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## Redemptorist vocation brochure

The Redemptorists

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**what's  
happening  
brother?**

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**well, for starters...**

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## brother Terry Burke

The Redemptorists' answer to Sears & Roebuck! His business talents have turned a small, parish-sponsored resale store into a booming operation. In fact, since he took over the management, the store had to be moved to a larger location because of the increased inventory. The merchandise is all donated and he'll go anywhere to pick it up. Unfortunately he's a better manager than driver. Residents throughout the city have learned to stay off the streets when he's making a run in his van. The clothing, furniture and appliances he brings back to the store are all sold to low income families at bare minimum prices. And, if someone's unable to pay, they don't. Anyone who's had anything to do with the resale store knows that Terry Burke is happening . . . serving people by utilizing his ability.

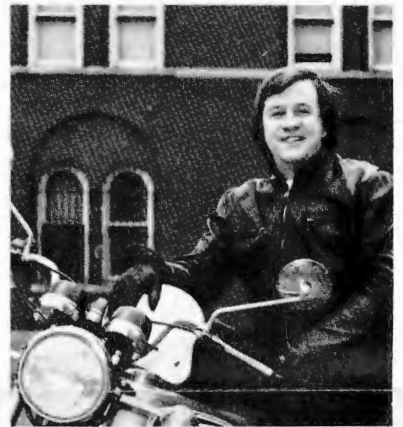


## . . . and brother DeMontfort Schulerbrandt

An Associate Pastor in a predominately Black parish, he shares equally in the activities and decisions of a true team ministry. He's an integral part of a struggle to rebuild a strong, living congregation. Sometimes it means just sitting on a doorstep and rapping with people. Then there's his Brotherhood Club; 65 kids learning to understand the needs of one another. And the constant visits to hospitals and homes. The elderly . . . they have a great wisdom-filled story to tell. Brother DeMontfort listens. He takes them shopping, runs errands for them. He teaches religion in elementary school, too. It all adds up to a group of people regaining their church, which is what DeMontfort Schulerbrandt's struggle is all about!

## . . . and brother John Matthys

"If I can help lighten the work load on the priests, then this is what I want to do. I want to work with them . . . as a coadjutor . . . that's the word." And he does! As a sacristan, as a teacher, as a highly respected member of his community . . . despite his black leather jacket, and the 450 cc's worth of Honda packed between his knees. The 73 altar boys under his supervision are often referred to as the "Matthys Motorcycle Gang." Twenty of those altar boys are there strictly because of their respect for Brother John. John Matthys honestly feels that he is doing something constructive . . . "for himself, for God and for God's people." Those he touches feel the same way.



## . . . and brother Charles Landry

He's a sub-director at a high school seminary. "From the first day I got here I was never considered a second class citizen. My opinions were important just like everyone else's. So, I don't think of myself so much as a Brother as a Redemptorist. I'm a part of the whole that's vital and needed to accomplish a goal." One goal is the students. "I look forward to trying to help them. It really means something when they come in and say something's bothering them and we solve the problem." And, by coordinating a service committee, his students help others, too . . . as volunteers at the local hospital and at the nearby state mental hospital. "The people look forward to seeing our students every week. They've built a great reputation." Charley Landry is simply a Redemptorist. "I feel my talents are being used to the maximum because I have the freedom to use them."

## . . . and brother Gary Pometta

In a largely Black, inner-city parish where social injustices have reigned continually, Brother Gary gives people his church by giving himself. The church he gives finds rehabilitation for an alcoholic, makes a retailer honor the warranty on a broken washer, tutors an 8th grade student, helps relocate a family burned out of their home, tries to keep the power company from cutting off a family's electricity, works to improve public housing, shows people how to use the "system" to achieve their rights as humans, forms a group of teenagers that minister to the human needs of one another. The frustrations are endless . . . yet a faith that grows stronger is a daily gift to Brother Gary. He is helping to uncover a long-subdued wealth of love and faith which, in turn, is a gift to man and the church.



## . . . along with 1,500 other Redemptorist Brothers

They're all an essential part of what the Redemptorists are today. Their service may be to their house, or to their parish, or to the community as a whole. And, it's a service that utilizes a man's talents, whether he be a skilled electrician or a person who can effectively relate to others. Sometimes being a Redemptorist Brother is tiring, sometimes frustrating, sometimes lonely. But, most of the time it's a beautiful experience. Because the service is ultimately to people, either directly or indirectly. The Redemptorist Brother is a very important element in a missionary effort that helps people find their way to God.



Dear Father:

I am interested in the Redemptorist Priesthood and Brotherhood.  
Please send me further information.

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