

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
1955

The next Chronicle will appear at Christmas. To bring our friends up to date on news of the Monastery, we send a bulletin now as we did last October.

THE COMMUNITY

Reverend Father Damasus has gone to Europe to give a retreat to our four Roman students, Brothers, Benedict Tighe, James Kelly, Paul Stretlen and Augustine McGowan. Reverend Father will stay two weeks in Rome and visit several of the outstanding European Abbeys. He is expected to return towards the end of October. Our "Romani" have spent the summer at the Abbey of Maria-Laach in the Rhineland. On their way to and from Rome, they have been given the opportunity of visiting several monasteries in such cities as Florence, Venice, Salzburg and other places of interest.

The GROWTH of the community continues. Since Easter, Brothers, Anselm Bernard, David Rast, Francis McGuire and Boniface Hendry have made their simple profession. Edward Duffy of Hadley, Mass., and Thomas Boler, M.D., of Omaha, Neb. have entered the novitiate and are respectively Brothers, Laurence and Martin. Postulants are Brothers John-Bosco DePinto of Jersey City, N.J. and Thomas Maley of Lawrence N.Y. and John Jakubiak of Barberton, Ohio. Mount Saviour now numbers twenty six in community, including postulants.

Our OBLATES, those members who live away from the monastery and under other than monastic conditions are, none-the-less members of the family. They maintain the family spirit and way of life so far as possible in their various circumstances. Since the Easter Chronicle, fifteen oblate novices have been received. Seven have made their final oblation and twelve, who were oblates of Europe or other houses have affiliated with Mount Saviour. There are eighty oblates, thirty-eight professed and forty-two novices.

PUBLICATIONS

A notice of the publication of Reverend Father Damasus's "SYMBOLS OF CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT" in one volume is enclosed. Tape recordings of conferences by Reverend Father Damasus on St. Benedict and the Mass and Benedictine Life are available. Those who wish to have them for oblate groups, or study clubs should write to the Monastery for them. It is hoped that Reverend Father Damasus's "PATHWAYS IN HOLY SCRIPTURE" will very soon be reprinted. Eventually other Series of Pathways will be published. The first will be a supplement to Series I., covering books of the Bible not read in sequence during the Ecclesiastical Year.

RELIGIOUS SHOP

CHRISTMAS CARDS, some of them designed at the Monastery are available from the RELIGIOUS SHOP. A folder is enclosed. Our 1955 Catalogue, including articles especially suitable for Christmas will be mailed on request.

WORKSHOP

This Newsletter has been printed on our new lithographing machine. Mount Saviour Workshop, managed by friends, has been organized to handle printing and serve as a business outlet for products of the Mount Saviour Monastery.

BUILDING

Building has been the community's chief summer activity. While no completion date can be set, our two story, eighty-one by thirty-six feet building is now roofed, exterior trim and glazing will be complete very shortly and heating will be well under way when you receive this letter. We hope and pray it can be occupied before our cold weather as the five brethren who live in St. Peter's barn and the four who are in the milk-house will not be able to remain in these unheated buildings much longer. The new building will contain: refectory, kitchen, pantry and food storage along with the Yogurt plant on the first floor. On the second floor will be fifteen cells and a library. When part of the monastery behind the Chapel can be erected, the building now being completed will become a guest house for priest and layman. The present guest-house is far too small and inadequately equipped for the number of visitors who come to us. Most reluctantly we have had to turn guest away due to overcrowded conditions.

FARM IMPROVEMENTS

A "Ten Year Plan" of farm improvement under the direction of our farm manager, Carroll Hayes, was begun in the spring. A 125 foot trench-silo has been completed and is in use; the milk-house and milking parlor are almost completed; a pole barn 104 by 39 feet is under construction. Our beef cattle were sold and the dairy herd increased. Our plan is to concentrate on dairy farming, building up a good herd of registered Holstein cattle. Despite a bad drought in the early part of the summer, our fields have yielded good crops. This year we planted twenty-eight acres in corn, twenty five in oats and we have a hundred and four acres of hay, half of this legumes. During the summer seven acres of pasture were improved. Next summer pasture improvement will be the principal farm project. We have invested in necessary machinery to further the farm program.

ROAD

A good road has been recognized as one of our chief needs. Friends in the vicinity have generously responded to our appeal and provided a fund of almost five thousand dollars for this purpose. The Town of Big Flats Road Commission is generously co-operating to grade, widen and resurface the road. We are particularly grateful to the donors and committee members who have helped in this matter.

VISITORS

Father Abbot Primate honored us with his presence from September eight to eleventh, at which time he made the regular canonical visitation. As in previous years, we were strongly impressed by his paternal affection for the community and his deep interest in our welfare.

"DEDICATION DAY"

On August fourteenth we held our annual "Dedication Day" festival-an open house when our friends are invited to spend the day at the Monastery. Members of the St. Scholastica League and other friends from Elmira and Corning deserve our special thanks for their contributions for the occasion and for all they did to make the day a great success.

BENEFACTORS

Mount Saviour still depends on the charity of benefactors and we are taking this occasion to express our deep gratitude to all of them and to assure them of our prayers that God may bless and reward abundantly all those who help us.

ALL SOULS DAY

An All Souls Day remembrance list is enclosed. Information will gladly be sent to all those who wish it concerning enrollment for Perpetual Remembrance in our Masses and prayers.

TOUR TOUR TOUR

Some friends of Mount Saviour are organizing a conducted tour of Europe for the summer of 1956. Father Gregory Borgstedt, O. S. B., Subprior of Mount Saviour plans to accompany the group as chaplain. The tour will be under the leadership of Dr. Balduin Schwarz of Fordham University. Many places of great beauty and religious significance will be visited. The cost will be about one thousand dollars.

Those who are interested (for themselves or others) should contact Dr. Schwarz as soon as possible, since only a limited number can enroll and plans should be made soon.

Write to:
Dr. Balduin Schwarz
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If you have moved, please send us your correct address.