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FIRST VOWS – BROTHER TIMOTHY GRANZOTTO

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Chicago, Illinois



**Br. Peter
O'Loughlin**

On a warm, sunny day in July, family, friends, Brothers and Sisters gathered in the Brother Rice High School Chapel to celebrate the First Vows of Brother Timothy Granzotto.

Father Peter Granzotto, SDB, Tim's uncle, led the assembled community in a beautiful Liturgy. Sisters Julie Marsh and Elizabeth Guiliani, PBVM, provided the music. Brother Daniel Casey gave the reflection based on readings selected by Timothy.

Tim chose the call of Samuel as one of his reading, and Dan reminded us that like Samuel, who was not yet familiar with the Lord, our *"commitment in religious life is indeed a blind one."*

Maybe the greatest challenge for religious today is that the life we committed to when we professed our first vows looks little like the life we're now living. But it's that challenge that is also the wonder of religious life. We committed ourselves not to a snapshot, limited image of God we had on the day we professed our vows, but to a journey of discovering a living God, and to nurturing our growing relationship with God. We vowed to be open to the always-fresh revelation of God in our midst. We promised to listen to a God who calls us to service in a changing world. This is the awe in blindly proclaiming . . . Speak, for your servant is listening."

Brother Peter O'Loughlin, Novice Director, called Tim forward and Brother Hugh O'Neill, Province Leader, invited Tim to pronounce his vows before the assembly.

After the Liturgy everyone gathered in the Brother Rice Library to enjoy a wonderful dinner cooked and presented by Brother Sean Hayes. Hugh brought greetings from the Province and welcomed Tim to our brotherhood as a vowed member of the Congregation. Tim responded by thanking his mother, Nora, and brothers Richard and Michael, his extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins, and his many friends for their support during his journey of faith. He thanked the many local and visiting Brothers who came together to celebrate our newest member.



Br Tim Granzotto, CFC

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"In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his Body and Blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope."

John Paul II
Ecclesia De Eucharistia

Thanks to Brothers Sean Hayes and Bob McGovern for their help and support. Thanks to Brother Rice High School and Brother Karl Walczak for opening the school for the vow ceremony. Thanks to all the Brothers, both near and far, who came to witness and celebrate Tim's vows. In addition to the Brothers from the local communities, the following out-of-town Brothers were able to be with us: Jude Mooney (St. Joseph's Care Residence), Ed Pigott (CB, Santa Maria), Jason Ford (ACND Community), Mike LaFrance (ACND Community), Ron Lasik (CB, Santa Maria), David Concannon (Comunidad Juan Diego), Donatus McCormack (O'Dea HS Community), Steve Hale (Edmund Rice Heritage Center, Ireland), Chuck Gattone (Vancouver College Community), Hugh O'Neill (PLT), Barry Lynch (PLT), Kevin Griffith (PLT), Dan Casey (PLT), and Ray Vercruysse (PLT).



(left) Brother Hugh O'Neill, Province Leader, witnesses Tim signing his vow sheet.

The Rite of First Vows was the culmination of a year of growth and exploration. Tim opened himself to many new and challenging experiences and took full advantage of the Novitiate year to grow in his prayer life; in his understanding of the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice and in his awareness of his giftedness. He attended classes at Catholic Theological Union; did community service at St. Martin de Porres House of Hope; attended the Inter-Community Novitiate Program in Techny, Illinois, and did classes with Peter O'Loughlin; Dave Lucas led Tim through the Constitutions and Tim Smyth explored the life of Edmund Rice: so a full, but gentle year of growth.

All wish Tim the very best as he starts his life as a Christian Brother and commences his ministry at Brother Rice High School, Chicago, Illinois.

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

New Rochelle, New York

As of September 1, 2010, Sr. Grace D'Amico of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) will begin ministering as Associate Director of the Office of Educational Services, which is under the Consortium of Edmund Rice Schools. Sr. Grace has held several positions within her community, as sponsorship coordinator and director of development/fundraising and of communications/public relations. Sister has ministered in higher education and secondary education, and, in addition to many other educational accomplishments, has achieved National Counselor Certification, which is no mean achievement in itself, and from Columbia University! She has served on strategic planning committees for colleges and religious institutes and on steering committees for implementing strategic plans and educational processes. To all these ministries Sr. Grace has brought a lot of IT skill and experience, especially in graphic design and publication. Sister's 'digs' here will be on the 2nd floor in the office just before the stairwell to the 3rd floor. Her telephone extension is: 132; her email address is: gda@cbinstitute.org.



Sister Grace D'Amico

We would like to welcome Sr. Grace to the Office of Educational Services and to the ministry of service to Christian Brothers' life and mission.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Marian Village, Homer Glen, Illinois

On Sunday, August 1, 2010, Brother J. Paul Medvit celebrated his 50th Anniversary as a Christian Brother at Marian Village, Homer Glen, Illinois, where he now lives. Paul's two sisters came from Butte, Montana, along with his relatives from Wisconsin, to share in the joy of this occasion. Many Brothers near and far also joined in the celebration.



Br. J. Paul Medvit, C.F.C.

Paul left Butte, Montana, and joined the Brothers on July 5, 1960. After his formation years, his missions brought him to Essex Catholic, Newark, N.J.; Cantwell High School, Montebello, CA; St. Laurence High School, (1969-1980, 1998-2001) Burbank, IL; Ryan Hall (House of Formation, teaching at St. Laurence); Mater Dei Novitiate, Joliet, IL; Damien High School, Honolulu, HI (1980, 1985 - 1998); Butte Central High School (Butte, MT); St. John's Indian Mission, (Laveen, AZ); Edmund Rice Community (Chicago, IL -- teaching at Leo High School; Marian Village (Homer Glen, IL).

Before his retirement, Paul loved teaching. He was a natural in the classroom and was well liked by his students. Paul taught Spanish and math, mainly Geometry, ran the bookstore, moderated the Chess Club and started a Cooking Club at St. Laurence. Paul was a real community man, always upbeat and a very prayerful monk.

Mass was celebrated by two priest friends of Paul's: Fr. Norm Trela, chaplain at St. Laurence, and Fr. James Mahoney, resident of Marian Village. Fr. Trela in his sermon let us all know that some things in Paul's life still need improvement, i.e., the Baltimore Orioles.

Brother John Dornbos (Edmund Rice Community) spoke and toasted the jubilarian. Brother John spoke of the many gifts that Paul has acquired over his religious life. He spoke of Paul's delight in the kitchen: making wedding and jubilee cakes and filling cookie jars in the Brothers' kitchen. John mentioned the many subjects Paul had taught and noted that for three weeks a year, he would break down the classroom and make pinatas. Paul said that those piñata-making days were not "slow-balls," but a time to really get to know the students and the students to know the teacher. When students came in after school, etc., to work on the piñatas, there was conversation on how their lives were going and especially their relationship with their God. What was accomplished in those three weeks often lasted the rest of the year. The students respected their teacher and the atmosphere in the classroom was special.

Presently Paul is living at Marian Village Retirement and On Going Care Center where he is still spreading the charism of the Founder. Paul participates in the chapel choir, calls bingo on Tuesday nights, plays organ hymns for an hour on the 3rd Sunday of each month and is on call to help those who have trouble with their computers and continues to regale everyone with his jokes and magic tricks. Ad Multos Annos, Paul.



Seated: (l to r) Jasna Frontz (cousin), Sharlene Johns (sister), Br. Paul Medvit, Sharon Ekstrom (sister), Luka Vukovich (2nd cousin from Croatia); Standing (l to r): Mark Frontz, Glenn Bluemer, Bernice Bluemer, (representing Paul's mom and dad), Danica Vukovich (aunt), Zvonko Vukovich (uncle)

2010 SUMMER RETREATS

"Brothers To One Another"

Attending the retreat in Mahweh, NJ



(l to r) 1st Row: Brothers John Casey, Jim Hamilton, Sean Whitty, Kevin Griffith

2nd Row: Charles Avendano, Jude Mooney, Greg Lindeman, Ron Lasik, Larry Heathwood

3rd Row: Ed Piggott, Ed Bergeron, Arthur Gammara, Barry Lynch, Dan Herron, Joe Fragala (RIP), Dave Concannon

Attending the retreat in Wheaton, IL



(l to r) Front: Brothers Barry Lynch, Lou Stanich, Bob Koppes, Tom LeJeune, Ken Wolf, Jerry Messick

Back: Brothers Bob McGovern, Peter O'Loughlin, Raph McDonald, Dan Casey, Don McGovern, John Dornbos, Mike Segvich.

During the month of July, 2010, two retreats for Christian Brothers were held in the North American Province. The theme for the retreats was "Brothers To One Another! Dare! Risk! Leap! Trust!" Sixteen Brothers gathered in early July at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in the rolling hills of Mahweh, N.J., while 15 Brothers gathered on the beautiful grounds of the Loreto Retreat Centre in Wheaton, Illinois.

During the four days together, the Brothers who facilitated the retreats attempted to create a prayerful and contemplative environment where Brothers could pray, be silent, relax and share with one another and with the Mystery of God. It was indeed a blessed time together and many Brothers felt that it was a very positive and spiritual experience for them.

Our hope is that we will continue to provide similar experiences for our Brothers every summer.



REUNION OF THE ST. BON'S CLASS OF 1960

St. John's, Newfoundland



**Br. Barry
Lynch**

It is not often that a class has a reunion to celebrate its Fiftieth Year of Graduation. Well, more than 40 of the men who graduated from St. Bonaventure's College in St. John's, Newfoundland, in 1960, were blessed with such a gathering. They enjoyed meeting their former classmates, as well as Christian Brothers and lay teachers, who came to their old school from far and wide. Among the teachers who were present to celebrate with the graduates were Brothers G.R. Bellows (Mt. St. Francis Community), J.J. McCarthy (All Saints Community), J.L. Heathwood (CB Santa Maria Community), T.P. Draney (CB Naples) as well as Fr. Kevin Molloy, Mr. Edward Rogers, Mr. Mike Walsh, and Mr. Mike Woodford.

The organizing committee of eight men from the Class of 1960 had prepared a carefully planned program for the historic celebrations. The program began with a social evening at the college on Friday, August 6th. This event enabled the graduates and their teachers to welcome and greet one another; for many it was the first time they had connected since their school days a half century earlier.

On Saturday afternoon, August 7th, for interested people, the organizing committee had planned a golf tournament, as well as a boat outing to see breaching whales in the waters off Bay Bulls, a seaport town near St. John's. These events were enjoyed by approximately 90 people, wives and guests included. That evening a reunion dinner/dance was held at the college. The Class of 1960 was privileged to welcome to the dinner as guest speaker the principal of St. Bon's in 1960, Brother J. B. Darcy (Mt. St. Francis Community). His entertaining talk touched on some of the lighter, humorous episodes of school life at St. Bon's 50 years earlier.



St. Bon's as it was in 1960

During these social events, there were many opportunities to meet old friends and to hear of life journeys that were filled with many blessings and challenges. Of course, there was much reminiscing about our school days of many years ago. Among the stories recalled were memories of joy, sadness and even great humor from "days gone by" – and some of the stories told were actually true!

Finally, on Sunday, August 8th, a Memorial Mass for deceased classmates (27) and deceased teachers was held in the college chapel, with Fathers Kevin Molloy and Bill Browne, S.J., as concelebrants. The public remembrance reading of the names of the deceased, accompanied by the tolling of a bell, was one of the poignant moments of the liturgy.

The reunion was a wonderful success and all attending were deeply grateful to the organizing committee for the time and effort expended to make the reunion such a memorable, historic event.

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CHRISTIAN BROTHERS WEST SIDE SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL New York, New York



**Br. Kevin
Griffith**

On Sunday, July 25, 2010, Sacred Heart Parish in Manhattan hosted a Celebration of Departure in honor of all those Christian Brothers who served in ministry at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Elementary School during the 86 years of the Brothers' presence there. The Christian Brothers first went to Sacred Heart in 1924 and remained a vital part of both school and parish life for nearly nine decades.

Last October, the Brothers were asked by Father José Gabriel Piedrahita, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, to vacate the brownstone on 51st Street which had housed the Brothers at Sacred Heart. Thus, as of August 1, 2010, the Christian Brothers no longer had a formal presence at Sacred Heart.

Representing the Brothers at the Mass and reception held on July 25th were Brothers Matt Maistre (who was 12 years in community at Sacred Heart, including six as Community Leader, Tony Reynolds (who spent 26 years teaching art at Sacred Heart and who also served as Community Leader for six years), and Brother Kevin Griffith, Deputy Province Leader.



Sacred Heart Church



Sacred Heart of Jesus School

In his homily, Father David DeSimone, Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, spoke glowingly of the contributions the Brothers had made to both the school and the parish during the past 86 years. At the conclusion of the Mass, he offered a special blessing in honor of all Christian Brothers who had ministered and/or resided at Sacred Heart.

Brother Kevin Griffith thanked the people of Sacred Heart School and Parish for their friendship and partnership throughout the years, and expressed gratitude to all at Sacred Heart for their continual commitment and dedication to Catholic school education.

Following Mass, many long-time parishioners of Sacred Heart joined Father David and the Brothers for a reception at Campbell Hall beneath Sacred Heart Church.

UNITED NATIONS AND EDMUND RICE INTERNATIONAL



**Br. Kevin
Cawley**

The Board of Directors of Edmund Rice International (ERI) met in August in Dublin, Ireland. The ERI Team presented a one-year summary of activities to the Board. The ERI Team then met separately in Geneva to follow-up the recommendations of the Board of Directors.

Edmund Rice International partnered with JPIC North America for a submission to the UN Human Rights Council pertaining to the United States of America and treatment of Guestworkers. This effort was initiated by Brother Kevin Cawley (CB Stratton Road Community) of the JPIC Office as part of our response to the Chapter mandate concerning immigration issues in the United States. Kevin Cawley and Brian Bond met in Geneva with a representative of the Mexican Mission to the United Nations to advocate for the support of the Mexican mission at the presentation of the submissions in November when the US is up for review at the Human Rights Council. Mexican nationals comprise the bulk of the Guestworkers who are being treated unjustly by the systemic flaws in the US Guestworker visa programs. Kevin is arranging to bring the submission document to the UN Missions in New York for Mexico and Jamaica, both with significant numbers of nationals in the affected groups of Guestworkers. The ERCBNA Chapter call in 2008 for advocacy on behalf of immigrants has thus led to a first ever submission to the Human Rights Council regarding the USA by Edmund Rice International. We acknowledge this is a very small step but we recognize it is also a significant movement towards maturity in the work of advocacy for marginalized persons.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ADVANCEMENT OFFICE New Rochelle, New York

Remembrance/Memorial Intention Cards:

Brothers are asked to consider using our Remembrance Cards to help support our Advancement efforts. The new cards focus on educating about and promoting devotion to Edmund Rice, supporting his cause for canonization, request the Brothers to pray for the deceased, the honored or the intentions recommended and ask for an increased level of donation.

Prayer for a Special Favour Through the Intercession of Blessed Edmund Rice

Lord God,
who through the Holy Spirit inspired Blessed Edmund Rice
to glorify you by the true Christian example of his life,
grant through his intercession the petition
I now make, and so hasten the day
when his name shall be honored
among those of your Saints.
I ask this through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Edmund Rice

Heavenly Father,
through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit and
because of your love for your family,
you chose Blessed Edmund Rice to be
a husband, father, and Religious Brother,
to work with the poor, to comfort the sick, and
to establish new families of Religious Brothers in your Church.
Look favorably on his life, we ask you,
and if it be for your glory,
hear our prayers that he may soon be declared a Saint.
This we ask, as we ask all our prayers, through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

Pray for us



**Founder of the Christian Brothers
and the Presentation Brothers**

DAMIEN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Honolulu, Hawaii

The following is from the *Star Advertiser* newspaper of Honolulu.

Recruiting a test for brotherhood

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(left) Br. Bernard Samp and Br. Peter Zawot

Most of the Brothers and nuns on Oahu are about 70 years old. Brother Bernard Samp, left, a new teacher, and Brother Peter Zawot, the new principal at Damien Memorial School, are both 53. Damien High School students are in the background. Getting a teenager to commit to a life of poverty, chastity and obedience is a tall order, and most boys aren't jumping at the chance to join the Catholic brotherhood, the Church has found.

The number of Brothers and nuns has been in decline nationwide for the past 30 years because of retirement and negative publicity, but Brother Peter Zawot wants to buck the trend.

"We (the brotherhood) have always been known as good teachers. Now the focus is on being Brothers," Zawot said. He plans to begin every school day greeting the kids and the parents at the drop-off curb and taking part in student activities. "I just want them to see this is a human being," he said.

He replaced two lay principals of the middle and high schools, comprised of 400-plus students.

Zawot, who Rollerblades for exercise, acknowledged that his relatively young age is unusual at a time when the average age of Brothers and Sisters on Oahu and the nation are is between 70 and 80.

Damien students were also surprised to see another Brother of the same age -- math teacher Bernard Samp -- when they first walked in to class Thursday, Samp said. He plans to run with the cross-country team during practice, bringing up the rear to "lead the way in case anyone gets lost, to make sure everybody is going the right way," he said. Two Brothers who were also his track coaches inspired him as he was growing up.

Zawot said the brotherhood is challenged with coming up with ways to recruit for vocations, but making their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience sound appealing to kids is a hard sell, until their actual meanings are explained. For instance, the vow of poverty is "trying not to let your possessions possess you," he added.

"My main message is to tell my story, what's wonderful about being a part of something that you're a member of. There is a built-in family and support system, a common mission and a sense of purpose," Zawot said. "The reward is to see kids grow from being seventh-graders to graduating; they've become something, and they go on to lead lives with families.

"One of the things that inspired me to join was the Brothers hung out with us after school, and always asked us, 'How was your day?'"

When Zawot helped out as a crossing guard, he found many opportunities to relate to kids.

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ARCHBISHOP CURLEY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Miami, Florida

Running proved contagious as more than 350 people — from 11 to 62 years old — took part in this year's "Summer Fun Runs" sponsored by [Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School](#).

Beginning at the Miami Shores Recreation Center, a group of Curley Notre Dame students and alums, representing classes of 1980 through 2010, could be seen running, walking, or just enjoying the summer weather two evenings a week. The group also included parents and younger siblings, friends from other schools, school staff, and neighborhood residents.

In 14 years, the "Summer Fun Runs" tradition has grown from a small following of about seven runners per week to this year's record-breaking turnout of 354 runners in 15 gatherings. Participants' athletic experience ranged from a veteran of 25 marathons to a tri-athlete, to someone who had never run recreationally before.

Beginning in June, Christian Brother John Corcoran, cross-country coach at Curley Notre Dame, designed three courses of gradually increasing mileage: one for beginner runners or walkers, a second for recreational runners and joggers, and a third for advanced or competitive runners. By the end of July, the distances covered a range from 3 to 7 miles, with no pace ever being set.

However, on the last evening, 17 of the more seasoned runners ended the summer gathering with a friendly, mini-time trial run. Although a very close race, students representing Curley Notre Dame's current cross country team finished ahead of alum participants.

This team spirit will help prepare them for the 2010-2011 competitive season which kicks off with the Gulliver Invitational, September 10.

Brother Corcoran's motto, "Run so as to win!" has inspired students for many years. Recently, three Curley Notre Dame alums, representing the class of 2001, ran spectacular races at the 17th annual Weston Hometown 4th of July 5K.



Brother John Corcoran (left) and Roger Rojas

Alex Rogers, with an excellent time of 18:53, captured first place in the 25-29 age group and ran 26th overall out of 727 runners. Ignacio Fontan took sixth in the same age group with a very satisfactory time of 23:28; and Sean Griffin raced to a career personal best of 27:19 to place 13th in the age group.

Current Curley Notre Dame team member Roger Rojas said he applies the fundamentals of athletic skills to both academic and life strategies. He considers Brother Corcoran, who is his coach and English teacher, a mentor and friend.

"One of the things he instills in us before every race is that he tells us, 'Let your feet be swift and your heart be strong,' so as we run, we have that in our mind and that keeps us going through every race," Roger said.

Roger's story and the stories of five other Curley Notre Dame students are presented on the school's new website — www.acnd.net — as professionally prepared, multimedia photo essays documenting their high school experiences.

Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School Welcomes Its 57th Freshman Class and Students Accepted to The School's New Middle School Honors Academy.

Excitement was felt by everyone on Friday, August 20, 2010, as faculty, administration, and student leaders at Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School ushered in its 57th Freshman Class. This year a group of middle school students also attended the event, representing ACND's new 6-7-8 Brother Rice Honors Academy. This select group of 'at or above grade level' students were accepted into a program that will not exceed 30 students within all three grades. As well as studying enriched math and science courses, the middle school's unique curriculum will include learning a musical instrument and one or more world languages, including French, Spanish, Latin, and Arabic.

The year 2010 signifies a very important date in Archbishop Curley Notre Dame school history. This year marks the school's 50th year anniversary of its commitment to growth in inclusiveness. In 1960, the once separated schools - Curley High (for boys) and Notre Dame Academy (for girls) - admitted their first African-American students. Miami-Dade County schools were not yet fully integrated until a federal court order was imposed in 1970. With the continued admittance of students in need such as those sent through Operation Pedro Pan and, most recently, displaced Haitian students following January's earthquake, ACND has continued to grow and develop as a school committed to its mission. It includes the ability to foster acceptance and appreciation of different cultural and economic backgrounds.

The Freshman/Transfer student orientation consisted of group meetings where students rotated throughout the school in areas such as: activities/sports, academics/guidance, campus ministry, computer lab, and a meeting with ACND's Principal Br. Patrick Sean Moffett, CFC, Ph.D. A mini-schedule allowed students to become acclimated with their daily routine, find their lockers and meet with all of their teachers. The day concluded with a pep rally, planned by ACND's Coordinator of Campus Ministries, Br. Jason M. Ford, CFC, and student leaders. Finally, at 5:00 p.m., students were joined by their parents at a Welcome Mass and Blessing, dedicated to the newest members of the school community.

ACND is also excited to announce the implementation of the Knights: Attention, Scholarship, Aspiration ("Kasa") system to the school. In addition to the traditional horizontal grouping (freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior) a new organizational structure will include four Kasa groups that encompass an equal proportion of students from each of the four grade levels. The vertical organization will further enhance student engagement and create opportunities for students to develop Christian leadership skills and foster the Edmund Rice commitment to community. The members of each Kasa will be working together to promote a sense of belonging and a spirit of collaboration. The student government has organized a point system to encourage competition between the Kasas in terms of spirit, academic excellence, attendance, and school culture as well as engagement in the clubs, teams, performing arts groups and the community service projects of the school. At the end of the year, the Kasa group that exemplifies the most commitment to the ACND mission will receive the Kasa of the Year Cup.

ACND alums, benefactors, faculty and students gathered for the opening school Mass on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the school's cafetorium. The Most Reverend Thomas Wenski, the newly installed Archbishop of Miami, presided.

More information about the school's events and programs can be found at www.acnd.net.



NEWS FROM THE LATIN AMERICAN REGION

NEW LIFE FOR FISHERMEN IN CHIMBOTE



**Hon
Ricardo
Glatz**

Juan Salinas is now 60 years old; he spent 45 of those years battling the cold waters of the Humboldt Current in the Southern Pacific Ocean, searching for the immense schools of sardines and anchovies which he and the other crew members caught and hauled aboard their 350 ton capacity boat. Upon returning to Chimbote, the huge hoses sucked up the small fish and carried them off to a factory where they would be descaled and then baked in huge rotating ovens until they were converted into fish meal for export as fertilizer or chicken feed to Europe, China and the USA.

Years ago there were enough fish for everybody, but overfishing has depleted the stocks and now the Peruvian government has issued bans on fishing during certain months of the year. The number of boats has also increased tremendously, but now many are in drydock because of the scarcity of the fish and because the schools of anchovies are farther from port and the older trawlers don't have refrigeration units to maintain the fish in good condition – the factories don't accept spoiled products.

The government and the boat owners decided to offer incentives to fishermen who would voluntarily retire from the fleet: they would get a cash bonus and the option to study in a trade school for up to three years, along with a monthly stipend.

The great majority of the retired fishermen, who range in age from 35 to 65 years old, have decided to study in the Christian Brothers' trade school, *Centro Técnico Productivo Mundo Mejor*, which was founded in 1980 and has built up a very good reputation for the fine technical training it offers in Electricity, Electronics, Metalwork (welding) and Auto Mechanics.



Juan Salinas (person mentioned in the first paragraph) is the third man from the left, standing next to the teacher.

These older men mix in very well with the younger students and have been able to counsel their younger classmates based on their life experience. Several have commented that they feel “reborn” with the technical education – and even more important— with the respect and friendship offered them by the teachers, Director and Christian Brothers. The “hands on” pedagogical approach followed by the teachers is well appreciated by the former fishermen, who feared they would be subjected to boring theoretical classes and difficult exams.

The executive team in charge of administering and supervising the program had effusive words of praise for the teachers, the Director, Fabián Torres Vallejos and the Academic Coordinator, Br. Rich Glatz, for their efficient work and their spirit and dedication to technical education, with a Christian focus on the human being.

LOS HERMANOS COMMUNITY

Bonita Springs, Florida



**Br. Ben
McDonough**

This summer was a fantastic experience of summer camp for many. Sarah Spieler from St. Louis, MO, and Stephanie Borjas from Fort Worth, TX, were our Notre Dame University counselors who spent two months in community with us, helping to run the camp and drive the busses. This year we were blessed to have helpers from Bishop Hendricken HS in RI, Tampa Catholic HS, and Trinity HS in Ocala, FL. Six out of the seven weeks of the camp were covered by these high school students giving up part of their summer break to help here in Bonita.

The summer camp, which we help to staff and sponsor, was run by Mr. Matthew Zeek from Catholic Charities. Forty-five children were involved and over 46 students from our schools helped.

This was a blessing and great experience for all involved. Each night Brother Ben McDonough prepared dinner for the groups. The only problem is that the house we used to host the volunteers is now going to become the rectory. We will have to figure out something new for next summer.

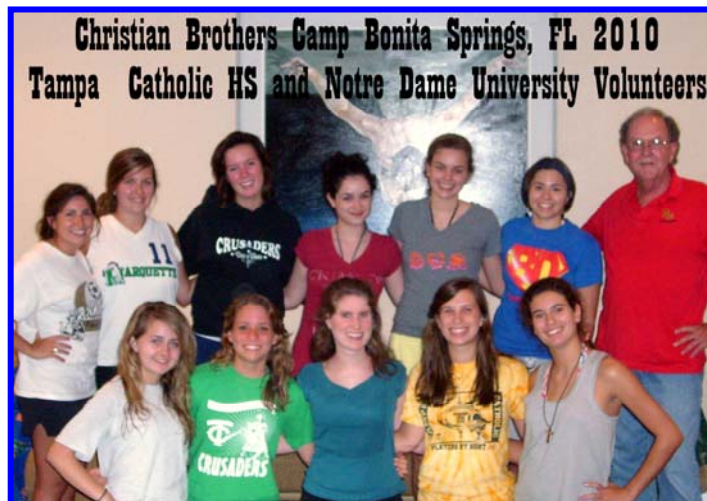


The Gambardella's and Brother Steve Casey spent two weeks here with eight boys from Hendricken.

as well as an abundance of distrust and anger. It has been very difficult here since then. The Brothers, through their close association with Father Stan, had been very involved in the educational ministries of the parish and were not invited back in this role since his removal.

Brother Mike Connolly and Associate Bruce Fedor have been very busy with our Iona House

During the summer, the parish of Saint Leo the Great had a number of changes. In June and July, Bishop Frank Dewane removed some of the personnel at Saint Leo's, revoked Father Stan's faculties and removed him from the parish. A huge gap was left in the parish



Brother Chris Burns and Mr. Alberto Fernandez from Tampa Catholic came with nine girls for a week. Eight of the girls and two of their mothers returned to help with the last week of the camp.

Corporation's growth this summer. Through the generosity of Mr. Joseph Gallagher, an Iona Prep graduate from the 70's, we now have a few more properties to rent at low cost to families.



Ten students from Trinity Catholic in Ocala, FL, came with teacher Linda Steer for a week.

ministers. Josh is in a discernment process about priesthood/religious life and is spending the year here. He is involved in the after school education program of Catholic Charities, Centro Juan Diego, and the Café of Life here in Bonita. Brother Ben and Josh spent a few days at orientation in New Orleans with the other volunteers, Brothers John Casey, Charles Avendano, Bob Koppes. Josh is a welcome addition increasing our community by one third. The year so far is off to a great start!

Mr. Rigoberto Rodriguez, an Associate, has been busy rehabbing the places. Associates Lucy Morton and Leticia Rubio continue to staff the Centro Juan Diego Office. Associate Lois Boomgaard keeps busy with finding great deals for our weekly "pulgas," or flea markets, at the house for the local families.

The end of August saw the arrival of Mr. Joshua Burgess, a volunteer from Greenville, SC, and formerly Youth Minister of Christ the King Parish in Mt. Pleasant, SC, where Brother Spencer Tafuri



Bro. Damien Ryan came with another group of ten students from Trinity.

This year I would like to resume a monthly newsletter. Please send submissions and photos to me at wrfowlernj@gmail.com. For photos, please identify the people/places in the photos.

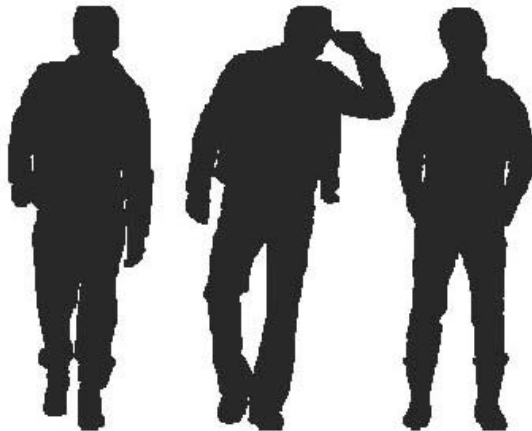
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ICNU - I See In You

Invite someone to consider a vocation as a Brother.

A simple, sincere comment should not be underestimated.

“I see in you the qualities that would make a good Brother,
and I want to encourage you to pray about it.”



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