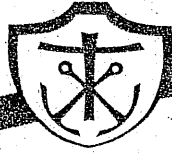


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Renovation and Expansion of Dujarie House Part of 5-Year Development of Proposed "Holy Cross Village"

Recently Br. William Geenen, C.S.C., provincial of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, joined with members of the Holy Cross community and friends in the groundbreaking ceremony initiating the building of a new wing and partial renovation at Dujarie House, the residential skilled care facility at Notre Dame for the

brothers' provinces in the United States.

The project is but the first step of a planned five-year development of a *Holy Cross Village*, a residence and service community to be established by the year 2000 on the brothers' property west of the University of Notre Dame campus along the St. Joseph River.

Br. William remarked, "At the urging of our membership over the past several years, we have tried to identify a type of development that is possible, practical, and at the same time apostolically useful." He went on to elaborate that the renovation and expansion of Dujarie House is only the beginning of a broader health care/residential/service-

oriented program. He concluded by noting that while these facilities answer the immediate needs of the brothers, it is hoped they will also open up new and challenging forms of presence and ministry to others.



Murphy Family Joins Brothers in Funding Dujarie House Expansion

Construction has begun on Dujarie House, a skilled care facility. A major gift from the Murlan J. Murphy, Sr., family of Cleveland, and significant support from the Holy Cross Brothers' provinces in the United States are funding the

construction of a new wing providing ten patient rooms, a nursing station and lounge, plus major renovation of the existing facility. This drawing shows how the facility will look following the renovation.

Funding Sought for Assisted Living Center

With design plans now completed, donors are being asked to participate in funding the new Assisted Living Center to be constructed adjacent to the Dujarie House skilled care facility. Its Blessed Brother Andre garden and walks will overlook the St. Joseph River.

This professionally designed facility takes into account the dignity as well as the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of its residents in the tradition of the 150-year-old spirit of Holy Cross hospitality.

The plan for the 3.7 million dollar center provides for private room and bath, space for receiving guests, and for ministry. The center will have a kitchen, dining room, lounges and special service components.

This center is designed to serve the religious, family and lay members associated with Holy Cross.

We invite your inquiry regarding funding opportunities. Please call or write:

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Holy Cross Village 5-Year Development Plan at a Glance

- Renovation/expansion of Dujarie House skilled care facility.
- Construction of a new assisted living facility adjacent to Dujarie House.
- Construction of residential units for brothers.
- Ongoing site development: entrance, roadways and walkways, lighting, signage, utilities.
- Renovation/expansion of present provincial office/residence into a Holy Cross Village/Province Center.
- Construction of additional residential units for religious and laity.
- Establishment of The Friendship Center to provide social, health, educational and other services for residents of the Holy Cross Village and others.

A Wider Focus

Because of the high visibility of construction, the Notre Dame phases of property development will command a good deal of attention. But Br. William Geenen emphasized that the various ministries throughout the province continue to address significant apostolic needs wherever they are located. It is not the intention to limit the expansion of ministries to one geographical area.

He also said that the province is placing a priority on securing resources that will enable brothers and their associates to engage in new forms of ministry, such as different types of direct advocacy for the poor and the elderly. He noted that such ministries are often unable to be self-supporting, yet are clearly and urgently needed in today's society and represent the types of ministry to which brothers have traditionally been free to respond.



A Vision Statement for the Year 2000

*Brothers of Holy Cross,
Midwest Province*

As men of hope and vibrancy, we commit to a future that is centered in God and that is connected through our community (brotherhood) in Holy Cross. We plan for this future by making decisions that enable us and our ministries to be relevant and responsive to the needs of society.

—1994 Provincial Chapter

Office of Province Development Launched

Brother John May named Assistant Director

Service to others is the reason religious congregations exist. Holy Cross is no exception. From its foundation in the early 19th century it has responded to the needs of others. The newly created Office of Province Development is part of a larger ongoing effort to provide service to meet changing needs.

Part of a Larger Picture

The constitutions governing the Congregation of Holy Cross—priests and brothers alike—declare: *"The congregation [has] the right and capacity to acquire, possess, administer and alienate material goods."*

Underlying this right, the material goods are *"administered as the goods of a congregation of men vowed to poverty among themselves and committed to social justice among the poor in this world,"* (Constitution 7, Paragraph 108). Thus, working within society and relying on the tools necessary to carry out their mission in the Church, the congregation focuses its apostolic ministries on those in need.

As one of thirteen provinces of Holy Cross, the Midwest Province of brothers pursues the community's overall mission through the particular ministries for which it is responsible. For the first fifteen years after its establishment in 1956, emphasis was placed almost exclusively on the expansion of its educational



Br. John May

institutions. Then, as vocations to the brotherhood declined, and as the membership of the province began retiring from full-time service because of age or infirmity, attention was necessarily diverted in part to the provision of facilities assuring the adequate care of older religious.

A Mandate

At its triennial meeting in 1988 the provincial chapter—the highest governing body in the province—addressed new needs surfacing in the province:

Our efforts and resources should not be primarily focused on our own internal needs or problems, but, along with providing the resources to maintain and develop apostolates, we must look for new ways to finance our retirement and health care needs. In our present situation as an aging religious community with a decreasing number of members in income-producing apostolates and

growing numbers entering into retirement, we are becoming less able to provide the base from which we can both finance our apostolic works and take care of our internal and retirement needs.

(Legislation of the 1991 Provincial Chapter)

The members of the chapter suggested three means of confronting the situation: to reduce expenditures, to develop land belonging to the brothers, and to establish an office of development for the province. All three possibilities were subsequently examined.

The development office the chapter envisioned would manage public relations for the province, edit and distribute publications concerning the province and its needs, and research potential sources of income from foundations, groups or individuals. The director would be responsible to the provincial superior.

So the 1991 chapter mandated the provincial to take immediate steps to set up an office of development. Work began through studies and consultation. The 1994 chapter reiterated the province's desire to have a development office and encouraged the provincial to *"establish a development task force whose principal objective will be to assist the provincial in setting up a province development program,"* (Midwest Province Chapter Goals, 1994). The finance work

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group from the chapter, asked to continue to function as such an advisory body, suggested more specific objectives that supported the mandate of the 1991 chapter. It was in 1995 that the final arrangements could actually be put in place with the opening of the office in October under an assistant director, Brother John May, whose initial tasks were to begin organizing the office and to develop a base for contacts.

Mission— the Focal Point

Mission remains the focal point for the Midwest Province as it continues its service as Holy Cross to the Church. The development office will embody this principle. Efforts toward publicizing the story of the province and soliciting funds will always go hand in hand with apostolic outreach, even when the immediate need may be internal community development, because the province is determined that in serving its own needs it will simultaneously develop new forms of service in ministry and community involvement.

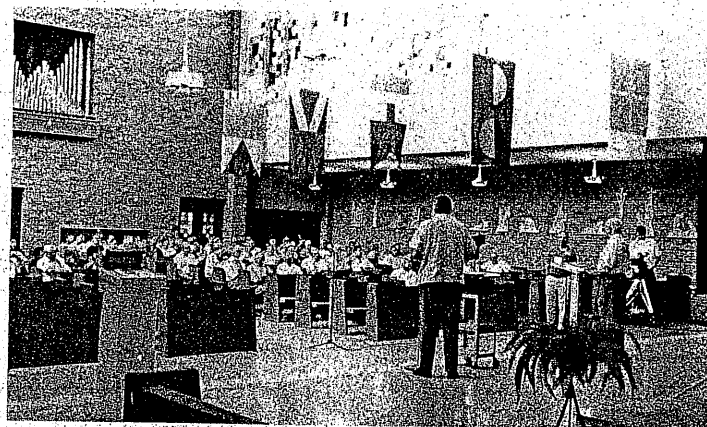
Brothers Celebrate

Br. William Geenen, provincial of the Midwest Province, welcomed some 225 Holy Cross Brothers to the formal celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Brothers of



Social gathering in front of Columba Hall preceding a fine supper on the second evening of the festivities.

St. Joseph. The occasion was held from July 5-8 at the Brothers Center at Notre Dame, Indiana. Presentations, discussions, prayer and informal socializing permitted the



Many excellent presentations were given in the Brothers Chapel to an audience of over two hundred brothers from throughout the United States.

participants, representing all of the provinces in the United States, to reflect on their history and to renew old friendships and initiate new ones.

In 1820 Fr. Jacques Dujarie founded the brothers in the diocese of LeMans, France, to respond to the urgent post-revolution need in that country for Catholic education. Fifteen years later ill health forced Fr. Dujarie to hand over his brothers to another diocesan priest, Fr. Basil Moreau, who joined them with a group of priests he

had gathered about him. The resulting group became the Congregation of Holy Cross.

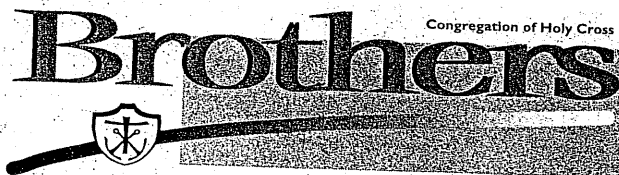
The July celebration was convoked by the vocation promoters of the various provinces of Holy Cross Brothers. It was the first such gathering in the history of the congregation and the first time the brothers in the United States had come together as a group since the establishment of the brothers' province in 1946.



About Our Masthead

Modern advertising demands easily recognizable symbols, logos, words or slogans to draw the attention of prospective consumers to particular brands of goods and services. All of us are familiar with literally hundreds of these identifying devices.

The masthead (identifying title) atop this new publication represents the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross and affirms their belief that they are brothers to all and their intention is to be clearly perceived as brothers to others. The shaded rectangular block behind the letters spelling out "others" highlights the relationship of meaning within this word and the letters preceding it. The "Br" added to others is Brothers. Brothers to others.



The shield bearing the cross and anchors is the universal coat of arms of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The cross symbolizes the redeeming intervention of Jesus in history. The anchors balance the cross with the hope represented by the cross with the hope made possible to believers by Jesus's resurrection. The cross is our only hope.

The multi-toned rampant stripe represents the forward vision and apostolic enthusiasm with which the Midwest Province moves toward the twenty-first century in continuing service to others.

As brothers, then, the Midwest Province reaches out with and to others to meet present challenges and to engage the future through the equality of brotherhood in apostolic effectiveness.

Holy Cross College Dedication

On September 15 Bishop John M. D'Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend formally blessed the newly opened addition to Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Representatives of other institutions of higher education in the area, civic officials and many others participated in the dedication.

The handsome new 3.2 million dollar project incorporates greatly expanded classroom

space, a computer instructional unit and lab, a beautiful bi-level atrium student lounge, faculty offices, a library extension, and science laboratories.

The new wing was dedicated in memory of Br. Vincent Pieau, one of the original brothers to come to the U.S. in 1841 from France, and an influential figure in the development of the brothers' society and its educational apostolates in this coun-

try. The older wing, which was upgraded at the time of the new construction, was dedicated in memory of Br. John Driscoll, founding president of Holy Cross College and inspirational leader during its first twenty years. New oil portraits of each were unveiled and hung.

In his dedication speech, Br. Richard Gilman, College president, noted the determination of the Brothers of Holy Cross to remain faithful to their educational ministry and to continue the highly effective service to Catholic education that has earmarked the college since its inception in 1966. He stated that the dedication of this building represented the completion of only the first of four specific phases of expansion envisioned by the college.

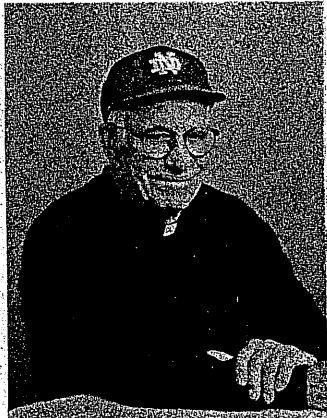


From L-R: Br. William Geenen, Bishop D'Arcy, Br. Richard Gilman



God Bless Brother Bernard

Brother Bernard Mosier—himself a big percentage of the brothers in the Erie Diocese—recently celebrated his 87th birthday at the Diocesan Lodge. Helping him celebrate were a number of ex-convicts, alcoholics, roadmen and homeless men on the way to belonging.



Br. Bernard Mosier

Eleven years ago, Brother Bernard was living in semi-retirement with the Holy Cross Brothers at Notre Dame. I had heard from his niece that he still had considerable mileage in him and had an open heart. I asked him to come and live and work with us in Maria House Projects.

Brother Bernard visited the diocese in the middle of winter and saw that the work was important. He said he would come for the summers if three conditions were met: 1. He could bring his dog, Gypsy. 2. He could bring his beehives. 3. He could get to daily Mass.

I agreed immediately. He came the following summer and has never left except to visit Notre Dame a few days a year.

Shortly after his arrival a bear destroyed his beehives. He acquired some more, but they, too, were destroyed by a bear. He eventually gave up the idea. After a few years into his being with us, Gypsy died and was buried at the lodge. Her loss was so painful, he didn't want another dog.

All the Lord left him was daily Mass. We have Mass at the Lodge three days a week. On the other days, he goes to Corry for Mass. And the Lord guards him and us for his loyalty.

Although he says he doesn't entirely understand his work, Brother Bernard thinks he waited most of his life to find his real ministry. "I think it is a ministry of presence," he says.

I do too. When God spoke of his dealing with his people, he said, "I am always with you."

Hundreds of men have come under Brother Bernard's influence. They have helped him in his garden, gone to Mass with him, learned to say—and to love—the rosary with him, and joked with him.

He has touched lives deeply because he does not manipulate or pretend. Nor does he intrude. To many he is father and grandfather—a model of peace, respect and love that is experienced in his presence rather than by announcement.

Men who were at the lodge with him years ago come back just to spend time with him. It was almost as though they were getting a "fix."

Brother Bernard says he would like to preach in church about Maria House Projects. The lodge is a way of life that provides community and hospitality. He shares in it and is nourished by it. It is the completion of his daily Mass, even as his body is slowing down and aching. He doesn't know how many more years he can last.

But he wants people to know we need contributions in money and kind. This is not a government-funded work, and our residents come bringing almost nothing but their hopes. He also knows we need volunteers—and more brothers. He thinks vocations to the brotherhood are misunderstood and are not encouraged enough.

God bless Brother Bernard.

I ask God to bless us with more brothers like him. But I don't know where he will find them.

—Msgr. James Peterson

Msgr. Peterson works with the diocesan office of Catholic Charities and Maria House Projects. He wrote this article for the Erie, Pennsylvania, diocesan paper.



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Where We've Been:

A Historical Perspective on the Brothers of Holy Cross

Just what is history? Is it defined as the story of a country, a corporation, a family, a congregation like Holy Cross?

It is of course all of the above, but here we want to tell you about the founding of the Congregation of Holy Cross, in particular the Brothers of Holy Cross. To reveal the origins of the brothers, we need to look at the founding of the congregation as a whole.

We must go back a bit more than 150 years to 1835 when a diocesan priest from LeMans, France, by the name of Basil Moreau gathered around him several secular priests to help minister to rural areas of France that had seen the faith suffer through lack of clergy. Fr. Moreau's group was originally known as the Auxiliary Priests.

Fr. Edmund Joyce, C.S.C., executive vice-president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, succinctly summarized the early history of Holy Cross in a talk given during the Cleveland, Ohio, celebrations of the sesquicentennial of Holy Cross education in the United

States, and we are indebted to Fr. Joyce for the substance of the facts which follow.

It can be said that the Congregation of Holy Cross owes its origin directly to the French Revolution. The revolutionaries, in overthrowing the monarchy and the restraints of the past, were violently anti-clerical in their outlook. While this was not the case for the rank and file of Frenchmen, the rabid leaders in Paris did all they could do to emasculate the influence of the Church. Church properties were confiscated, clerical dress was outlawed and loyalty oaths to the civil state were demanded of the clergy. For those who refused, and there were many, the consequence was banishment, imprisonment or the guillotine.

Ten years later, when a reaction took place to the revolutionary anarchy and Napoleon Bonaparte came into power, many of the more onerous anti-clerical laws were repealed. Priests who had refused to take the oath were set free, and the churches were reopened for Christian worship. Nevertheless, in the early part of the 18th

century, the French Church was still in shambles and many of the faithful were left virtually unattended. The education of the young, particularly, had been sorely neglected.

It was in this milieu that the Brothers of Holy Cross, like Father Moreau's group of priests, came into being—a response to a pressing spiritual need.

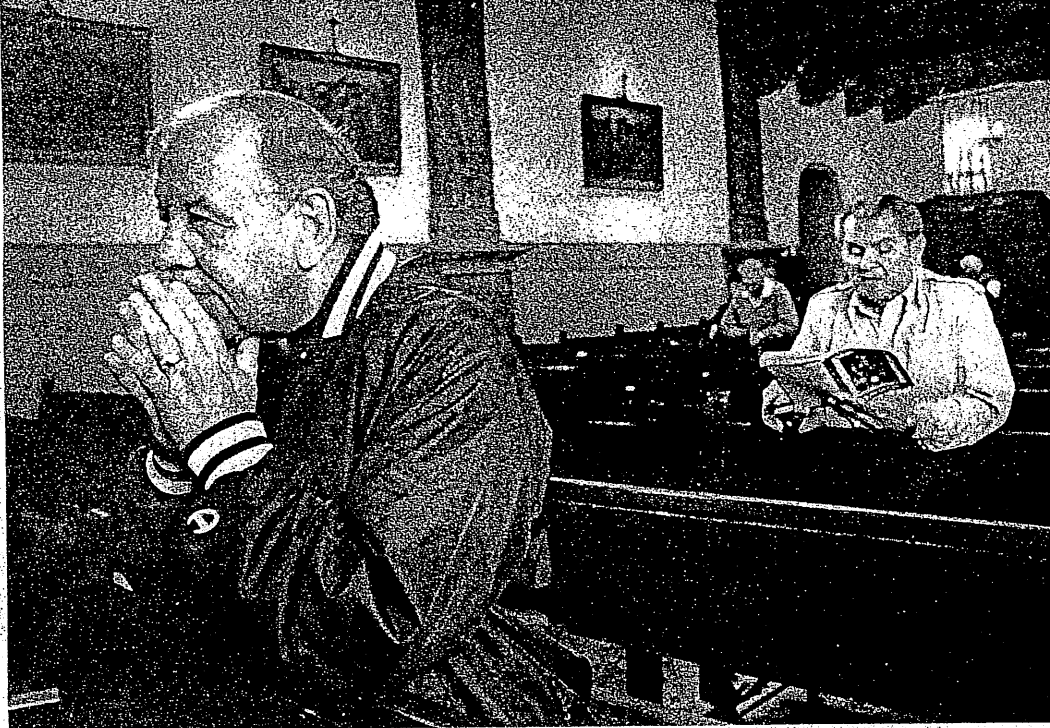
The founding father of the brothers was the pastor of a parish in Ruille, a small French village, Fr. James Dujarie. In 1820 he was encouraged by his bishop to start a community of lay brothers whom he would educate and then send to wherever they were needed as teachers and helpers to overburdened parish priests. He called them the Brothers of St. Joseph. Life was anything but easy for the early postulants. Under pressure from persistent requests for help, Fr. Dujarie would often send a barely trained teen-aged brother out on his own to start a school. It was not surprising that many brothers succumbed to the weight of their responsibilities and a high percentage of the schools soon closed.

It seemed as though the Brothers of St. Joseph themselves were doomed to extinction when Fr. Dujarie, whose health was failing, had the inspiration in 1835 to entrust the group to the jurisdiction of his friend, Fr. Moreau, at LeMans. The uniting of these two societies, priests and brothers, both with identical spiritual objectives though somewhat different apostolates, became the Congregation of Holy Cross, and its members took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The congregation received the full approbation of the Holy See in 1857. Since then the history of Holy Cross Brothers and Holy Cross Priests has been inextricably intertwined.

In subsequent issues of BROTHERS we will continue to investigate aspects of the development of the Congregation of Holy Cross, especially the brothers, by focusing on groups or individuals that contributed significantly to the evolution of the community and its apostolic work.

—Br. Robert Kelly, C.S.C.





Br. Jerome Schwabe (left)

Brothers in Court and in Jail

Right, we actually have two Midwest Province brothers in jail and one who spends a good amount of time in court.

Brother Jerome Schwabe is in the Ventura County (California) Jail and Brother Thomas Cunningham is in Los Angeles (California) Jail—jail ministry, that is. Brother Jerome has been with the system for seven

years and Brother Thomas will soon begin his third year after working in AIDS ministry for some time. Brother



Br. Thomas Cunningham

James VanDyke is an attorney currently working with the Circuit Court of Cook County (Illinois).

All three came to their current ministries after serving as teachers, counselors or administrators in high schools. Before "going to jail" Jerome spent many years as a missionary in

York in AIDS ministry. Jim worked at St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee and at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, both Holy Cross apostolates. It was at Trinity as a counselor that Jim discovered the need for advocates for the poor. He attended law school at Loyola University in Chicago and has been with the Cook County Courts for nine years.

The three men are certainly in work that very few brothers would have undertaken several years ago, yet each feels that what he is doing is exercising the "fundamental option for the poor" called for in Church documents and especially stressed in the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross. While Holy Cross involvement in these types of ministry is limited, all three men certainly feel the support and interest of the members of the Midwest Province. Jim says, "The fact that my work is separate from that of other province members has not led to a feeling of

Holy Cross have recognized a general kinship between their service and mine."

Jerome feels much support from those who work with him and the CSC brothers at Sherman Oaks, California, as well as the Holy Cross Sisters in Ventura. His interest in the work became clear several years ago while he was recuperating from cancer surgery, and he has been encouraged and supported by his confreres and colleagues. Time to do everything presents a challenge. "I only wish I had the time (and faith) to start a halfway house or some type of shelter for incarcerated persons who have no place to go afterward," he says.

Tom also feels much encouragement from the community and those with whom he works. He says, "I think my greatest support comes from the men I work with. No matter how hardened they may appear, they all appreciate it

and forgiveness and stress their worth in the eyes of God." In all of this, he still ministers to people with AIDS. He goes on to state that seeing human beings who have been down all of their lives spending more time in the horrendous conditions in jail is frustrating. Yet, he maintains a great deal of hope personally despite the fact that he is only one of three Catholic chaplains assigned full time to over seven thousand prisoners.

Recently Jim became involved in developing a number of special projects designed to



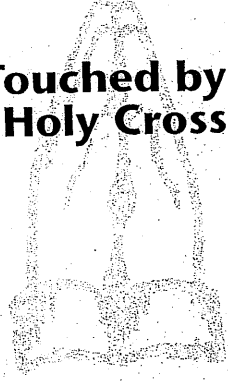
Br. James VanDyke

offer alternatives to traditional sentencing and incarceration, and emphasizing restorative justice (doing something to "pay back" the wrong) and treatment (to address underlying causes of criminality). He states, "I'm pleased to be part of an initiative to prevent or intervene in violent activities by young offenders between the ages of 17 and 25."

The Constitutions of Holy Cross call us "educators in the faith." These brothers are exercising their teaching ministry in new and bold ways—ways that Christ meant when he said, "When you do it for these, you do it for me."

—Br. Charles Gregg, C.S.C.

Touched by Holy Cross



Neurologist Dr. John B. Selhorst Credits Gilmour Academy

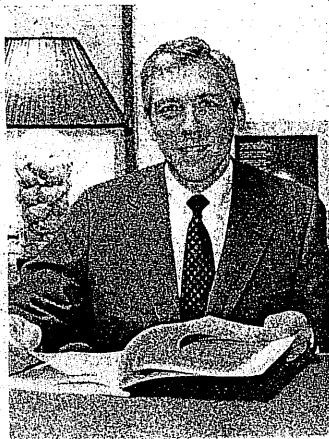
Dr. John B. Selhorst is a professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and Chairman of the Department of Neurology at the School of Medicine of the University of St. Louis. During his college preparatory years he studied under the Brothers of Holy Cross at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, graduating in 1959.

John has also studied at Spring Hill College, St. Louis University School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University, and the University of California.

He has taught at Georgetown University and Virginia Commonwealth University and served as a physician in the United States Navy prior to taking his present position. His speciality is the neurology of the human eye.

Dr. Selhorst has collaborated on over fifty articles published in professional journals and has written chapters for a dozen books in the field of neurology.

Of his years at Gilmour, Dr. Selhorst says, "I am grateful to the Brothers of Holy Cross because of the educational



Dr. John B. Selhorst

environment that they provided at Gilmour Academy and the examples of personal leadership that I found there. There was a diverse group of intellectually stimulating teachers in the arts, mathematics and sciences who appreciated sound ideas and thoughtful questions. As leaders, the Brothers gave importance to good manners and exhibited fairness in administrative matters. To experience both in the formative years of high school was both timely and invaluable to me."

Almost all of Dr. Selhorst's career has been in academic medicine and he says, "Perhaps the scholastic habits begun at Gilmour cultivated a bit of the chronic student that I remain today."

Dr. Selhorst and his wife, Mary, reside in St. Louis and are the parents of two daughters.

—Br. Francis Englert, C.S.C.



Br. William Geenen

Person to Person

—A Word from Brother Geenen

During 1995 the Brothers of Holy Cross have been celebrating the 175th anniversary of their founding in 1820 by Fr. James Dujarie. The occasion has afforded a time for reflection among the brothers, inviting us to reassess how best we can relate the apostolic needs of today to the mission on which our predecessors were originally sent by our founder. We ask ourselves how we can remain faithful to our origins, yet respond to new challenges.

Our vocation as brothers offers us an opportunity to enter closely into people's lives. In whatever way that is done, we remain no less risk takers today than were our Holy Cross ancestors well over a century and a half ago when they moved boldly into ministries that responded to the urgent needs of the time. We brothers have always, from our origin in France and our early arrival in the United States, stood side by side with the clergy and laity in the exercise of ministry.

Today, though a significant percentage of our religious are middle aged, our sense of witness and creativity has not diminished and certainly has not been abandoned.

Our focus has not been limited to the Notre Dame area only, where we began our U.S. ministry in 1842. Our brothers work in many parts of the country as well as in overseas missions. Wherever we are, we invite the participation of lay associates in our ministries.

Groups of associate members have existed for many years, and other volunteers and collaborators serve with us in many areas of apostolate, including education, health care, work with the elderly, and various forms of advocacy.

Development, as we understand the broad sense of the term today, is a conscious thrust toward the future through innovative ministry. Our members continue to be motivated by apostolic zeal. The reason we solicit your involvement is that we want those who have known of us, who have perhaps lived and worked with us, to be more fully aware of our ongoing mission, and to ask you to join actively in drawing our Holy Cross family—lay and religious alike—together in ministry. It is natural for the brothers to welcome the help of their lay collaborators so that together we may be even more effective in responding to the needs of God's people today. We trust this new mode of communication, **BROTHERS**, will facilitate our getting to know one another better.

My hope is that you will join with the brothers in moving confidently into the future. Please stay in touch with us.

—Br. William Geenen, C.S.C.,
Provincial