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## STM President Father James Hanrahan resigns effective June 30

Father James Hanrahan, CSB, the President of STM since 1982, has resigned, effective June 30 of this year. The Board of Governors received word of this



Father James Hanrahan, CSB

at the regular meeting in March, while Father Hanrahan was away on sick leave. The Board accepted this with regret. In a letter to the members of Corporation, Father Hanrahan explained the reasons for his decision:

"By the end of the first term of this academic year I was exhausted. I tried to rest up during the Christmas break, but still felt weary as the new term began. In early January I caught the flu, was in bed for more than three weeks, and then was so weak that I had to get away for a month to recuperate in one of our Basilian houses in Texas. For two months in this spring term, therefore, I had to be absent from my office because of sickness. The reason



was not so much just the flu, but rather my

lack of physical resources to resist it. In the

reason for my resignation, another was the state of the College, St. Thomas More College faces a period now when a new impetus is needed. There are clear financial problems which will require definite planning for the future. There are problems too in the sense of community among faculty and students; the College needs a new clear sense of direction. These are issues which do not fit into the last two years of a President's term; they should be addressed by a new person. Even if I felt myself at full strength, I would think that planning for the future is best done by someone who will be able to carry out the plans that are made.

"I have resigned as President; I have not yet retired. My hope is to take a year's leave and then to return to teach on a parttime basis and to contribute in whatever other way I can. I feel privileged to have had this office for the past seven years, and I have a deep commitment to STM. I look forward to seeing you at future Corporation meetings."

The Board of Governors has asked the Standing Committee on Appointments to initiate a search for a new President. Because this search will probably take some considerable time, the Board has also established an ad hoc committee to nominate an Acting President for the interim. Both committees have begun their work.



Plan to attend Thomas More Conference May 18-21 when stellar speakers will be here (details on pages 4-5).



# STM College announces new scholarships and bursaries

Tom Deutscher, the Dean of St. Thomas More College, has announced the creation of two new scholarship and bursary funds at the College. The first fund, a joint effort of the College and the Saskatoon Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, will provide three bursaries of \$500 annually to first-year students on the basis of need and scholarly ability. Normally two will go to dependents of members of Saskatoon Chapter Councils of the Knights of Columbus, while the third is open to all



Tom Deutscher

other students entering the College. The first bursaries will be awarded in the fall of 1989.

The second fund is named after Henry J. Brockman, of a pioneer family of Humboldt, Sask. It will be used to provide scholarships valued at three-quarters of tuition to students in second year and beyond who are taking courses in child and developmental psychology and philosophy through St. Thomas More College. Preference for these scholarships will be given to students from the district of Humboldt and St. Peter's Abbacy. Again, the first awards will be made in the fall of 1989.

The Saskaoton Chapter of the Knights

of Columbus is also donating money to the College to assist in preparing scholarship brochures to publicize these and other awards available to students of the College. The brochures will be available for distribution to students and guidance counsellors this May.

# Rev. Brian Bricker, OP, STM Alumnus, ordained May 13

Brother Brian Bricker, OP, originally from Edmonton, Alta., was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Terry Steib, SVD, on Saturday, May 13, 1989, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Father Bricker is the son of Mrs. Noreene Greene and the late Bernard Bricker.

He studied at the University of Alberta and the University of Saskatchewan. From 1976-78 he taught at Fr. Vachon School in Saskatoon and from 1980-83 at Archbishop Jordan High School in Sherwood Park, Alta.

Father Bricker entered the Dominican novitiate in Denver, Colorado, in August of 1983. After professing his Simple Vows the following year he moved to St. Louis, Missiouri. He has just completed his M. Div. and M.A. there at the Aquinas Institute of Theology. After his ordination Father Bricker will be assigned to the Dominican Parish of St. Pius V in Chicago.

Father Bricker will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 21 at St. Joseph's Basilica in Edmonton.



Father Brian Bricker, OP

## Our membership drive will now grow and spread, we hope, trust and pray!

Our alumni association extends a warm grateful welcome to all newly registered members who have come to our aid

In the fall issue of our STM-Newman Alumni Association's *Newsletter*, we announced and inaugurated our Membership Program that most happily has begun to grow and to thrive. Emphatically, we do need your assistance in order to achieve the goals laid out for us. We are heartily and deeply grateful for such loyal and fervent stalwarts who have to date lent us a helping hand. Won't you please enrol in our Membership Program by donating a minimum ten-dollar fee? Your gesture will assist us most significantly! Thank-you graciously!

# Goodbye, Monsieur Chips!

After 18 years of teaching French language and literature at St. Thomas More College, Father Kevin Kirley, CSB, is leaving Saskatoon to become the Director of Archives for the Basilian Fathers in Toronto. During his stay at STM, Father Kirley served for serveral years on the Board of Governors, as well as on various committees at the College and in the University of Saskatchewan. He was also a long-term head of the STM department of French. In addition to his teaching and administrative duties, he has researched and written extensively on the French history of the Conaregation of Priests of St. Basil. An enthusiastic supporter of student activities, Father Kirley was chosen this year to receive the prestigious Newman Centre "Award of Distinction." Faculty and students alike will miss his smiling presence and his rare ability to blend the fierce gallic spirit of the Marseillaise with the lilt of "Rose O'Day." God bless! and bon voyage!



Father Kevin Kirley, CSB

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## International conference on More — STM patron — May 18 - 21, 1989

More is a man for "Everyman" — and woman, too — as much as he is of interest to academics.

In Robert Bolt's fine play, A Man For All Seasons, we see him as a model of civil courage and of integrity. Many feel these qualities are in short supply today among political and professional leaders. The recently-aired American TV presentation "Favorite Son," if it at all holds up the mirror to our world, showed us a corrosive cynicism among the shakers and movers that bodes ill for us all. In Germany and France, More is popular today even with ordinary people precisely because of his civil courage and integrity — qualities they found sadly lacking in many of their leaders earlier this century.

#### More — Parent and Educator

Consider More also as creative parent and educator. He wanted all upbringing to lead "to God-ward" and therefore he personally supervised the education of his children and wards, including girls.

According to his friend Erasmus, More believed that an education in the liberal arts had made him, and therefore would make his children, "more agreeable at home and abroad." It would make them more useful to their country and to their neighbors, would fit them for social life, would even increase their wealth, and finally make them "more dear to heaven." That was the prologue to his curriculum guide,

In practice, all his household and school shared in work, prayer, scripture reading, music, and improvised dramatics and study daily with More constantly correcting, exhorting, and "all with merry wit," says Erasmus. When court duty made long absences from home unavoidable, he corresponded daily with his tutors and children, setting them themes to develop (which he did likewise).

He disciplined them, but only "with a peacock's feather." His ward, Margaret Giggs, said later that she would be naughty from time to time to merit his gentle reproofs. It is obvious that a great love of God and love of his children, and indeed of all humanity was More's motivating force.

Many saints (e.g. Francis de Sales) can give us ordinary folks good advice on the conduct of our lives. But what other saint can speak so eloquently to families as can More? He made two successful marriages, gave a "quality of life" education to his family and wards. Here theory and practice come from a "practising" family man, who was a scholar and saint to boot.

#### Hidden Service and Hardworking Administrator

More was a daily communicant in his village church. He sang in the choir humbly with "churls." Yet it was to him the bishops turned to defend the church when heresy assailed it. Parishes today too need that humble hidden service of those who love but so too does the universal Church, for beyond the human weakness of us all, laity and hierarchy, she is the mystical body of Christ into which we have been grafted.

More, as hardworking administrator trying to improve the physical and social health of his countrymen; More, who with Erasmus tried to create a school for all Christendom in which wisdom would rule instead of folly; More, whose images of "enclosures" in the England of his day (in Utopia) so closely paralleled the images of expulsion of tenants as given by Bishop Pedro Casaldaliga of the Amazon basin anyone of good will can find More speaking to causes dear to his or her heart, but always as facets of only one cause: the love of God, the love of neighbor.

#### "A Complete Man"

When Pope Pius XI canonized More in 1935, he exclaimed, "What a complete man!" We who grieve over the fragmentation of society in our times, need to study this man who "had it all together" (though he personally had no such sense of himself).

More did not neglect to celebrate life, just because it was a struggle. He maintained a fruitful tension between work and leisure, between logic and poetry, between planning and spontaneity, between action and contemplation. In 1989 we can still say what Erasmus said of the 22-year-old More in 1499: "What did nature ever create milder, sweeter, or happier than the genius of Thomas More"?

A 1978 book from Templegate Publishers, Springfield, II., A Book for All Seasons, bears the subtitle: "Readings for every day of the year from the works of Thomas More."

This spirit of "practical, everyday use" for More's wisdom and holiness underlies the International More Symposium at St. Thomas More College, 1437 College St., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0W6, May 18-21, 1989.

> Alphonse Gerwing Conference Organizer

### **Registration information**

Thomas More Symposium, May 18 (evening) - May 21 (noon), 1989 For your information, these hotels are readily accessible to St. Thomas More College. Please make your own reservations. Sheraton 1-800-325-3535; Holiday Inn 1-800-464-4329; Ramada Renaissance 1-800-667-3020; Bessborough (306) 244-5521; Parktown (306) 244-5564; King George (306) 244-6133 (inexpensive).

## ..... Pre-registration form

Mail to: Secretary, Thomas More Symposium, St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7N 0W6, Canada

Make cheque or money order payable to: St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## Symposium Program

### Thursday, May 18

- 7:00 p.m. Welcome Father James Hanrahan, CSB, President, St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon Greetings and report — Rosemary Rendel, Secretary, Amici Thomae Mori of Great Britain, London
  Greetings and report — Mary Ellen Bork, Program Chairman, Thomas More Society of America, Washington, D.C.
- 7:45 p.m. Keynote Address: "'By day as a cloud, by night as a pillar of fire!' — what makes More a model for our times?"
  - Dr. Hermann Boventer, Bensberg, Germany (Introduction: Professor Hans Schieser, De Paul University, Chicago)

#### Discussion

9:00 p.m. Lines from "The Common Man," (A Man For All Seasons, Robert Bolt) read by Gerry Cooke, Saskatoon

Wine and Cheese Social

### Friday, May 19

9:30 a.m. "Thomas More and the Rule of Law" Raymond Plant, barrister, Hamilton (Introduction: Abbé Germain Marc 'hadour, Université Catholique de l'Ouest, Angers, France)

#### Discussion

#### Break

10:45 a.m. "More, Public Policy, and Personal Conscience" Professor Jean-Guy Quenneville, St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon (Introduction: T.B.A.) Discussion

#### Noon Break

1:30 p.m. "Utopia, a Humanist Masterpiece" Prof. Richard Schoeck, University of Colorado, Boulder; and Trier, West Germany (Introduction: Fergal Nolan, Toronto) Discussion

#### Break

 3:00 p.m. "Utopia in Plato and Thomas More" Prof. Kevin Corrigan, St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon (Introduction: Dr. Tom Deutscher, Dean of St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon) Discussion

6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour

7:00 p.m. Banquet, St. Thomas More College Cafeteria Greetings — The Most Reverend James P. Mahoney, Bishop of Saskatoon Guest address: "'Hanging's Too Good for Him' — Henry's Case Against More" Fergal Nolan, Toronto (Introduction: Richard Schoeck)

## Saturday, May 20

9:30 a.m. "More's Humanist Vision of Education" Rev. Fr. James McConica, CSB, President, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto (Introduction: Fr. James Hanrahan, CSB) Discussion

#### Break

11.00 a.m. "The Last Days of Thomas More" Prof. Clare Murphy, University of Rhode Island, Narragansett (Introduction: A. M. Gerwing)

### Discussion

#### Noon Break

1:30 p.m. "Thomas More's Piety in the Tension-field Between the Person and the Church" Prof. Hans A. Schieser, De Paul University, Chicago

(Introduction: Hermann Boventer)

#### Discussion

#### Break

3:00 p.m. "Physicians in Thomas More's Circle — the Impact of the New Learning on Medicine" Dr. Gerhard Helmstaedter, Cologne, West Germany

(Introduction: Hermann Boventer)

Discussion

7:30 p.m. Informal evening, St. Thomas More College — "To Talk of Many Things" (An opportunity to meet the symposium speakers in small groups)

#### Sunday, May 21

- 9:30 a.m. "St. Thomas More, Parishioner, and Champion of the Universal Church" Abbé Germain Marc 'hadour, Université Catholique de l'Ouest, Angers, France; editor of MOREANA and International secretary Amici Thomae Mori (Introduction: Raymond Plant)
  11:00 a.m. Sacred Liturgy
  - Abbé Marc 'hadour, Homilist Closing remarks: A.M. Gerwing, Conference Organizer

#### Te Deum

The things, good Lord, that I pray for, Give me the grace to labor for.

#### St. Thomas More

Music during the symposium by Saskatoon Renaissance Ensemble

(Prof. Ernest McCullough and friends)

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? AND WHAT DO THEY DO? SO NOW PLEASE TELL ME AND IT'S I WHO'LL THANK YOU

PROKOP, Sister Laura Elizabeth '80. She is the Principal at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Winnipeg, Man.

PULLES, Kathryn Eleanor '74. She received her B.Ed. degree in '84 and is now teaching at St. James School in Saskatoon.

PETEHERYCH, Dr. Steven '61. He merited his M.Sc. degree in '63 and his Ph.D. in '73. He is working for Atmospheric Environment Services in Toronto, Ont.

LEFEBVRE, Dr. Verna Mary Ann '57. She earned her B.H.Ec. degree in '59 and is now on the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

LARSON, Roger Leo, B. Com. '79. He is Assistant Managing Director of the Canadian Fertilizer Institute stationed in Ottawa, Ont.

FOX, Aaron Arthur '74. He gained his LI.B. degree in '77 and is now practising law in Saskatoon.

LALANDE, Roland Hubert Henry, B.Eng. '48. He is a Consulting Engineer stationed in Candiac, Quebec.

LAHEY, Barry Armstrong Lloyd, M.A. '65. He is now President of Mark One Energy Ventures Ltd., stationed in Calgary, Alta.

HAGERTY, Clifford Anthony, B.Com. '70. His business is with North American Beauty Supply Ltd., stationed in Kelowna, B.C.

PYLYPEC, Bohdan '72. He received his M.Sc. degree in '75 and his B.Ed. degree in '79. He is a member of the Crop Science and Plant Ecology Department at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

LAPOINTE, Gerard Michael '83. He is now teaching at Holy Cross High School in Saskatoon.

WE LIKE TO GIVE PUBLICITY TO THOSE WE DON'T OFTEN SEE. TUNE IN TO READ OUR BANTER. WE'D LIKE TO BE YOUR CANTOR.

DANYLUK, Jerry Franklin '65. He is teaching at Fairview College in the field of agriculture.

DAYDAY, Henry Edward, B.Ed. '62. He received his B.A. degree in '70 and pursued Graduate Studies in '76. He was elected mayor of Saskatoon last November. Congratulations and best wishes!

CHARLEBOIS, Louis Hardy, LI.B. '60. He gained his B.A. degree in '61 and is now Chief Legal Counsel for the Land Titles Office, Perth, Australia.

PENNA, James Vincent '59. He gained his Ph.D. degree in philosophy and last fall was elected as a member on the Saskatoon Separate School Board.

BLAIS, Raymond Joseph, LI.B. '67. He married Audrey M. Medernach (B.Ed.'74), and he is now practising law in Battleford, Saskatchewan.

BIGSBY, Hugh Robert '80. He teaches Economics at the University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

JORDAN, Karen Lea '77. She is now Mrs. Bieber and works for Energy Resource, Conservation Board in Calgary, Alta.

BACKLUND, William Martin, B.Eng. '54. He now works for Ontario Hydro on the International Projects Department and is stationed in Toronto, Ont.

Osiowy, Teresa Laureen '74. She is now Ms. Markos Armanious residing in Calgary, Alta., where she is the Librarian for Alberta petroleum Marketing Commission. She was married in '78 and has a son, Erin.

ST. ANGE, Sister Mary Loyola'56. Received her B.Ed. degree in '56 and her M.A. in '66. She has been a stalwart on our STM English Department down through the years and has also been serving as managing editor for our Chesterton Review magazine.

BRICKER, Brian Gardiner '83. He will be ordained to the priesthood on May 13 this year and will be assigned to the Dominican parish in Chicago, St. Pius V.

WLOCK, Theodore Anton '61. He teaches at Regional High School in Yorkton, Sask.

WOLFE, Bernard Martin Joseph '65. He is a medical doctor at University Hospital in London, Ont.

FOURNIER, Mary Alice, B.Comm. '70. She is now Ms. Julien Boyer living in Coquitlam, B.C. with her husband and four children. She and her husband are deeply involved in Serena (Natural Family Planning).

## Lost at a cost in the frost?

There are words that set us ill at ease, Words like "flees", "disease", "fees" and "lees"; But why have we tossed away "thanks" and "please"? We have let them blow away down breeze. Can we bring 'em back to clasp, to Seize? Shall we let them float like broken tees Away out there on lonely seas?

There are gems that we prize like "bees" and "keys". So, don't let 'em freeze, these words, yes these! Nurse them both on your knees those two "V" 's. One is "Thanks" and the other is "Please". Bring them back so that all can see Our vocabulary is you and me.

Let's all be more courteous and polite. Shine like kite. That would be our delight. We forget, we don't see, we're asleep, you and me. Let's wake up, count our gifts, thank all those, you agree? —W.O.R.

# Sample of quotations in testimony to St. Thomas More

I know not Lask not If guilt is in thy heart

But I know That I love thee Whatever thou art. -St. Thomas More

What they said, and say, of More What did nature ever create milder, sweeter, or happier, than the genius of Thomas More. - Erasmus, 1499, when More was 21.

Thomas More, Lord chancellor of England, whose soul was more pure than any snow, whose genius was such as England never had — yea, and never shall have again, mother of good wits though England be. — Erasmus, 1535, after's More's execution

"I am entirely devoted to this man - I often relax in his company as one might lodge in some beautiful place." - Niccolco Sagundino, Venetian humanist, and diplomat at court of Henry VIII.

More is a man of an angel's wit and a man for all seasons." - Robert Whittinton

"Best friend the poor e'er had." - from a Tudor play about More

"None is less guided by the opinions of the herd; but again none is less remote from the common feeling of humanity -Erasmus, 1506

Thomas More: "a person of the greatest virtue this kingdom has ever produced." - Jonathan Swift

"Che uomo complete!" (What a complete man!) - Pope Pius XI, 1935 (One might add of Utopia What a complete book!)

"More, whose death was indeed a beginning." — R. J. Schoeck

"More may come to be counted the greatest Englishman or at least, the greatest historical character in English history." ---G. K. Chesterton

faithful and *plain*!. — Thomas More, to daughter Meg, from prison.

"Utopia was but the author's home writ large; its beautiful house on the riverside at Chelsea was, through his delight in social life, a dwelling of joy and mirth as well as of study and thought." - Maurice Addams

A challenge, a warning and a judgement St. John Fisher Bishop of Rochester, martyr with More, 1535

"Many Christians today are awakening to two causes at the heart of More's life and martyrdom: Christian integrity, and Christian unity." - Rev. David Edwards, at Chelsea Church, July 1, 1962

"What worse offence could be imagined than to despair of God's help, and by running away to hand over to the enemy prayer of Thomas More

Our Lord keep me continually true, the battle station which God has assigned you to guard." Thomas More, in prison

> "More was realist enough to know that between opportunism and a genuine following of conscience lies human weakness and fear - which God alone, for whom justice and mercy are one - can judge. But consciousness of God's mercy never let More off the hook. He had to follow God's voice inside him." - Peter Berglar

> The life and faith and martyrdom of Thomas More stand before us as a sort of challenge and a warning and a judgement." Canon Root, at Chelsea church, July 7, 1968

> The things, good Lord, that I pray for, Give me the grace to labor for. - Last

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