

Day after day, all kinds of activities take place throughout Wichita that make life better—and a whole lot more exciting—for everyone.

Take a moment, as the *Wichita Register* has done here, to applaud and be inspired by these people and events!



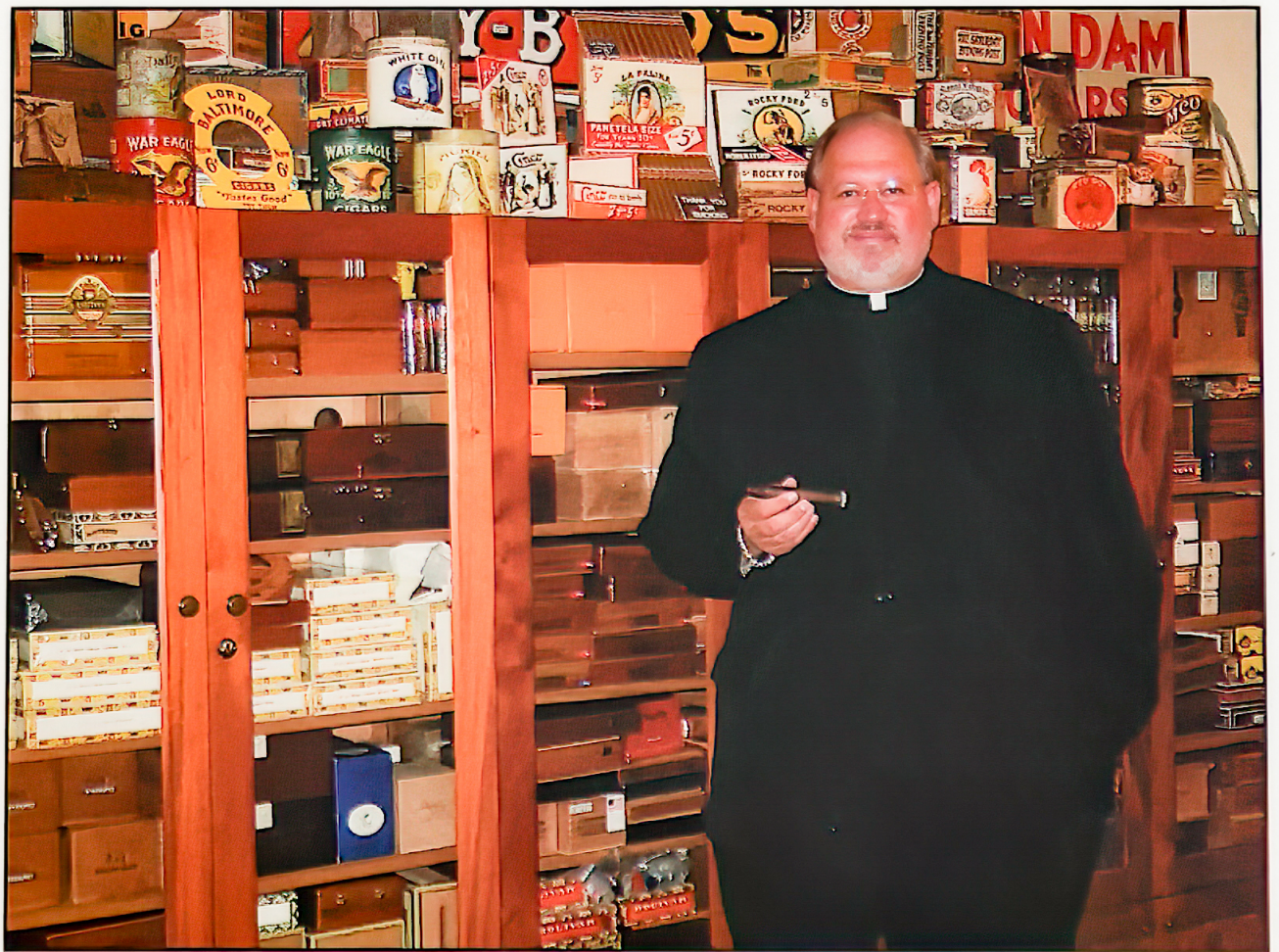
### Goddard Priest Isn't Blowing Smoke

Father H's Smoker Benefits Halfway House

By now the exploits of Goddard's high-profile pastor have reached well beyond the borders of South Central Kansas. It's been eight years since *Cigar Aficionado* magazine featured Father H Jay Setter in an issue with an unlikely pairing of Kansas priest and Hollywood's Demi Moore. Setter—known to most as "Father H." ("H" is his full first name)—is clearly not your average preacher. From his cigar collection (he has several thousands stored in humidors) to raising more than \$100,000 for local charities, Father H is larger than life.

Father H's Eighth Annual Benefit Cigar Dinner for Local Charity was to be held at the Airport Hilton on June 25, just as this issue of the *Wichita Register* magazine went to press. Setter chose the Dodge House to be the recipient of the proceeds of this year's fundraiser. Dodge House is a privately owned halfway house for men. The program is supported entirely by private donations; it does not receive any funding from any level of government. The home accommodates up to fifty eight men, and assists its residents with room and board, job placement and transportation to work.

Setter chooses the charity carefully each year. Recent beneficiaries include the Center for Hope, an emergency services provider, the Lord's Diner, a non-denominational soup kitchen, and Literacy



Father H has been collecting cigars and cigar memorabilia for twenty five years.

Resources of the Metropolitan Area, an organization that teaches adults to read and write. While ordained a Roman Catholic priest, Setter's reach extends well outside the Catholic community.

Setter's love of cigars began as a young man growing up in Wichita. After purchasing his first premium cigar, the taste of fine cigars grew on him. ("It's similar to fine wines...you can really taste the different flavors!") In time, Setter says he realized the camaraderie among cigar lovers, and he combined his passion for cigars with his commitment to serving others. His annual benefit cigar dinners combine cigars, fine food, camaraderie,

and most importantly, a good cause. Setter is committed to supporting local causes with his benefits. "I like to choose groups that are really grass roots organizations, groups that don't have a lot of funding options," he adds.

Setter is currently pastor at the Church of Holy Spirit in Goddard. He graduated from Wichita State University with a bachelor's degree in music, and from Friends University with Masters of Fine Arts, also in music. Realizing that he was being called by a higher power, Setter abandoned his pursuit of music to enroll at Mount St. Mary's Seminary near Washington, D.C. ★