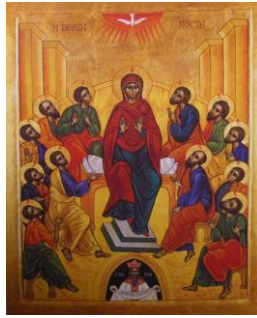


MSA IN USA PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER: AUGUST 4, 2010

Provincial's Corner

As you know, brothers, our brother Paul Marcil died on Friday, 16 July at the Howard University Hospital in Washington, DC, of a combined deterioration of his diabetic condition, related blood complications, and kidney failure. In compliance with his official Will, he was cremated, and the funeral has been scheduled for Thursday, August 5, at 11:00 A.M., in the chapel of the MSA house at 1335 Quincy Street NE. We will certainly miss our brother, who was notable among us for his simplicity, candor, generosity, and spirit of fun. His Will designated Fr Pat Boyhan to be the celebrant, "and humorist." The memory of Br Paul will not fade among us. We pray for his soul, but ask his prayers for our community and apostolic initiatives as well.

I'm sure you've heard by now, but our Society Retreat was a wonderful one. The Retreat Master, Msgr. Charles Pope, is pastor of a black parish in Washington, D.C., and knows how to rock with the flock. If there are any Amens and Alleluias, they well up from a content which is inspired and deeply Scriptural. He's a monsignor, but as fresh as a new priest in his delivery, as rooted in what he says as a ... Pope, as capable of dramatizing his words as Bishop Sheen, and as prompt with humor as Carol Burnette. Those of us who were present have pretty much conceded that this was the best retreat since Fr Menard. We thank him for taking the time in his busy schedule, and pray for him, that the retreat he's to offer the priests of Washington, D.C., may be as effective with them as this was for us. Obviously, we wish that more members had been present, had set this time ahead as a *sine qua non* occasion and/or expurgated themselves of other concerns for the sake of this sacred hiatus. For next year, our Retreat's to be held from Sunday evening 17 July through Friday morning 22 July. We are asking Monsignor Pope, our Retreat Master again for next year, to give special emphasis to our charism, mission and community life. Fr. Menard says it's within our MSA charism, that we need to exploit "our personal



charism, each one's very personal special grace." If, as the Constitutions tell us, we pledge to live fully according to the MSA charism, then we will strive to serve the Society's charism with our personal charism, our gifts, inspirations, and personal effort. We should remember at the same time that our

motto is "united in the Lord Jesus," which calls us to love one another as brothers. "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body ... [and as members of the Society, instilled with a share of Fr Menard's charism,] we were all given to drink of one Spirit".

A Few News Items

- The seminary's Queen of the Apostles Chapel will be ready for consecration on 8 September, 2010. You are all invited, but please let us know well in advance when you hope to arrive.
- Br Jeff has retired from his work at Holy Apostles Seminary, but shows up anyway and haunts the place like a ghost, not without being put to work.
- We are looking into the possibility of expanding our MSA media outreach; more on this in subsequent newsletters.
- The finance committee met less than a week ago and is exploring the possibility of replacing everything but the oldest part of St Mark's with a modular building, linked to that older section in one way or another.
- Novice Skip Thompson will return from his California probation period (novitiate) under Fr Jim Anderson to finish that part of his formation during the month of September on campus while restarting his academic work.
- Br John McDermott has been studying at Georgetown University during the summer and is preparing a book as a result.
- We continue our close bonds with the Immaculate Conception Basilica in Waterbury at which Frs John Lyons, Stanley Grove, and Charles Bak reside and exercise

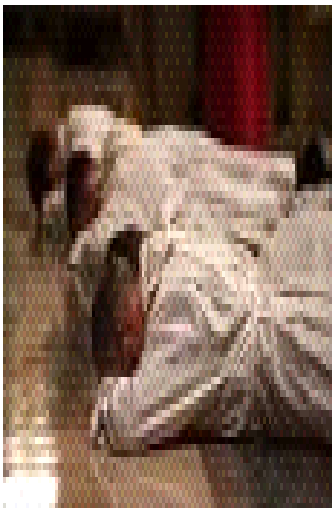
ministry on a daily basis. Frs Robert Sickler, Tom Simon, and Tad Hallock also have ministry there each week.

- The Quincy Street house in Washington, D.C., has been infected by an apocalyptic scourge: Norwegian scabies; nevertheless, they have risen above the inferno and are for the most part duly fumigated.
- The Delaware trio of Fr Bob Burk, Fr Jim Downs, and Fr. Pat Biegler ascended from Delaware earth life to our heaven-sent retreat in Farmington, CT. It was good to see all three are thriving, and hear their different sagas.
- Fr Harry Dunn, also present at the retreat, has a variety of pastoral commitments in West Virginia in his new setting, but does not look the worse for wear.
- Fr Vincent Salamoni shows a slightly more olive tint than usual, either from basking on

Puerto Rican beaches or from gazing from his harbor-front apartment window. He is nearing retirement as far as we can tell so far.

- During the Retreat, Br James Lonon remained in California as guardian of the probation house (novitiate) (Jim Anderson's residence) and is doing well, fully participating in community life when all are present, and often offering Indian delicacies for dinner.
- Fr Pat Taliercio, presently residing at St Jude House, is learning to ... rest in peace during his "sabbatical," but also providing numerous ministerial and manual labor initiatives where needed.

Congratulations to Our Confreres Celebrating Ordination Anniversaries



Fr Pasquale Taliercio	August 15	18 th
Fr Maximo Ascencios	August 22	42 nd
Fr Gerard Petta	August 22	26 th
Fr Benedict Klucinec	August 29	23 rd
Fr George Realmuto	August 29	23 rd
Fr Robert Sickler	August 29	23 rd
Br Jeffrey Hermann	July 5	32 nd
Fr Michel LeGault	July 10	39 th
Fr Jean-Paul Roy	July 25	56 th
R. P. Jepsen	July 31	45 th
Fr Vincent Kilidjian	June 8	42 nd
Fr James Downs	June 8	8 th
Br Robert Whitton	June 14	42 nd
Fr David Zercie	June 28	8 th

Ps 139- -May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Prayers and Blessings on your life and ministry!



Fr Edward Przygocki	August 2
Fr Richard Skarbek	July 2
Fr Patrick Biegler	July 8
Fr Roma Bertrand	July 12
Fr Benedict Klucinec	July 13

Happy Birthday to all !!