

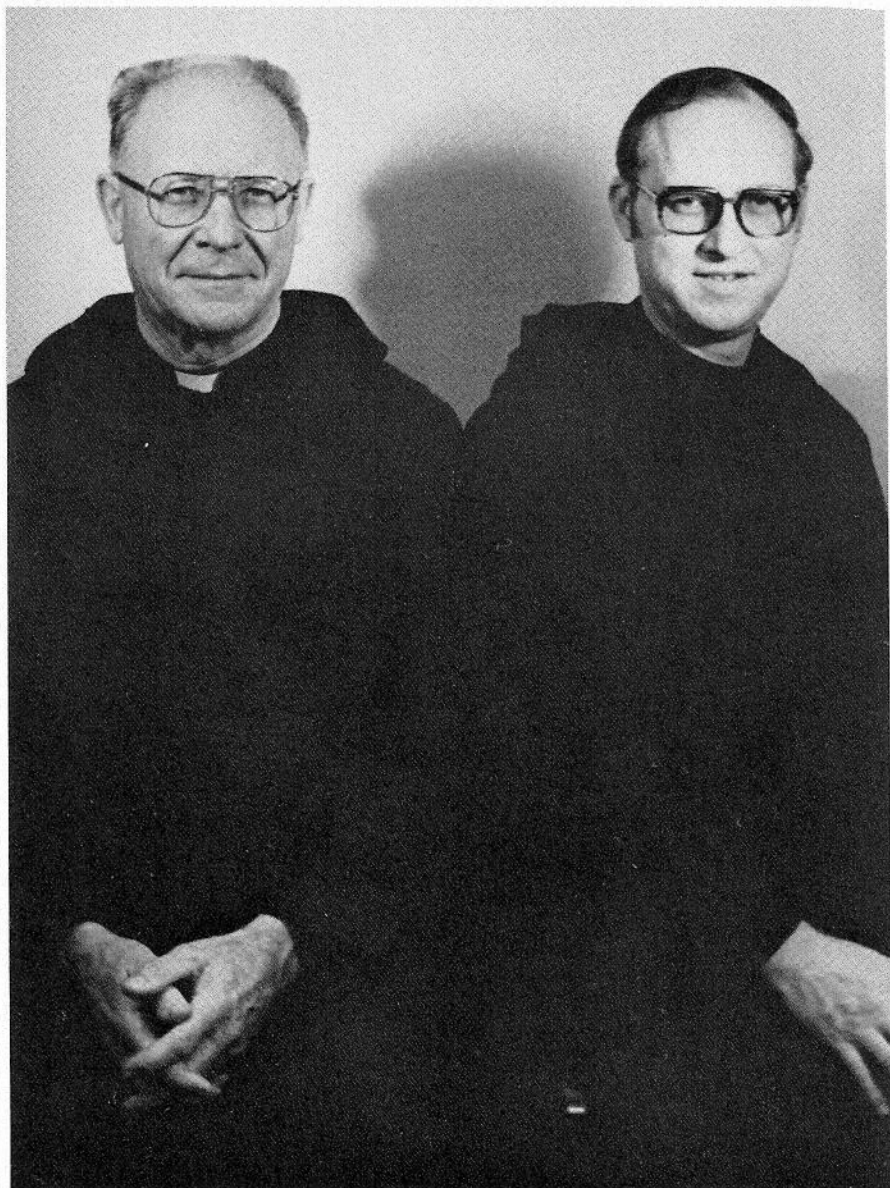
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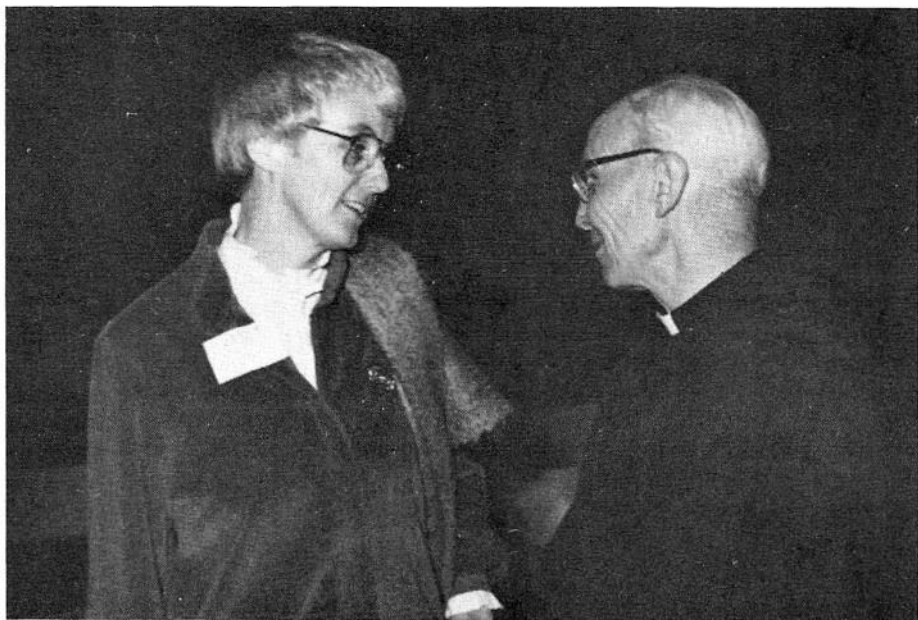
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Subprior Martin Brodner (left) and Prior Peter Novecosky.



Abbot Jerome Weber chats with Janet Somerville, this year's guest speaker at the CFC conference, Oct. 24 - 25. This year's theme was, "The role of laity in the church."

Abbot Jerome's activities

On Aug. 17, 1986, in St. Augustine's Church, I joined the Sisters of St. Elizabeth in a Mass of thanksgiving as they celebrated the jubilees of several sisters: Sr. Florianne Kohlman, Sr. Agnes Schachel and Sr. Bernadette Wald, their 60th; and Sr. Cecilia Klassen, her 50th.

From Aug. 18 to Aug. 26 I was at Providence Centre, Edmonton, as a member of a team directing retreatants. I enjoyed going there and returning by car, the year-old Tempo, a jubilee gift from the abbacy.

There was a farewell dinner at Campion College, Regina, Sept. 6, for Fr. Gavin, who completed his term as president of the college and is now to have a sabbatical in England. I was pleased to be present for this at my former Alma Mater. The Catholic Health Services Conference of Saskatchewan held its annual meeting in Humboldt this year to honor especially the Sisters of St. Elizabeth as they

celebrate 75 years of caring. I was asked to celebrate the Mass at the opening of the convention on Sept. 22.

The next day the Roman Catholic bishops of Saskatchewan had their semi-annual meeting at the Catholic Centre in Saskatoon. Among the things they agreed to do was to subsidize the above organization because of its great contribution to Catholic health care.

ST. PETER'S ABBEY NEWSLETTER

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St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon celebrated its 50th anniversary, and the Newman Club its 60th, from Oct. 3 to Oct. 5. Fr. Pare, the superior general of the Basilians, was the principal celebrant at the Mass which concluded the events. I concelebrated in the St. Patrick's Church, Saskatoon.

I was present again at the same place on Oct. 13, Thanksgiving Day, as the Oblates of Mary Immaculate com-

memorated their 60th anniversary of the beginning of St. Mary's Province. Archbishop Exner, OMI, of Winnipeg, was the homilist, and Fr. Wiesner, provincial, was the principal celebrant at the Mass. Before this there was a dinner and an enjoyable program.

On Oct. 14 I was at an ecumenical service of thanksgiving held in the senior citizens hall in Humboldt.

New prior, subprior

Abbot Jerome Weber announced the appointment of Father Peter Novacosky as prior, succeeding Father Albert Ruetz who is on a year of sabbatical, and Father Martin Brodner as subprior, replacing Father Peter.

The primary function of the prior is to be in charge of the community in the absence of the abbot. When both are absent, the subprior is responsible. Both the prior and subprior are concerned with the participation of individual monks in community life and prayer and are concerned with monastic discipline.

The prior, in the absence of the abbot, gives permission and makes the assignments regularly given and made by the abbot; monitors the work load and involvement of individual community members; co-ordinates and assigns abbey work projects; and schedules readers, hebdomadarians, celebrants, etc. for the daily prayer and eucharist.

The subprior gives permission and makes assignments for the abbot and the prior in their absence; schedules, publicizes and sends out invitations for informal community gatherings; arranges the community theological meetings; and arranges ecumenical activities for the abbey.

Father Peter Novacosky was born and grew up in the Burr area. He completed his high school and first year arts at St. Peter's College. He received his BA and MA (theology) from St.

John's University, Collegeville, MN. Father Peter made his religious profession July 11, 1964 and was ordained to the priesthood, July 11, 1970.

For two years, just prior to its closing, he was prefect and teacher at our high school. In 1972 he became weekend assistant at Humboldt for five years. In 1970 he was named assistant editor of the *Prairie Messenger*, then managing editor for 2 years in 1981. He became press manager in 1983.

Father Peter served as vocation director, and has been formation director for candidates, novices and juniors since 1978. In 1978 he was appointed subprior replacing Father Daniel Muyres, and has served on the senior council since then. He served on the abbey liturgy committee, and is presently a member of the Farm Advisory Board and the Formation committee.

Since 1978 he has been abbey guest master.

Other programs which he has been involved with over the years are: Humboldt prayer group, marriage encounter and the Search program for youth.

In the summer of 1984, Father Peter visited our mission team in Maceio, Brazil.

Father Martin Brodner was born and grew up in the Dysart area. He took his high school and first year arts at St. Peter's College. Father Martin made his religious profession July 11, 1936. He took his philosophy and theology studies at St. John's Univer-

sity Collegeville, MN. These latter were interrupted for two years as he convalesced at Fort San following the discovery of TB in 1941. He was ordained to the priesthood Nov. 14, 1943.

Until 1954, he was part-time chaplain for the Ursuline Sisters at Bruno and did weekend pastoral assistant work. In 1954 he became chaplain and teacher at St. Peter's College. From 1966 - 1970 he served as chaplain at the Benedictine Priory in Winnipeg. In 1970 he became assistant resident pastor at

Humboldt and had the chaplaincy of the Elizabethan Convent.

Since 1982 Father Martin has been pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Muenster.

Father Martin served on the senior council, was chairperson of the Abbacy liturgy committee, acted as director of Oblates, brother master, and novice master. He served an earlier term as subprior for six years beginning in 1960.

He is presently a member of the senior council and serves on the Abbacy Buildings Committee.



Our annual family day, Aug. 31, brought together our staff and their families for visiting, games and supper.

Abbey chronicle

Father Andrew Britz directed a retreat at Providence Centre, Edmonton, Aug. 2 - 8.

Fathers Daniel Muyres and Maurice Weber returned to St. John's Abbey and University, Collegeville, MN, to attend the 25-year reunion of their class, Aug. 4 - 7. They returned home Aug. 12.

Brother William Thurmeier received the minor order of acolyte on Aug. 10 just prior to his return to Rome to continue his theology studies.

Brothers Conrad Abs and Basil Schaan attended the annual Marian pilgrimage at Rama, Aug. 14.

Brother Kurt Van Kuren left on Aug. 17 to visit his family in Windsor for two weeks before continuing on to St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN, to continue his studies.

Fathers George Brodner, abbacy CWL director, and **Martin Brodner** attended the National CWL Convention at Fort McMurray, Alta., Aug. 18 - 21.

After spending five weeks in Brazil with our mission team, **Father Roman Schneider** returned home Aug. 21.

Brother Basil Schaan left to begin studies in pre-theology at Mount Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, Oregon, on Aug. 27.

Brother David Gauthier left for Saskatoon, Sept. 3 where he will continue his studies toward a BA degree at St. Thomas More College.

Fathers Florian Renneberg, Leo Hinz and Daniel Muyres assisted in the Fall Abbacy Pre-marriage Course, Sept. 7, 21 and 28. Thirteen couples took the course.

Father Lawrence DeMong returned

Sept. 10 after spending three months with our mission team in Maceio, Brazil.

Brother Gerald Moran attended the funeral of his brother Richard at St. Francis Xavier Church, Saskatoon, Sept. 18. Also attending from the abbey were **Fathers Peter Novocosky, Lawrence DeMong, Brothers Francis Fortney, Richard Meidl and Thomas Ward.**

Father Werner Renneberg participated in the annual convention of the Catholic Health Services Conference of Saskatchewan (SHSCS) held in Humboldt, Sept. 21 - 23.

Father Peter Novocosky attended a spiritual directors' workshop "The Enneagram and Spiritual Direction" at Queen's House, Saskatoon, Sept. 23 - 25.

Father Albert Ruetz left for Rome Sept. 28 where he will begin his sabbatical year studying spirituality. In January he will travel to Jerusalem to join the biblical program until June.

Father Andrew Britz attended the meeting with the Canadian bishops and laity in Ottawa, Oct. 2 - 10.

Father Leo Hinz attended the Annual Canadian Canon Law Convention in Edmonton, Oct. 13 - 16. He led a seminar on "Recent experiments in religious life since the New Code."

Appointment

Father Lawrence DeMong has returned to the abbacy after serving as director of the National Office of Religious Education, Ottawa for 3½ years. During this time he also served as pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish in Cantley near Hull, Que.

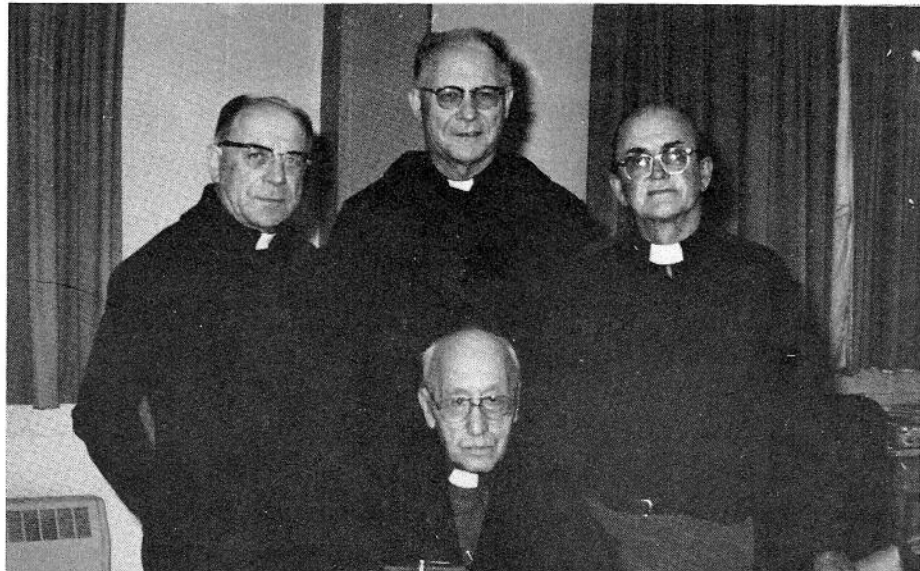
Father Lawrence took a brief sabbatical which he spent with the abbacy mission team in Maceio, Brazil.

Since his return from Brazil, **Father Lawrence** has been appointed assistant pastor of St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt, and chaplain to St. Elizabeth Hospital and St. Elizabeth Convent.

Father Lawrence also teaches two French classes at St. Peter's College.



Sister Ottilia Saretzky cuts the cake at a farewell gathering held in her honor Aug. 26. Fellow kitchen workers and the community honored Sister who returned to her convent in Humboldt after serving St. Peter's for many faithful years in the kitchen.



Standing from left, Fathers George Brodner, Martin Brodner and Philip Loehr, who celebrated their 50th anniversary of religious profession, and, seated, Father Augustine Nenzel who celebrated his 60th anniversary of religious profession.

Jubilees marked

On Friday, Aug. 15 the community celebrated the jubilees of seven of our monks. Father Augustine Nenzel celebrated the 60th anniversary of profession, Fathers Martin Brodner, George Brodner and Philip Loehr the 50th anniversary of profession. Father Edward Benning marked the 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Fathers Daniel Muyres and Maurice Weber celebrated the 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

A special jubilee mass was celebrated with Abbot Jerome Weber as main celebrant and the jubilarians as concelebrants. This was followed by a festive dinner complete with jubilee cake baked and decorated by Brother Nicodemus Van Amesvoort.

The afternoon was spent socializing and reminiscing with the jubilarians. Affectionate appreciations were given by fellow monks for each of the jubilarians. Father Norbert Schwinghammer recalled the many years of faithful service Father Augustine Nenzel gave

to the abbey and abbacy as teacher, pastor and chaplain. Father Augustine's early years saw many travels on horseback. Father Norbert also praised the teaching and pastoral work of Father Edward Benning. One of Father Edward's outstanding characteristics is his friendly availability toward others. Father Norbert also expressed admiration for Father Edward's fortitude and patience in enduring his present illness. In response, Father Edward expressed gratitude and appreciation to the community for the continued support and asked that they continue to help him see that he is not alone in his sufferings.

Abbot Jerome Weber next spoke about his "classmates" Fathers Philip Loehr, George and Martin Brodner. He praised Father George for his building projects, his pastoral work and work with the CWL. He also mentioned that photography has long been one of Father George's hobbies. Father Martin has always shown great spiritual concern in his service as pastor and

chaplain, Father Martin has a great love for liturgy and served the abbacy and worked on the national level. Father Abbot also recalled his years as novice master and subprior.

Father Abbot spoke of Father Philip as one of our well-travelled monks. His pastoral work and teaching have always been influenced by his concern for social justice.

Father Rudolph Novecosky spoke for Fathers Daniel Muyres and Maurice Weber. He noted that the three of them all started attending St. Peter's College in 1951. Father Maurice, he said likes people and makes friends easily as is evident in his work in parishes, and as principal of

the college. Father Maurice is also very involved with formation, live-ins, and vocations.

Father Rudolph described Father Daniel Muyres as a very "askable" person. He is certainly appreciated by all for the wisdom with which he handles our business affairs. Father Rudolph also noted that Father Daniel is a very hard worker and very well liked as a pastor.

A musical interlude was provided by a schola formed for this occasion. The familiar Gregorian chant melodies were brought back by Father James Gray, Brothers Gerald Moran, Patrick Genois and Kurt Van Kuren.



Brother Gregory Brodner waiting for more corn customers. This year saw another bumper corn crop.

Guestmaster's report

The month of August, generally a quiet month in the guest wing, started off with a big bang this year. The occasion was the St. Peter's alum reunion on the first weekend. Several former students stayed at the guest residence, which used to be a student dormitory at one time.

The rest of the month was true to form, as individual guests or retreat-

ants came and went during the month, some staying for a few days, others for a week or more. Several live-ins came during the month also. It is a good month for guest activities to slow down as it takes some pressure off the kitchen staff who have lots of garden produce to preserve for the winter months.

As August started, so it ended — with

a large group. On the last day of the month the guest wing was filled almost to capacity as the seminarians from St. Pius X, Saskatoon, came here for their annual week-long retreat, in preparation for the new school year. There were some old faces in the crew, as well as some new ones. However, it was good to see them all — especially on potato-picking day!

In September the first of two native groups began their study week here. The students are involved in administration on the band level across the province and the two groups will be coming once a month until December for a university program.

Weekend groups during the month included eight couples from Grace Mennonite Church in Regina who made a marriage enrichment weekend, a group of 22 students from Aldersgate

Bible College in Moose Jaw who came to experience monastic life, and a group of seminarians from St. Andrew's United Church College at the University of Saskatchewan. During the month we had several individual visitors too, including Nick Wolf from Minnesota who came for a couple of weeks and Barry Marco, a former community member.

The first weekend of October another group of seminarians from Saskatoon was here for a retreat. This group was from Emmanuel-St. Chad. Their retreat master was the new Anglican primate of Canada, Archbishop Michael Peers, formerly of Regina. St. Peter's was also fortunate to be able to host the provincial meeting of CCODP the last weekend of October, the same weekend as the annual CFC conference.

St. Peter's College report

St. Peter's College classes began with registration on Saturday, Sept. 6. Classes began on Monday, Sept. 8, with 62 full-time students and about 100 part-time students. By the end of October these had settled down to 59 full-time and 87 part-time students. People seem eager to try university classes but then find that, either they are over-committed, or that the classes take more time than they can spare. Then, of course, all the organization meetings usually begin in September so that the relaxation of summer soon becomes overcrowded with activities.

In August it was also announced that 12 students received St. Peter's College Entrance Scholarships for this school year. They were: Dawn Brinkmeier from Marysburg, Darren Dale from Carmel, Debora Fedirko from Rose Valley, Laurie MacNeill from Watrous, Renee Mueller from Humboldt, Sherry Nordick from Englefeld, Timothy Ochitwa from Quill Lake, Gloria Ozimek from Wadena, Sean Polreis from Annaheim, Wendy Schidlowsky from Humboldt, Terry Trenchoer from Prince Albert, and Dean-

na Warden from Prince Albert. They each received a \$300 scholarship except for Gloria Ozimek who received \$500.

With the help of contributions from former students at the college we hope to build up a Scholarship Fund to aid students coming here for their education. Up to the present about \$2,000 has been contributed to this fund.

Also with Fr. Albert Ruetz, OSB, away in Italy and the Holy Land this year there is one less person to take care of things from the monastic community. We certainly miss him in organizing the sports program and we were very fortunate to be able to hire Ms. Merce Rafols to teach both Mathematics 104 and 175, the classes that Fr. Albert used to instruct.

Bro. Stanley Vindevoghel, OSB, is also pursuing some studies at the University of Regina for part of the week as he seeks to obtain his master's degree in social work. With Bro. Wolfgang Thiem, OSB, our usual night watchman gone for over a month to Germany to visit his mother, we are running the school with quite a reduced



Brother Stanley Vindevoghel, college dean, assists students on registration day, Sept. 6.

Benedictine presence. Fr. Maurice Weber, OSB, principal, and Sr. Zita Maier, OSU, religious and social coordinator, are the ones who see to most of the daily chores of school, aside from the janitorial work performed capably by Stanley Pesowski and Bro. Alex Mullie, OSB. Bro. Stanley still acts as dean of the college and sees to the maintenance of the physical plant.

Because of lack of sufficient enrolment, Geography 110, Computational Science 110, French 101, and RELST 250 on Old Testament Biblical Literature, were dropped. New classes added on to our regular slate of offerings in humanities, natural sciences, social sciences and fine arts include Biology 105.3, an introduction to human genetics for nurses; EDFDT 420.3 on origins and growth of Canadian education — a social interpretation; EDFT 421.3 on history of education in western Canada; EDCCV 363.3 on school library services — selection and acquisition of materials; FR 105.6 on accelerated French for beginners, and ART 110.6 on introduction to the history of art.

New teachers at St. Peter's College this year include Cheryl Meszaros for art, Sandra Horne for biology 105, Sr.

Dianne Turner, OSE, for biology Laboratory in the 110 course, Russell Weber for business law, Dr. Philip J. Hammel for the education library course, Gail A. McConnell for the evening English class, Keven Corrigan for philosophy; Don Bossin for psychology, and Fr. Lawrence DeMong, OSB, who has rejoined us for French 105 and 110 after three years in Ottawa working on the Canadian catechetical program. Assisting Fr. Lawrence in practical oral French is Louise G. Harve.

The other dozen teachers are the same as in past years with the following Benedictines: Abbot Jerome Weber, OSB, for history 112, Fr. James Gray, OSB, for English 110, Fr. Florian Renneberg, OSB, for biological sciences 100, and Fr. Maurice Weber, OSB, for chemistry 110 and religious studies 110.

Perhaps next year we will be able to give Abbot Jerome Weber, OSB, a rest from instructing, after having been at it for five decades at St. Peter's College. We are also hoping to get some fresh Benedictine talent into the school as we look forward to the completion of studies for two or three of our monks now working on their degrees. This

would prove to be very beneficial to the school since, at the moment salaries to lay teachers add up to a pressing expense.

Auxiliary staff include Sandra Twardy as part-time school secretary, Brenda McNabb and Jenny Erwin in the library. Leo Torborg continues to fix things around the school while Mary Torborg and the kitchen crew, including Sister Valerie Scheiber, OSE, keep the monks and staff supplied with good meals.

Despite the vicissitudes inherent in running a school like St. Peter's Col-

lege, it always seems to give one a boost when the student body turns out to be as cooperative and friendly as they are this year. Our college group is supplemented by 14 Office Education students and 28 students involved in the Pre-vocational program on campus. With the teachers and students from those programs plus the guests making use of our facilities life seems to be quite busy in the halls of good old Michael Hall which has witnessed the youth of our land striving for more knowledge ever since it opened back in 1921. — Maurice Weber, OSB

St. Peter's Abbey stamp collection update

Father Rudolph Novcosky has been working hard on organizing and mounting stamps this past summer. He has finished Canada, U.S.A., Great Britain, Poland, Vatican and East Germany. Right now he is working on West Germany.

"Once a country is properly mounted in an album then you know exactly which stamps are missing," he says. "Then begins the hunt for those missing stamps. It's a real thrill finding a stamp you thought you didn't have, or trading with someone who has a duplicate. I am trading with nine people now."

From where do you get your stamps? "Well, a lot of people send me their cancelled stamps. The ones I can't use go to the missions. The stamps that I cannot get enough of are the current Canadian commemoratives. Postal metres are used so much today that the supply of Canadian stamps is very limited. I need them especially for trading. Also the U.S.A. put out a Presidential series this past summer and they are as scarce as hens' teeth.

"If anyone wants to send me stamps, I will make good use of them. They will not be wasted."

What country do you plan to work on next?" I think it will be Australia, then India. After that, I don't know."

Is stamp collecting an interesting hobby? "Oh, yes. Very much so. It's surprising how much you learn about a country from its stamps."

"Well, happy stamp collecting."

"Thank you very much."



Father Rudolph Novcosky working on the abbey stamp collection.

Monks away for studies

Brother William Thurmeier is continuing his studies in theology at San' Anselmo College, Rome. He has two years left to complete, and is also working on his thesis. He is also preparing for ordination to the diaconate. Brother William made his religious profession July 11, 1981.

Brother Kurt Van Kuren is continuing studies toward a BA in philosophy at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. He made his religious profession July 11, 1984.

Brother Basil Schaan is enrolled in the pre-theology program at Mount Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, Oregon. Brother Basil made his religious profession the same time as Brother Kurt.

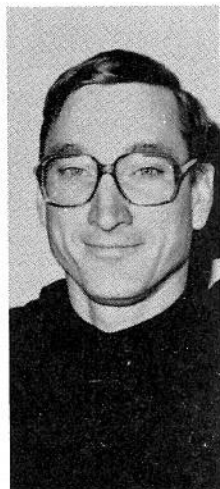
Brother David Gauthier, who made his religious profession July 11, 1985, completed a year of studies at St. Peter's College and is continuing at St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon this year. His areas of interest are philosophy and English.

Father Albert Ruetz, on a year of sabbatical, is now in Rome where he is taking classes in spirituality. In January he plans to join a group which will be studying scripture in the Holy Land.

Brother Stanley Vindevoghel commutes to Regina every week to take a class in social work. He hopes to complete his masters degree in social work next year. Brother Stanley, who made his religious profession July 11, 1969, is dean of students at St. Peter's College.



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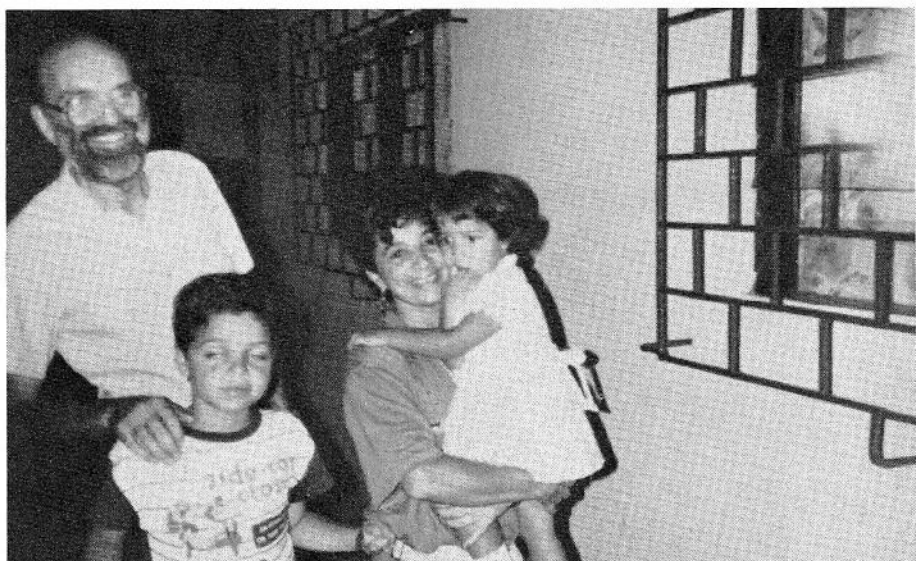
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Father Lawrence DeMong and some of his Brazilian friends.

A Latin American Journey

Father Lawrence DeMong returned in early September after spending four months working with our mission team in Maceio, Brazil, and touring Latin America. He shares this experience with our readers.

The most effective learning, I suspect, is to take the suggestion which Jesus popped at Philip, "Come and see." That was the invitation I had from our Brazil team for many years. So, having completed my religious education work in Ottawa with the Canadian bishops and having received some time for a sabbatical, I finally got the chance to realize this dream.

Father Sylvester Vredegoor, who has nearly 20 years experience in Brazil, was home for his mother's sickness and death, allowing me the luxury of travelling with a good friend and confrere who knew Spanish and Portuguese but, more importantly, understood much about the Latin American scene and is always anxious to learn more.

Brother Francis Fortney drove us to Phoenix, Arizona, where we continued on to Mexico City by bus and train. Our few days there were a good

introduction to the Latin American church since we met missionaries from various countries and witnessed some of the contrasting visions of the church as regards its involvement in the struggles of people.

From there we went on by air to Brazil via Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. Though these three weeks of travel were entirely too brief, they did allow us to experience some of the fears and hopes of Central America. One of our principal interests, farming and land reform, was clearly a burning issue in all of these countries. Our visit at the tomb of modern Latin America's great martyr, Oscar Romero, was a highlight.

My stay in Brazil was an experience of a lifetime. As co-worker after only one Sunday, I discovered a people with open arms, a church with the maturity to organize itself not only in celebrating liturgy but in struggling for justice. As I picked up the language, I found myself inside people's lives where I discovered the true measure of their richness.

There was Margarete, the young volunteer at the cattle sheds on the ex-



Father Roman Schneider (right) with Pedro, from the Caseuda Farm for which Father Sylvester Vrege-door is the diocesan representative accompanying this 137 family, 2-section farm owned by the diocese.

hibition grounds serving as a temporary refuge for 217 families with no home. There was the little child who showed me her manger bed. Before I left Brazil, she was pushed out to make room for the cattle.

There was Father Josimo who was martyred on May 16, illustrating what Manu, the former Dominican novice master turned Trappist insisted on: that liberation theology makes no sense without the shedding of blood. Maybe that's why Rome has such a hard time understanding it.

There were the thousands of Base Christian Communities meeting in Trindade, where poor people, theologians and bishops met and shared the same struggles, enough to impress the primate of Holland with a reputation as an ultra-conservative, to the point of tears.

There was Father Roman Schneider, our confrere, who, at 65 was all eyes and ears, helping us to notice what we were not marvelling at, who accompanied us on our 21-day excursion of Brazil and who helped us receive the beautiful compliment from the most impressive religious community I've ever experienced: "Notice how they love one another." We learned much. But the unexpected discovery for me was the richness of Benedictine life in

Brazil. There was Bishop Schmidt, OSB, who spent time in Saskatchewan last February and whom Syl and I visited for several days. There was Olinda celebrating 400 years as a monastery. There was Abbot Timoteo of Salvador, the courageous innovator who once slammed the doors of his monastery on the police as the young people fighting them took refuge within!

Most precious of all were our Canadian missionaries who welcomed Father Roman and me into their communities and into their hearts, and helped us to be part of a church that is surely the hope of the Christians the world over.

Update

Father Edward Benning who in February suffered a stroke which paralyzed his left side and caused impairment of speech, returned to St. Michael's Hospital, Cudworth, Oct. 16 after spending a month at University Hospital, Saskatoon. In Saskatoon he underwent regular therapy to help regain the use of his left side. He continues that therapy and is very slowly recovering some use from his left arm. He is confined to a wheelchair.

Brother Oswald King courageously struggles in his battle with lung cancer. He still requires to have the fluid build-up in his lungs drained regularly. In recent weeks he has been undergoing acupuncture treatments to relieve some of the pain he has been experiencing. He is still up and around, but tires very easily.

Father Rudolph Novocosky has been suffering a lot of pain over the past few months, the long-term effects of the hunting accident nine years ago.

Father Rudolph has an appointment with his doctor in Regina on Nov. 10 to have the sensory nerves in his back severed. He hopes that this elimination of all feeling from his waist down will relieve most of the pain he has been suffering. The motor nerves will remain untouched.



Former college students who spoke for their respective decades at the Alum reunion program, Aug. 3.

College reunion, Aug. 2 - 4

Over 500 former students gathered at St. Peter's College over the weekend of Aug. 2-4 to "Reminisce in '86." The reunion began with registration on Saturday afternoon. Students toured the campus noting the many changes which have occurred over the past 65 years. Slowpitch ball games were also scheduled for the afternoon. Many chose to visit, sightsee and exchange news of the past years.

That evening a catered supper was well attended, followed by a bonfire and singsong.

Sunday's "official" activities began with a eucharist celebrated with the former students in the college gym. This was followed by an outdoor barbecue supper. In the evening a formal program was held. Alumni were taken on a nostalgic journey through the 65-year history of the college. Speakers were chosen to represent each decade. They included Walter Pappenfus (1920s), Ted Bergermann (1930s), Bishop James Mahoney (1940s), Dr. Gerald Junk (1950s), Dennis Gruending (1960s), Martin Kondzielewski (1970s) and Sheri Kozij (1980s).

The speakers recalled highlights of their stay at college and noted the changes that happened over these years.

Following these presentations, Henri Loiselle, accompanied on piano by Bernice Junk, sang for the crowd.

The formal program concluded with remarks by former principal Father Albert Ruetz, present principal Father Maurice Weber, and college president Abbot Jerome Weber. The evening ended with more socializing and bonfire gatherings. Earlier in the afternoon group photos of each decade of students were taken.

The reunion ended with a pancake breakfast Monday morning.



Father Francis Lohmer, new Oblate director.



Mrs. Georgina Rakoz, Camrose, Alta. (left) and Mrs. Mary Wasserman, Muenster are seen with Father Albert Ruetz following their enrollment as oblate candidates, Aug. 10.

Oblate news

Father Francis Lohmer has been appointed Oblate director, replacing Father Albert Ruetz who is presently on sabbatical studying in Rome. He writes this introductory letter to all oblates.

Dear oblates,

As most oblates already know, at any rate those present at Oblate Day last July, Father Abbot asked me to

direct our wonderful oblates during the absence of Father Albert.

Our next Oblate Day is Nov. 8, snow or shine. We shall follow fairly closely the same schedule as in the past: Mass at 11:00, dinner with the community, meeting at 1:30 followed by Renewal of Oblation. We expect to enroll three candidates.

God willing, I hope to meet most of you on Saturday, Nov. 8.

Sincerely in St. Benedict,
Father Francis Lohmer

Rest in peace

In your prayers please remember our deceased confreres and relatives:

Father Blane Bebble, 63, Holy Cross Abbey, Canon City, Colorado, died on July 5.

Father Jonathan Franklin, 61, St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, Alabama, died on Aug. 1.

Brother Dunstan Nordick, 70, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, died on Aug. 6.

Father Jude Coughlin, 66, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, died on Aug. 9.

Father James Morrison, 79, St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, Alabama, died on Aug. 15.

Father Paul Petrik, 68, Saint Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois, died on Sept. 1.

Brother Paul Nyquist, 65, Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota, died on Sept. 3.

Brother Michael Scanlon, 83, Saint Mary's Abbey, Morristown, New Jersey, died on Sept. 4.

Father Matthew Benko, 72, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, died on Sept. 16.

Father Benno Watrin, 90, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, died on Sept. 20.

Father Martin Evans, 59, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, died on Oct. 5.

Richard Moran, 58, Saskatoon, brother of Brother Gerald Moran, died on Sept. 15.



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