Our New Home

What the Abbot Primate said about our buildings emphasizes the way we have been feeling about them more and more since we moved in almost two years ago. They give expression to the spiritual and practical aspects of our life as a community in such a way that they are truly a symbol of the unity of our life. No longer are they three buildings; they have become for us one home. And this means that we are more and more grateful to the people who made this home a reality — our architects, J. Sanford Shanley of New York, who designed the original chapel, and Ronald Cassetti of Hirsch and Cassetti, Elmira, who enlarged the chapel and designed the East and West Buildings; the workmen who constructed the buildings; and our benefactors, without whose generosity our home simply would not exist.

But we would like to take this opportunity to thank in a special way those who have helped us since we moved in. Our Fr. Gabriel is largely responsible for making our house a home, and to him we owe abundant thanks for his faithfulness and untiring efforts. Jack Titus of Elmira was of great technical assistance to Fr. Gabriel in setting up a fine speaker system. Br. Hugh planned the innerhouse telephone and signal system; and he is regularly assisted in maintaining it by Robert Wrigley and Harold van Hagn of Elmira. Our old friend, John Callahan, of Endicott, New York, continues to come to help us with plumbing work in all the buildings; his assistance in this and many other areas over the years has been invaluable. We extend a very special word of thanks to Sister Margaret Adelaide and the staff of St. Joseph’s Hospital in Elmira for their generosity in helping to furnish our infirmary and kitchen, and for all their hospital services, which are deeply appreciated by this community. We are forever grateful to these and all our benefactors.

Br. Matthew

Brothers at Work

I would like to tell you something about our farm and other work at Mount Saviour this summer.

In April and May a few opportune rains did wonders for our new seedings and hay crop. However they left the fields so wet in early June that the harvest got off to a late start. But once the weather cleared, one beautiful
The brothers in all departments have been especially busy these summer months when manual work takes up a larger part of the day. Fr. Luke has been hard at work in the gift shop and in the kitchen (and in chasing rabbits from his beautiful flower beds!). The gift shop now sells the work of our arts and crafts group. Fr. David makes small wooden crosses, decorated with enamel, sea-shell, and hand-carved designs. Br. Nicholas has really made a hit with his banners and wall hangings. And Br. Bernard and Br. Cyprian are doing other craft work with leather, wood, and ikons.

We are grateful to all in our community for their labors of love. A great effort is being made on the part of each one to put his God-given talents at the service of the whole community. All this does much to build the bonds of charity between us. A brother helped by a brother goes far towards making our community a "well-fortified city."

Fr. John

News from our Guestmaster

St. Benedict supposes that there will always be guests at the monastery, and is clearly pleased that this is so. We hope our guests feel that no one is more pleased to see them than we are. We feel the best we can give anyone is a share in our lives. So a retreat at Mount Saviour is mostly a share in our life for the few days a guest is here. It is always amazing and encouraging when guests tell us they discovered this sharing has given a new dimension to their lives. We ask for suggestions, complaints and personal wishes; but what I hear is so enthusiastic that I sometimes worry about being an "official" who only hears good things!

We would like to share all our guests with you, but since this is impossible, we will say something about certain "kinds" of guests. Between early May and mid-July there were some 115 priest-retreatants, representing twenty dioceses. Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Rochester, Buffalo, and Trenton led the list. Fr. Hugh and Fr. Augustine joined Reverend Father Damasus in giving the conferences this year. In May, the deacon class of eleven from Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure, N. Y., delighted us by making their pre-priestly retreat at Mount Saviour. Fr. Lawrence Tracy of Rochester, and Fr. Gerald O'Connor and Fr. John Donahoe of Elmira honored us by offering a First Mass for the community.

We were happy to have been chosen by the kindergarten class of Our Lady of Lourdes School, Elmira (our fellow-parishioners) for their Spring Outing. It was the first time any of them were privileged to carry a lunch out of the house. Older brothers and sisters go off for a whole day, lunch in hand; but they are on the short circuit — home for lunch and the old grind. Freedom is a brown paper bag. No restaurant in the world had such proud patrons as we had that day. Mrs. Thomas Sullivan’s recreation of order out of chaos was as glorious as the opening pages of the Bible.

It is enough of a pleasure when Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Hewitt of Ithaca come alone, but on one of their visits they brought Fr. Farrell Banin, O.M.I. of the University of Ottawa. We had heard that Fr. Banin was a living expression of the open Church, but he surpassed our expectations in a lecture on Teilhard de Chardin. And we cannot mention lectures without thanking Dr. Margaret Peil of the University of Ghana for her talks on West Africa and Ghana. Any class Margaret teaches must be interesting, but when her object was to get us so inter-
ested in Africa that we would make a foundation in Ghana, you can image how fascinating it was. Professor Friedl Lang, who is on his way to the University of Colorado from Catholic University, told us about his work in East Africa where he has been doing field work in anthropology. The large and wonderful Lang family (now nine strong) are old friends of ours, and once again they camped in our woods during part of the summer.

It was a moving experience to have Dr. Sivaraman spend some time here during the last days before his return to India. The same is true of Fr. John Hayes, former pastor of St. Patrick's, Elmira, who came to say goodbye before he left for his new post as rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester. But he promised to return to us.

Professor Brian Tierney of the Department of History at Cornell spent an evening with us before leaving with his lively family for a sabbatical year in Europe. He kept us spellbound with a lecture on the contribution of medieval canonists to the modern idea of constitutional government.

The Reverend Eido Ta-Shimano, a Zen Master from Japan who now teaches at the Zen Studies Society in New York, spent two days with us, and told us about the spiritual goal of the Zen monk. The discovery of how much we have in common with the Buddhist monks entirely new perspectives not only for monasticism, but for the understanding between East and West which is more urgently needed than ever before.

We also remember with gratitude and satisfaction the visit of Professor and Mrs. Harrop Freeman of Ithaca, who shared with us their insights and experiences in the field of Law and Civil Rights.

We are grateful for the time Br. Paul Farkas, C.S.C., James McMurry, and Ron Smetak spent with us. We hope the association will continue to be an operative factor in their lives and that they will always remember us. There are so many more we would like to mention, but we must draw an arbitrary line and stop. The gratitude of all the community goes to our guests who show their confidence that the Spirit of God dwells here. We receive more from you than we give; that is always the case in God's work.

Fr. Martin

The Library - - and H.A.R.

Visitors tell us that what impresses them most about our library is the remarkable way it is integrated into the "living-space" of the West Building. This is no accident: we wanted our new home to express the fact that lectio divina — prayerful reading and study — is an integral, essential part of our life.

Since our ordinary budget doesn't allow us to build up our library from our own funds alone, we depend largely upon friends to help. And how well they have! The Abbot Primate remarked that our library was "a paradise." For all who have helped to make it so we are deeply grateful. In particular we would like to mention the following benefactors who have helped us to build up our library over the years: Fr. Joseph Mondel, William Ryan, Bernard Peebles, Maurice Lavanoux, Elisabeth Steinle-Rast, Barbara Sessions, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Collins, and David Reeves, who sends new Sheed and Ward books not only to us but to our foundation in New Mexico. A large por-

tion of the history section of our library was a bequest of the late Frederic Coudert. The largest gift we ever received came this summer from Fr. Hans Anscar Reinhold, who donated to us his entire library.

Fr. Reinhold's friendship with Reverend Father Dama-
sus began during the year he spent, as a young man, at the Abbey of Maria Laach. But his was not a monastic vocation, and after his ordination in 1925 he founded the Apostolate of the Sea in his native city of Hamburg. This was brought to an end by the secret police on April 30, 1935, when Fr. Reinhold had himself to sign the decree banishing him from all contact with the sea and her men; and as harassment continued, he left Germany.

His first year in the United States was spent teaching at Portsmouth Priory, after which he returned to work with the seamen, in Seattle. He became an American citizen in 1944, and was made pastor of St. Joseph's parish in Sunnyside, Washington, where he exerted the sound principles of liturgical practice of which he had been writing in Orate Fratres (now Worship), The Common- weal, and other periodicals, usually over the initials H.A.R. His writings include four books: The Soul Afire: Revelations of the Mystics; The American Parish and the Roman Liturgy; Bringing the Mass to the People; and The Dynamics of the Liturgy.

This pastoral work came to an end when in 1956 Fr. Reinhold was stricken with Parkinson's disease. Since then he has lived as the guest of Bishop Wright of Pittsburgh, writing, lecturing, consulted by men of all faiths. His work as liturgical prophet and guide has not gone unhonored.

FATHER H. A. REINHOLD
(Photograph courtesy of Jubilee)
Dedication Day and Open House

We cordially invite you to our annual Dedication Day Fair on Sunday, September 18 (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). On this day we celebrate the thirteenth anniversary of the dedication of our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel. Dedication Day gives us a welcome opportunity to greet and thank our many faithful friends, and to meet new ones. It also helps us to cover expenses, particularly those connected with the debt on our new home.

The special feature of Dedication Day this year will be a series of tours of the new monastic buildings for all (men, women, children) who would like to see the interior of Mount Saviour. We have not been able to have such an "open house" since 1964 when the buildings were blessed. But because of the great interest in the new buildings (particularly the interior, which was only recently completed), and as an expression of gratitude to all who have made these buildings a reality, we have secured special permission for this one day. Tours will be conducted from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We hope many will take advantage of the opportunity and will share with us "the beauty of the Lord's house."

Our "D-Day" committee, made up of friends and neighbors of Mount Saviour, is hard at work once again, planning new attractions and old favorites for the Fair. This year's Dedication Day promises to be an especially good one. It will open with a concelebrated Mass at 9:00 a.m. and close with Vespers and Benediction at 3:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

DIRECTIONS TO MOUNT SAVIOUR

From the East, take Route 17 to Elmira and follow Route 17E through Elmira. At the blinker at western city limits, turn left. Cross bridge and follow signs.

From the West: From Route 17 in East Corning take Route 17E through Big Flats. Turn right at blinker before entering Elmira, cross bridge and follow signs.

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