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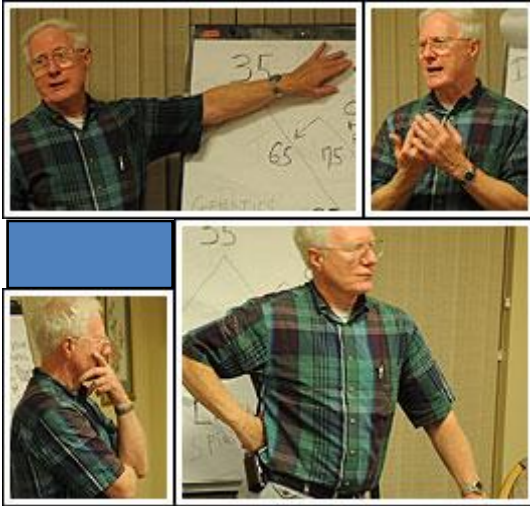
November 11, 2009

Memorial Service Held for Village Residents



On November 5 a large number of Holy Cross Brothers along with residents of Holy Cross Village attended a Memorial Service for Village residents as well as relatives of Village residents for those who have died in the past few months. A candle was lit by a relative or HCV staff member for the 9 residents and 20 relatives of residents who have died in the past few months. Residents had to submit the names of relatives who they wished to remember. A number of brothers sang in the choir and four lit candles for deceased relatives. The service also included two readings and reflection by Br. Thomas Shaughnessy, chairman of the Board of Directors of Holy Cross Village. A reception was held after the service. The Village holds such a service twice a year.

Brother Lewis Brazil Discusses Stages of Aging



Brother Lewis Brazil gave a rather sobering talk to the brothers at Riverside Place in Holy Cross Village on the “stages of aging” facing the community. Brother Lewis was named recently the Province Director of Health Care and Aging in addition to his work with residence of Holy Cross Village. One of his goals for Holy Cross Village is to obtain a nurse who can monitor the health of residents not in Schubert Villa, Dujarie House or the Quinn Memory Center.

As for community demographics Brother Lewis pointed out that presently the median age of the 147 members in the Midwest Province (not counting the members in Ghana) is 73 with ages ranging from 42 -98 years of age. By 2012 there will be an estimated 126 members in the province with a median age of 75 with just a dozen members under 65.

He then went on to give his personal background and areas of responsibility of his job. He showed that with age people become more dependent on assistance to do normal tasks and are forced to change their lifestyles.

The last part of his talk was on the three models for older adults as they age in place: dependent, interdependent and independent. Following his presentation there were just a couple of questions. Having talked to brothers at Columba Hall and Holy Cross Village, Brother Lewis will travel to other houses in the community to make his presentation.



Provincial to Attend Council of the Congregation

Next week, Brother Chester Freel will be participating in Congregational orientation for new provincials, followed by attendance at the Council of the Congregation meeting in Rome. From November 14th until November 22nd, in the event of an emergency, brothers are advised to contact Brother Raymond Papenfuss, Assistant Provincial and Vicar. Brother Chester expects to be back at the Province Administration Center on Monday, November 23.



Justice and Peace Commission Meets Saturday

Justice and Peace Commission will meet this Saturday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m., Columba Hall. Any Brother who wishes to join the Commission should let Br. Bill Mewes know of your intention and then attend the meeting. You may contact him at: wmewes@hcc-nd.edu.

Prayers Requested



Please remember **Brother James Rottenbacher** in your prayers. Br. James is undergoing testing at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN to determine the cause of recent incidences of seizures and loss of consciousness. His condition is currently stable, but the doctors are considering surgery later this week to correct the problem.

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