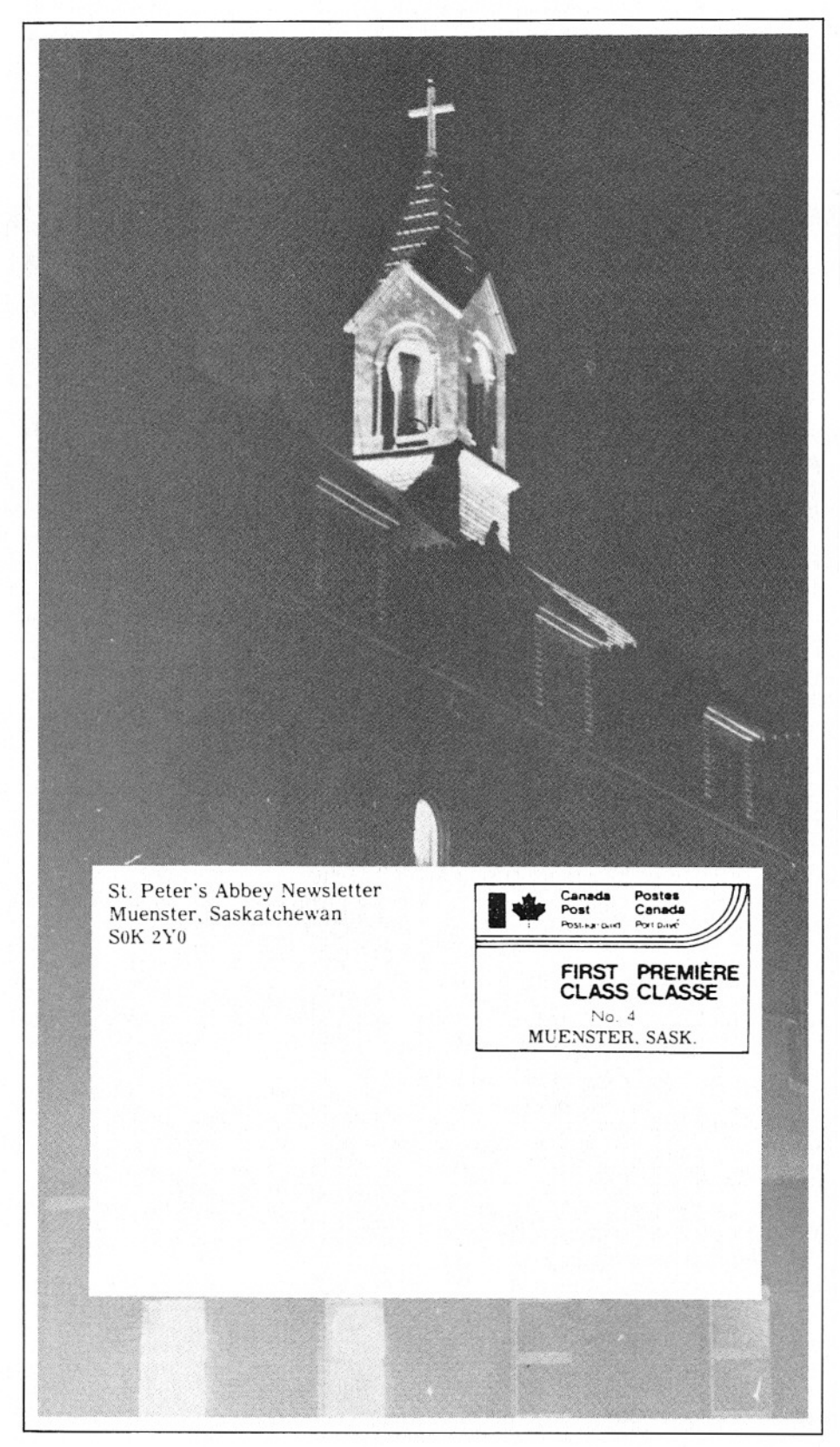
Loretta Fortney, 73, Walkerton, Ont., step-mother of Brother Francis Fortney, died on June 29.

Anne Boltz, 90, Osoyoos, B.C., sister of Father Augustine Nenzel, died on July 5.

Next issue

The next issue of the Newsletter, due at the end of October will feature coverage of the St. Peter's College Alum Reunion, Aug. 2-4.

Also featured will be a report on Brazil by Father Lawrence DeMong who has been with our mission team in Maceio since this spring.



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