

# The Clarion



*Newsletter of the Brothers of Christian Instruction*

## Sr. Regina Drody Receives the 2011 Brothers' Service Award



Br. Ted Letendre,  
NDSC  
Director and  
Br. James  
Lacasse, NDI  
superior,  
present the award  
citation to Sr.  
Regina Drody

On June 2, the Notre Dame community gathered to celebrate Sr. Regina's 30th Year at the Notre Dame Spiritual Center (NDSC).

To mark the occasion, the Provincial Council endorsed the local community's recommendation that she receive the 2011 Brothers' Service Award.

Thirty years ago, back in 1981, Sr. Regina – then her community's regional superior - arrived at the Center to assist founding director Br. Edgar St. Pierre. When Br. Edgar's ailing condition called for a prolonged rest, Sister Regina stepped in to assist Br. Joseph Power, interim director until Brother Ovide Fortier arrived on the scene. In 1990 when then director Br. Henry Vanasse assumed direction of the province archives, Sr. Regina was asked to direct the center, a position she filled for five years with wholehearted commitment and with her typical joy and enthusiasm.

From the very start, Sister's contribution furthered the growth of the Center's popularity. As hospitality, orderliness and cleanliness became a recognized feature of the Center; the number of participating groups using the Center grew steadily. In 1985 Sr. Cecilia Kennedy joined the NDSC staff. The Sisters' women's touch, influence and quiet work created an atmosphere of peace, tranquility and serenity so appreciated by the Center's clientele.

Originally from an English-speaking family, Regina entered the Holy Rosary Congregation on July 17, 1948 in Rimouski, Quebec. Her early career was spent teaching in the Gaspé region and in New Brunswick. Her resume indicates an interest in religious education having benefited from summers of graduate studies. Her MA in Christian Spirituality is from Creighton University, Omaha, NE.

Sr. Regina offered her services beyond her Center duties. For years she helped with the RCIA program in St. Ignatius Parish in Sanford. She continues to be an active participant in the Brothers' prayers and liturgies and on many occasions provides some much needed clothes repair.

Sr. Regina continues to impress all with her prayerful attitude, her devotion to the Blessed Mother and her evident inner peace and joy. She is a true disciple of her community's foundress, Elizabeth Turgeon, who in simplicity and humility gave herself to "living out the Gospel by manifesting the tender and loving Love of Jesus and Mary".

The Brothers of Notre Dame Province join Br. Ted Letendre, current NDSC director, in wishing this "queen-mother of cheerfulness and hospitality" many more years of service, surrounded by friends who greatly appreciate her pleasant and welcoming disposition.

### To all our Family and Friends:

Please join the Brothers as we  
celebrate our co-founder  
Fr. John-Mary during this special  
Mennaisian Anniversary Year

#### *Saturday, July 9*

11:00 AM Prayer Service followed by  
lunch and open house  
4:00 PM Sunday Mass

**Needed - RSVP**

## Br. Daniel Caron: Competent Teacher and Administrator



### 2011 Jubilarian

Fifty years ago, on Aug. 22, in St. Joseph's Church, Biddeford, ME, 18 year-old Daniel Caron was one of nine postulants invested with the religious habit of the Brothers of Christian Instruction.

Born in St. Benjamin, PQ, Daniel was a student of the Brothers at St. Francis de Sales Elementary School in Waterville, ME when in 1957 he joined the Alfred juniorate for his high school education. His novitiate year (1961-62), under the tutelage of Br. David Touchette, was followed by studies at Walsh College in Canton, Ohio.

BA in hand – Class of '65 - his first assignment was as a science and math teacher at Msgr. Prevost HS in Fall River, MA. In 1968 Br. Caron began his first stint at Bishop Connolly HS. During summers he

completed his Masters of Science Teaching degree in chemistry on National Science Foundation grants.

In 1979 he was appointed principal of Mount Assumption Institute in Plattsburgh, NY. During his 13 years in administration, Br. Caron exercised his duties with great devotion. He was a valued spectator at nearly all athletic events and exercised a highly appreciated leadership role especially in fund-raising endeavors.

On Oct. 1, 1988, Br. Daniel attended the dedication ceremony of the new athletic facilities at Bishop Connolly High School, where he was honored as "the outstanding teacher/Athletic Director who first dreamed of this facility and took the earliest steps towards its realization."

In the summer of 2000, the Superior General appointed Br. Caron provincial superior of Notre Dame Province. His six-year mandate was extended for another three years in May of 2006. While maintaining his part-time position as science teacher in Fall River, Br. Caron exercised great administrative skill in meeting the demands of both responsibilities, thus earning the confidence, admiration and gratitude of his confreres. His natural reserve buttresses his organizational skills.

Upon returning to full-time teaching in 2009, he continues his career as a very competent and successful chemistry teacher, earning the respect of his students

who look forward to whatever surprises might happen in his labs.

Br. Daniel possesses a prodigious memory of information regarding religious communities and personalities. His knowledge of geography is also very impressive. His leisure time is usually spent with religious readings, news updating and TV sports. He has on occasion dabbled in art, producing coat-of-arms adorning school corridors.

This disciple of Fr. John-Mary de la Mennais models what a dedicated religious teacher is called to be. His confreres find themselves blessed in living community with this pleasant and friendly companion.

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## Additional 2011 Anniversaries

### Br. Henri Bernier Committed to Family, Art and Sports



Approaching his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, Br. Henri Bernier is celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of vowed religious life. Though he has the aches and pains associated with aging, Bernie continues to live life to the fullest and with gusto.

His rich operatic voice continues to be robust. Though he no longer exercises his artistic painting talent, he maintains several projects like caring for the grounds around his Salvius Hall and keeping order in the basement shop. NDI's grandfather clocks keep proper time, thanks to his meticulous attention.

Totally committed to his family, Bernie undertakes his annual unaccompanied flight to Virginia to visit his sister, nephews and nieces. Relying on emails he keeps in touch with a host of friends. He even has a Facebook page.

Surprising is his complete devotion to the sporting world, especially "his" Boston-based teams.

Now walking with his trusty cane by his side, he has as one of his goals to make the top of the Brothers' "Liste D'Honneur" which lists the 50 oldest members of the

840 member congregation; he is presently at #3. Brothers and friends pray he will do so and in good health.

### Br. Millette Has Served over 45 Years in Fall River

Celebrating 70 years as a Brother of Christian Instruction, Roger Millette, at 85, continues his school ministry as Director of Support Services at Bishop Connolly H.S., Fall River, MA. Thanks to a robust health, he never misses a day of school.

This "grandpa" figure is much appreciated by both adults and



students. He is always surrounded by friends when attending school events and athletic contests.

Bro. Roger belongs to the Notre Dame Parish choir and continues to serve as hospital eucharistic minister once per week. He attends the wakes and funerals of friends and alumni, providing a vital link to the friends of the Brothers' former school, Msgr. Prevost HS, as his friend Paul Dumais will testify.

In the Brothers' community, he serves as the house treasurer. He does all the shopping and maintenance of the residence.

Br. Roger is an avid reader and enjoys crossword puzzles. He

attends many concerts and theater plays in the area. He continues to live a full and productive life.

### Br. Francis Blouin Takes On a New Ministry

Another 2011 significant anniversary is that of Br. Francis Blouin's 65th as a brother. At 82 Br. Francis continues with great enthusiasm and dedication his work for the Church in Uganda which he first began in the Fall of 2003 while serving as a consultant to the Brothers of Christian Instruction on the development of a small Catholic University in Kisubi. Within a few months the members of the Uganda Martyrs University (UMV) administration asked him to assume the role of founding Director of the Kisubi Brothers Center of UMV.

Beginning July 1 Br. Blouin will serve on the staff of the Spiritual Leadership Program in Jinga some 30 miles from Kisubi. This new venture is a four-month pilot session for religious sisters coming from over a dozen south-Saharan countries. Bro. Francis' responsibilities will consist mainly in teaching. He looks forward to a position which will free him from all administrative duties and fund-raising concerns.

Blessed with longevity genes and a steady flow of energy, he plans to remain active as a missionary. His next visit to the US will be in late Fall 2011.



## Br. Raymond Berube 1934-2011

After a year under hospice supervision, Br. Raymond succumbed on June 8 at the Varney Crossing Home in No. Berwick, ME where he had been a resident since developing Alzheimer's in 2008.

Br. Raymond was a Fall River, MA native, the third of five children of Albert and Yvonne (Carignan) Berube. Educated in the Notre Dame parish schools, he entered the Alfred juniorate in 1949. He became a Brother novice on Aug. 15, 1952, pursuing his studies in Oka, PQ. He made his final profession in 1958 in Biddeford, ME.

In 1958 Br. Raymond graduated from LaMennais College with a BA in Science and Math, after several summers of study following his two year scholasticate. His teaching profession began in 1955 at St. Peter's Primary School in Plattsburgh, NY. Ten years were spent teaching in the province's high schools.

In 1965 Br. Raymond joined the FICs at Seychelles College (Indian Ocean) followed by a three-year stint at Bukumi Secondary School in Uganda.

He returned to the States to attend to health issues. In 1969 he began his second career, this as a maintenance brother, first at Notre Dame Institute in Alfred, ME – where he



cared for the NDI orchards – and then in 1979 for 11 delightful years at Station KNOM in Nome, Alaska while also doing pastoral work in St. Joseph's Parish. For over two years (1991-93) he served as assistant campus manager at Walsh University in Ohio.

Semester-long renewal sessions at Sangre de Christo, NM (Sp. '77) and in Castlegandolfo, Italy (Sp. '87) nourished a desire for pastoral work. Upon obtaining a Graduate Certificate in Ministry from WTU in Washington, DC in 1993, Bro. Raymond was hired as Pastoral Associate at St. William's Parish in Fall River, bringing him close to home during his ailing mother's last years.

He returned to Maine in 1999 to resume his general maintenance duties until illness forced him to

retire. It was at this time that he pursued with great enthusiasm and success his family's genealogy.

Known for his pleasant friendly disposition, Br. Ray was ready to render service wherever needed. For almost 59 years he pursued his religious calling with evident commitment.

He is survived by his brother George of Leominster, MA and many nieces and nephews.

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(As of June 20, 2011)

RIP: Mr. Zygmund Zwierchowski,  
father of Br. Walter, died on June 17  
in Forked River, NJ

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