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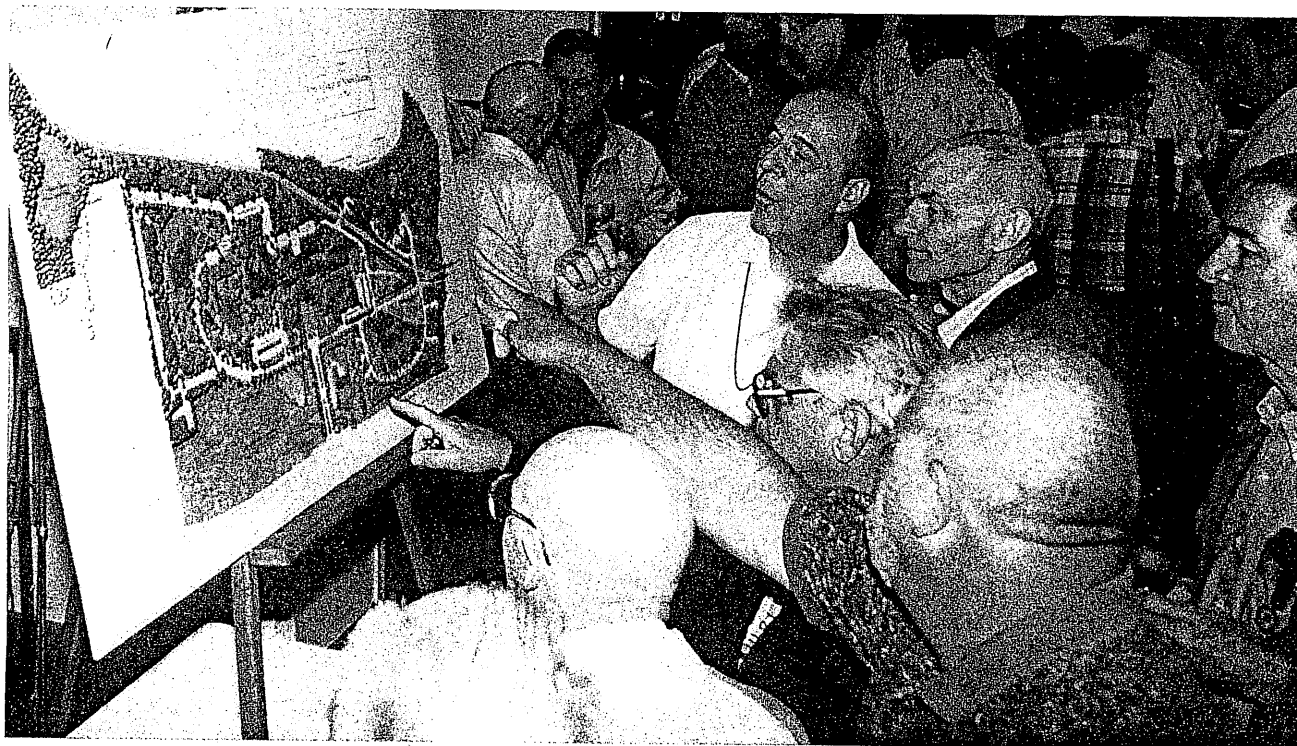


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A Resurgent Sense of Direction

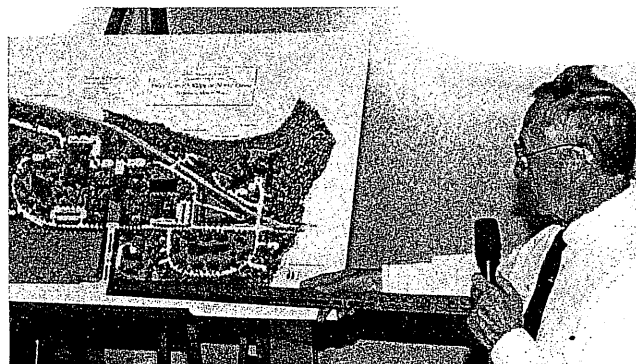


The master plan for Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame awakens a great deal of interest and close inspection by province members at the provincial chapter.

From our establishment in 1956, we of the Midwest Province have sought to deploy our manpower in effective service to God's people in an ongoing effort to read and understand the "signs of the times" always at work in the world. Over the years this response has meant refocusing our primary aim from roles largely related to education in Catholic secondary schools to

awareness of and responsiveness to a wide variety of ministerial needs in the church and society to which we brothers, because of training and interest, are free to respond by virtue of our vowed commitment and community affiliation.

Today, with brothers still very effectively present in secondary education as administrators, board members, teachers, counselors and support staff, the



Br. William Geenen, provincial, explains the master plan for the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame during a presentation at the provincial chapter.

evolving direction in our ministry has found us moving out even more freely into the realm of health care, into social work, including various forms of counseling and prison ministry, into service to the aging, into higher education, into parish ministry, into non-academic youth work, and other areas as well.

New Directions in Ministry

This transition began following Vatican II, as a natural attrition in numbers and the process of aging among us contributed to an inclination to seek new directions in ministry that did not depend on numerical impact or the physical stamina demanded by a full classroom schedule, and benefitted from our ongoing study and acquired experience. A resultant diversity arose both because of the emerging role of the laity in education and the development by the church of new responses in ministry to needs heretofore neither diagnosed nor addressed. We as brothers enjoyed the freedom to take up these new ministries.

Our formerly visible and unquestionably effective uniformity in direction, a disciplinary practice that admittedly produced a certain *esprit de corps*, was replaced by our heavier reliance on our maturity and responsibility as individuals. This change at times led to the appearance of scattered and independent living, and could have been mistakenly interpreted as community being little more than a loose network of individuals, each engaged in ministry as he saw fit.

1994 Chapter Goals

The 1994 chapter assembly and provincial election indicated the members' confidence in the organizational and developmental experience and skills of the new provincial administration.

The goals and objectives set at the 1994 chapter clearly outlined expectations for the immediate future: development of the Brothers Center property, collaborating with Holy Cross College in establishing a residential program, refining and



Sr. Frances B. O'Connor, CSC, keynote speaker at the June chapter meeting, spoke on the topic of the brothers as "Ordinary Men, Extraordinary Lives."

implementing the notion of sponsorship in province-owned schools, and setting up a development office for the province whose tasks would include the publication of a professional newsletter.

These goals were pursued energetically and successfully as the 1997 chapter approached. Beyond these goals, the administration challenged the membership to a renewed sense of personal participation in creative apostolic ministry and the building of community, reorganized the vocations office to incorporate associate membership more directly, and continued efforts among educators to identify and define a Holy Cross spirit and tradition in each school and determine to what extent the province could be present and active in its sponsorship.

'97 Chapter Affirms Direction

Three years later the 1997 chapter enthusiastically affirmed the directions taken by the administration and encouraged the continuation of efforts along these

lines. Participants recognized a resurgent sense of direction, and hope for new life and energy became tangible, especially as concretized in a developmental community building project valuable to Holy Cross and oth-

tribute to our identity as brothers, such as our vowed commitment and our focus as apostolic religious in community, and will do so through shared communication and gatherings built around these themes.

We look confidently toward the future, relying on the Spirit of Jesus and collaborating as individuals blessed with gifts that enable us to minister effectively to those with whom providentially we live and work each day.

—Br. William Geenen, CSC
Provincial

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ers alike, *The Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame*.

The 1997 chapter stated that all elements foundational to the mission of the congregation as a whole are truly present in the province and are exerting the motivational thrust within the Midwest that contributes to and influences the overall effectiveness of the mission of Holy Cross as a congregation to the church and the world.

In the immediate future we will continue to build upon our strengths as a province and use the diversity, now recognized as a positive factor in our growth, to address the *one mission* of Holy Cross through the *many ministries* enabled by the varied gifts and talents of the Midwest members, still, however, retaining an important presence in our traditional apostolate of education.

We will energetically continue to refine the implications of school sponsorship. And we will place new emphasis on the fundamental elements that con-

Religious Communities Lead the Way to Renewed Church

(Ed. note: Br. James Moroney previously served as an English teacher, religious superior of several levels of religious formation, assistant provincial, and college theology teacher. Now retired, he reflects and comments on changes he has witnessed since Vatican II.)

When I was director of our brothers' house of studies on the Notre Dame campus in the '60's, I invited my mother from our small hometown in southern Illinois to visit me. I met her at the railroad station in Chicago. On the way to South Bend I had to tell her that she could not sleep in our house or eat in our dining room—because she was a woman. I never did ask Mom how she felt about this, but I am sure she would have answered that this was the way God must have wanted it. Time has shown that it was not necessarily God's way.

At the age of 89 my mother died following a massive stroke. The parish priest was called to her bedside to administer the last rites of the Church. My mother was barely conscious and could not talk. He said to her in a loud, commanding voice to squeeze his hand if she were truly sorry for all her sins. He simply had to know. I turned to him in total disbelief and uttered, "Father, she has no sins." He, then proceeded with the formula of absolution of a woman who had no sins. She left behind many children and countless grandchildren who truly "worshiped" her for her tenderness, quiet patience, enduring love and care. All of us miss her dearly to this day. She was "canonized" by her family and friends, and that is what really matters. Her candle went out long before her legend ever will.

Most of us accepted these policies and practices as the way things should be, and this is the sad story. Religious communities, as well as churches everywhere, lived much by the book of rules rather than by the gospel rule of love. It was the Rule that saved you and when one reflects on this, this is idolatry. For only God can save you. There is no conservatism as deeply rooted as that of religions. Historically we have seen that many who tried to change what was prescribed by rules were branded as heretics and excommunicated or became possible candidates for burning at the stake.

Shortly after leaving the Notre Dame area I was sent to New York to study more theology. During that year of studies and reflection, a miracle occurred in our Church. The Second Vatican Council convened in Rome. With it came a blast of fresh air and life—the breath from heaven—which swept through the Church and religious communities. It changed them radically and it happily changed me personally. I can never be the same again and I don't want to be. We began to realize that many of us had become like the Pharisees of old. We now began to see clearly that the Gospel has preeminence over all laws and all rules. Consequently, there was far less talk about damnation and we began to feel good about ourselves. This was the beginning of reform and renewal.

Leaders Serve Others

I have participated in many of my community's province and general chapters over the years—attended by a few select

delegates and led by appointed leaders that issued strong decrees and statutes binding on all members. This past summer's provincial chapter, in contrast, which issued only statements, was open to all brothers who wished to attend and was led by a provincial elected by all the members of the province. What a dramatic change for the better!

Decrees passed from above without participation of the membership are not justified within a Christian community. Genuine leaders serve others, not enslave them with rules and fear. When people are allowed to participate and grow, great things can happen. And great things are happening to and within the Brothers of Holy Cross and countless Christians everywhere as a result of the changes since Vatican II.

The happy results of these changes in attitude, structure and leadership have been bountiful. I mention here only a few. The message of renewal is crystal clear: What you wear, where you live and work and how you pray never did nor ever will determine your true Christian, religious character. Only a loving, caring, prayerful life will. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who recently died after a long life of caring for the poorest of this world, is a testimony to this truth. The world had already "canonized" this legendary woman before her candle went out.

We have become more profoundly humane, tolerant and forgiving of others inside and outside our communities, men and women, young and old, blacks and whites. There are absolutely no exceptions! Women today are invited to eat at our

Gospel Freedom Recaptured

We recaptured the spirit of gospel freedom seldom experienced through rules and decrees. The Spirit is better able to inspire and motivate us to the service of others in need, because we each possess the means and vision to search for the meaning and destiny of life for ourselves.

Consequently, we are free to choose our own careers for which we are better suited and motivated and live where we will be happier and at peace. Who knows our needs better than ourselves? My personal hopes and dreams really matter. The wide variety of apostolic works and life styles is abundant and thriving in contrast to the past when practically all brothers worked in schools and lived in a house nearby.

There remains throughout all these changes a deep commitment to a life of simplicity, celibacy, and devotion to community and prayer. These are the essentials of religious life for any age. These make us effective ministers of Jesus.

Fewer people are entering religious life and the priesthood today not because of these beautiful changes but because of the changes of attitude found in society. Not many people today will commit themselves unconditionally and permanently to anything or anybody. Even marriage for many is not "til death do us part" anymore.

In conclusion, we are happier people of God, freed at last from many of the fears and restrictions of the past. Hopefully, the entire church will follow in our efforts to reform and become true messengers and followers of Jesus.

Assisted Living Building Dedication

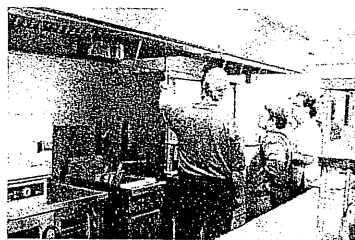
The newly-constructed assisted living building was named and dedicated on Saturday, October 11, with a dedication Mass and blessing. Bishop Joseph Crowley, retired auxiliary bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, presided at the Mass and the blessing. Br. William Geenen, provincial, spoke at the dedication and thanked those who by their prayerful and material support made this much-needed facility possible.

At the blessing and dedication the building was named the Helen Dwan Schubert Villa in honor of the principal donor and her family. Mrs. Schubert, recently deceased, and her husband, Leland, of Cleveland, Oh., have been long-time benefactors

of the Brothers of Holy Cross and of their various apostolic works.



*Helen Dwan Schubert
1909 - 1997*



Kitchen personnel receive a demonstration of the new kitchen equipment.

Mrs. Schubert, in addition to raising a family, was a pianist, a tutor of inner city children, an advocate for music and art education for children, and for over 40 years sponsored and corresponded with children all over the world through Childreach.

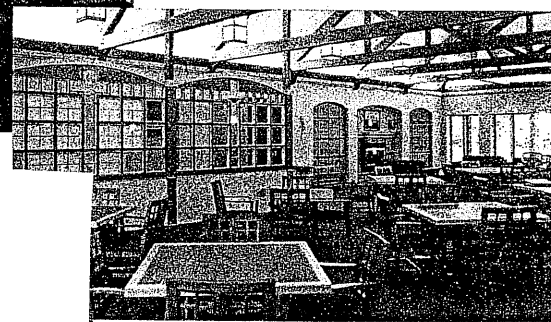
Many donors and community members were on hand for the dedication Mass, the blessing, tours of the building, and enjoyed a light luncheon after-

ward. The building includes 16 resident rooms, two lounges, a clinic, an exercise room, and a hydrotherapy room. The new kitchen will provide meals for residents at Dujarie House and the Schubert Villa. The new dining room in the Schubert Villa is also large enough to provide dining space not only for the residents, but also for others who will live nearby in yet to be constructed housing.

In later October, brothers who had been living in a modified assisted living program at Columba Hall and several brothers who had been living at Basil Hall at the Brothers Center moved into the new Schubert Villa.



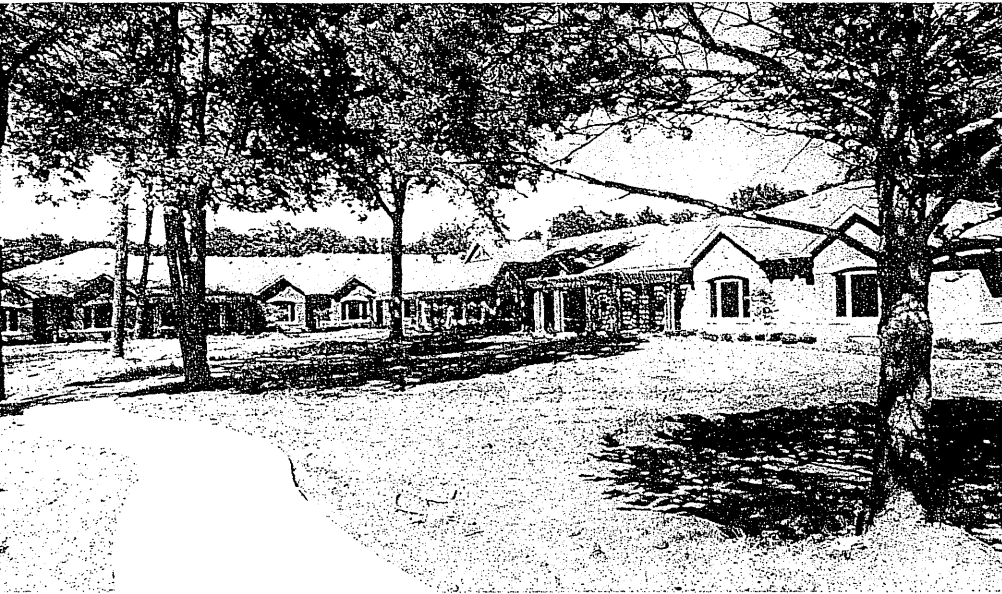
Two views of the resident rooms in the Schubert Villa



Dining room in the Schubert Villa

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The Assisted Living Building facing the northwest.

Residency Program Begins at Holy Cross College

James Hall, immediately north of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, is the new residence hall for the first-ever boarding program for the college's students. The hall was originally a residence for student brothers but for the past 19 years had been used as a residence and program center for Notre Dame's Center for Continuing Formation in Ministry (CCFM). Renovations began in late May when the CCFM sabbatical program left.

James Hall, named after Fr. James Dujarie, founder of the Brothers of Holy Cross, is now the home for 63 young men and women resident students. The residence program was enthusiastically received by Holy Cross students and parents, and in addition to the 63 living in James Hall, nearly 20 additional female Holy Cross students are residing in facilities at St. Mary's College.

Renovations of James Hall, the kitchen and the dining room



Chris Coley and his father try to decide where to put things in Chris' new Holy Cross College dorm room in James Hall



Bishop Joseph Crowley blesses the sign outside the Schubert Villa.

were completed in time for the students' arrival on August 22. Close to a half-million dollars was spent on the renovations.

Marriott Corporation manages the food service for the students and faculty of the college and the 25 brothers residing in adjacent Basil Hall.

The mix of brothers and students, especially in the dining room, seems to be off to a good start. The brothers at Basil Hall have welcomed the students and each group appears to appreciate the other. Next year, the college plans to acquire Basil Hall as a student residence as well. This projected change of Basil Hall to a college residence gives impetus to providing additional

room for brothers in the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

Doug McKenna, a freshman from Arlington Heights, Ill., values dorm life. "I enjoy all of the people and really like having a private room. I couldn't get that on any other campus." Doug's parents, Lucille and Rick McKenna, left the campus with a good first impression. In a note to Br. Richard Gilman after the orientation weekend they said, "The warmth and friendliness of everyone was very reassuring; we are so happy that the dormitory became a reality. This has made it possible for our son to attend Holy Cross."

Students are welcome and some attend the brothers' community 5 p.m. weekday Mass. A

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Development Director Named

college Mass at 5 p.m. on Sunday has been well attended by resident and day students and the college worshipping community.

There are obviously some kinks to be worked out as there are in anything new. While noise is normal in a situation like a dorm, there are areas provided for quiet study. In addition, use of the college library has increased in the evening.

Young people living away from home for the first time learn to work together and live together with help from the dorm staff. Christopher Ruhe, who attended Holy Cross before going on to Notre Dame, is Residence Life Director, and along with Kristina Richards, James Hall director, conducts resident assistant training and works with all of the students to make the transition easier.



David Hurley, Director of Development

David J. Hurley was recently named Director of Development for the Brothers of Holy Cross. David is responsible for involving others to support the brothers in ministry and to research sources of additional income to accomplish the short- and long-term goals of the province. He comes to the province development office from a human service and community development background. He has worked as executive director of a homeless shelter and director of development for a community development corporation. Working for the Brothers allows David to fulfill his desire to work for a Church-related group.

"Our development program will be in keeping with the character of the Brothers of Holy Cross," says Hurley. "It will be simple, low-key and straightforward. We reach out to people whose lives have, in some way, been touched by the Brothers and meaningfully involve them in our work going forward."

Commitment and Dedication Lay Foundations

Hurley believes that the foundations for the brothers' development program have been laid over the past years through the

commitment and dedication of brothers at schools and other apostolic works. "Our job is to communicate the goals and vision for Brothers of Holy Cross today and invite people to help us to make them happen, both through their prayer and financial support. We will encourage people to remember the brothers in their wills, in their annual giving and through major gift commitments."

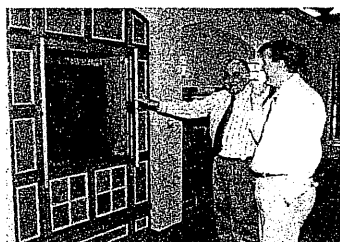
Two years ago Brother John May began organizing data and editing the new province publication, **Brothers**. He continues in this role as editor and communicates with those who respond to the newsletter or request information about individual brothers. He is also Director of Planning, overseeing project and property development such as

way' for people to remain in contact or re-establish a relationship with brothers whom they may have known.

"We see our donors and those who support us in prayer as an extension of the Holy Cross family. They, truly, join with the Brothers of Holy Cross in being 'brothers to others.' It is important that we know and serve them respectfully." Br. John May (219-239-8305) and David Hurley (219-239-8363) invite you to contact them if there is any way they can be of service to you.



Kristen Kalebich receives help from several friends in moving into her new dorm room at James Hall.



Br. John May, Director of Planning, who oversees project and property development in the development office, shows David Hurley, Director of Development, some of the new casework in the dining room of the Assisted Living Building.

the Dujarie House addition, the new assisted living Helen Schubert Villa, and planning for the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

For most, the 'public face' of the Brothers of Holy Cross is those Brothers who taught them or whom they have come to know in other ways. In establishing a province development office, Br. John May and David Hurley hope to establish a 'door-

Br. Richard Gilman, college president, said of the first weekend, "The cooperation of the province, most notably the local community at Basil Hall, has been very evident in making this project a reality. The more than five hundred guests here for the orientation weekend were uniform in their praise of the facility and program being operated in James Hall."

-Br. Charles Gregg, CSC

Br. Gonzaga Day Dies

A missionary to missionaries, Br. Gonzaga Day died on July 20, 1997. Br. Gonzaga was a Holy Cross Brother for 58 years who developed his organizational skills and talents to provide service both within and outside the community.

His early religious life included assignments at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Oh.; Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Conn.; St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Oh.; the Holy Cross General Procurator's Office in Rome; and the Midwest

Provincial Office at Notre Dame.

During his time on the provincial council in the 1950's and early 1960's he became interested and adept at procuring and facilitating the shipment of needed supplies to the newly established West African missions. His outreach in Africa included assisting bishops and clergy from several dioceses in building up material resources and he often accompanied them on fund raising missions in the United States. At the time of Br. Gonzaga's death, he was readying a shipment of

medical equipment for a clinic in the Eastern Region of Ghana. A doctor from California has volunteered to work for three years in this diocese. The shipment of over 15 tons of equipment and supplies left Notre Dame during the first week of September.

In 1980, Br. Gonzaga established the Seton Thrift Store in Harriman, Tenn., which he operated until his retirement in 1995.

In addition to furnishing material assistance to the Holy Cross ministries throughout the

world, Br. Gonzaga corresponded and elicited prayerful support for these ministries, especially through the Discalced Carmelite nuns and other women's religious communities. Upon Br. Gonzaga's death, the provincial received many sympathy cards from religious and laity all over the world who had been touched by his ministry and generous spirit.

Chapter Confirms, Refines, Sets Goals

The University of Notre Dame campus served as the setting for a June 15-20 gathering of the Brothers of Holy Cross of the Midwest Province. Called a "chapter," this formal assembly comprises the highest authority in a province, even superseding the personal authority of the provincial superior.

A chapter's task is to assess life and directions in the province over the past three years and to confirm, refine or set goals for the next three. Because more than a hundred and twenty brothers signaled their intent to participate, adequate arrangements for housing, meeting, dining and praying had to be organized. Fr. Richard Warner, assistant to the president at the university, aided the brothers by seeing to their being very comfortably accommodated.

The principal agenda item was the clarification and affirmation of the provincial administration's projected development of the province property at the Brothers Center into *The Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame*, as outlined by Br. William Geenen, provincial.

Other points for consideration were continuing efforts to implement a solid rationale on the meaning of sponsorship in the province schools, encouraging the development of vocation promotion and the status of associate membership in the province, concretizing aspects of health care and retirement, and coordinating themes and means for enriching the membership's knowledge and appreciation of their identity as religious brothers.

The five-day meeting was fairly informal, the entire assembly hearing input from speakers and panels, discussing the content in smaller groups, and returning a consensus summary to the floor in a short report. The overall intent of the gathering on various topics was then formulated and returned for acknowledgment as the consensus of the whole chapter.

The results of the chapter were encouraging. There was a clear affirmation of directions taken by the province three years ago, and of the manner in which the provincial administration is pursuing the mandates of that chapter and intends to pursue those of 1997. There is excitement in the province as its members look forward to the challenges *The Village* poses by way of new forms

of ministry to and with others.

Fr. Claude Grou, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and Br. Joel Giallanza, assistant general, both of whom spent time at the chapter, were warm in their praise of the province's vision and energetic enthusiasm over future possibilities and directions.

—Br. Donald Gibbs, CSC

Dorothy Vessini Receives Cross of Hope Award

The Cross of Hope Award was presented on June 1 to Mrs. Dorothy Vessini, longtime worker at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Ill., and a key leader among the Holy Cross

Associates in that area.

The award, given by the Midwest Province on special occasions after the nomination of a candidate by province members, honors individuals who

have made an outstanding contribution to the mission of Holy Cross. In this case, the brothers at Holy Cross High School submitted Dorothy's name, citing her extensive and effective assis-

tance in both institutional and congregational efforts.

Ghana Mission Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The fortieth anniversary of the arrival of the Brothers of Holy Cross in Ghana, West Africa, is being celebrated this fall. After a 104-year absence from the continent, Holy Cross returned when on December 1, 1957, Brothers Rex Hennel and Eduardo Michalik disembarked at the port of Takoradi in the Western Region, and assumed the administration and staffing of St. John's Secondary School, Sekondi, at the request of Archbishop John K. Amissah of Cape Coast. Within weeks, Br. Donald Allen joined Brothers Rex and Eduardo from East Pakistan.

For some years after that, additional brothers were sent to strengthen the local community and school faculty. Among them, Br. William Gates remains active in Ghana with thirty-nine years of service.

Br. Michael Amakyi, District Superior, announced that the District of West Africa would formally celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the arrival of Holy Cross on November 22 at the District Center in Brafuyaw, just outside Cape Coast. Another celebration open to the public is to take place at St. Francis Cathedral in Cape Coast in early December.

Invitations to participate in the celebrations were extended to the three first missionaries, Brothers Rex, Eduardo and Donald, and all three were able to be present. Former district superiors Brothers Raymond Papenfuss and Philip Armstrong also attended, the latter representing Br. William Geenen, provincial.

Brother Michael insists that, rather than resting on laurels deservedly awarded on this anniversary, the district membership is seizing the occasion to confirm its intent to grow in both numbers and effective pres-

ence in Ghana over the next ten years so that the year 2007 will find the Congregation of Holy Cross, including the sisters and priests, firmly and actively established with a bright future directed toward service to the people of Ghana and surrounding countries.

Gilman Speaks at St. Mary's College Inauguration

Br. Richard Gilman, president of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, brought greetings from Holy Cross College and the Brothers of Holy Cross at the inauguration of the new president of neighboring St. Mary's College. Marilou Eldred was installed as the tenth president of St. Mary's College on October 6.

"We gladly share with you not only a bank of the St. Joseph River, but a long tradition of

educational ministry on these historic acres. I know from experience that a college is like an express train relentlessly moving forward and that it can hardly be asked to slow down to let a new president aboard. But as you officially board this express train that carries the traditions of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and the hope of many alumnae and friends for continuing excellence in the education of women,

please know that your neighbors to the south, Holy Cross College and the Brothers of Holy Cross, also believe in your mission, ever willing to cheer if that is what is needed, to collaborate for mutual excellence, or just to exchange friendly advice. That has been the tradition of our relationship with the Sisters of the Holy Cross."

Gilman went on to say: "The historical and ministerial

paths of the brothers and the sisters have paralleled each other since our beginnings last century, occasionally crossing in cooperative ventures. We have relied on each other as firm friends while serving complementary roles. As you have been welcomed to the traditions of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, we invite and welcome you to share in those of Holy Cross College and the Brothers of Holy Cross."

John Barrett, Director of Development for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Touched by Holy Cross

"I wanted to teach and was told that the Brothers of Holy Cross were the best teachers." That is why, John Barrett explains, he chose to become a Holy Cross Brother. Although he did not attend St. Ed's, John was impressed by the dedication and commitment of people like Br. Charles Krupp at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Oh. "I saw that teaching was not just a job for the brothers, it was their life."

John, a former brother, spent 16 years as a Brother of Holy Cross. John still sees the brothers not just as a special group of men with many who teach, but as a special group of teachers in a much broader sense. The brothers carried out their calling to be "educators in the faith" in the classrooms, on the playing fields, in the dormitories, with the student clubs and elsewhere.

Ironically, John no longer teaches but serves as Director of Development for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. John's wife, Diane, also had a Holy Cross connection as a teacher at Glen Oak School in Gates Mills, Oh., when the girls' school had a coordinate program with neighboring Gilmour Academy.

While still a brother, John was first exposed to fund raising as administrator of Gibault School in Terre Haute, Ind. John feels that his education as a teacher has prepared him well for development work—both require planning, preparation, good communication, creativity and commitment.

Lessons Learned Internalized

John remembers his time in formation and training as a brother with great fondness because, though busy, he had a balanced focus on the spiritual, mental and physical person. Formation was intensive so that the lessons learned would be internalized. To this day that training provides John with a point of reference for the "model" life. Formation also fostered in John a deep appreciation for the liturgical life of the church which, for him, provides the foundations for a deeper faith and spiritual life. He acknowledges the contributions of each of his superiors, but especially Brs. Gerontius McCarthy, Columba Curran, Dominic Elder, and Walter Davenport.

As a brother, John served at Catholic Central in Monroe, Mich.; Reitz Memorial in Evansville, Ind.; Holy Cross in River Grove, Ill.; Bishop David in Louisville, Ky.; and Gibault School in Terre Haute, Ind. John never chose these apostolates—he was sent by his superiors. He quickly points out, "Each placement was correct, though I would never have selected them myself. I guess that the community saw gifts and talents in me that I was not aware of myself, but I was able to discover and develop these gifts and talents through each of these placements. These experiences certainly gave me a greater awareness, confidence, and a positive self-concept. This lesson remains with me today in being less anxious about the future and more confident in facing the unknown."

Pride Rather Than Shame

John's time at Gibault, working with troubled boys, was especially gratifying for him. He recalls that former students would return with their families to visit Gibault—proud of having attended the school even though it was a "correctional home for boys." John believes that this sense of pride, rather than shame, was a tribute to how the brothers treated the boys.

"The brothers I worked with at Gibault were very dedicated. They were 'on' 24 hours a day and had one day off a month. Though many kids were sent by the courts as an alternative to state penal institutions, they were not treated like 'prisoners' by the brothers. Each brother there gave so much of himself in helping the boys."

Today, John works with parishes throughout the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese in raising funds for the Annual

Bishop's Appeal and in other ways. He is grateful for the presence of the brothers' province headquarters and their contributions to the diocese. Some, like Brs. Roy Smith and James Linscott, have worked directly for the diocese or its parishes. Others have ministered at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, St. Joseph High School, or other educational institutions in the diocese. John is especially excited by the Brothers' forward-looking plans to develop their property into *The Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame*.

The Congregation of Holy Cross continues to have a quiet but profound impact through its work and the work of former brothers, like John Barrett, who have taken their training and experience as Brothers of Holy Cross to continue serving God and the church.

—David Hurley



John Barrett, Director of Development for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, consults with his wife and administrative assistant, Diane Barrett.

Person to Person

—A Word from Brother Geenen



Br. William Geenen, CSC
Provincial

This past summer and the early fall have been particularly busy. The highlight of the summer was the traditional gathering of our membership to take a formal look at where we have been and where we are going in the immediate

The gathering, called a "chapter" and held every three years, assessed the status of goals set three years earlier in 1994 in the form of a mandate to the provincial administration. The 1997 chapter participants affirmed the directions set and encouraged the administration to continue to move toward their implementation.

One goal was the development of the Holy Cross Brothers Center property at Notre Dame. An aspect of this, the enlargement and improvement of health care facilities at the Center, has been addressed. In October 1995, ground was broken for an addition and renovations to Dujarie

House, a skilled care unit for the brothers. The work was completed and the dedication held in October 1996, just days before ground was broken for the new assisted living center adjacent to Dujarie House. This unit, with accommodations for sixteen brothers, was dedicated on October 11 as the Helen D. Schubert Villa in honor of the principal donor and her family. By late October, brothers moved into the Schubert Villa.

Refinement continues in designs for the construction of a community residence for brothers to replace Basil Hall at the Center, and plans are nearly completed. Holy Cross College has begun using James Hall, the south wing of the Center, as a student residence hall, and hopes to use Basil Hall, the north wing, to extend its residential program to full capacity.

Holy Cross Village

All these actions are part of the administration's efforts to fulfill the chapter goals and mandates and to establish a broader program of service in *The Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame*. The Village is seen as an interdependent community of individuals associated with Holy Cross who commit themselves to build a neighborhood of residents sensitive to the presence and needs of others, while at the same time enjoying the benefits of the residential, health care and academic atmosphere and facilities on the property.

Beyond the housing for the brothers, there are plans for a

substantial development of residential possibilities for others of whatever background, age, or stage of life. We anticipate that the first phase of this 300-plus unit development will provide some 60 or more housing units on the property and initiate the *neighborhood* element in The Village.

These are exciting times! We can envision the concrete implementation of a dream, the realization of a community of individuals open to one another and to their potential for forming relationships based on the gospel principles of brotherhood and neighborhood.

For this wider goal to be accomplished successfully, we need your help. Beyond the material requirements—advice, funds, planning, organization—we sincerely ask your support in prayer that the project find fulfillment as an extension of the active ministry of the Brothers of Holy Cross. We have seen the results of prayer before and know we are not repeating clichés in asking for your intercession. Please join with us in some way, especially in focusing our future through the lens of a strong spiritual intent and fraternal outreach. Let me know how you think you can help—prayer, suggestions, whatever. I invite you to contact me at my personal phone number (219) 239-8310, by fax at (219) 289-0487, or by e-mail: wgeenen@hcc-nd.edu. I look forward to hearing from you.

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