



**A FEW COUNCIL INITIATIVES AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE 26 AUGUST MEETING.**

**Website**

Fr Stanley Grove has decided to hand the MSA Website down to us as a worthy inheritance. Many thanks to him for all his persevering quality work on it. We have decided to have Fr Pat Biegler revamp it now, with the intention of making ourselves better known and more attractive to vocations. The cost is twenty-five dollars per month, and a real IT professional will guide us in preparing it. The website will be updated regularly and there will be a couple of pages for member writings. Our website will be capable of receiving donations for MSA and its works. *The Dunedain* and *Prince Caspian* newsletters by Br Charlie Bak will be posted on the website. We will also be redesigning the cards of our Mass Association to some extent.

**MSA Provincial Assembly**

As of now, we plan to have three days of retreat and up to one week (probably five days) for the assembly. The dates being considered are June 29 - July 10 (at the longest) for retreat and assembly together. We're looking for a place that has air conditioning, and is not too expensive, but would ask a contribution of \$200 or more from each member who can afford it. We may have a retreat master, if he confirms his acceptance after seeing our Constitutions and hearing a bit more about us. Any suggestions on how to approach the assembly will be welcome.

**Holy Apostles Seminary**

Here's the good news: We have 86 seminarians, including more than five from the Hartford Archdiocese. We also have numerous lay students. Also, though we are facing a delay in launching the new chapel at Holy Apostles, we won't be depending on the German builders because of the Euro and other problems. We are now working with the Hartford Archdiocesan builders. There is no fixed date yet and the present model (with some variation) is the Providence College chapel, which can be seen on the Internet: Providence College website.



## Christmas Party

This year our Christmas Party will be a Thanksgiving-Christmas one, due to the difficult Seminary schedule at Christmas tide. It will take place at Sans-Souci on Sunday, November 23 at 5:00 PM. We hope to have Community Evening Prayer and Mass beginning at 4:00 PM. The party's to begin at 5 PM with a cocktail hour followed by dinner.



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## Death of Tom Simon's father



The death of Fr. Tom Simon's father Arthur Simon was a kind of landmark event. Fr. Tom celebrated a Mass for his birthday, with Arthur, his different friends, and the residence workers taking part. At the Mass during the prayer of the faithful, Father Tom's long silent brother called up unexpectedly, and conversed with Arthur and Tom. After the Mass, there was a party for Arthur (which he himself had arranged). During the party, Arthur's heart stopped and he died on the spot. As you see, the party, the Mass, and the phone call were a pretty extraordinary send off. This all happened on Thursday, August 14, 2008. The viewing of the body was on the following Monday and the funeral Mass and burial on Tuesday morning. See the accompanying obituary for further details.

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## Obituary of Fr. Tom Simon's Dad

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From the moment he hit 99, on Aug. 14, 2007, Art Simon had his centenary in his sights.

"He decided he was going to make it to 100, which he did, and he was going to have a party," said Jean Morgan, executive director of Swan Creek Retirement Village, where Mr. Simon lived.

He planned out every detail - the steaks, the cake - as he worked with Swan Creek's chef.

During the meal at that long-planned party Thursday, on his birthday, Mr. Simon had an apparent heart attack. Paramedics were unable to revive him, and he was pronounced dead.

"He had heart problems, age-related diabetes," said the Rev. Thomas Simon, his son. "There he is, 100 years old, eating steak and talking to people at the same time, and he started coughing."

Mr. Simon, a retired pharmacist, was under hospice care.

"He was a keep-on, keepin'-on-type-of-guy," his son said. "He was basically upbeat. When there were folks around, the show must go on."

Ms. Morgan said: "He was just talking and laughing and surrounded by the people who loved him."

Nearly 30 people were there, including some residents and staff.

Swan Creek's chaplain and grief counselors from Toledo Hospital were on hand yesterday, Ms. Morgan said.

"We had a debriefing meeting with staff and residents, and [his son] came in at the end and cut the birthday cake and had some closure and remembered Art," Ms. Morgan said.

His son said: "Dad would want us to carry on anyway. He wouldn't want the cake to go to waste."

Mr. Simon owned Toledo Heights Pharmacy on Western Avenue from the 1930s into the 1950s. He later worked for other stores and retired in his early 60s.

An independent-living resident the last five years, he baked pies for new residents on his floor and staff members.

"That was one of his ways of showing people they were welcome and he cared about them," Ms. Morgan said.

His wife, Louise, who was a few years his junior, died at age 78, their son said.

Surviving are his sons, Arthur, Jr., and the Rev. Thomas Simon; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

The body will be in the W.K. Sujkowski & Son Funeral Home, Airport Highway, after 2 p.m. Monday, with a recitation of the Rosary at 7 p.m. Monday in the mortuary.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. Joan of Arc Church.

The family suggests tributes to the new seminary chapel fund of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles in Cromwell, Conn.

### A Few News Items

Fr Jim Creedon is receiving radiation treatments at present, for cancer. He seems upbeat, and even hopes for ministry to his fellow patients, which we are trying to arrange. He meanwhile has our prayers, and would benefit from contact by his confreres.

Thanks to an anonymous donation from one of our members, our two probationists (novices) spent two weeks studying, praying and working with Fr Jim Anderson for a very fruitful part of their probation period. California is closer than you think. This took the place of Canada for now!

Fr Dave Zercie's open-hearted cousin provided a picnic for our Connecticut members at her home on Highland Lake again this August, and the weather and spirits were radiant. This occasion is a boon to all!

Br Charlie Bak is working now in the Provincial Office and will be upgrading our output while awaiting his permanent promises and ordination to the diaconate. His presence is steady and generous!

Slowly but surely St Mark's House is being readied for overnight guests, on the second floor. Fr Pat Taliercio ferrets out good workers to help him renovate walls, ceilings, floors, windows and roofing, and move furniture!

### Congratulations to Our Confreres

### Celebrating Ordination Anniversaries



Fr. Brad Pierce	Sept. 825 <sup>th</sup>	
Fr. Bill Broome	Sept. 24	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Fr. James Creedon	Sept. 29	29 <sup>th</sup>
Fr. Edward Reiter	Sept. 29	29 <sup>th</sup>
Fr. Thomas Simon	Sept. 29	29 <sup>th</sup>
Fr. Pat Boyhan	Sept. 30	31 <sup>st</sup>

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

**Happy Birthday**

Fr. Brad Pierce	Sept. 6	Fr. Stanley Grove	Sept. 6
Fr. Bob Burk	Sept. 7	Fr. Bob Anello	Sept. 8
Fr. Edward Doherty	Sept. 12	Fr. John Lyons	Sept. 20
Fr. Vincent Kilidjian	September 30		

**Ps 139--O Lord--You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! God's Blessings on you all! Prayers for you.**