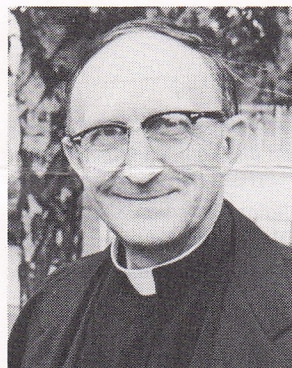


Death Takes Two Confreres in December

Fr. Albert Negri, SDB 1918 - 1989

(From the Sunday Bulletin of Corpus Christi Church, Dec. 10, 1989)

Saturday, Dec. 2, our Corpus Christi Parish Community suffered the loss of our beloved Fr. Albert Negri. In his last days comforted and sustained by the sacraments of the Church administered to him by his Salesian confreres, Fr. Albert prepared himself well to meet the Lord Jesus. When the final moment came to go with the Lord, he went peacefully and tranquilly. "Poor Father Negri" has



now become "Rich Father Negri" as he enjoys eternal life with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit...

As a man of prayer Fr. Albert's spirituality was deeply rooted in the Christ of the Gospel. Like Don Bosco, Father Albert had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother who in turn showed her special love for him as the significant dates of his life reflect (born on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - Feb. 11, 1918, Profession on Dec. 8, 1934 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception, etc.). Father's compassion was evident among us as he kept himself in perpetual motion to help all who came to him for advice, confession, or spiritual direction. Although he ministered mainly to the Hispanic community, he gave of himself for all people and their spiritual needs, always striving to help each person grow in his/her relationship with the Lord. Each of us was touched in a very special way by Fr. Albert. May his desire to preach the Good News of salvation in season and out of season be a source of inspiration to us all! We have loved Fr. Albert in this life, let us not forget him in death!

Pastoral Planning Process

Rich Wanner

The first phase of the planning process consisting of reflection on our Province Mission Statement from the perspectives of Evangelization, Laity, Community, Resources and Formation has been completed with a very high degree of community participation. The second phase which derives directional statements comprising our vision for the 90's is in progress. Materials have been sent out to each community. By the time this paper is received, this phase will be completed. A third phase will be initiated in February when we begin creating action steps for the directions that have been agreed upon.

Birthdays

Feb. 3 - Rafael Sanchez
Feb. 4 - Michael Ribotta
Feb. 5 - John Dal Maso
Feb. 13 - Stanislaw Bieniek
Feb. 14 - Jose Rojas
Feb. 19 - Jerry Bonjean
Feb. 20 - Paul Maniscalco
Feb. 21 - David Purdy
Feb. 22 - Patrick Barbariol
Arthur Grisetti
Thomas Juarez

Mar. 1 - Harold Danielson
Mar. 2 - John Grinsell
Mar. 10 - John Marin
Joseph Reza
Mar. 11 - Robert Stein
Mar. 13 - Anthony Pereira
Mar. 17 - Cris Hood-Rosales
John Malloy
Mar. 26 - William Regner
Mar. 27 - Joseph Lockwood
Chris Woerz

Fr. John Tkalec, SDB 1908 - 1989

Fr. John Tkalec spent the last weeks of his life at Nazareth House in West Los Angeles, where he died peacefully on Dec. 26, 1989.

Fr. John answered the call of the Lord to serve youth in his native Yugoslavia. As religious troubles brewed at home he travelled to Italy and finally to America, always using his considerable energies on behalf of youth in various positions given him by his religious superiors.

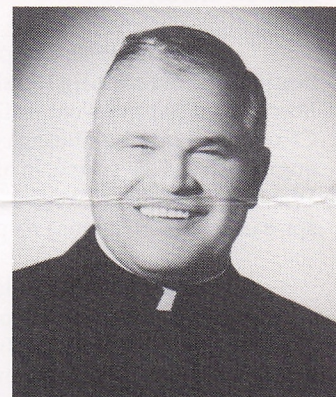
For the last three decades of his ministry he labored in the financial office of various schools, always shepherding the resources of the school and community, seeing they were put to the best use for the apostolate.

He was always available for confession from his first assignment in the U.S. as confessor at St. Francis School, Watsonville, in 1948

to his retirement years at St. John Bosco School, Bellflower in the 80's.

As Fr. Mirko Flac said at Fr. John's funeral Mass in the Chapel of St. John Bosco High School, on Dec. 30, "Fr. John has borne the burden of a long day, and the heat, giving in sacrifice to many people generously. Now he has departed alone.

"But we are here as a testimony that he will not be unremembered, nor unloved. Always there are a faithful few who visit, pray, remember. And all who came and who will come, as we accompany him on his last journey of his mortal remains, are cherished dearly. May he rest in God's peace, is our prayer."



New Address for Penny Club, St. Francis

St. Francis Youth Center

Stanley Phillips Ranch
75 Dalton Lane
Watsonville, CA 95076
(408) 722-0115
Br. Zanella (408) 722-3608

Penny Club

P.O. Box 23
Freedom, CA 95019-0236
(408) 722-6733

(Note: Camp St. Francis address remains the same)

Chicago Conference on Drug Free Neighborhoods

John Maxwell and Kay Gozony, past president of the Oakland Community Organization, attended the Chicago Conference: **Challenge for the 1990's: Drug Free Neighborhood**, Dec. 11-13, 1989. The 500 registered participants and speakers from 35 states addressed common problems. Several of the topics discussed were: Drug Free School Zones, which are in force in the Bay Area already; Drug Paraphernalia Bill, to prohibit sales in stores and through the mail; The Coalition Against Billboard Advertising of Alcohol and Tobacco, to combat such advertising, especially in minority communities; Drug Free Public Housing, since significant activity takes place there.

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San Francisco Province Newsletter

Building Bridges between communities

No. 3 January 1990

January 22, 1990

Dear Confreres,

April 29, 1990: The date has been announced for the beatification of **Fr. Philip Rinaldi**, the third successor of St. John Bosco. This happy event will highlight the coming General Chapter and may be a fitting conclusion to the deliberations of our ministry to the young. In his day Fr. Philip Rinaldi was ever faithful to Don Bosco's spirit. May Blessed Philip Rinaldi inspire us to a more intense response to young people in need.

General Chapter: I leave for Rome on February 20th with a visit to Lungi, Sierra Leone. Br. Bill Regner returned there at the beginning of January after his home visit. Bill and Fr. Ed Frizzell will complete one more school building and then start working on permanent quarters for the Salesians and a youth center. The Province Day collection this year will be for this project.

During the General Chapter, **Fr. Bill Schafer** will be in charge. Please refer to Fr. Bill during the Chapter if emergencies arise.

Volunteer Programs: I want to commend the efforts of many Salesians in the Province who invite young people to be active in ministry. Campus ministry activities and other structures encourage these young people to be generous with their time and talents for others. During these months it is important to inform young people of opportunities for apostolic work during the summer.

May the memory of **Frs. Albert Negri** and **John Tkalec** bond us together for the feast of Don Bosco.

Thomas Prendiville, provincial



The End of St. Francis School

Famine in Ethiopia

Excerpt from a Letter from Br. Joseph Reza to Tom Prendiville

Makalle, Ethiopia

Nov. 21, 1989

At present, we are under extremely difficult conditions. There is a raging civil war and the future looks most dismally bleak with the prospect of another full blown FAMINE. This civil war is being hard fought despite the fact that there is no publicity. Thousands of soldiers have died. School is disrupted. Everything seems to be at a standstill. Everyday we have to be on constant guard—MIG jets have been bombing every town and village here in the Tigray province....

In this situation we really cannot do much. The only thing we can do is to share the pain, suffering, tensions of every day living with the people. Fr. Tom, please ask our confreres to keep Ethiopia in their special intentions.

Salesian Family Convocation

In lieu of the annual Province Community Day, Tom Prendiville has requested that two gatherings of the Salesian Family take place in February with the theme "**Don Bosco's Family Ministering to Youth: a Reflective Sharing**". The first will be held in Northern California at Salesian High School, **Richmond, on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** After an opening prayer service there will be presentations and sharing on the theme, followed by celebration of the Eucharist and lunch. A similar program is planned for St. John Bosco High School in **Bellflower on Monday, February 19.** Both these events will serve as the official send-off for Tom who will be leaving for the Salesian General Chapter in Rome in late February.

Out of the Ashes...



New Beginnings: Shelter for the Earthquake Homeless

Corpus Christi Parish

62 Santa Rosa Avenue San Francisco, California 94112 (415) 585-2991

December 2, 1989

Dear Confrere and Friends,

This morning at 2:45 AM Father Albert Negri died quietly at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco as Father Gael Sullivan finished giving him the Apostolic Blessing. Father Albert was 71 years of age, a Salesian of Don Bosco for almost 55 years, and a priest for 44 years.

At the beginning of November, Father Albert came down with the flu which he could not shake off. A few days before Thanksgiving he was ordered to bed for a week by his doctor due to a bronchial infection. Father Albert was weak and showing some signs of anemia, but seemed to be rallying. The Saturday after Thanksgiving he went to the home of a friend to recuperate. On Monday he became weak and could hardly speak. On Tuesday Father Gael and Father Wes took him to St. Luke's Hospital where he was admitted following a blood test which established he had acute adult leukemia. The doctors immediately ordered massive doses of chemotherapy in order to gain control of the disease which was already causing his body to fail. Father was advised of his critical situation and on Wednesday requested Father Wes to administer the Sacraments for the Sick. After making a general confession, Father Albert received the Holy Anointing and Holy Communion. In spite of the great discomfort that he felt, a great peace and tranquility came upon Father Albert which lasted until he breathed his last.

About two o'clock this morning, Father Albert asked his nurse to call the rectory so that he could die with a priestly confrere by his side. Father Gael arrived at 2:30 AM and began the Prayers for the Dying. At 2:45 AM Father Albert went to the Lord. A great devotee of our Blessed Mother, Father Albert was fittingly called to the Lord in the wee hours of the First Saturday!

Please remember Father Albert and our parish community in the charity of your prayers.

We have loved Father Albert in this life, let us not forget him in death!

Sincerely yours in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Gael E. Sullivan, S.B. Fr. Wes J. S.B.

The Corpus Christi Salesian Community

R.I.P.
Father Albert Negri, S.D.B.
1918 — 1989

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1989

1:00 PM Reception Father Albert's Body
 at Corpus Christi Church

7:00 PM **MAIN FUNERAL SERVICE**
 SOLEMN CONCELEBRATED LITURGY
 OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

[Private visitation for personal and communal prayer
from 1:00 PM until 6:45 PM and after the Liturgy until midnight.]

THURSDAY — DECEMBER 7

9:00 AM Simple Concelebrated Funeral Mass

11:00 AM Burial: Salesian Cemetery at Richmond

NO SERVICES OR VIEWING AT MORTUARY

