

## Death Takes Two Confreres in December

### Fr. Albert Negri, SDB 1918 - 1989

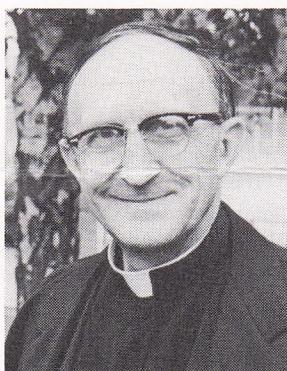
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Saturday, Dec. 2, our Corpus Christi Parish Community suffered the loss of our beloved Fr. Albert Negri. In his last days comforted and sustained by the sacraments of the Church administered to him by his Salesian confreres, Fr. Albert prepared himself 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 Con-

ception, 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.

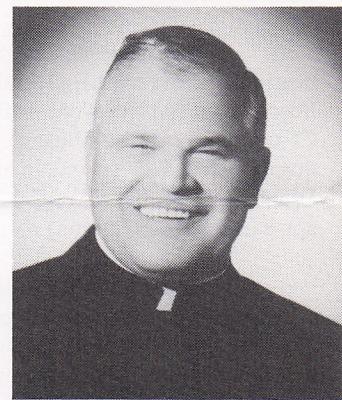
For the last three decades of his ministry he labored in the financial office of various schools, always shepherding the resources of the school and community, seeing they were put to the best use for the apostolate.

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

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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 dimly 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 Tigrai 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 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**