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Two Honored With Brothers' Service Award

In the spirit of the Mennaisian Anniversary Year, two significant associates of the Brothers of Notre Dame Province received the 2011 Brothers' Service Award. Each of the four local communities was invited to recommend a recipient to the provincial and his council.

In Ohio, **Mr. Richard Jusseaume**, president of Walsh University, was recognized for his outstanding leadership and service promoting the Brothers' mission at WU. The Oct. 18 ceremony took place in the intimacy of the Brothers' chapel in LaMennais Hall with Br. Jerome, provincial, and Br. Guy Roddy, local superior bestowing the honors.

Since becoming president in 2001, Richard, a former Brother himself, has energetically produced a thriving campus of 23 buildings on 136 acres accommodating a growing student population of 3000. Several professional doctoral degree programs have been launched as well as two significant cooperative ventures with the FICs in Kisubi, Uganda, and in Castlegandolfo, Italy.

A main preoccupation of both the Brothers and of Walsh administration has been the creation of initiatives to ensure that the Brothers' mission will always lie at the heart of Walsh and will continue to shape the daily decisions of the Walsh leadership team.

"I am called to act as a servant leader," states President Jusseaume, "just as the rest of the campus community – faculty, students, and staff – are called. This honor is about the efforts of everyone, protecting the legacy the Brothers established, continuing to prepare



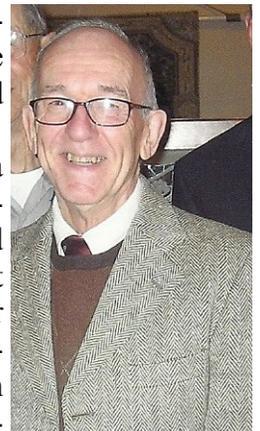
Br. Guy Roddy, with Walsh President, Mr. Richard Jusseaume.

the university for the challenges of the 21st century and beyond. We plant the seeds, but God grants the increase."

In Fall River, MA on Sept. 11, the Brothers gathered in the 555 Eastern Ave. residence to recognize **Mr. Roland Moses** for his many years of close association with the community. This Waterville, ME native joined the Brothers back in 1944 and for over 20 years "Brother Leo" was a very successful educator serving as teacher and principal in the province's high schools.

Long time friend, Br. Roger Millette comments, "Deep in his soul, Roland never completely left the Brothers. He is still one of us." He raised his late wife's three children, providing them with a top notch Catholic education. Roland remained in education, both at the high school and junior college levels, achieving an enviable reputation for his dedication and classroom success.

In retirement he continues as a staunch Catholic, volunteering services in his Notre Dame Parish and among the elderly, especially at Adams House and in several senior organizations. Always an avid reader, he remains updated on Church matters, especially with developments in the world-wide FIC congregation. The Fall River contingent of Brothers are very grateful to Roland for his friendship and availability when needed and continued active involvement in good works.



Roland Moses

A Success with a Sad Ending

On Ash Wednesday, March 9, a call from Br. Francis Blouin in Uganda started a process which resulted in Stephen Kyema's coming to the States for emergency heart surgery. The 41 year-old father of three needed immediate heart valve repair work, a procedure not available in his home country. Seeking the emergency procedure in another country was an unmanageable expense, unless...



Pursuing some leads in Portland related to a similar 2003 case of Elizabeth Mbatudde, Br. Jerome Lessard was able to obtain the free services of Dr. Reed Quinn of Maine Heart Associates with Maine Medi-

cal Hospital accepting Stephen as a full charity case.

The Brothers of Notre Dame in Alfred offered to provide hospitality for Stephen before and after his surgery. Providentially, Br. Henry Monday of the Brothers' Uganda Province, who had just arrived in Alfred for a year's service at Notre Dame Spiritual Center, was present on August 16 at Boston's Logan airport to greet the wearied and worried patient. Mr. Kyema who had met Br. Monday in their home parish in Kampala was relieved to have a fellow Ugandan introduce him to his new setting.

A battery of tests at the Portland facility revealed a most serious condition. Admitted on August 25, Stephen was given time needed to build his readiness for the serious procedure which eventually took place on Sept. 6. During this time and until his Sept. 13 discharge, daily prolonged visits by Br. Monday reassured Stephen that all was well and that his needs were being translated to a very caring, friendly staff.

Upon his return to Notre Dame, Stephen integrated himself further into the welcoming community. He was befriended by many of the area people who worship in the campus chapel. For six weeks, Sr. Jane Durgin, health director, took over the supervision of his medical routine suggested by visiting nurses.

Update:

In accepting a recent assignment to NY, Br. Mark Couture has guaranteed a three-man community. He can be reached at 93 Court St., Plattsburgh, NY 12901

With regular meals and daily exercises and the constant companionship of Br. Monday, Stephen got permission to return to Uganda on Oct. 23.

Before leaving, Stephen read his prepared message of thanks to the Al-



Stephen Kyema with caregivers Sister Jane Durgin and Br. Henry Monday.

fred community. He was most grateful for the prayers that took him through this ordeal and for the hospitality and friendship that brought hope into his life. His stay in the US during the treatment and recovery period was a happy and lovely experience. "The time I have spent with you has shown me how great the mercy and love of God is for me." His reunion with his mother and his family was a most joyous event. Regular updates from his sister Betty presented a Stephen making daily progress and gradually resuming his activities at home and at work. However in early December he developed troubling symptoms. His local physician issued a bulletin stating that Stephen had meningitis aggravated by pneumonia. Stephen slipped into a coma and died on Wednesday, December 14.

In his shy and calm manner, Stephen showed much gratitude for the overwhelming assistance provided him in his last months on earth. Spontaneously he would exclaim: "God is good, God is very good!" For His own reason, this loving God decided to bring him home quite unexpectedly. May his family find as much consolation in their trust in God, knowing Stephen is now permanently freed of all suffering.

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FIC RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS IN HAITI

After attending the annual meeting of the US Catholic Mission Association in Miami, Brothers Jerome Lessard and Marcel Sylvestre flew to Port-au-Prince on Oct. 30 for a nine-day visit of the Brothers in areas most affected by the late afternoon earthquake of January 12, 2010. Br. Hervé Zamor, regional provincial, was on hand to take them to his residence in Pétienville, a suburb of the capital city.



Br. Herve Zamor, FIC Haitian Provincial, chauffeured US Brothers Jerome Lessard and Marcel Sylvestre.

This retirement facility sustained only minor damages, as did the campus chapel and the nearby houses of formation with their eight novices and seven postulants in the pre-novitiate program. The destruction of the former Provincial house cost the life of two Brothers and caused serious injuries to two others. There are no plans to rebuild this facility on this site.

The visit to St.-Louis Centre in the heart of the city was shocking. The 120-year old school was gone. It was there that some 40 diocesan grade-school teachers perished while attending after school sessions. Left standing with minor damages are the Brothers' famous library and the historic French prefabricated campus chapel erected in 1894.

Across the street from the nearby ruined Cathedral, a new quake-resistant two-story Jean-Marie Guilloux Elementary School, paid for by Food for the Poor, stands on the site of the first FIC school in Haiti, founded in 1864. A brief stop was made at Université Notre Dame d'Haïti, a university Br. Marcel helped found. Though the buildings of the School of Medicine suffered slight damage, the School of Nursing, less than a mile away, was demolished; ten student nurses died there.

In Delmas in the northern part of the capital, the earthquake seriously damaged St. Louis de Gonzague Secondary School. Five Brothers now live in what had been the Sisters' house. The severely damaged Brothers' residence had to be demolished, along with two large wings of the school. The school's chapel, dining hall, and administration building have been repaired. A dozen temporary wooden structures now serve as classrooms for primary and secondary students. The

Alumni Association of St. Louis plans to raise millions to rebuild the needed facilities.

From the capital area, Br. Herve drove the Brothers to the southern coast. In Jacmel, closest to the epicenter of the quake, the western wing of Ecole Frere Clement is being rebuilt. Three slightly damaged classrooms temporarily serve as the three Brothers' common dormitory, community room and chapel. Spartan but practical temporary classrooms were soon constructed enabling the students to return to school. Funds raised in the US province, as well as in Canada, Japan, France and Spain are going to this project.

The next stop was at the mountaintop town called La Vallée (!) where the minor damages to that school have already been repaired thanks to Terre Sans Frontières and the Canadian government.

The visit ended in Les Cayes. L'École Frère Odile Joseph, founded in 1872, had no impact from the earthquake other than the influx of about 80 students from the capital area. Before leaving the southern coast the Brothers enjoyed a refreshing ocean dip at the quasi-deserted beach at Port Salut, on the southwestern tip of Haiti.

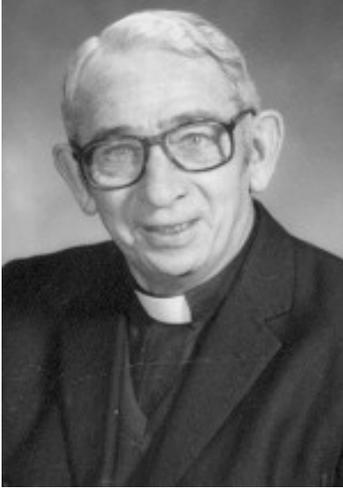


Jacmel: Reconstruction of the facility to house the Brothers' quarters and school administration.

Our CLARION readers can rest assured that the money raised to date is being properly used in this reconstruction effort. The Brothers of the Haitian Province are greatly encouraged by the financial support they are receiving from their American friends.

News Flash!!! For health reasons, Brother Francis Blouin has returned to Notre Dame. He can be reached at P.O. Box 159, Alfred, ME 04002.

Br. Joseph Power Succumbs at the Age of 86



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"We have lost a precious friend." This sentiment was repeatedly echoed when the news of Br. Power's death was broadcast on Oct. 19. For over a year while battling cancer, Br. Joe continued to be sought as a mentor and spiritual guide.

Sentiments from friends manifested the broad influence this professional educator exercised in his unique gentle manner. In the words of Walsh Trustee Ed Klekotka, "He was such a compassionate, forgiving and understanding man who always managed to find the good in the most wayward of persons."

Upon completing his basic education in his native England, this Liverpool native joined the Brothers of Southampton in 1936. With an Oxford education, Br. Power undertook a successful teaching career before becoming headmaster at St. Mary's College. Responding to an invitation from Walsh College President Brother Thomas Farrell, Br. Joseph joined the faculty of a vibrant young institution in 1965, receiving full tenure as professor of English language and literature.

His unique talents led him to engage in a number of brief assignments including a stint in WV Appalachia, News of the death of Mr. Eugene Masse, 89, on Nov. 4 of Bradenton, Fl., was communicated by his wife, Eileen. Then known as Brother Paul, he was a member of the 1960 group of founding Brothers of Walsh College, Canton, OH.

several months preparing for the Papal visit to Ottawa, Canada, offering workshops in Haiti, interim director of Notre Dame Spiritual Center in Alfred, ME and committee work commissioned to reorganize the secondary schools back home in Liverpool.

Br. Joseph quoted his beloved mentor C.S. Lewis in summarizing a guiding principle of his: "We are all different but we are all made in the image of God, each of us a unique note in the divine symphony. There is no insignificant life and there are no ordinary men and women. We are all made in the image of God destined for an eternity of joy."

At the funeral services held in a packed Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel on the Walsh campus, long-time friend and colleague, President Richard Jusseaume, summarized people's universal sentiments: "Br. Power embodied peace and wisdom. He was a true gentleman, a man of dignity and good nature and he will be truly missed by the Walsh community."

Internment occurred on October 29 in the Brother's community cemetery in Alfred, ME. His brother, Fr. Desmond Power came from England to attend the services in Ohio and in Maine.

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