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Monks celebrating their jubilees this summer are, from left: Father Joseph Ackerman (silver jubilee of ordination), Brother John Brodner (golden jubilee of profession) and Father Sylvester Vredegoor (silver jubilee of profession).



Abbot Theodore Ghesquiere of Saint-Andre-de-Clerlande, Ottignies, Belgium (right) visited St. Peter's Abbey and Sister Jacynthe de Margerie (centre) July 10 - 16.

Summary of Abbot Jerome's activities

February 20 saw me at the Grey Nuns Centre in Edmonton for the annual meeting of the Roman Catholic Bishops of Western Canada — about 25 in all. Father Morrissey, OMI of Ottawa spoke to us about the new Canon Law which becomes effective on November 27, 1983, the first Sunday of Advent. I could not stay for the whole session because I had to return early for the funeral of Father Paul.

A meeting of the Roman Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan took me to Saskatoon on April 18. Next day we met with the three Anglican Bishops of the province to discuss matters of common interest.

The annual convention of the K. of C. of Saskatchewan was in Saskatoon on April 30. I concelebrated Holy Mass with Bishop Mahoney in St. Paul's Cathedral in the morning. In the evening there was a banquet at the Centennial auditorium.

The Provincial CWL had their annual convention in Regina. It began with a Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on May 29 during which

the hierarchy of our province dedicated the Catholics of Saskatchewan to Mary.

I was pleased to celebrate with Bishop Delaquis of Gravelbourg his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. This took place in Swift Current on June 1. We remember him gratefully at St. Peter's as our retreat director in 1982.

On June 10, I drove to Prince Albert to join the people of that diocese in welcoming their new Bishop, Blaise Morand, during a Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Before this there was a banquet in which there was an appreciation to Bishop Morin, the former Bishop, who had served there for 24 years.

The triennial Chapter of the American Cassinese Federation (18 Abbeys and 4 priories) to which St. Peter's belongs, was held at Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota, June 13 - 18. Father Andrew, as the delegate chosen for St. Peter's, and I, drove there by car.

Abbey chronicle

Brother Bernard Lange, accompanied by Sister Ottilia Saretsky, OSE, drove **Brother Patrick Geno**is back on January 5 to Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota where he is taking part in the formation program with their junior monks.

Brother William Thurmeier, home for the Christmas break, returned to St. Anselm's Abbey, New Hampshire on January 7 where he is continuing his studies in philosophy.

Father Alphonse Ludwig spent January 14 in St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon. An operation on the veins of his legs was decided against since much deterioration made such an operation inadvisable. He returned home the following day.

On January 24, the postulancy program began with the following candidates: **Peter Ety**, **Michael McAllister**, **John Schaan**, **Eric Wolfe** and **Rene Petipas**.

Sister Mary Beth Montcalm, editor of the *Prairie Messenger* since September, 1982, tendered her resignation effective April 1. **Father Andrew Britz** offered to succeed her as editor.

Father Werner Renneberg assisted with a World-Wide Marriage Encounter in Calgary the weekend of February 5.

On February 8, **Father Werner Renneberg** was appointed chaplain of St. Elizabeth's Hospital replacing **Father Augustine Nenzel** whose health is declining. **Father Werner** still remains assistant priest at St. Augustine's Parish, Humboldt.

Brothers Stanley Vindevoghel and **Stephen Carthy**, who are attending University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon arrived home February 11 for the week-long February break.

On February 12, **Brother Wolfgang Theim** completed the laying of new flooring in the chapel entrance area where the stone holy water font has been installed. A print of the Baptism of Jesus was put up on the back wall by **Brother Wolfgang** and **Father Damian Yaskowich** on June 23.

Father Peter Novecosky attended the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspaper Association Convention at Regina, March 11 and 12.

An Abbacy Marriage Encounter was conducted by **Father Martin Brodner** the weekend of March 12.

A new era began in the laundry the week of March 14. Five new household-size washing machines replaced the two old institutional machines.

On March 16, **Kurt van Kuren** was accepted as a candidate for our community.

Father Norbert Schwinghammer and **Brother Francis Fortney** attended the funeral of **Father Alphonse Ludwig's** sister-in-law, **Mary Ludwig** in Saskatoon, March 16.

On March 23, **Abbot Jerome** announced that **Father Augustine Nenzel** would become chaplain of St. Mary's Villa, Humboldt succeeding **Father Paul Kuehne** who passed away February 20.

An article on St. Peter's Community written by **Paul De Groot** appeared in the April 2 issue of the *Edmonton Journal*. Featured is a photo of **Father Xavier Benning** praying in chapel.



Brother Patrick Genois (left) and **Stephen Carthy** attended the Summer Monastic Institute for Junior Monks at St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kansas, July 12 - August 9.

Father David Banga of the Regina Archdiocese visited many of our parishes in early April to promote the proposed September walkathon supporting pro-life.

On April 21, Brother Gregory Brodner reported that the water in the large reservoir is very high resulting from a good spring run-off. Water would again be available to the public.

On April 22, Fathers Albert Ruetz, Leo Hinz, Daniel Muyres, Roman Schneider and Abbot Jerome Weber attended the 50th anniversary of the St. Agnes CWL, Peterson.

Brother Bernard Lange and Father Xavier Benning traveled to Tisdale to pick up this year's shipment of bees (25 hives) on April 28.

Brother Stanley Vindevoghel returned from the University on May 2. Most of his second semester was spent interning as a social worker at St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon.

The site for the new machine repair shop was staked out by Brother Bernard Lange and the farm staff on May 3. It is located north of the machine storage building. Excavation began immediately.

Brother Patrick Genois returned home from Richardton, North Dakota May 10. Father Peter Novocosky motored there to pick him up.

On May 5, the Senior Council decided that preparations for the sale of the dairy herd would proceed. The sale was set for June 13.

Brother William Thurmeier returned from St. Anselm's Abbey on May 14.

Brother Francis Fortney spent four days in the hospital after being accidentally jolted off the road-grader on May 17. He required a few additional days of recuperation.

Father Peter Novocosky and some members of the press staff attended the prayer service in Wynyard on May 29 for Father Damian Yaskowich's father, Anthony who passed away May 27. Attending the funeral the next day were Fathers Albert Ruetz, Daniel Muyres, Maurice Weber and Brother Francis Fortney. Father Damian Yaskowich was home from Charlottetown to be main celebrant at the funeral mass.

On Sunday, May 29, the bell-tower bell which has been silent for almost 20 years officially rang for the first time at Vespers. In-

strumental in planning and installing the necessary apparatus for this bell to ring regularly before Lauds and Vespers was Brother Oswald King.

On June 8, Fathers Maurice Weber and Andrew Britz and Brother Stanley Vindevoghel attended the funeral at Englefeld of Mrs. Marie Herriges, mother of Guy Herriges who spent eight months with us as a novice a few years ago.

On June 12, Abbot Jerome Weber and Father Andrew Britz left by car to attend the General Chapter at Richardton, North Dakota.

Prior Albert Ruetz and Father Maurice Weber attended the funeral of Archbishop Michael O'Neill in Regina, June 15.

On June 15, Achraf Farid Isaac, a seminarian from Cairo, Egypt arrived to spend several months here. One of his objectives is to learn more English.

Father Damian Yaskowich returned from Charlottetown on June 20. During the past school term he has been studying design and graphics at Holland College. On his trip home he visited Father Lawrence DeMong in Ottawa for four days.

Michelle Berting, co-ordinating secretary of St. Peter's Abbey Pastoral Centre for the past year, left the position at the end of June and will continue her education this fall in North Dakota.

At the beginning of July, Father Matthew Michel returned to the abbey. From here he will continue to celebrate mass for the senior citizens at Cudworth.

Father Sylvester Vredegoor, who is part of our mission team in Maceio, Brazil, arrived home July 10 for a three month visit.

Father Leo Hinz attended a workshop on the Rite of Christian Initiation in Edmonton the weekend of July 10.

Brother Stanley Vindevoghel left July 13 with the St. Peter's Chamber Singers for a three-week singing tour in Europe.

Father John Scott of St. Martin's Abbey, Lacey, Washington arrived July 23 to spend some time here gathering information for a history of North American Catholicism which he is teaching. Besides using our archives he also interviewed Father Matthew Michel.



Oblates of St. Benedict gathered at St. Peter's for Oblate Day, July 9.

Oblate family continues to increase

The Oblates of St. Benedict met on three different occasions at St. Peter's Abbey during the past year. Each meeting began with an 11:00 o'clock mass celebrated by Abbot Jerome Weber who was also the homilist.

At the November 13 meeting the Abbot addressed the Oblates in the afternoon. At this meeting Mrs. Katie Bohnke was enrolled as an Oblate Candidate. Mrs. Peggy Mahon, Mrs. Rosalind McDermott, Gail Grimsen, all of Saskatoon, and Mrs. Rachel Rompre, Domremy, made their Final Oblation as Oblates.

Later on the Feast of the Presentation, November 21, Gilbert Mansbridge, Regina, made his Final Oblation.

At the meeting on March 19, Father Albert Ruetz, Director, gave the afternoon address to the Oblates. Mrs. Margaret Christensen, Saskatoon, Jim and Marion Penna, Saskatoon, and

Anne Blechinger, Annaheim, were enrolled as Oblate Candidates.

Father Albert again addressed the Oblates on their Oblate Day, July 9. Kevin and Barbara Krofchek and Jessica Latshaw also led a panel discussion on the Oblate life in the afternoon. Martin and Loretta Leuschen, Bruno, and Eric Wolfe, Saskatoon, were enrolled as Oblate Candidates. Mary Bantle and Nellie Rudnitski, both of Cudworth, made their Final Oblation. The July 9 meeting concluded with an outdoor supper with the community members. Several observers were present at each of the meetings to learn about lay people who associate themselves with a Benedictine monastery.

Adrian Joosten and his fiancée, Candise Koppel, Edmonton, made a five-day retreat at St. Peter's in preparation for their marriage on August 6. Adrian used the occasion of this visit to make his Final Oblation as an Oblate on July 22.

Abbot Jerome visits Brazil in August, 1982

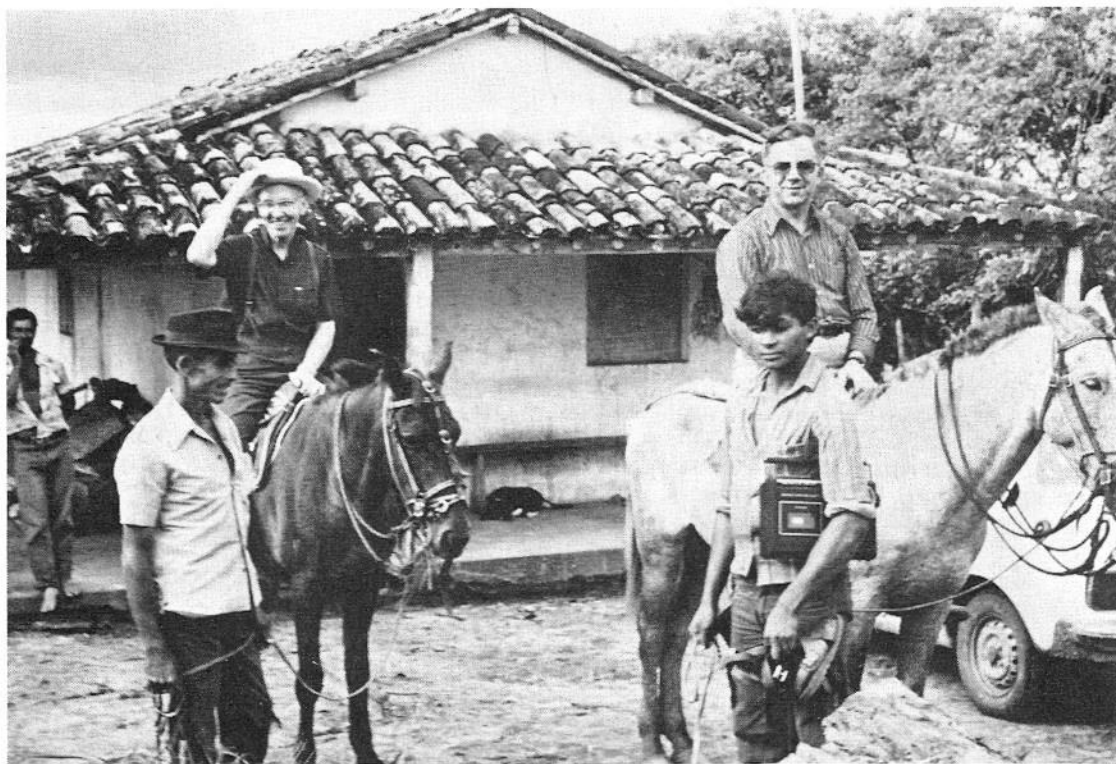
During two weeks of August, 1982, I again visited our team in Maceio, Brazil. Father Bernard Stauber, who had been at St. Peter's for two years, was returning to resume his apostolate in Brazil. We traveled together by air via Saskatoon, Toronto, New York, Rio and then landed at Maceio airport where we were greeted by the team, Father Sylvester and Sisters Maria Doepker, OSU, Claire Novacosky, OSU, and Dolores Jansen, OSE.

There would be very many things I could report, but I'll have to restrict myself to a few.

The gratitude and appreciation for the presence of the team and their contribution to the people was expressed again and again as I visited the 5 parishes and communities in which they work on the occasion of the Sunday Mass or other special festivity.

The Archbishop, Dom Miguel, did the same, publicly during a Mass in his cathedral during a special celebration, and privately at a farewell at his home on the evening before I returned to Canada.

One of the real highlights was my visit to the farm a couple hours drive from Maceio. This farm is the property of the Archdiocese and its care and development was entrusted to Father Sylvester about 3 years ago. There are about 120 families living on 1400 acres, so each family can farm very few acres. I got to the new school, where the Mass was to be, on horseback (for about a mile) since it was the rainy season and cars could not get that close. The last lap included crossing a small river in a tiny boat out of which the water had first to be dipped.



Abbot Jerome Weber (left) and Father Bernard Stauber on horseback in Brazil.

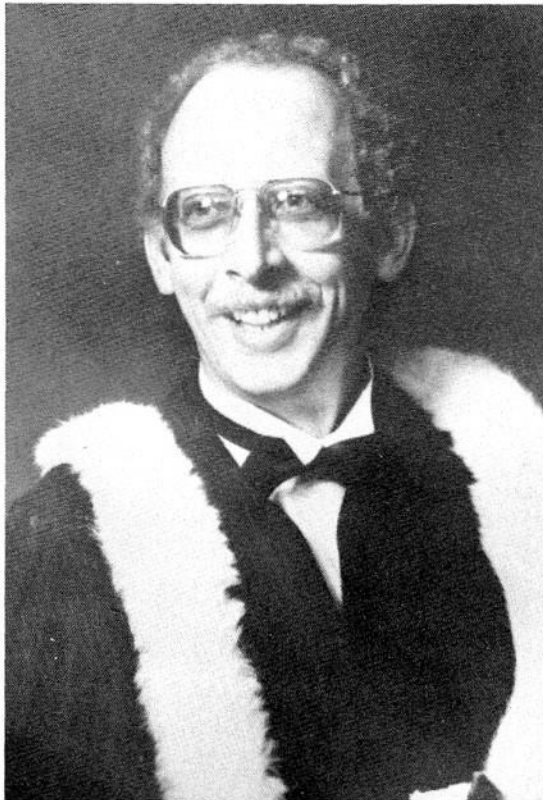
There is a community centre and a school in one building, and its presence is mainly due to the initiative of Father Sylvester, as is the presence of electricity. He was also beginning to build a cistern for storage of water for the school, which is necessary during the dry season, and was planning a manioc factory to make a sort of flour, since the manioc can be grown right there. Both have now been completed.

Father Sylvester has organized the people in such a way that they are pretty well in charge of the changes on the farm, but he is often consulted on many different items.

I had supper at one of the nearby homes, and slept at the school in one of the classrooms that evening. Next day Fathers Sylvester and Bernard and Antonio and I — all on horseback — rode around the farm looking at the crops, the corn, potatoes, rice and various fruit trees, oranges, lemons, bananas, avocado, and coconuts, the vegetable gardens (lettuce, sweet potatoes, squash, and others native to Brazil). There is a tractor now to help, but almost all the work on the fields is done by hand.

A third event was the dinner just outside the church of Sao Jose on a Sunday afternoon, organized and carried out by the parishioners themselves, and done very well, with abundant food of various kinds, and music too. This could not really have happened 15 years ago, and it is a tribute both to the team who have taught the people to make use of their talents and ability, and to the people who are so willing to learn and work together.

A ten minute walk from the parish house would bring me to the Atlantic Ocean. Several times I went there to see the vast expanse of water, the restless waves rolling in on the shore, to watch the many young boys playing soccer on the sandy beach (that's no doubt why Brazil soccer teams are always among the best in the world), to feel the cool salty breeze blow inland. That's why the beaches are so well patronized, since it takes the people away from the usual heat of the city.



Brother Stanley Vindevoghel

Appointed dean

Brother Stanley Vindevoghel has been appointed the new dean of students at St. Peter's College. He succeeds Father Albert Ruetz, who will continue as sports supervisor and teacher of mathematics.

Brother Stanley received his BA, with a major in sociology, from the University of Saskatchewan. With one more class he will complete his BSW degree from the University of Regina. He is a member of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers.

Prior to his involvement with the college, Brother Stanley was press manager and printer for St. Peter's Press.



Loading the dairy herd for transport to Saskatoon for the dispersal sale.



Complete dairy herd sold

The complete dairy herd, consisting of 60 registered and grade holsteins, of St. Peter's College Farm was sold at a complete dairy dispersal auction sale on Monday, June 13. The sale was held at the Livestock Pavilion Sales barn, Saskatoon Exhibition Grounds. Ed Roth's Auction Service of Rosthern conducted the sale.

The Holstein Dairy Herd at St. Peter's College Farm was started in the early 1940s. The first pedigreed cows were purchased at the dairy dispersal of the Orphanage at Prince

Albert and transported to Humboldt by rail.

As years progressed more pedigreed animals were raised and purchased. The herd was put on R.O.P. in the 1950s and has been on R. O. P. ever since. A. I. Sires were used on the herd since 1968. The herd has been on Herd Health under veterinarian supervision since 1970.

The dairy herd was sold with reluctance. The resignation of the herdsman and the inability to obtain an experienced replacement made it impossible to continue with the herd.

Monks observe jubilees

On July 11, the feast of St. Benedict, our community honored three jubilarians: Brother John Brodner (50th anniversary of religious profession, July 3, 1933); Father Joseph Ackerman (25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, June 8, 1958); Father Sylvester Vredegoor (25th anniversary of religious profession, July 11, 1958).

Brother John Brodner

Brother John Brodner is one of five members of the same family (four brothers and a sister) gifted to St. Peter's Abbey and Abbacy by St. Henry's Parish of Kronsberg (Dysart), in the Archdiocese of Regina.

Born in Dysart, John Brodner learned about St. Peter's abbey from his two younger brothers George (Father George) and Martin (Father Martin), who came to St. Peter's College in 1929 to begin their high school education.

He came to St. Peter's for the first time to witness the monastic investiture of his older brother Frank (Brother Gregory).

A year later (1932) he entered the novitiate, after the completion of which he made his first profession of monastic vows on July 3, 1933.

During the first few years after his religious profession, Brother John worked on the College farm, sharing fully in the fall harvesting and winter woodcutting.

Very soon he became heating engineer, a position which involved long day hours, frequent night watches, and an occasional venture into a still heated boiler for repairs.

Then for a number of years he was horticulturist, responsible for the planting, cultivating, and transplanting of thousands of young evergreens, and the development of a large crab-apple orchard.

He was also beekeeper, until a gradually developed allergy made it necessary to entrust the care of the busy insects to less sensitive hands.

While still at his home, in a family of 15 children, Brother John had learned the art of barbering, and ever since his arrival at St. Peter's he has been our obliging and genial barber.

Since the building of the students' residence (Severin Hall) and the Abbey residence, one of

his many services to the community has been that of maintenance. This cost him some broken ribs and nearly his life several years ago, when a tall window-washing scaffold upset.

As driver and chauffeur Brother John has given up countless half-days and entire days to run errands for abbey, school, farm, and press, and to take confreres to Humboldt or Saskatoon for appointments with the dentist or doctor, or to the parishes for ministry.

For many years he was guest-master, making all feel at home with his helpful friendliness, accompanied by the Brodner smile.

On August 1, Brother John's Golden Jubilee will be celebrated at Dysart with a festive Mass, a parish dinner, and a family reunion.

The members of St. Peter's Abbey and the staff of St. Peter's College offer him their congratulations and sincerest thanks.

Father Joseph Ackerman

When Peter Ackerman came to St. Peter's College in September of 1947, memories were still fresh of the first attempt at a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. Within a few days the new student from Regina was identified as G & S's Military Man — by his bearing, his precision in speech and action, and his thumb-rule: "This is the way we did it in the airforce."

Peter Ackerman was born in Balgonie, Saskatchewan, and received his elementary education there and in Regina. In 1943 he enlisted in the RCAF, taking his ground-crew training at Brandon, Manitoba. He went overseas in 1945 and was stationed in northwest London.

After the war he came to St. Peter's College to complete his high school and first year university, with the thought of preparing for the priesthood. He entered the community of St.

Peter's Abbey as a novice in 1951 and made his first profession of religious vows on June 17, 1952.

Father Joseph completed his monastic formation and his university and seminary studies at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota. He was ordained to the priesthood at Muenster on June 8, 1958, by Bishop Francis Klein.

After teaching for three years at St. Peter's and helping in the business office, he became the assistant priest at St. Augustine's parish, Humboldt, where he was eminently successful in guiding Catholic Youth activities.

He was pastor of St. Peter's cathedral parish at Muenster from 1966 to 1970. Then he was given a year's leave for studies at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., and Duke University, Durham, N.C. Since August, 1971 he has been Pastor of St. Anthony's parish, Lake Lenore, and of the rural parish of St. James.

Father Joseph is an active member of the Canadian Legion, and appears without fail in the Humboldt Journal picture of the Legionnaires on Remembrance Day, standing at attention while the wreath is laid before the cenotaph — still every inch the Military Man.

Father Sylvester Vredegoor

Born in Holland, Anthony Vredegoor came to Canada in 1952 and immediately enrolled as a student at St. Peter's College to complete his high school.

He entered the Benedictine community of St. Peter's Abbey as a novice in 1957 and made his first profession of religious vows on July 11, 1958. After completing his seminary studies at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Francis Klein of Saskatoon on June 6, 1964.

Since 1967 Father Sylvester has been on the St. Peter's Abbey mission team in the city of Maceio, province of Alagoas, Brazil.

When he returned this year on his triennial leave, he was accompanied by Rosilda de Amorim Lima, of the parish of San Jose, Maceio, who came to thank the people of St. Peter's Abbey for their support of the missionary team and for the contributions which

have made possible the construction or repair of six churches and the launching of many community projects within the immense and predominantly poor parish.

At the annual Mount Carmel pilgrimage, July 17, Abbot Jerome gave Father Sylvester and Rosilda an opportunity to express their thanks to the people of the Abbacy.

Throughout the sixteen years of his work in Brazil, Father Sylvester has attempted to combine the spiritual and the temporal (specifically social improvement) both in his ministry and in the lives of his parishioners.

The following paragraph comes near the end of a report by Eileen Saunders in the July 31, 1983, *Prairie Messenger*:

"It is this work, with the local people, that forms the basis of the mission's work in Maceio. Father Sylvester said that since he and Alvin Hergott founded the mission team there, in January, 1967, the emphasis has been on trying to develop a stronger sense of community in every part of the parish. And this year, he said, about 50 lay visitators are being trained. They hope to go out to all the homes that have never been visited. 'We hope to at least double the number of people who are fully with the church over the next year or so.'"

Our congratulations and sincerest thanks to Father Sylvester.



Father Andrew Britz succeeded Sister Mary Beth Montcalm as editor of the *Prairie Messenger*, April 1.



Received as novices on July 10 are from left: Brothers Michael McAllister of Toronto, Basil (John) Schaan of Young, Sask., Kurt van Kuren of Windsor and Antony (Peter) Etty of Winnipeg.

The guestmaster's report

The Severin Hall guest wing has been kept busy again this past year. Our peaceful, rural setting continues to attract both retreatants and groups of various sorts.

Early this spring Helen Britz replaced Freda Hilgers as janitor.

The Saskatchewan Writers Guild finds St. Peter's very conducive to writing books, poetry and painting. About a dozen spent two weeks here in July, 1982 while half a dozen spent three weeks here in July, 1983. They expect to be back again next July for three weeks.

The quiet of the writers is replaced by the noise and bustle of the hockey camp. In August, 1982 young hockey aspirants from across Saskatchewan were here for two weeks, while in 1983 a smaller overall attendance shortened the school to one week. Jack Cook of Saskatoon

and his crew continue to put on a strenuous and varied sports menu for the boys enrolled.

A SEARCH weekend was held here in mid-August, 1982, but subsequent Searches have been held at the Ursuline Academy in Bruno. A follow-up session, EXPLORE, has been held in July these past two years at Christ the King Youth Camp, Marean Lake.

Larger groups here in the fall of 1982 included a Saskatchewan Health Conference in mid-October for almost 100 high school students and a session in mid-December for 40 natives in the Saskatchewan Indian Recreation Directors Training Program. Other groups last fall included Oblate novices from St. Albert, Alta.; Newman students from St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon; students from Aldersgate Free Methodist Bible College in Moose Jaw;

Catholic and Mennonite Marriage Encounter couples; Abbey Engaged Encounter; a workshop on Safe Lifestyles; and a pre-Christmas retreat for the faculty from STM, Saskatoon.

Father Albert Ruetz, oblate director, has continued to schedule three Oblate Days a year: in November, March and July. A number of Oblates from Saskatoon and Regina and other places come to spend one or more days at the abbey.

The new year began quietly with few bookings for January. February became busier with bookings for Grosvenor Park United Church elders, Serena-Saskatchewan couples, an

Anglican confirmation class from Regina and a students' retreat for a group from Emmanuel-St. Chad in Saskatoon. A week-long session for a group from the department of social services took us into a busy February schedule.

Weekend groups included Engaged Encounter, Marriage Encounter, women in Education, a singles retreat, Saskatchewan boy scouts, plus three weekends for the abbacy marriage preparation course. A group of students from Aldersgate Bible College came again this year during Holy Week to get a taste of both monasticism and the liturgy of Holy Week at St. Peter's Cathedral.

Two groups booked for April were both large: the boy scouts and a Lutheran youth group from Yorkton.

During May and June the department of social services brought a group here for three one-week sessions. The Humboldt AA groups held their annual roundup here over the Father's Day weekend, with a good attendance.

At the beginning of July several members of the St. Peter's Chamber Singers stayed overnight while the group rehearsed here for five days prior to their European tour. At the end of July the staff of Marian Centre in Regina spent a weekend of quiet and prayer at the abbey.

Deceased brethren, relatives

Father Lucian Malich, 77, St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, died on January 12.

Father Edward Yatsko, 74, St. Andrew's Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio, died on January 13.

Father Joachim Watrin, 76, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, died on January 31.

Father Walbert Kalinowski, 68, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, died on February 1.

Brother Martin Seckar, 91, St. Andrew's Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio, died on February 13.

Father Edmund Hall, 66, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, died on February 22.

Father Ildephonse Wortman, 64, St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, died on March 21.

Father Hildebrand Yaiser, 81, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, died on April 15.

Father Celestine Staab, 92, Newark Abbey, Newark, New Jersey, died on February 24.

Father Damian Baker, 86, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, died on April 22.

Brother Xavier Hauman, 67, Belmont Abbey, Belmont, North Carolina, died on June 7.

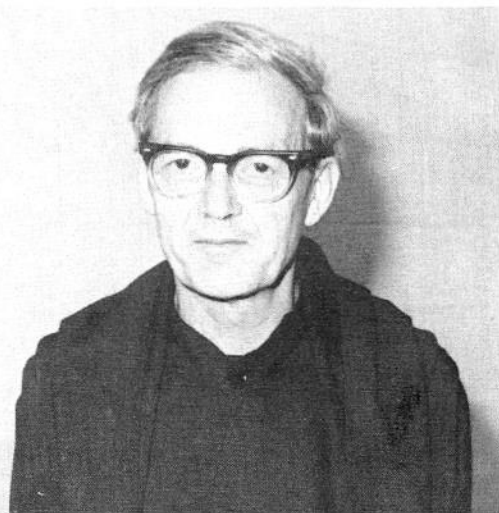
Father Adam Hunkler, 79, Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota, died on July 9.

Father Justin Luetmer, 92, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, died on July 13.

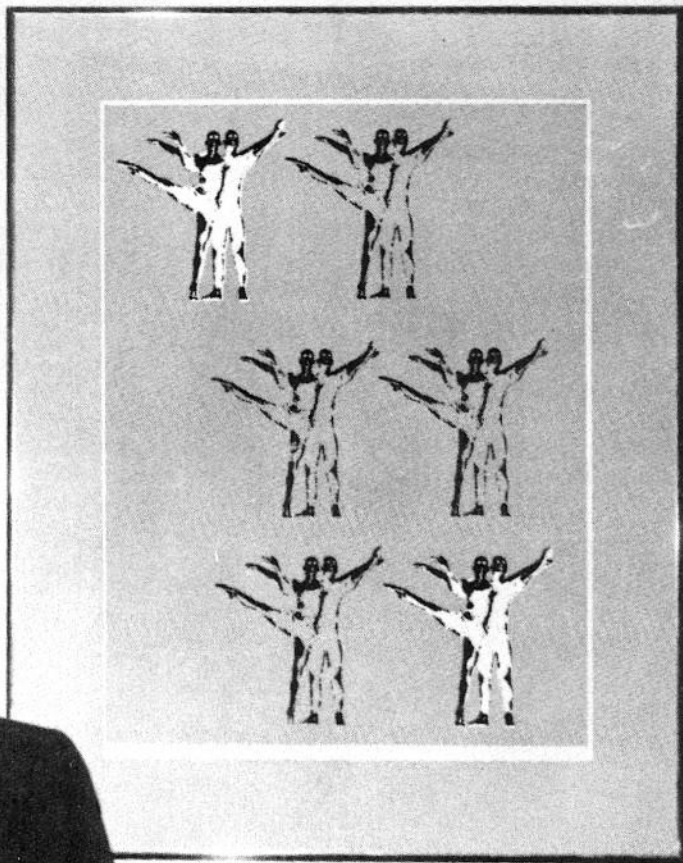
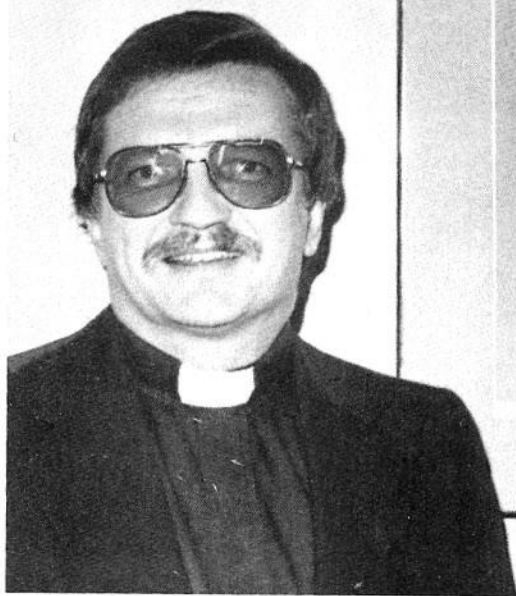
Father Andrew Wolf, 45, Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota, died during heart surgery on July 21.

Anthony Yaskowich, 86, Wynyard, Sask., father of Father Damian Yaskowich, died on May 27.

Joseph Abs, 74, Marktlustenau, Wuertemberg, brother of Brother Conrad Abs, died on May 29.



Prior Luke Rigby, OSB, St. Louis Priory, St. Louis, Missouri, preached the annual community retreat, June 27 - July 1.



Father Damian Yaskowich with his serigraph, *The Dancers*, which was selected as part of the Atlantic Print Exhibition which opened in Halifax, May 26.

Returns from studies

Father Damian Yaskowich returned to the staff of the *Prairie Messenger* at the beginning of July as layout artist, the position he held for 12 years prior to taking a year off to study art at Holland College, Charlottetown.

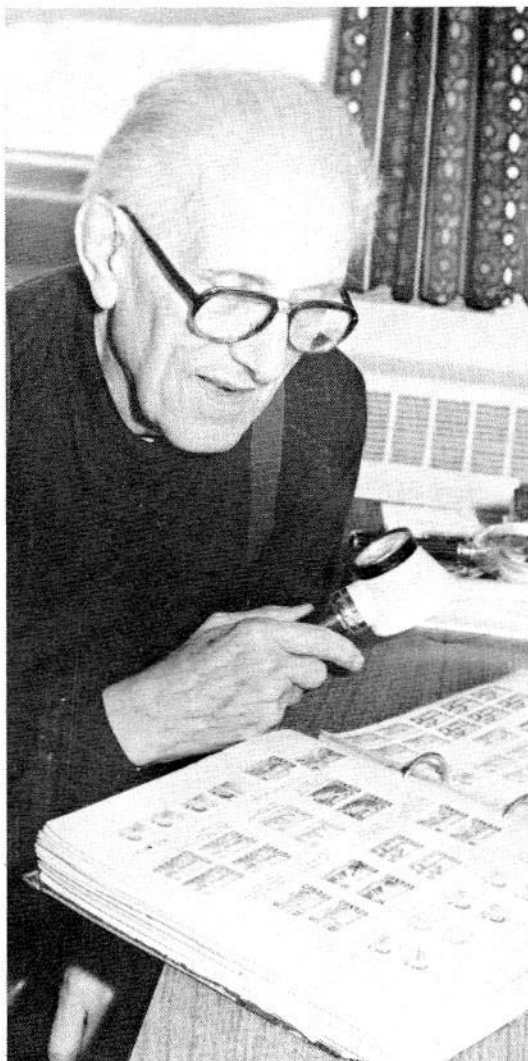
During the past year, Father Damian studied graphics and worked in printmaking. He exhibited works in both the fall and spring student shows, and did a major five-artist show

in March. One of his serigraphs was accepted in the Atlantic Print Show which opened in Halifax on May 26. Since July 26 the 40-print show has been touring the Maritimes.

Besides being layout artist, Father Damian will continue as one of the PM's photographers and will supply the weekly photo-meditation column, *Behold*.

Father Paul Kuehne dies

Father Paul (Erwin) Kuehne passed away February 20 in his chaplain's quarters at St. Mary's Villa in Humboldt.



Father Paul Kuehne at one of his hobbies, stamp-collecting.

Father Paul was born in Berlin, Germany, on October 5, 1897. He came to the United States at the age of sixteen.

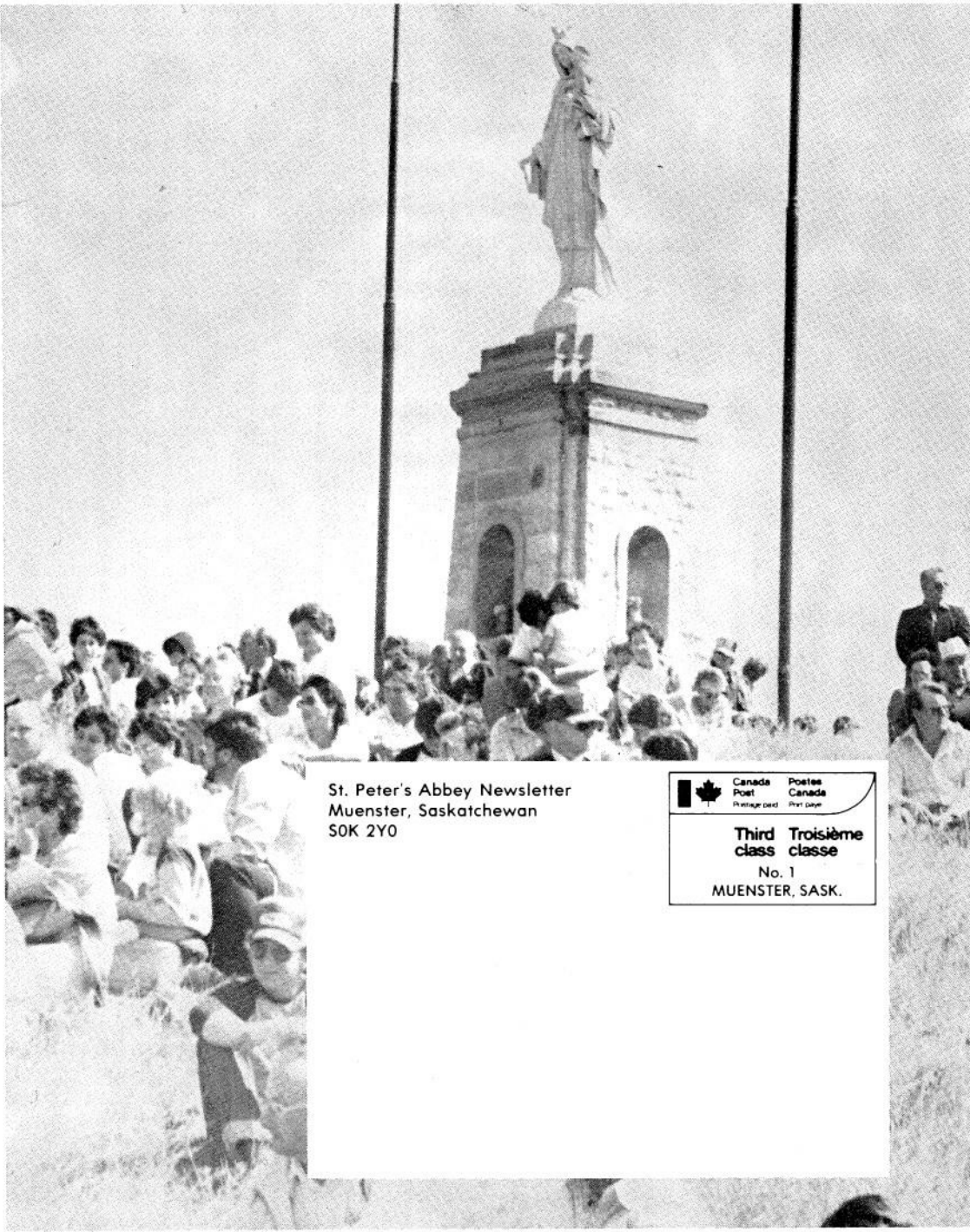
After completing his secondary education at St. John's, Collegeville, Minnesota, he was one of a group of six students who answered the urgent appeal of Abbot Michael Ott, OSB, for teachers and priests in the newly opened St. Peter's College (1921) and the recently erected (1919) St. Peter's Abbey. He made his first vows as a member of St. Peter's Abbey on July 16, 1922, and was ordained to the priesthood on August 2, 1925, by Archbishop Dowling, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

From 1922 to 1948 he taught a heavy schedule of classes at St. Peter's College, with only several summers off for specialization in mathematics, botany, and biology. During these summers he obtained a BA degree from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota (1934), and a M. Sc. degree from the University of Minnesota (1937), with specialization in phycology and biometry.

During all his years at St. Peter's College he taught violin and played violin in the College orchestra, of which he was also co-director.

From 1948 to 1952 he was chaplain and nurses' instructor at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Humboldt. He was pastor at Annaheim from 1952 to 1966, during which time the new St. Ann's church was built. From 1966 to 1970 he was pastor of St. George's Church, Naicam. From 1970 to the time of his death he was chaplain at St. Mary's Villa, Humboldt.

In recent years Father Paul was afflicted with diabetes, for which he was hospitalized several times.



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