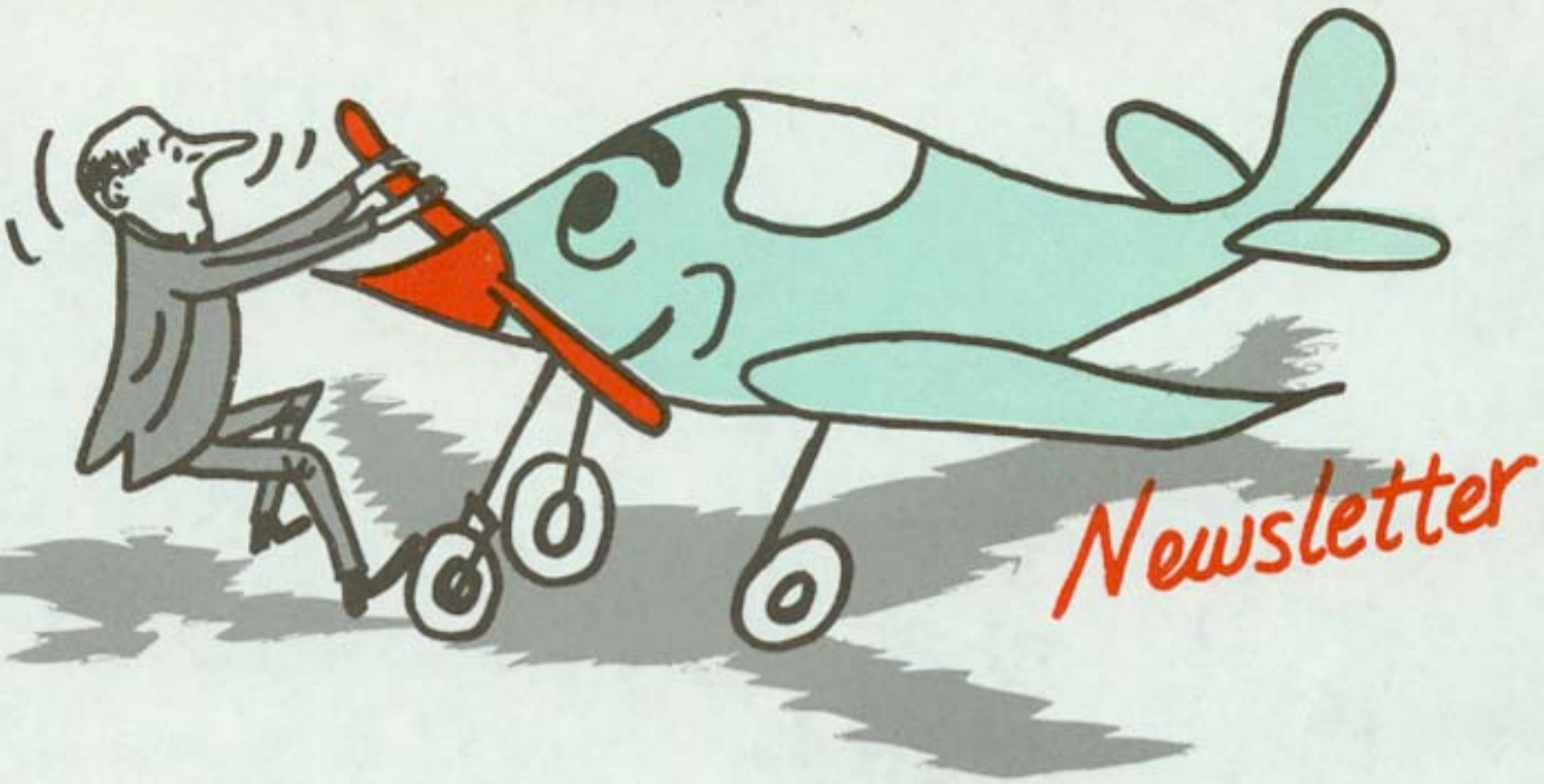


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



His Excellency, the Most Rev. Anthony J. Bevilacqua, was installed as the tenth Bishop of Pittsburg in December of 1983. One of the fine things he has done is this. Periodically he meets with six priests at his home for lunch. The visit begins at 11 o'clock. Following the customary introductions the priests and Bishop recite the Divine Office for Midday. Lunch follows. On March 12 when I was among the invited guests we were at table for an hour and a half... eating and talking. The Bishop made us feel right at home and invited us to talk about anything on our minds and to feel free to ask any questions and to make suggestions.

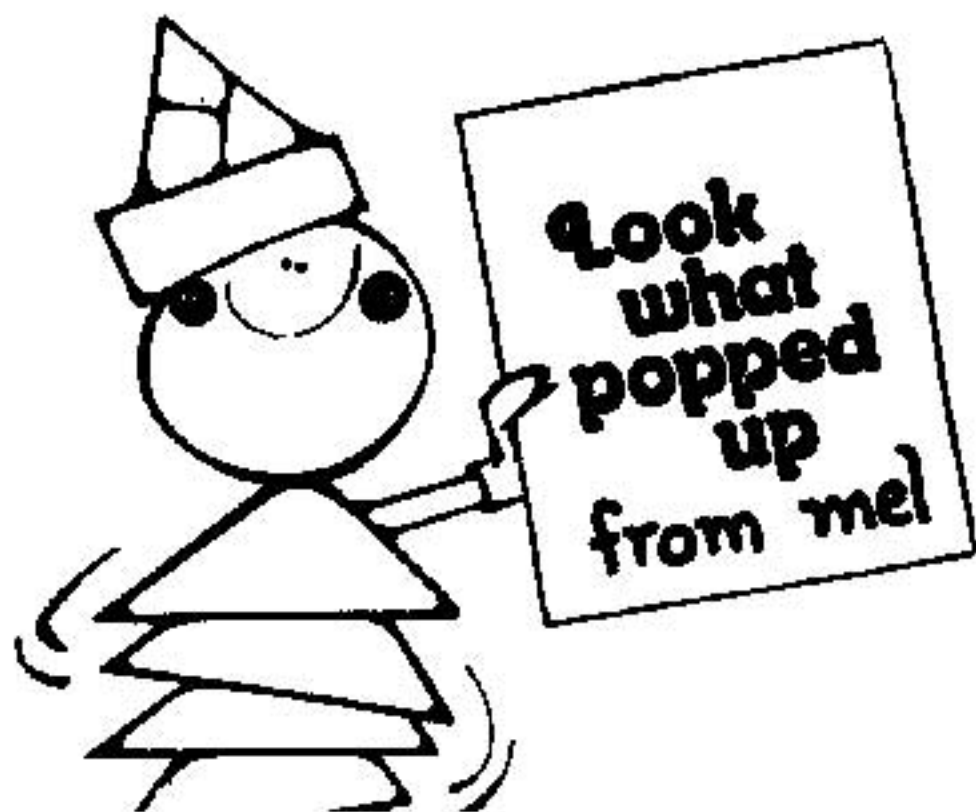
During the course of the three hour session in the chapel and in the dining room, Bishop Bevilacqua spoke about the importance of prayer. From his experience he has noticed that when priests stopped praying, their priestly work suffered. Or if they got into trouble then they usually stopped praying. He also mentioned that if any of our confreres have a problem we have an obligation to bring this to the attention of the proper authorities before it is too late. The Bishop spoke about the importance of symbols and said that many people who have left the Church return because of the things they learned as youngsters, Stations of the Cross, Holy Water, the Blessing of Throats, etc. He said we should never underestimate the tremendous amount of good we can do as priests and brothers.

All in all it was a wonderful experience and the priests were grateful that the Bishop would take three hours out of his busy schedule to talk with six priests. I pass this information on to you because we are priests first and then pilots. If we cannot keep our wings level in the spiritual life, we are not going to reach our potential as priests.

We are enclosing our plans for our July Convention in Lafayette,

Louisiana. We are looking forward to meeting you there. We always have a fine time and this year will be no exception. Al Sigur has lined up a very interesting few days.

By the way, this year at our annual meeting members of the laity and those outside the group will not be invited. We will arrange some thing for them to do while we have our annual business meeting. As we all know, priests are a strange group and we like to express ourselves in our traditional manner without members of the laity present.



1. No doubt by this time you have discovered the 1985 NAPP directory. This directory contains the names of those members who have paid their dues for the year as well as those who do not have the wherewithall but wish to remain with us.

A considerable amount of time has gone into getting us where we are at this point. Treasurer Charlie and I have been in contact up to the last minute before putting the directory together.

We have now programmed Nancy's Apple II so that our former list is divided into three categories.

a). Those who are paid up members.
b). Those who are members in good standing but cannot pay the dues.

c). Those whose names we have had on the list for a long time but have not paid dues for a number of years. We have taken those off our active list but retain them and will mail them the annual December newsletter with an invitation to re-consider and join us once again.

2. Included in this newsletter is the announcement and time schedule of two up-coming events:

a). The particulars on the Midwest Regional meeting at the Don-Q-Inn on Monday, May 6.

b). The information and registration form for the July national convention in Lafayette, LA July 9 and 10.

3. I must confess that I misused about \$1.30 of the organization's funds last issue. We tried to get the newsletter out before the February postal rate increase. We ran a few days short. With the new "D" stamps I forgot that these are not valid on foreign mailing. When we got them to the post office - all stamped and ready to go - we had to purchase different stamps for the foreign mailing. So we lost on both counts. The stamps on the envelopes were worthless and in addition we had to add the new ones.

BIRD DOG LOVERS UNITE! If you have a special interest in the Cessna L-19/O-1 Bird Dog, I want to hear from you. Let's discuss a club or association dedicated to the promotion, acquisition, restoration, and flying of this great little aircraft. Write Phil Phillips, c/o SHIELD, INC. 3939 C-8 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM. Ph: (505) 881-7555.

BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

A February 16, 1985 letter from Bill Bevington, Nashville, Tennessee:

Dear Mel,

Thanks for calling on your way through Nashville the other day. I am sorry I was not at home. I hope you enjoyed your trip. Our area was more like Iowa's this year with all the snow and cold weather. Hopefully we have had our quota for the year.

I enjoyed your article in the newsletter on your trip to Africa. The pictures were fine. Maybe you can show the slides and tell us more about it when we meet again.

The enclosed material is self explanatory. Father Jim Black was a member of N.A.P.P. He did not get to any of the annual meetings but was present at the meeting in Nashville before he joined. It was his father who helped us so much with the arrangements for that meeting in July 1975. Jim was my associate at Holy Rosary for awhile. He learned to fly while he was there and we flew together a lot while he was able. He had cancer for about ten years and underwent surgery about seventeen times before he died. He was one of the most vital and productive persons I have ever known. His impact on this community will last a long time. The prayer card is the idea of some of his friends who knew him well.

I hate to admit I have not been flying since July but expect to check out again before our next meeting.

(Editor's note: See separate page for more word on Jim Black, his life and spiritual testament).

This March 5, 1985 letter from Adam J. Engelhardt, Rolette, North Dakota:

Enclosed is my check for dues to your venerable organization.

Let me identify myself: I am Fr. Adam J. Engelhardt at the above address. My Pilot #1161374 was issued in 1948. I belong to a Flying Club here in Rolette, N.D. We own a 172 Cessna. There are at present 6 members in the club. My log reads over 5,000 hours.

Enclosed also is a mug shot. It is the only one I have. About the "coach" business. I coach football at the local high school. My # in the National Coach's Association is 731. The country papers have a lot of fun quoting the "grey fox" and reporting my antics on the sidelines.

I met one of the Hemann brothers (the one at Loras College) at the NFPC convention at San Antonio last year and intended to go to Stacyville for the reunion but parish duties interfered. I understand that it was quite a wing-ding.

All the above is true. As the late Casey Stengel used to say, "you can look it up."

Gene Murray writes from Varina, Iowa:

Enclosed is a check for my '85 dues. Have always enjoyed by membership in NAPP and the annual meeting. Looking forward to the '85 meeting in Louisiana because I've never been there.

Our Cub is just about finished and will probably run up the engine in a couple of weeks. After that it will be doing the weight and balance and other paper work in preparation for the FAA inspection. The list of jobs before completion of the project gets smaller each week adding to the excitement and anticipation.

This letter from Charles E. Brown, Damascus, Maryland:

I enclose my dues and I read the newsletter even though I have had nothing to do with airplanes for several years now. I am looking forward to a six month sabbatical leave for study at Oxford and I wonder if you have any information on flying in England. I have written AOPA in London and have some basic information but I am curious if private flying there is financially realistic, etc.

(Editor's note: We are spoiled here in the States. To rent a 152 in Rome was a little over \$72.00 per hour. Makes one think twice before going flying).

From All Saints Church, Pittsburgh, PA on February 12, 1985:

I saw your entry in PRIVATE PILOT magazine last month and am finally getting around to mailing for more information on N.A.P.P. I am correct in assuming that you are the one with your picture in the Smithsonian, am I not? I was at St. Meinrad when your younger brother, Ev, was a deacon. I am a private pilot with 500+ hours and my very own (paid for) 1946 Ercoupe, which is several years older than myself. Please send me some more information about N.A.P.P., and mail it to the letterhead address.

Thank you.

Reverend James A. Black

February 26, 1946 - September 25, 1984

Many years from now when you open this book, old faces and memories will again become a reality. You will quickly remember the many happy hours spent in a well-rounded high school... The school year is more than the studies, the dances, or the football games. Actually there is an extra quality—not physical, but real just the same. There is the feeling of being a part of something. There is the pride in completing a different assignment, and there are the lasting qualities derived from the example of teachers and faculty members. All these things carry over into later life when the Father Ryan Man faces the future.

The Panther, 1964
James A. Black, Editor-in-Chief



"Those young people have enlivened and enriched my life, and I was a better person for having known them."

The annual was dedicated to Mrs. Alice Gentry in 1964, her sixteenth year as Registrar at Father Ryan. Father James R. Hitchcock was Principal, and fourteen other priests served on the faculty. Sister Mary John taught math and Sister Martinez was librarian. Father Edward Arnold was Senior Class Moderator, and the Senior Class Officers were David Resha, James Dickman, Jim Mondelli, and Mike Mondelli. James Shelton crowned the Homecoming Queen, and Mr. Louis J. Catignani accepted the Clinic Bowl trophy after a tough Thanksgiving Day clash between Ryan's mighty Panthers and Murfreesboro's Tigers.

As editor-in-chief of the yearbook and associate editor of *The Moina*, Jim Black captured these memories for his classmates during his final year as a student at Father Ryan. But Jim's last year as a student would not be his last year at Ryan, and in the years to come Jim would not capture the memories for his classmates but would provide the memories for his many students and friends.

In 1964 Jim entered St. Thomas Seminary in Louisville, KY, as a student for the priesthood. Two years later, he transferred to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD. After earning his bachelor's degree in philosophy, he went on to earn his master's degree in divinity. And on January 22, 1972, Jim was ordained at St. Henry's Church by Bishop Joseph A. Durick.

From 1972 until his death in September of 1984, Father Black served as a member of the Father Ryan High School faculty. To the students he was a friend and pas-

tor, a skilled teacher whose love of Scripture, the written word, science, and the arts was such that he himself always remained a student. For Father Black there was no end to learning, no end to how much could be learned. This quest for knowledge and wisdom he transmitted to his students, and anyone fortunate enough to have been taught by him learned the lesson well.



The former high school editor-in-chief also never stopped writing. At the time of his death, *The Tennessee Register* and nine other diocesan newspapers published his weekly Sunday Scripture Readings column, which had a regular readership of over 340,000 homes across the nation. In 1979, Father Black was the recipient of the Catholic Press Association award for best spiritual column appearing in an American Catholic newspaper.

Father Black was a teachers' teacher. His high school textbook *The Old Testament: God's Word To His People*, published by Ave Maria Press, has sold over 75,000 copies. Beyond being able "to write the book," he remained throughout his years at Ryan the type of teacher other teachers admire. His commitment to teaching, to the school, and, most importantly, to the students made him the ideal choice to serve as Father Ryan's first Academic Dean, a position he held for only a very short time before his death.

James A. Black was student, teacher, writer, artist, pilot—a loving son and a loyal friend. He was all of these things, and he did all things well. First and foremost, he was a priest who recognized his ability to share the gospel with others as a gift, who saw his priesthood as an opportunity to be an example of Christ, who fulfilled the duties of the priesthood with love and reverence. Part of Father Black's legacy will surely be that others will follow in his footsteps.

Long before the reality of Father Black's illness was fully understood or, if understood, accepted, the staff of this year's annual selected him as the individual to whom their effort would be dedicated. At that time none of them knew that their honoree had once, like them, given of his talent to the same task—the recording of memories. But for all who knew Father Jim Black, the memories of him will not merely exist in a high school yearbook—the memories have been stored forever in their minds and in their hearts.

Spiritual Testament

Before I take my final exit, there are a few important items about which I wish to remind you. These items have nothing to do with the earthly disposition of either myself or my worldly goods, such as they are; no, they are far more important.

To my parents and my family, thanks for all the love, help and support of many years. You're the best.

To my bishop and to my fellow-priests, thanks for standing by me for so long—for helping me to walk the difficult and sometimes painful road of my journey with your prayers and your many encouragements. You and your continual support meant more to me than you could ever realize. You never asked me to do anything too difficult. You were always willing to help me. And best of all, you never gave up on me.

To my many newspaper and book editors, thank you for your gift of print. You allowed me to share the gospel with others in my own way, based upon my own knowledge and experiences. That was a gift, for it made me feel I was truly doing something productive for the Lord and for his people.

To my parishioners and friends, I tried to leave you the example of Christ, though not always too successfully. I tried to fulfill the duties of the priesthood for you with love and reverence.

Finally, there is one most blessed item in my life that must be mentioned.

Since ordination, I've had the assignment of serving at Father Ryan High School in Nashville. That assignment has truly been a gift from the Lord to me.

In my many years there, I have tried to be a good teacher and administrator. I applied the principles of fairness, love and humor wherever possible. I shall genuinely miss all those wonderful kids that so many trusting parents shared with me. Those young people have enlivened and enriched my life, and I was a better person for having known them.

Members of the Administration and Faculty have been most supportive, friendly and understanding during my tenure there. I'm appreciative for their love and friendship, their prayers, and their continuing sacrifices to make the continuation of that school possible.

And if the Lord, through whom all things are possible, would grant me but one wish as I stand before him, it would be this: I would ask the Lord to assign me the privileged task of watching over, cherishing, and protecting that great institution and all its members, now and forever.

Be at peace, and know always that the Lord is good.

In hope,

Father Jim Black

NAPP CONVENTION - Scheduled for Cajun Country, July 9-10, 1985

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PROGRAM

MONDAY - July 8 - (or Sunday) - Early Arrivals -

Registration and Welcome - Fatima Parishioners and friends offer this plan: (Other options available)

Breakfast on your own - Plantation Motel

9:00 a.m. - Tour Acadian Village, reconstruction of early habitation

- Visit Floyd Sonnier's Art Gallery (local scene sketch master)

- Lunch at Southern Style Catering

- Visit St. John's Cathedral, newly renovated

- Swim - Dr. Lee Sonnier's Home

- Dinner at Prejean's Restaurant (near Plantation House Inn)

- Estimated cost for day \$17.50

TUESDAY, July 9

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast at Plantation House Inn

9:00 a.m. - Mass at Shrine of St. John Berchman's, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, La.

- Tour grounds and village, Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, St. Charles College (Seminary), Jesuit Spirituality Center

11:00 a.m. - FAA Seminary, Paul Fournet's Hangar - Coastal Flying/obscurity

12:30 a.m. - Buffet Lunch - Hilton Cafe Jardin, overlooking Bayou Vermilion

2:00 p.m. - Petroleum Helicopters, Inc. (Largest offshore helicopter Co. in world)
Airborne overview of marshlands, swamps, and offshore drilling

4:00 p.m. - Swim and relaxation, home of Flo Rickey (Fatima Parish)

7:00 p.m. - Crawfish Boil and Cajun music - Home of Doug & Claire Ashy
(Tennis, Shuffleboard, boatrides on Vermilion River)

WEDNESDAY, July 10

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast on Your own - Plantation House Inn

8:30 a.m. - Drive to New Iberia on the Teche (river/bayou)

- Tour Shadows on the Teche - Fabled antebellum home

- Paddlewheeler ride on Bayou Teche - history of Spanish settlers

12:30 - Lunch at Cajun restaurant

2:00 p.m. - Tour Jefferson Island (Salt Dome - where Texaco punched hole in shallow Lake Peigneur, everything went underground - rebuilt)

- Visit St. Martinville, oldest Church and Parish in South Central Louisiana (LaPetite Paris de la Louisiane)

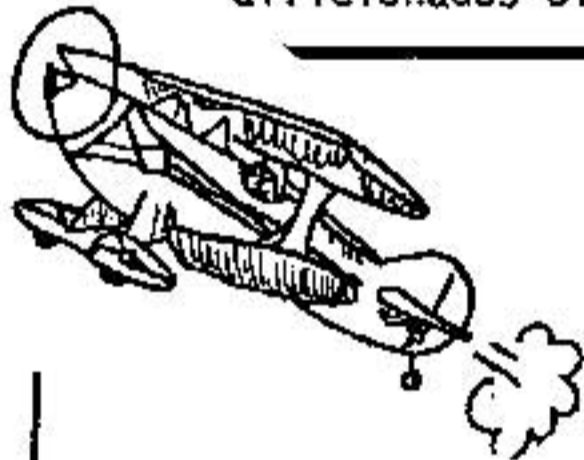
- Mass: St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, downtown Lafayette (Bring Alt and Stole if you wish to concelebrate)

7:00 p.m. - Convention Dinner at Plantation House Inn - Business Session

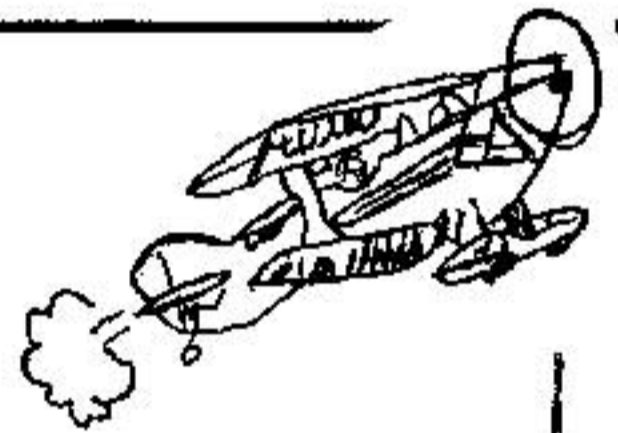
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