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*Abbot Victor Dammertz, left, Benedictine abbot primate with headquarters in Rome, seen with Abbot Jerome Weber during his June 9-11 visit to St. Peter's Abbey. The Abbot Primate made a cross-Canada tour visiting communities of Benedictine men and women.*

# Abbot Jerome's activities

Abbot Jerome attended the meeting of the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, on January 20. The next day they met with the three Anglican Bishops of Saskatchewan to discuss matters of common concern, such as interfaith marriages.

On Monday, Feb. 8, he attended a meeting in Saskatoon, at the Catholic Centre with men and women religious superiors of Saskatchewan. This discussion concerned the collaboration of the Bishops and the Religious in various ways in the dioceses of Saskatchewan.

He went to St. Bernard's Abbey, in Alabama on February 15, for a workshop with about 50 other Benedictine Abbots and Priors of North America. Abbot John Eudes Bamberger, OCSO of Genesee Abbey, was the moderator. From his experience as a psychiatrist, monk and abbot, he gave many insights into the stages of personal growth.

En route to Alabama, he stopped at Chicago for a visit to St. Procopius Abbey, in Lisle, and also visited his Aunt, Mrs. Mae Koett, the widow of his Uncle Ferdinand in Brookfield.

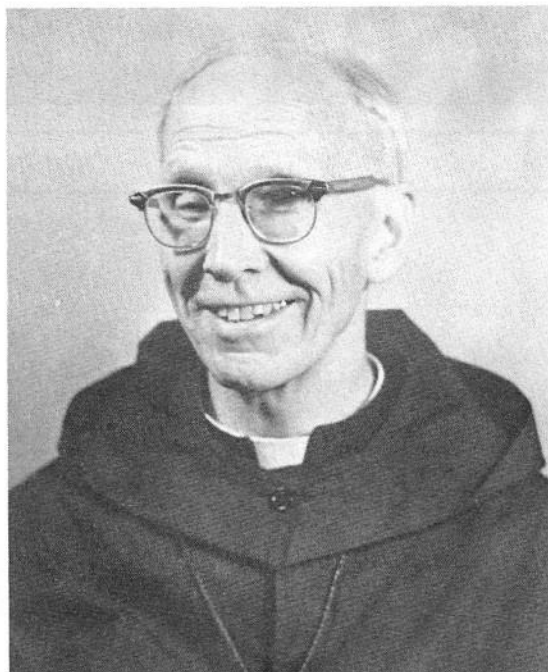
From Alabama he went directly to Edmonton, to the Grey Nuns' Centre for the annual meeting of the Catholic Bishops of Western Canada. Here one of the important topics for discussion was the feasibility of a Catholic Bible School for Western Canada.

He joined the Grey Nuns and many others in celebrating the 75th anniversary of St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon, on March 13.

On March 26 he was in Regina, at Sr. McGuigan High School, for a meeting of TRACE (Teachers of Religious and Christian Ethics). Rev. John Westerhoff, an Anglican clergyman, gave some good suggestions and thoughts on the topic, "Will our Children have Faith?"

The Knights of Columbus of Saskatchewan are celebrating the 100th anniversary of their beginning in 1982, and the 75th anniversary of their existence in this province. To mark these events there was a celebration in Regina, April 23-24, during the Annual Convention, which Abbot Jerome attended.

Confirmations began on Sunday, April 25, at St. Benedict. On subsequent Sundays, Abbot



Abbot Jerome Weber

Jerome was at St. Bruno, St. Augustine, St. Agnes, Holy Trinity, Canadian Martyrs, St. Anthony, St. George, St. Michael, St. Ann, St. Peter and St. Gregory, the last being on June 13.

The 34th Annual Convention of the Saskatchewan CWL was held at Humboldt, June 7-8. He was present at the banquet and was principal celebrant and homilist at the mass on June 8.

Abbot Jerome attended a farewell honoring retiring Cardinal Flahiff, and the installation of his successor, Bishop Adam Exner of Kamloops, as new archbishop of Winnipeg, June 22,23.

During a mass at St. Ursula's Convent, June 27, Abbot Jerome presided at the brief ceremony for the installation of the new Sister Superior Juliana Weber and her council.

On August 10, he will be travelling to Brasil with Father Bernard Stauber to visit our mission team there for two weeks.



*The recently completed metal peaked roofs give the abbey and Severin Hall a new look.*

## Abbey chronicle

In early January, *Father Matthew Michel* spent time at the Abbey recuperating from a bad fall.

*Brother Dominic Distel*, *Brother John Brodner* and *Father Martin Brodner* attended the funeral of *Hermann Lichthann*, a friend of the Abbey, at Saskatoon, January 13.

*Father Peter Novocosky* and *Brother Patrick Geno* motored to Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota January 21. *Father Peter* returned after three days but *Brother Patrick* remained a month learning the art of book binding.

On Sunday, February 7, *Bishop James Mahoney* of Saskatoon gave the main address at the Mini-marriage Encounter held here.

*Sister Ottilia Saretsky*, OSE, principal cook at the abbey fell and bruised a bone in her leg, February 10. She was out of the kitchen for a few weeks.

*Brother Oswald King*, along with *Brother Francis Fortney*, drove to Kenaston on February 11 to attend the funeral of *Brother Oswald's* brother, *Joe*.

*Brother Bernard Lange* motored to Richardton,

N.D., February 22 to bring back *Brother Patrick Geno*. They returned home February 25.

*Brother Bernard Lange* joined a tour to Kansas City sponsored by *Allis Chalmers*, February 27-March 3. His return was delayed one day due to a snow storm.

*Father Albert Ruetz* attended the St. Ursula's Alumni meeting held at St. Thomas More, Saskatoon, March 5.

*Father Leo Hinz* directed Engaged Encounters the following weekends: March 5-6 (Muenster), April 23-25 (Saskatoon) and June 24-27 (Muenster).

*Father Martin Brodner* directed an abbacy National Marriage Encounter, March 12-13.

A workshop on social justice sponsored by CCODP was held here March 9-12. *Fathers Philip Loehr*, *Werner Renneberg* and *Lawrence DeMong* attended.

In early March, *Brother Gregory Brodner* underwent surgery to receive a heart-pacer. It was hoped this would solve the pain and suffering he had experienced this winter. In April he returned

to hospital for a hernia operation. On May 5 he underwent a prostate operation.

Father Xavier Benning spent a few days visiting his sister, Sister Benedicta in hospital near Rapid City, S.D., March 22-26.

Father Werner Renneberg conducted a World Wide Marriage Encounter in Saskatoon, April 3-4.

Father Augustine Nenzel flew to Washington State to attend the funeral of his sister, Sister Demetria, of the Sisters of the Atonement. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Rose Brown.

Father Andrew Britz participated in a workshop on ministries, sponsored by the Regina Archdiocese at Fort Qu'Appelle, April 16-18. He also attended the Canadian Press Association Convention in Toronto, April 29-31.

On April 29, 25 hives of bees were brought home from Tisdale by Father Xavier Benning and Brother Bernard Lange.

Father Lawrence DeMong, requested by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development

and Peace to be a member at large of its Education Committee, attended his first meeting April 30-May 2 in Toronto. On that same trip he visited several schools using the pilot program for a revision of the grade two Canadian Catechism. Mississauga, Guelph, London, St. Thomas and West Lorne were the places he visited before dropping in on his friend Gilles Boily, military chaplain at Trenton. Then he proceeded to Montreal where he visited Brother Bede Hubbard and on to Ottawa May 10.

Sister Bernardine Fetter, OSU, conducted a workshop-retreat, "Towards a more meaningful life", May 7,8.

Father George Brodner spoke at the Dysart CWL on May 11. He was accompanied to Dysart by Brother John Brodner.

Father Peter Novecosky attended the ordination to the priesthood of Tim Ziegler at Regina, May 21.

Father Lawrence DeMong spent several days in Regina at Daly Centre where he worked with a group to explore possibilities for renewing the primary level of the home program or as it is sometimes called, the correspondence course of the Canadian Catechism. He also held meetings in Regina, Yorkton, Saskatoon and Bruno with pilot classes.

The community met Sunday evening, May 23 to discuss facilities for the sick and recreational facilities. A committee will be formed to study this question and make proposals.

Father Leo Hinz attended the Canon Law Meeting in Edmonton, May 23-28.

Brother Stanley Vindevoghel convoked May 20, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

Brother William Thurmeier attended a choir-leader workshop conducted by Dr. Alexander Peloquin at Holy Spirit Parish, Saskatoon, May 27-29.

On May 30, icy rain damaged many of the trees around the abbey grounds. The trees, already in leaf, couldn't bear the heavy weight of the ice and bent or broke. A clean-up crew, chiefly Brothers Francis Fortney, William Thurmeier and Stephen Carthy spent the next few days removing broken over-hanging branches.



Sister Jacynthe deMargerie, OSB, from the Benedictine Abbey of Mont-Laurier, Quebec, who is working temporarily at St. Peter's Press, discusses a lay-out design with PM managing editor, Father Peter Novecosky.



A farewell supper was held on June 2 honoring Patrick and Penny Jamieson and their three girls. Patrick was editor of the PM since June, 1981.

Brother Bernard Lange reported that seeding was completed by June 3.

Fathers Matthew Michel and Daniel Muyres spent the day at Marion Lake, June 4. Father Matthew has always been very supportive of the summer youth camp located there.

In early June Father Philip Loehr made a return visit to Quebec where he visited Saint Benoit du Lac Abbey. Three years earlier Father Philip spent much of the summer there.

On June 13, Father Maurice Weber, Brothers Oswald King and William Thurmeier travelled to Banff, Calgary and environs. They were gone six days.

On June 15, Father Rudolph Novecosky underwent stereotactic surgery for a procedure

called "pain control by brain stimulation." Once electrodes were implanted on the brain, stimulation should result lessening the pain sensations. This attempt proved ineffective, so the procedure was repeated on his spine, July 8. It is still too soon to know if this operation will arrest the pain which has persisted since the hunting accident, November 3, 1977.

Volunteer catechists and their families joined us for Vespers on June 21 then had an outdoor supper. This has become an annual occasion to show our appreciation to the catechists for the service they provide in the Abbey.

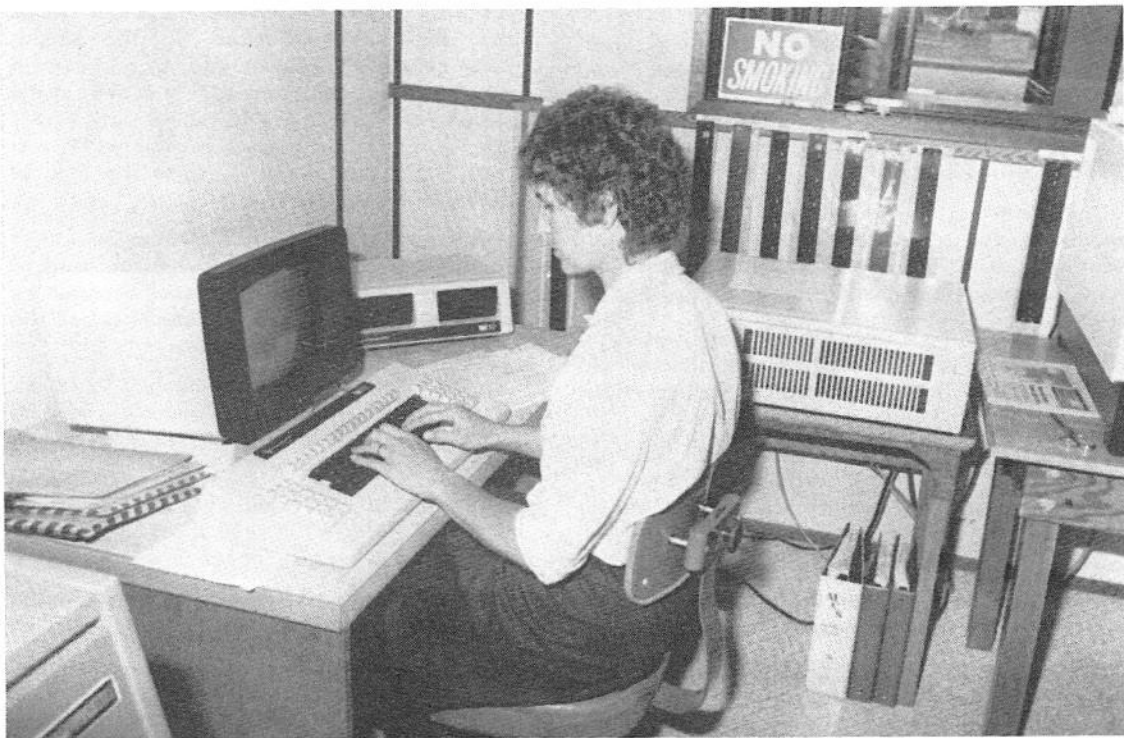
Brother Patrick Genois left on July 12 for St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he will attend the Summer Formation Institute for Junior Monks until August 8.

Father Alphonse Ludwig returned to Carmel from St. Paul's Hospital, July 13 where he will rest and recuperate from a slight fracture in his spine.

Father Albert Ruetz conducted a retreat for the Sisters of Sion, Saskatoon, July 3-9.



An icy-rain storm caused much damage to trees on the abbey grounds, May 30.



Rose Marie Strueby sets PM copy on the newly installed typesetting equipment, the Compugraphic Modular Composition System 8204.

## 60th anniversary

The June 13, 1982 issue of the *Prairie Messenger* marked the beginning of its 60th year of publication.

The first issue, May 24, 1923, claimed five subscribers. Presently our subscription numbers nearly 14,000, serving readers mainly in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The first editor was Father Ignatius Groll. Other editors of the PM have been: Father Lewis J. Gwynn, a Benedictine Oblate (1924); Father Cosmas Krumpelmann (1924 - 26); Father John Hable (1926 - 31); Father Wilfrid Hergott (1931 - 55); Father Augustine Nenzel (1955 - 62); Father James Gray (1962 - 72); Father Michael Pomedli (1972 - 76); Brother Bede Hubbard (1976 - 81); Patrick Jamieson (1981 - 82). Father Peter Novocosky is presently managing editor.

## PM wins award

The *Prairie Messenger* received the 1982 general excellence award from the Catholic Press Association (CPA), its fifth such award since 1975.

In choosing the PM for this years award, the judges stated, "An excellent newspaper which has the following qualities: A balanced proportion of local, national and world news, appealing graphics, professional layout, a judicious use of white space, an effective use of color, high quality photo reproduction, well-chosen and well-written stories, features, and editorials, attractive and interesting back pages, and wise placement of advertisements."

The judges went on to commend the PM for its "variety of story selection, large proportion of staff-generated copy, effective use of color, and graphic excellence."

# New assignments

The following pastoral changes for St. Peter's Abbey, effective by July 25, have been announced by Abbot Jerome Weber:

Father Edward Benning, pastor, St. Michael's Parish, Cudworth.

Father Francis Lohmer, pastor, St. Anne's Parish, Annaheim.

Father Alphonse Ludwig, resident priest at Carmel.

Father George Brodner, pastor, St. George's Parish, Naicam, and St. Martin's.

Father Martin Brodner, pastor, St. Peter's Parish, Muenster.

Father Philip Loehr, resident at Pilger and pastor of Holy Trinity Parish; Canadian Martyr's Parish, Middle Lake; St. Benedict's Parish, St. Benedict; St. Bernard's Parish; St. Joseph's Parish, Fulda.

Father Florian Renneberg, pastor, Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Englefeld, and Holy Rosary, Leroy.

Father Leo Hinz, pastor, St. Augustine's Parish, Humboldt.

Father Maurice Weber, pastor, Assumption Parish, Marysburg, and assistant to Father Philip.

Prior Albert Ruetz, weekend assistant to Father Roman Schneider at Bruno and Carmel.

Father Lawrence DeMong will go to Ottawa for three years to become director of National Office of Religious Education in September.

Father Bernard Stauber will return to Maceio, Brasil on August 10 and join Father Emil April of the Saskatoon mission team to work in a parish there.

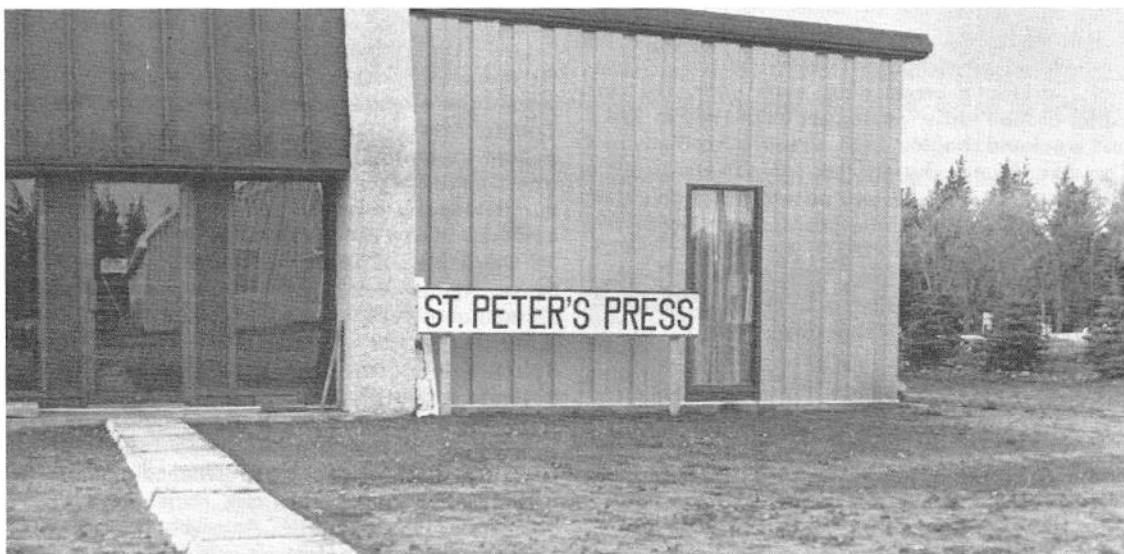
## Monks to study

Father Damian Yaskowich will be studying graphics and design at Holland College, Charlottetown, PEI for a year beginning in September.

Brother Stanley Vindevoghel will complete his final year towards a degree in social work (BSW) at Saskatoon.

Brother William Thurmeier hopes to continue his studies in philosophy at St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Brother Stephen Carthy will continue his studies in philosophy and history at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.



*St. Peter's Press, occupied for one year now, gets sidewalks and lawn.*

# Golden anniversaries of ordination

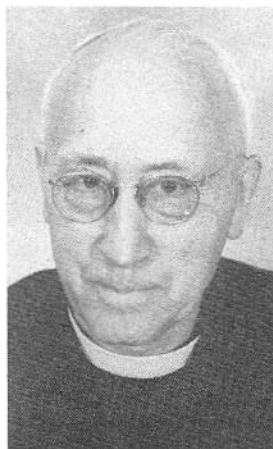
Two monks, both members of the first class of students when St. Peter's College opened in October 1921, celebrated the golden anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood this summer. Father Augustine Nenzel was honored at his home parish, St. Peter's, Muenster and Father Alphonse Ludwig at the parish he was still serving at, St. George's, Naicam. They entered the novitiate at St. Peter's Abbey on July 8, 1925 and made their monastic vows on July 17, 1926. They were ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1932 by Bishop Joseph Prud'homme. A third classmate, Father Gregory Gasser passed away, August 2, 1977.

## Father Augustine Nenzel

Father Augustine was born in Nenzel, Nebraska, Dec. 19, 1901, and arrived at Rosthern March 21, 1903, in a snowstorm. He began his elementary schooling at Muenster, continued it at the mission school at Cranbrook, B.C., where his father was a ranch foreman, and completed it at St. Louis College of the Oblate Fathers at New Westminster, B.C., in 1917. He returned to Muenster with his family in June 1917 and spent the next three years working in his father's farm, with time out in the late fall for custom-threshing with a steam outfit in the Rosetown district.

Father Augustine resided at St. Peter's Abbey for 30 years after his ordination (1932-1962), with the exception of two years sick-leave at Cudworth and one year in the Saskatchewan Sanatorium, Saskatoon. Alumni of St. Peter's College remember him especially as student prefect for eight years, student chaplain for 11 years, and director of dramatics for 20 years, during which period the students presented at least one, and usually two, major dramatic productions each year. He was editor of the *Prairie Messenger* from 1955 to 1962, and weekend chaplain at St. Ursula's Academy and Convent, Bruno, during the same period. Since 1962 he has been assistant pastor and chaplain at Bruno and Humboldt, and pastor at Bruno (1969-1970), Carmel (1964-1967), St. Benedict (1970-1979), and Middle Lake with Bethany Village (1972-1979), and Chaplain at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Humboldt (1979 to the present).

The 50th anniversary mass was concelebrated at St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday, July 4. Following mass, a supper served by the Muenster ladies and members of the St. Elizabeth Hospital staff was held at the Muenster Community Hall. An evening program at which tributes were given Father Augustine by those whom he had ministered to as pastor and chaplain and by relatives concluded the celebration.



Father Augustine



Father Alphonse

## Father Alphonse Ludwig

Father Alphonse was born on May 24, 1905, at Fulda, Sask. (then still North West Territories). He moved with his family to Bruno in 1915 and took his elementary schooling there from the pioneer Ursuline Sisters Mother Antonia and Mother Agatha. After school hours he worked as printer's apprentice on the *Bruno Leader*. After graduating from St. Peter's College, he declined an offer from a Minneapolis baseball team, and entered the novitiate at St. Peter's Abbey on July 8, 1925.

After his ordination to the priesthood in 1932 Father Alphonse continued to teach at St. Peter's College until 1938. He was prefect of students and sports director for two years (1932-1934), coaching outstanding hockey teams. From 1934-1938 he was business manager of St. Peter's Press, during a time of expansion in both circulation and equipment. While still residing at St. Peter's Abbey he filled a number of parochial assignments: assistant at Fulda (1935) and Humboldt (1936); pastor of St. Agnes parish, Peterson (1935-1939); first pastor of Holy Martyr's parish, Middle Lake (1935-1939). From 1939 to the present he has been

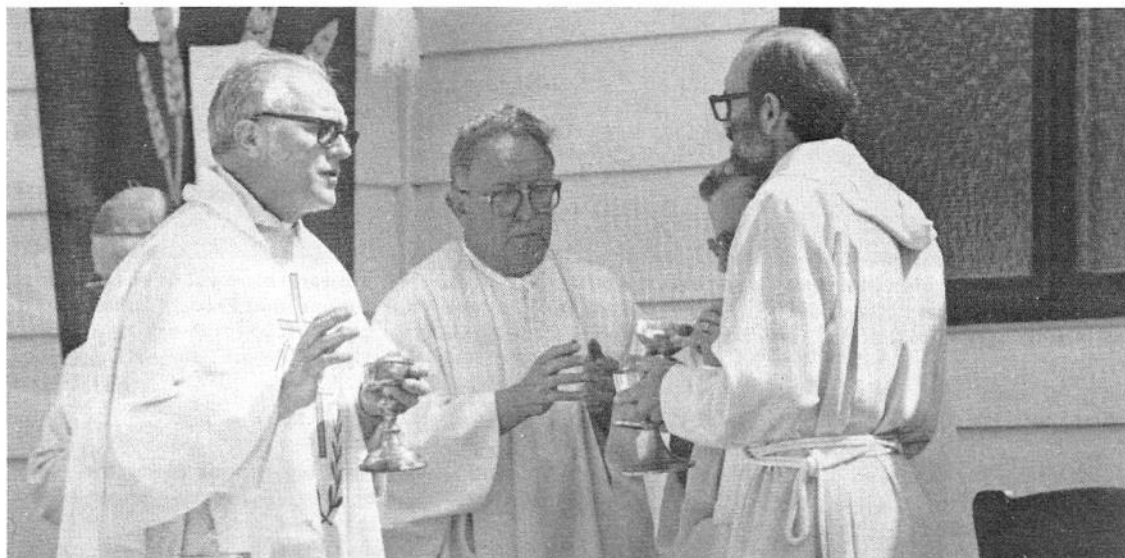


resident pastor of the following parishes: Carmel and Immaculate Conception (1939-1948); St. Benedict (1948-1960); Englefeld and LeRoy (1960-1970); Naicam (1970 to 1982). Father Alphonse now resides at Carmel.

During the years of his pastoral ministry Father Alphonse has supervised an extraordinary number of construction projects: the church hall (used as the first church) at Middle Lake, 1936; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church, 1947; St. Benedict church, 1958; Englefeld rectory, 1961; LeRoy,

remodeling and extension of the church, 1964; Naicam, remodeling and extension of the church, 1971-1972. During the building program at St. Peter's in the '60s he served on the building board and acted as assistant foreman.

Celebrations marking Father Alphonse's 50th anniversary were held at Naicam, Sunday, June 27. Following the afternoon jubilee mass at which Father Alphonse was principal celebrant, a short program of presentations was held in the church basement. This was followed by a chicken supper.



*Father Werner Renneberg, left, celebrated his silver jubilee of ordination this June, joined by several confreres.*

## Silver jubilee

Father Werner Renneberg celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in June.

An anniversary mass was celebrated June 12 at the old St. Leofeld Church, near Cudworth. The church, no longer used, was Father Werner's home parish and was the first church in St. Peter's Abbey.

A celebration was also held June 13 at Pilger for the five parishes Father Werner serves in his pastoral district: St. Bernard's, Pilger, Middle Lake, St. Benedict and Marysburg. Mass was followed by a program and a potluck supper. During the program parishioners from the five parishes put on

a skit depicting each of the five decades of Father Werner's life.

Father Werner was born at Leofeld in 1925. He joined the Benedictine community at St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, in 1950 and was ordained priest June 1, 1957.

After ordination he was assistant at Humboldt and Muenster, taught at St. Peter's College, was manager of St. Peter's Press and served as pastor of Muenster and St. Gregor (1970-77) and of Pilger, Middle Lake and St. Bernard's (1977-82) and St. Benedict's (since 1980).

This summer he will move to Humboldt where he will join Father Leo Hinz at St. Augustine's Parish.



*Four monks celebrated their anniversaries of monastic profession with Vespers, renewal of vows, supper and program at the abbey, July 11. They are from left, Fathers Paul Kuehne and Francis Lohmer (60), Brother Gregory Brodner (50) and Father Lawrence DeMong (25).*

## The guestmaster's report

This spring has been a busy time for Severin Hall. We've had a variety of guests and groups — and the building has now also received a facelifting.

This has been the busiest spring ever. Freda Hilgers, with the assistance of Pat Weber and the occasional assist from Sister Mary Smith, has had her hands full with keeping the rooms tidy, the floors shiny and the beds neat. And the crew has done a marvelous job.

For the past several years Severin Hall has had a problem with leaky roofs. The stained ceiling tile in the corridor and in some of the rooms are evident testimony to this. Each rain kept the guestmaster busy emptying pails hidden above the ceiling tile. In addition, the roof insulation had all its insulating value soaked out of it and the north end of Severin Hall was always cold in winter.

This June a new sloped roof was added on top the old flat roof. The advantage of this type of roof, with R40 insulation added, proved its value on the abbey last year.

There were two big groups using the guest facilities early this year. The Saskatchewan Indian Recreation Directors Training Program, sponsored by the Saskatchewan Indian community College, Saskatoon, has been here for two two-week sessions. The first session was Jan. 25-Feb. 4 and the second from April 19-30. A third session is scheduled for Sept. 19-Oct 1 and a fourth will be held early next year. Program co-ordinators are Judy Anderson and Angus McLean.

The 34 Indian recreation directors are from all parts of Saskatchewan, with the farthest being from Fond du Lac. Program staff members and students find the rural setting of St. Peter's, and the food, ideal.

The department of social service, Regina, has sponsored five one-week sessions here. The first three were for supervisors across the province working in the child protection section; the last two weeks were for the case workers. Experts on child abuse were brought in from the U.S. and Canada to help the 50-plus participants at each session.

A number of youth groups were here. A 4-H group from northeast Saskatchewan was here at the end of January. Some Newman university students from Saskatoon also came here for a January weekend get-together.

In early February about 70 students from the Swift Current Bible School came for a couple days to see what monasticism is all about. A dozen students from Aldersgate College in Moose Jaw, North America's Free Methodist Bible College, came here during Holy Week to take part in our Holy Week liturgy and get a taste of monastic life. They found the experience a "highlight" of their year and next year 30 students plan to come.

Two Lutheran pastors in Yorkton are reviving a youth group and they brought a group of 40 lively young people here the May 1 weekend. Later in May a United Church confirmation class spent a weekend here. An Abbey Vocations and Ministries Committee workshop attracted about two dozen people, young and older, in early May.

A good representation of Serena couples were here for a provincial workshop on natural family

planning Feb. 12 - 14. The previous weekend a group of elders from Grosvenor Park United Church, Saskatoon, had a weekend workshop here.

The Abbey Engaged Encounter got off to a good start with a full house the first weekend in March. Another emergency session was booked in late June. The second week of March about a dozen priests were here for a workshop on social justice. And that weekend the Abbey Marriage Encounter had eight couples take part in an enriching weekend. March 20 was reserved for oblates of the abbey who took part in an Oblate Day program organized by Father Albert Ruetz, director of oblates. Another Oblate Day was held July 10.

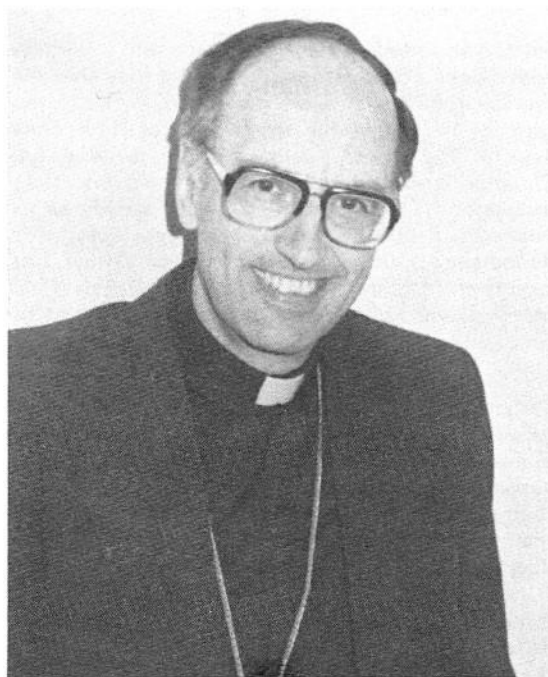
Spring seemed to be in the air at the end of March, as more than 30 people showed up for a United Church Camping Conference. You could also tell June was getting close, because the last three weekends of March were booked for marriage preparation classes, co-ordinated by Fathers Leo Hinz and Daniel Muires.

In May the Globe Theatre touring group again made St. Peter's their "home" as they made their rounds in the schools in the area. We almost weren't able to accommodate the five actors because of other bookings. However, since the college students had gone home, some extra rooms for them were found.

Ron Evans, university chaplain, Saskatoon, brought his students in clinical pastoral training here for a few days together in early June. A Saskatchewan Status of Women group also met here for discussions the second weekend of June.

Father's Day weekend saw a good turnout for the annual AA roundup sponsored by the Humboldt AAs. Earlier in the week more than 40 librarians from across Canada got a quick tour of the press, farm, college and cathedral, as well as a hearty dinner, during their stopover at St. Peter's. That same week 35 members of the university hospital youth service staff gathered here for a couple days of assessment and evaluation.

Besides the various groups using the facilities, we continue to have the usual number of individuals coming for a day or a week of retreat or renewal, directed or alone. The guest who has stayed in Severin Hall the longest time this spring is Terry Sorochan, who has resided here since being hired as press manager March 1.



*Bishop Noel Delaquis, Gravelbourg, preached the annual community retreat, June 28-July 2.*



Oblates of St. Benedict gathered at St. Peter's for Oblate Day, July 10.

## Our Benedictine Oblates

An Oblate Day was held on July 11, 1981, with twenty-four in attendance. The Oblates shared with the monastic community in Mass and Vespers. Father Abbot and Father Albert, Oblate Director, addressed the group in the afternoon. Following Vespers, Mrs. Anton Dierker, Mrs. Rose Kasun, Mrs. Helen Koob, Frederick and Irene Medernach, all of Cudworth, and Mrs. Peggy Mahon, Mrs. Rosalind McDermott and Franz Henn of Saskatoon were enrolled as candidates. Miss Mary Boddy, Mrs. Jessica Latshaw, Bob and Bette Lemke, all of Saskatoon, made their final oblation as Oblates. The other Oblates publicly renewed their oblation. The day concluded with an outdoor supper.

On November 21 and March 20 Oblate Meetings were held at St. Peter's Abbey. Father Maurice Weber addressed the Oblates on both occasions, on Good Zeal and on Prayer in the Rule of St. Benedict. On November 21, Gilbert Mansbridge, Regina; Mrs. Rachel Rompre, Domremy; Mrs. Imelda Mamer, Lake Lenore; and Gail Grimsen, Saskatoon, were enrolled as candidates. Mrs. Oris Fry, Muenster, made her final oblation. On March 20, Kevin and Barbara Krofchek, Regina, made their final oblation.

Oblates of St. Benedict are Christian men and

women admitted into spiritual union and affiliation with a Benedictine community so that they share in the spiritual life, prayers and good works of the community. Within the framework of their daily lives in the world, Oblates strive to lead full Christian lives enlightened by personal efforts to understand Christ's teaching in the Scriptures as interpreted by St. Benedict in his Rule. The Benedictine community at St. Peter's now has twenty-six Oblates who have made their final oblation and twelve who have been enrolled as candidates.

Twenty-four oblates registered for the July 10, 1982, Oblate Day. Abbot Jerome was main celebrant and homilist at the mass and also addressed the oblates in the afternoon. Following vespers with the community, the oblates renewed their oblation and received the papal blessing. At the same ceremony Mary Bantle and Nellie Rudnitski of Cudworth were enrolled as Oblate Candidates. Franz Henn, Saskatoon, and the following from Cudworth: Mrs. Anton Dierker, Mrs. Rose Dasun, Mrs. Helen Koob, Frederick and Irene Medernach, made their final oblation as Oblates. The day concluded with an outdoor supper with the community.





*Efforts were made to direct as much spring run-off as possible into our water-supply reservoir.*

## Water Supply

Brother Francis Fortney and Brother Gregory Brodner anxiously watched the channel leading to the water reservoir as the spring thaw set in. The scarcity of snowfall during the winter and spring months did not promise an abundant flow of water. A check on March 15 showed that there was eight feet of water left in the reservoir. Ice formed forty-three inches of the level and the remainder was available water. In spite of the slow spring thaw two feet of water was siphoned or pumped, or flowed into the reservoir. Another foot of water was added by pumping from an adjacent reservoir.

To refill the adjacent reservoir used for garden and lawn irrigation a large pump and a mile of six

inch pipe was rented and approximately a million gallons of water was pumped from a slough on the neighbor's land.

Five inches of rain during May and June have helped maintain the water level. Brother Gregory, after the last check, reported that the present water level is the same as it was last year at this time. He added that regular rainfall during the summer months and moderate temperatures would assure an adequate supply for our own needs. It still would not enable us to supply water for others.

## Deceased brethren, relatives

Abbot Robert Dodson, 68, sixth Abbot of St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee, Oklahoma, died on January 8.

Father Julian (Quentin) Smith, 63, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, died on January 11.

Father Wenceslaus Michalicka, 87, St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois, died on February 26.

Father Hermano Felix Velazquez Sotomayor, 78, Monasterio Benedictino Del Tepeyac, Mexico, died on March 30.

Father Alcuin (William) Tasch, 89, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, died on April 17.

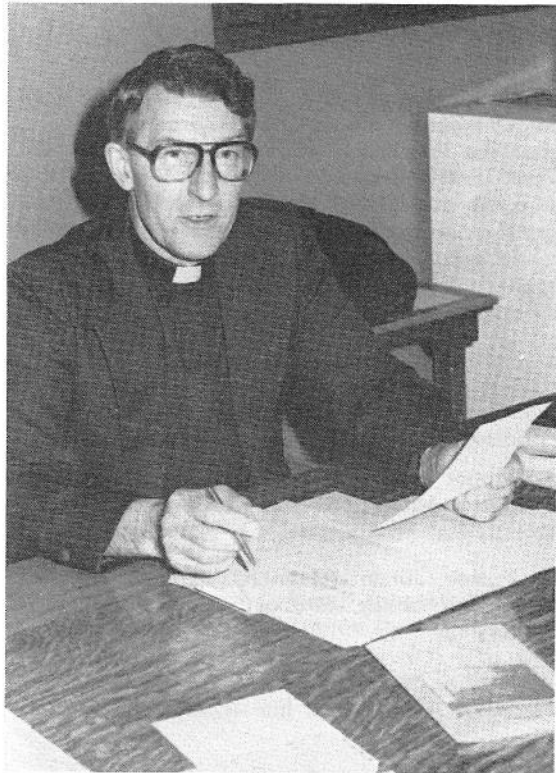
Father Adolph Hrdlicka, 82, St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois, died on May 3.

Father Lawrence David Phillips, 57, St. Bernard's Abbey, St. Bernard, Alabama, died suddenly in an automobile crash on May 9.

Father Augustin William Cornides, 65, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, died on June 16.

Joe King, 70, Prince Albert, Sask., brother of Brother Oswald King, died on February 8.

Sister Demetria Nenzel, CSJ, 87, Sister of Father Augustine Nenzel, died April 14.



*Father Maurice Weber*

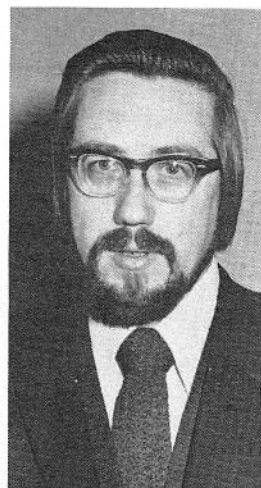
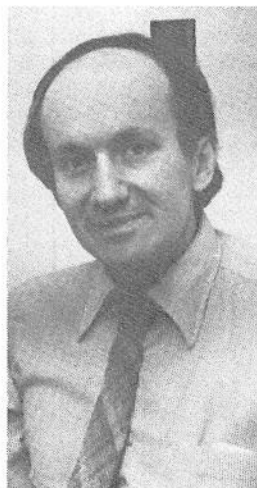
## College principal

Father Maurice Weber has been reappointed principal of St. Peter's College. He replaces Father Andrew Britz who has been principal since 1976. Father Andrew has been appointed chairman of the college executive council.

Father Albert Ruetz has been named dean of students, the position Father Maurice held. Sister Zita Maier, OSU, will be religious and social co-ordinator for the students.

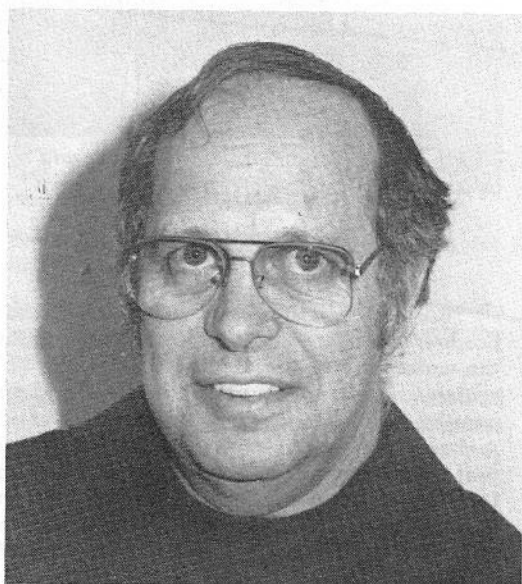
Father Maurice had been principal of the College from 1972-76. The college, affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan, offers an arts and science program. Student enrollment is expected to be over 60 students for the 1982-83 school term.

St. Peter's College also houses an office education secretarial program and a pre-vocational program.



*Patrick Jamieson (left) succeeded Brother Bede Hubbard as PM editor in June, 1981.*

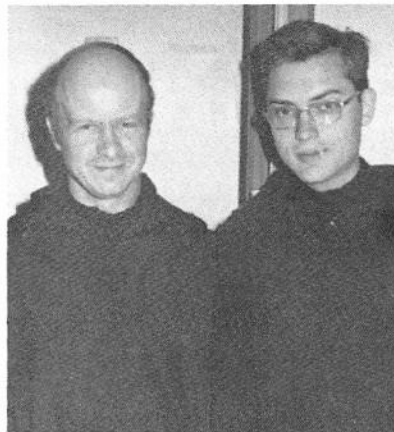
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*Father Bob Mitchell, OFM preached the annual community retreat at the end of June, 1981.*

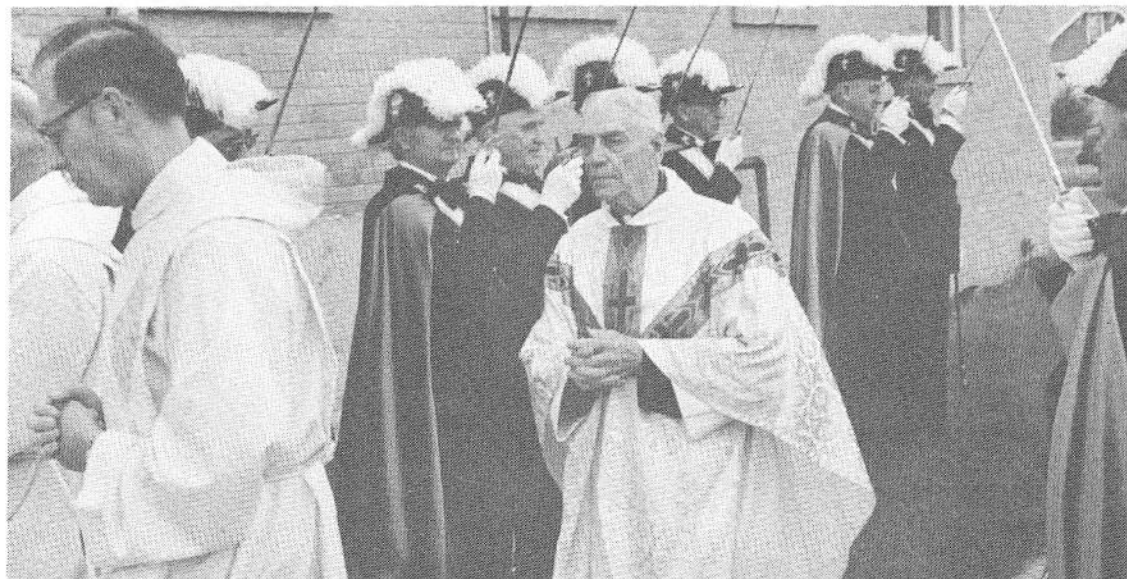


*The new St. Peter's Press was officially blessed by Abbot Jerome Weber, August 31, 1981.*

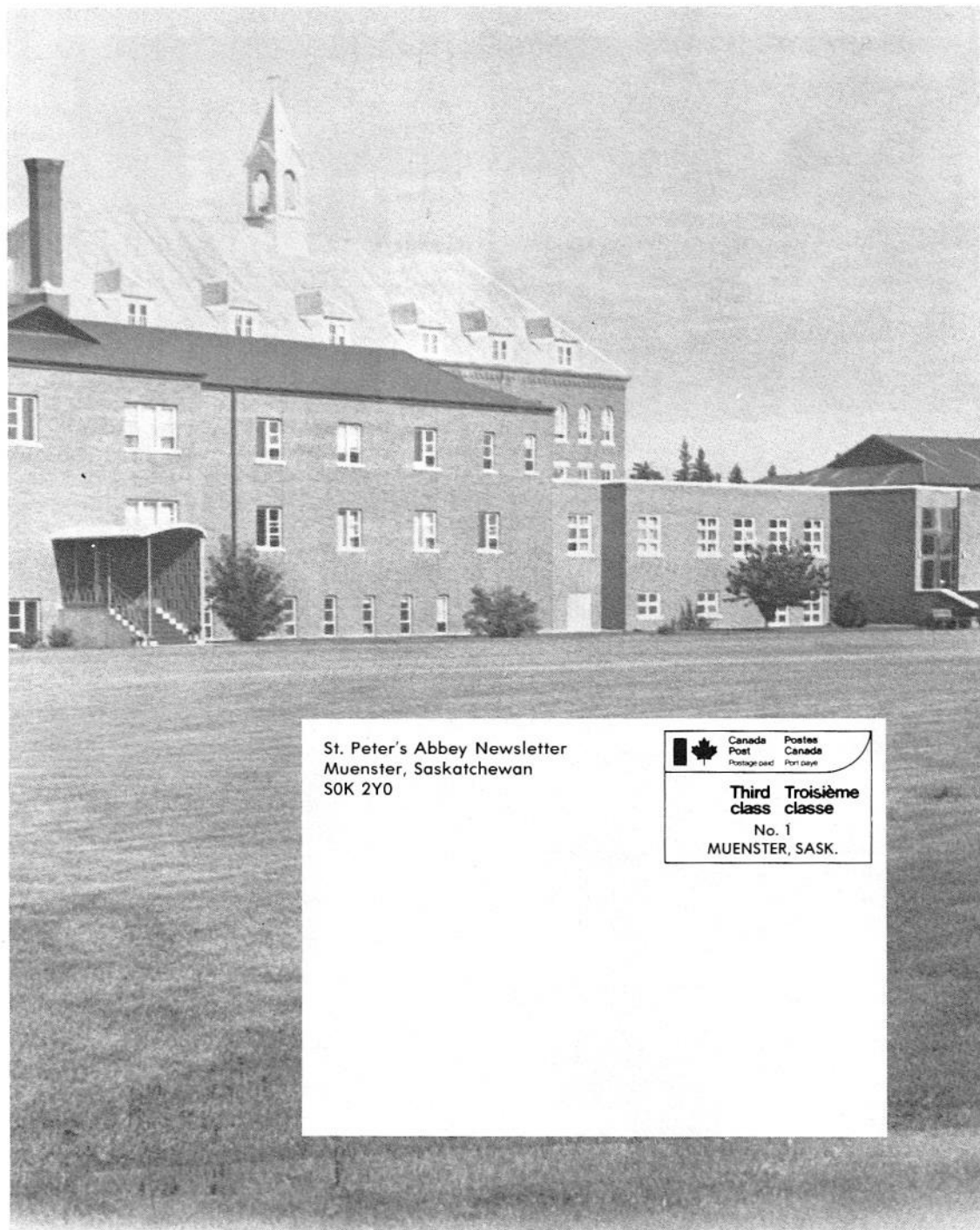


*Brothers Stephen Carthy and William Thurmeier made three-year vows as monks of St. Peter's Abbey, July 11, 1981.*

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*Father Matthew Michel celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, June 21, 1981.*



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