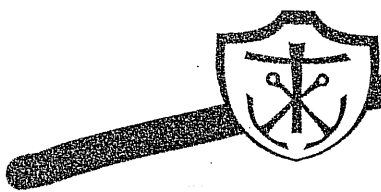


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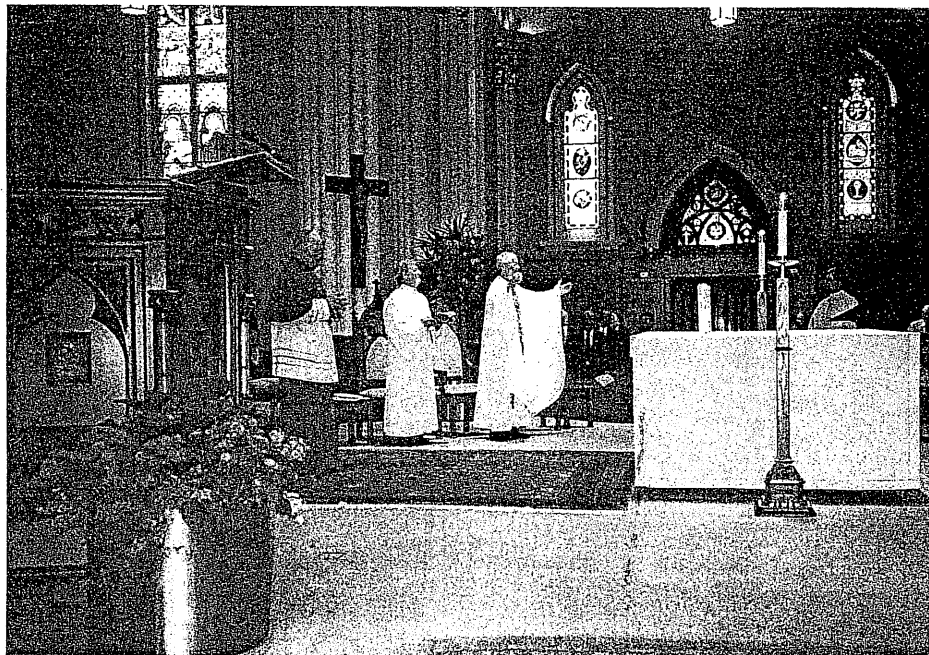
Jubilees Note Commitment, Service

Ever since ancient Hebrew times, "Jubilees" have been celebrated as special times. According to the account in Leviticus, a jubilee was to be held every fifty years to celebrate God's gifts to his people. In the year 1300, Pope Boniface VIII decreed that a jubilee or "holy year" was to be held every 25 years. During these jubilees, special blessings were bestowed on the Church and on those who celebrated with the Church by pilgrimages and special prayers and devotions. The millennial year of 2000 will be a jubilee occasion for the entire Church, and the planning and preparation for that celebration have been given a great deal of publicity.

For 21 members of the Midwest Province and two members of the Eastern Brothers' Province (EB), 1999 is a year of jubilee to celebrate and commemorate their years of commitment, profession, and service. Br. Paul Schwoyer (EB) marks seventy-five years as a brother in 1999. Brs. Brian Lyon, Lucidus Millenbach, Maurus O'Malley (EB), Maynard Rabioux, and Marius Wittner are celebrating sixty years of profession.

Youngsters are celebrating fifty and forty years. Golden jubilarians are Brs. Stephen Carter, Joseph Dudek, William Geenen, Leo Geiger, Richard Huber, Leo Kowalski, John Kuhn, Robert Mosher, and Harold Ruplinger. Brs. Thomas Balthazor, Robert Fillmore, Vincent Gross, Kenneth Kane, Paul Kelly, Robert Lavelle, Thomas O'Malley, and Carl Sternberg are noting fortieth anniversaries of profession.

A Mass of thanksgiving was celebrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame on Saturday, June 19, and from there those attending continued the celebration with a dinner at the Notre



Fr. Hugh Cleary (r.), superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, welcomes all to the jubilee Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame on June 19th. Also shown are Bishop Joseph Crowley, retired auxiliary bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Br. Joseph Fox, master of ceremonies.

Dame North Dining Hall. Father Hugh Cleary, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, presided at the liturgy.

We are certainly grateful to

God for the time that these brothers have spent with us, and we join our prayers with theirs in thanksgiving for their vocations. We are also grateful to their families who

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Seventy-five and sixty year jubilarians: Br. Paul Schwoyer (seated), 75 years; (l. to r.) Fr. Hugh Cleary; Br. Maurus O'Malley, Br. Marius Wittner, Br. Maynard Rabioux, and Br. Brian Lyon, 60 years

have supported these religious in their vocations. We pray for and congratulate the many other priests, brothers, and sisters of Holy Cross who are celebrating jubilees this year.

60 Years

Joseph Lyon entered St. Joseph Novitiate at Rolling Prairie, Ind., from Holy Cross, Ky., taking the religious name, **Br. Brian**. All but sixteen of his sixty years of profession were spent in Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan), where he taught and served as administrator of several schools in Bangladesh and India. His work in building several schools is now bearing fruit, evidenced by the firm establishment of Holy Cross in the area and many vocations to the community.

One of Br. Brian's happiest memories is of his 17-year term as assistant principal of St. Joseph's School of Industrial Trades. The school specializes in taking poor boys from the entire country, who had no previous experience with tools, machinery, or electricity, and training them as machinists, welders, carpenters, or electricians.

A modest man, Brother Brian is often reluctant to take credit for his many good works both there and in his current life at Columba Hall. And even after all those years in Bangladesh, one can still listen to him and hear that wonderful Kentucky accent.

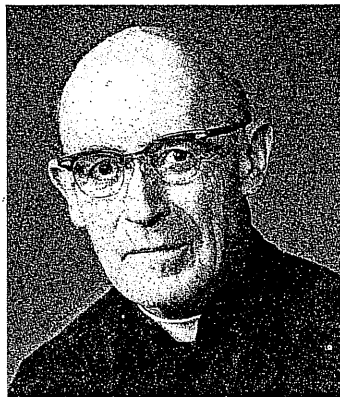


Br. Brian (Joseph) Lyon

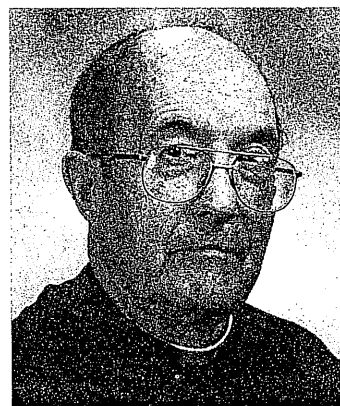


Br. Lucidus (James) Millenbach was 27 when he entered the novitiate at the same time as Brother Brian. Their careers differed widely. While Brother Brian spent 44 years in Bangladesh, Brother Lucidus spent 52 years in the Notre Dame/South

Bend area. He spent a few years in maintenance at the generalate, but most of his career has been in health care at the community infirmaries, Holy Cross House and Dujarie House at Notre Dame. In 1994, infirmity caused the nurse to become the patient, and Brother Lucidus retired first at Holy Cross House and is now a resident at Dujarie House.



Br. Lucidus (James) Millenbach

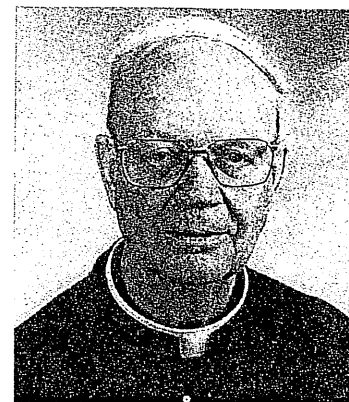


Br. Marius (John) Wittner

Br. Marius (John) Wittner taught biology at schools in Indianapolis, South Bend, and Terre Haute, Ind.; Austin, Tex.; Akron, O.; and Monroe, Mich. Always the gentleman, Brother Marius is best remembered as being a very caring and creative teacher who insisted that each boy produce the best work that he could.



Br. Maynard (Raymond) Rabidou's life has been spent with the "books" in treasurer's offices at Notre Dame and Terre Haute, Ind.; Gates Mills, O.; and Monroe, Mich. Br. Maynard is an avid reader and conversationalist,

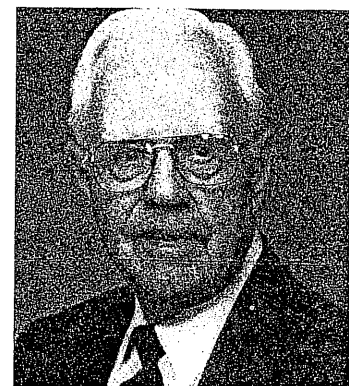


Br. Maynard (Raymond) Rabidou

keeping up with the latest news in the area of theology and spirituality.

In reflecting on his sixty years, Br. Maynard said, "Like all religious orders, the Congregation of Holy Cross provides means for the sanctification of its members. I pray that I have used these means faithfully, including the daily tasks entrusted to my care."

Anyone who has been around for fewer than 25 years probably believes that Brothers Marius and Maynard have always been together. For many of us, it's hard to think of one without the other. They entered the novitiate the same day, professed first vows on the same day, and since 1974 have lived together in community in Monroe, Mich., and River Grove, Ill. And to top this off, they will both be joining the Columba Hall community this fall.



Br. Maurus (Thomas) O'Malley

Br. Maurus (Thomas) O'Malley's life has, in a large part, been spent in helping young men discern their commitments and dedication as Brothers of Holy Cross. A Pittsburgh native, he has

75 Years

Easterner, **Br. Paul (Francis) Schwoyer** was professed before most of the readers of this publication were born. He pronounced first vows at Notre Dame in 1924. He taught Latin and was a band director for almost forty years in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, Ind.; Taunton, Mass.; Austin, Tex.; Lakewood, O.; Flushing and Rochester, N.Y.; and Warwick, R.I. Eighteen more years of teaching plus six years of grounds work at Notre Dame International School in Rome rounded out his career, and he then moved to Valatie, N.Y., to "retire."

Br. Paul remained physically active into his late 80's when an accident while working resulted in limiting his mobility. He remains intellectually and spiritually active at Dujarie House, where his smile and interest in many things are sources of inspiration to all who meet him. One of his former students who visits occasionally is retired Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Crowley of Fort Wayne-South Bend. An earlier issue of *Brothers* ran an article on Bishop Crowley in which special mention was made of Br. Paul.



Br. Paul (Francis) Schwoyer

been a teacher, counselor and administrator in several schools; eighteen years were spent in vocations and formation work, including six years as Master of Novices for the Eastern Province.

Br. Maurus is grateful for the happy combination of prayer and work that he has found in Holy Cross. One thing he cherishes most is "the loyalty and dedication on the part of the parents, students and lay-folk connected with the ministries of the Brothers and the Congregation of Holy Cross." Since 1995, Br. Maurus has been residing at Columba Hall at Notre Dame.

50 Years

Leading the fifty-year group is Midwest Provincial, **Br. William Geenen**. A native of Appleton, Wis., he entered the novitiate on February 1, 1948 and was professed one year later. He began his career as a high school teacher in Lakewood, O.; Austin, Tex.; and then in 1953 in Gates Mills, O. At Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, he taught English, was principal for twelve years, and was director of admissions. As reported in an earlier issue, it was while doing admissions recruiting for Gilmour that he became deeply aware of the needs of older men and women for opportunities to socialize and meet friends in a secure, dignified setting. This idea developed into the foundation of the Senior Friendship Centers in Sarasota, Florida. He worked to develop these centers for 21 years before being elected provincial in 1994. (Br. William's reflections on his ministry appear in his own regular column in this issue.)



Br. William Geenen

During his active life as a maintenance man in Indiana, Wisconsin, Texas, and California, **Br. Stephen Carter** also developed his skills as an artist by producing beautiful water colors. In retirement in Sherman Oaks, Cal., Br. Stephen continues his artistic pursuits. In his own words, he has spent his life "behind the scenes," but always tried to be there when needed or asked. (see photo on next page.)



A native of Harvey, Illinois, **Br. Joseph Dudek** had served in the military before entering Holy Cross. He taught physics and drafting in Chicago and River Grove, Ill.; Gates Mills, O.; and Monroe, Mich. Upon "retiring" in 1988, he continued to live at Holy Cross High School in River Grove. Since he left teaching, he has volunteered in a parish grade school and has taken an interest in coupon collection and redemption, saving the house at River Grove up to \$500 per month.



Br. Joseph Dudek



Br. Stephen Carter

Except for two years of teaching in Terre Haute, Ind., **Br. Leo Geiger** has spent the remainder of his religious life at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, O. He taught there for 39 years and has lived there in retirement since 1991.

Br. Leo had spent two years in the Army Air Corps and was a professional carpenter when he entered the novitiate. These skills were put to immediate use. Br. Leo's "handyman" skills naturally led him to teach industrial arts at St. Ed's. His shop was always alive and disciplined and many members of the generations of young men to whom he taught the practical arts have expressed their gratitude to him. He remains in Lakewood where he helps with maintenance as needed and develops his hobby of constructing metal floral arrangements. He also participates in prayer groups, Bible study, and takes communion to the sick in a nursing home.



Br. Leo Geiger



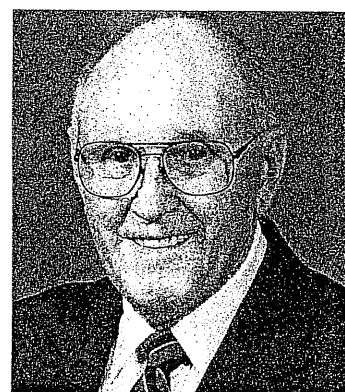
Born into a farm family in Marion, O., **Br. Richard Huber** has continued the family tradition over the years at Silver Lake Farm in Rolling Prairie and at St. Joseph Farm in Granger, Ind. A life-threatening fall at St. Joseph Farm in 1992 forced Br. Richard's move to Dujarie House, then to the Brothers' Center, back to St. Joseph Farm for two years, and then to Columba Hall, where he now resides and serves on the staff. He also continues a long-time CSC tradition by making rosaries and encouraging others to pray the rosary.



Br. Richard Huber

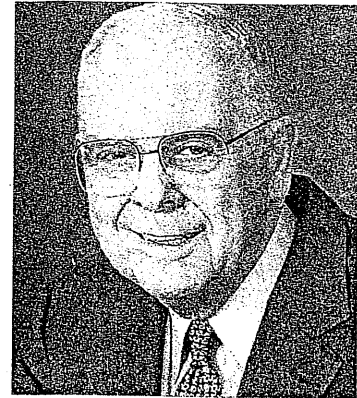


Br. Leo Kowalski had his college education before entering, so when he was first professed in 1949, he began teaching immediately. Except for one year on the college level and five years on the high school level, Br. Leo has been involved in elementary education at LeMans Academy, Rolling Prairie, Ind., and its predecessor, Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown, Wis. A man who appreciates good music and communing with nature, he continues to reside at LeMans Academy.



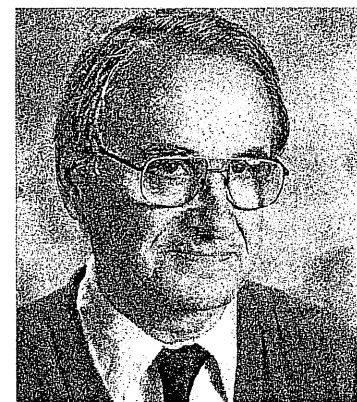
Br. Leo Kowalski





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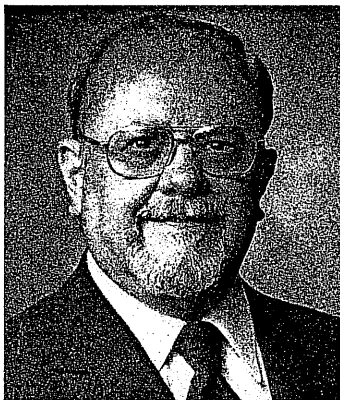
Br. John Kuhn's varied experiences as English teacher, art teacher, and counselor have taken him to Lakewood and Gates Mills, O.; Long Beach, Cal.; Chicago, Ill.; Louisville, Ky.; and Evansville, Ind. In Evansville he was principal of his alma mater, Reitz Memorial High School. He also held several positions at Notre Dame including serving on the faculty at Holy Cross College, and the director of the Solitude of St. Joseph. In 1992 he became the province archivist. A photographer, artist, and sometimes author, Br. John continues to be very active in ministry and reads widely. One would think that an archivist would be interested only in the "old" stuff, but Br. John possesses an intellectual curiosity which makes many things "new." He particularly enjoys the classes he works with at the Forever Learning Institute in South Bend. He lives at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.



Br. Robert Mosher

Chicagoan Br. Robert Mosher began his ministry at St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee, Wis., and for many years taught elementary school in Brooklyn and Bronx, N.Y., and at Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown, Wis. A year in Monroe, Mich., was followed by nineteen years at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago. He taught English at the high school level before returning to elementary school teaching, this time at Good Shepherd School in Garland, Texas, where he still enjoys the classroom and his students.

Br. Robert reflects, "In my experience, the observance of the three vows of obedience, poverty, and celibacy and the carrying out of the apostolic ministry of teaching in Holy Cross have been complementary...my desire and any consequent effort has always had the same motivation: commitment to religious life and to service in Holy Cross."



Br. Harold Ruplinger

Br. Harold Ruplinger, currently a member of the faculty of Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, at first taught English and history at schools in Lakewood and Akron, O.; Indianapolis and South Bend, Ind.; and River Grove, Ill. Over the years he became quite skilled as an artist, took professional studies in art, and now has taught art at the college for fifteen years.

At the age of 52, when many begin contemplating retirement, Br. Harold accepted the challenge of a new ministry in Alaska as part of a

team of youth ministers in the diocese of Anchorage. He served there for three years, then returned to Notre Dame where he was editor of a predecessor of this publication for two years before returning to his first love: teaching.

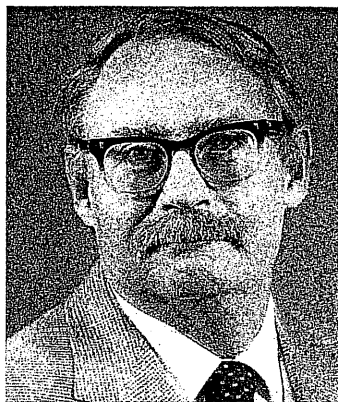
In addition to his regular duties, he also volunteers to teach a class at the Forever Learning Institute in South Bend. He says, "Spending most of my religious life in the classroom has motivated me to teach others as others had taught me through their examples. My goal has been to become an instrument of God's peace and love in this life by doing good while I can."

Br. Harold resides at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

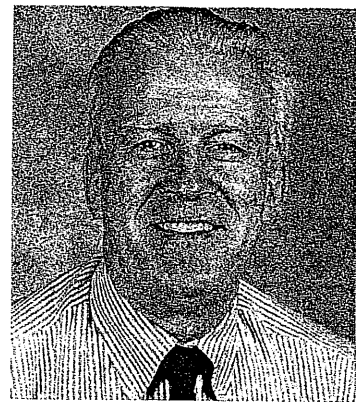


40 Years

A man of many talents, interests, and responsibilities, Br. Thomas Balthazor has been a cook, teacher, community center director, principal, political consultant, financial officer, and clinical social worker. Much of his career has been in child care work in Terre Haute and South Bend, Ind., and, in 1993, with four other brothers, he was instrumental in establishing Holy Cross Counseling Group in South Bend, where he continues to be involved.



Br. Thomas Balthazor

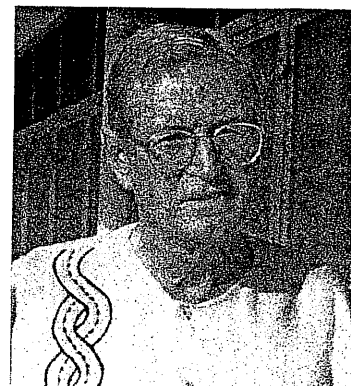


Br. Robert Fillmore

Br. Robert Fillmore, a native of Barberton, O., has been involved in religious education for most of his religious life. He taught English at Boysville of Michigan, and then served the province as Vocations Director for seven years. Since 1977, Br. Robert has worked in Chicago area schools, including four years for the Archdiocese of Chicago. For the last ten years, he has taught religion at Holy Trinity High School and from 1991-1997 served on the provincial council. Reflecting on his forty years, Br. Robert says, "I have truly been blessed over these years in following my dream of serving youth and being supported by a community of faith-filled men."



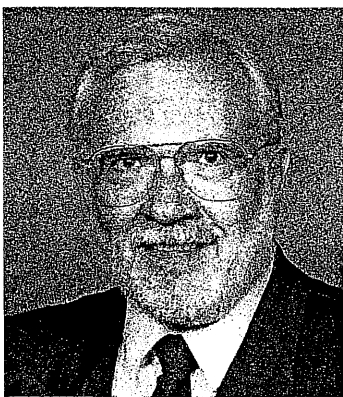
Br. Vincent Gross has spent 33 of his forty years in Ghana and Liberia. His U.S. record includes two short stints at Akron, O., and River Grove, Ill. In Ghana, he has done maintenance work, has been district steward, and is currently



Br. Vincent Gross

the house administrator of the Institute of Continuing Formation Center in Cape Coast.

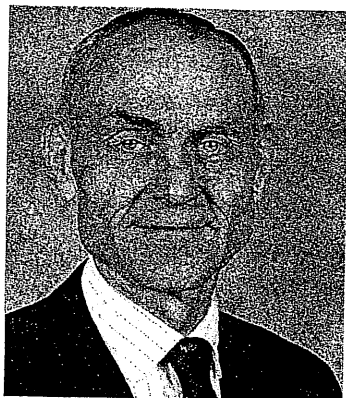
The jobs he has undertaken are numerous. In a homily on the occasion of the Ghanaian celebration of Br. Vincent's jubilee, Br. Joseph Tsiquaye said: "The talents of 'Uncle Vince' (Ghanaian term of respect for another person) know no bounds. He was a spare school bus driver...an able mechanic. Uncle Vincent can play, too. He's a skin diver, fisherman, card player, and a keen competitor in chess."



Br. Kenneth Kane

It seems that 1958 was the year for men from the Buckeye State (and most of them from St. Edward High School in Lakewood) to enter Holy Cross.

Br. Kenneth Kane has spent most of his career in his home state at the three schools—Akron Hoban, St. Edward, and Gilmour. His six year absence from Ohio was spent at Catholic Central High School in Monroe, Mich. He has taught dramatics, instrumental and vocal music, math, chemistry, and physics. Br. Kenneth currently teaches physics and advanced placement physics at Gilmour Academy, where he is chairman of the science department. He says that he is blessed with family and Holy Cross confreres at Gilmour and in the Cleveland area, "who know enough about me to keep me humble, at least occasionally."



Br. Paul Kelly

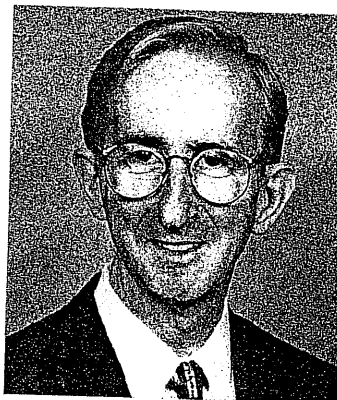
The talents of Br. Paul Kelly have been utilized in many places in the Midwest Province. Br. Paul is very proud of being a Hoosier and will make sure that you know he is from McCordsville, Ind. Most of his work has been in the treasurer's offices at province institutions. He also has been provincial secretary and assistant provincial. Currently serving as community director at River Grove, Ill., and treasurer at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, Br. Paul plans a fall return to Indiana at LeMans Academy in Rolling Prairie. Rolling Prairie won't be the best spot for Br. Paul to pursue his love of mountain climbing, but he does have a trip to Wyoming planned for the summer of 2000. For those who don't know him, Br. Paul is a very lean man. One would not look at him and surmise that he is one of the best cooks around, specializing in pastries. We benefit and grow fat. Br. Paul remains thin.



Two short years on the faculty of Sacred Heart Military Academy, Watertown, Wis., and it was back to Ohio for native, Br. Robert Lavelle. From 1965 to 1975 he taught and worked as a counselor at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. Br. Robert encouraged Hoban students to get involved in community service, and through his coordination, hundreds of Hoban students became involved

in the Buddy Program with the nearby Akron Public School's Robinson School.

In 1976, Br. Robert moved to Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills where he has remained ever since, serving in a variety of positions, including that of headmaster for the past nineteen years. Br. Robert also was a member of the provincial council for nine years. In reflecting on his vowed life, Br. Robert states, "All of us are called



Br. Robert Lavelle

to follow Christ. 'Where' we are to follow Him is discovered and shaped on a daily basis through the call of faith in God, in the gospel message, and willingness to be engaged in giving of ourselves."



Br. Thomas O'Malley

Another Ohioan, Br. Thomas O'Malley, has had a varied career as teacher and administrator at schools in Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. For six years he worked at the University of Notre Dame as a hall rector. He expresses a gratitude to God for the friendships

he has made in the educational and pastoral ministries in which he served and for the fellowship and support of other Holy Cross religious. He currently resides at Gilmour Academy.



Having spent several years as a teacher of French, English, and religious studies in Indianapolis, Ind.; Watertown, Wis., and Akron, O., Br. Carl Sternberg returned to his hometown of Louisville and became deeply involved in the religious education program at Holy Rosary High School and on the diocesan level as the diocesan youth consultant. After a renewal program and some time on the staff of the Solitude of Saint Joseph at Notre Dame, he headed west to California where he has lived since 1987. Here, he was active in founding a chapter of the Holy Cross Associates which became the model for the associates program of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Br. Carl's work in California was recently written up in the *National Catholic Reporter*. He lives at the Newman Center at Palm Desert with Fr. Ned Reidy, CSC, and acts as director of the spiritual life ministries of the center. He also is a pastoral counselor at the Betty Ford Center, and serves as an adjunct in the Loyola University LIMEX (ministry) program.

Br. Carl reflects that his forty years as community member, teacher, youth minister, and spiritual director are all an expansion of God's call to brotherhood. "I have found my brotherhood to be a door through which many have felt welcomed to enter."



Regional Events Reunite Brothers and Former Students

Over the past several months, the Brothers of Holy Cross have attended receptions hosted by former students of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Ind. Over 120 former students, friends, and family members of the brothers attended these two events, which were primarily opportunities for reminiscing and renewing old ties. The Indianapolis event was held at the University Club—just blocks from the old downtown Cathedral High

School. It was attended by Brs. Roy Smith, Douglas Roach, William Geenen, Donald Gibbs, Bernard Donahoe, Raymond Harrington, James Everett, James Sullivan, Charles Drevon, Joseph McTaggart, John May; and Jerome Ziliak, a former brother who taught at Cathedral.

In Evansville, Brs. Eugene Phillipp and John Stout, who still teach at Memorial, were joined by Brs. Isaac Jogues Motz, Thomas Corcoran, John Kuhn, James Bluma, James Sullivan, Donald

Martin, Thaddeus Gottemoller, William Geenen, Donald Gibbs, and Edward Dailey. This reception was held in the Reitz Memorial High School cafeteria.

The events were hosted by local committees desiring to help the Brothers reach out to their former students to generate support for the new Brothers Center under construction at Notre Dame. At both events, Br. William Geenen, provincial, and Br. Donald Gibbs, assistant provincial, updated those attending on the current and future

work of the province and on the need for housing and healthcare for aging brothers.

Programs from the events—which list all the brothers who have taught at the respective schools—are available by contacting David Hurley, Director of Development, at (219) 251-2224. Also, contact David if you are interested in learning more about what is happening in Indianapolis/ Evansville, or if you are interested in holding a similar reception in your part of the country.

Partners in Prayer Formed

Many readers have written with requests for prayers for themselves and their families. Prayer intentions are remembered daily in the prayers and good works of the Brothers of Holy Cross. But the concerns expressed about health, loneliness after the loss of a spouse, depression, alcohol and/or drug abuse, or the lack of practice of the faith by members of the family, seemed to present a new opportunity for a one-on-one ministry for brothers to pray for these intentions and to become involved in listening to and personally responding to these concerns.

Our Holy Cross Constitutions state that we are “men with hope to

bring.” As disciples of Jesus, we stand side by side with all people. We share their struggles and burdens, and their need awakens in us a desire to respond in prayer. As we pray with and for one another, we are all made new by the Lord’s love which is present and active in our lives.

In response to the call to stand in solidarity with others in their need, a number of brothers have accepted an invitation to become “Partners in Prayer” with friends and benefactors of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Several brothers who have volunteered are retired or semi-retired and see this as a viable way to carry on their ministry to

others. Brothers in active ministry are also interested in this program. As a part of their personal ministry, all of these brothers will reach out on a one-on-one basis in prayer for benefactors, former members, friends, and family members who have shared their requests and concerns. Those who have requested prayers will be informed of the name of the brother who will serve as their “Partner in Prayer.” Where mutually agreeable, partners will also be available for personal contact through letters and other means of communication.

Another feature of this ministry is a special chapel book that will be kept at the chapels of Columba

Hall and Dujarie House. Prayer requests will be recorded in these books and brothers entering the chapel will be invited to take these requests with them as they go in for community prayer and personal time in God’s presence. These prayer requests will also be remembered in the daily community Masses offered in these chapels.

Br. Edward Dailey, a member of the development office staff, will coordinate the Partners in Prayer program. Persons wishing to become a part of this ministry may indicate their interest or requests for prayers on the envelope included with this publication.

Vocation: A Way of Being

Each year, as our brothers celebrate benchmark anniversaries of their first profession of vows, I take some special time to pray for them; to thank God for them; to thank them for their treasured fraternity in community and ministry; and with them, renew my vows of poverty, celibacy, and obedience. Too, it has always been for me a time to reflect upon the meaning of those vows, and the significance of our vocation as Brothers of Holy Cross.

So it is that I offer gratitude to God for the jubilarians featured in this issue. I am both honored and humbled to share in the life and work of Holy Cross with them. And so it was that I, with them, recommitted myself as they declared: "I stand in the presence of Jesus Christ, the son of God my Lord, in the assembly of his Church, amid the Congregation of Holy Cross, to renew my dedication

and my vows. I believe that I have been called by the Father, and led by the Spirit, to offer my life and my life's work to the service of the Lord for the needs of the Church and the world. Therefore, I renew, before God, forever the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, according to the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross. May the God who allows and invites me to make this commitment, strengthen and protect me to be faithful to it."

In reflection on those vows (my vows), I am often bemused—no longer surprised—at how often I encounter good and sincere people who either imply, or come right out and express, condolences and/or mystification at my response to God's call to a vowed life as a religious brother. The implication is that somehow I must be suffering because of the "restrictions" of my vows.

It takes some time, and often without much success I fear, to explain that I do not find my vows a burden any more than my happily married brothers and sisters find their wedding vows a burden. Indeed, I find my vows an avenue of freedom for living out my vocation—the way of life to which I have been called, a way of life in which I find great joy—as brother in Jesus, the Christ, in the Congregation of Holy Cross. My vows (our vows) are not shackles. Nor are they a way of life. Rather, the vows we profess are significant and helpful signposts for more fully embracing our commitment to live as best we can as our brother Jesus calls us.

I do not want to be misunderstood as saying that the vows are unimportant. I believe them to be sacred. Our vows are a public expression of our firm resolve to

love and serve the Lord and God's people in fraternity as Brothers of Holy Cross. While not our vocation, our vows, faithfully observed, are a means for living a way of life which is our vocation.

It is in this way of life, this vocation, that I rejoice in sharing with the jubilarians and all my brothers and sisters (vowed and associate members) our vocation in Holy Cross.

—Br. John Tryon, CSC

(Editor's Note: Br. John Tryon, vocation director and facilitator for the Midwest Province's Holy Cross Associates, recently moved his residence and office to the East Annex of Columba Hall at Notre Dame. He can be contacted at: P.O. Box 926, Notre Dame, IN 46556; (219)631-5877; or jtryon@hcc-nd.edu)

Leaving a Legacy

The Brothers celebrating their jubilees have made a lasting impact in the places they have served and on the people they have touched. They have left a legacy by using their gifts and talents for service. We all leave some kind of legacy which is the fruit of our life's work. Planned gifts provide a way of leaving the kind of legacy that expresses our values and reflects what is meaningful in our lives.

So what exactly is planned giving and why is there so much talk about it these days? Very simply, it is the process of planning gifts in light of donor needs and objectives and existing tax laws in order to maximize the benefit to both donor and the charitable institution. Bequests are the most common form of planned gifts, but there are other forms that can benefit a donor through increased tax

deductions, secure life income, and avoidance of capital gains taxes. For example, gifts of appreciated securities offer a tremendous way to seize upon gains in the market to maximize both tax benefits and charitable impact.

Of course, the most important aspect of "planned giving" is the "giving" part. We celebrate the jubilarians for what they have given. As their testimonies indicate, they cele-

brate the blessings they have received. As the Body of Christ, we are all called to share our gifts. Planned giving may offer innovative and creative ways to share our gifts and assure that the legacy we leave reflects what is really important to us.

If you would like to know more about planned giving, please indicate this on the response envelope, or contact David J. Hurley, Director of Development, (219) 251-2224.

Village Information Center Operating

The Information Center at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame occupies one of the three-bedroom units in the East Village. Personnel are on hand weekdays from 8 A.M. until 5 P.M. (and by appointment on weekends) to provide information, meet with prospective residents, and familiarize them with the particulars about becoming a resident in Holy Cross Village.

Two brothers, Br. James Newberry and Br. Donald Martin, serve as counselors for persons interested in receiving more information about the units and membership details.

Br. James Newberry, a former

teacher, administrator, missionary, and community superior, was attracted to the concept and mission statement of Holy Cross Village and volunteered to serve as a counselor. In meeting with prospective residents, Br. James has heard evidence of the very strong influence the Brothers of Holy Cross have had on alumni and parents, and the contribution the brothers have made over the years to South Bend and the educational communities of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross College.

Br. Donald Martin recently completed a 45-year career of teaching. For many years Br. Donald also

spent the summers at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, serving as a tour guide for pilgrims. He sees his service at Holy Cross Village as an extension of the Holy Cross concept of hospitality and neighborliness. "I am awed by the openness and great trust that prospective residents have for the brothers. It is obvious that people are seeking a home where they can interact with the brothers, and where neighborliness, community, and service are primary values of all the residents."

A videotape about living at Holy Cross Village was prepared recently and open houses were held for administrators of Notre

Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross College. In addition, each of the alumni/ae publications of these three institutions has had articles about the Village and there has been a very good response from people who are interested in relocating to this stimulating educational environment.

The first duplex and fourplex units in the East Village are now under construction and should be ready for occupancy by the end of the year.

The Information Center can be reached by calling (219) 251-3250 or e-mail at holy.cross.village@hcc-nd.edu.

Village Construction Continues

Construction progress has been steady throughout the last several months at Holy Cross Village. The 26-unit apartment building was completed in early March, and 23 of the apartments are currently occupied. This month, contractors will complete a new boulevard entrance from SR 933N (formerly 31N) which will properly identify the three entities on

the property—Brothers of Holy Cross, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, and Holy Cross College.

Infrastructure work on the section called the East Village has provided roads, lighting, and utility easements for the single family, duplex, and fourplex units which are beginning to be built in this section. These units

will surround a one-acre pond that is designed for both aesthetic and practical reasons. The north end of the pond will include a small waterfall and a gazebo.

As Holy Cross Village continues to grow, there is need for additional space for administration and services offered at the Village. The building formerly known as the Provincial House

will be renovated to become the Administrative Center of the Brothers of Holy Cross and Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. This renovation will centralize the offices of the Brothers of Holy Cross administration, business offices, development offices, Holy Cross Village administration, planning office, and facilities and services management.

Chapel Community Forms Friends of the Holy Cross Brothers

About a year ago, interested persons who form part of the community of worshipers at the 10 o'clock Sunday Mass in St. Joseph Chapel at the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame decided to give formal expression to their interest in helping their hosts, the brothers.

Taking the initiative, Pat and Rusty McBride, along with Fr. Kenneth Grabner, CSC, celebrant at the Mass, and David Hurley, Director of Development for the Midwest Province, formed a group calling itself Friends of the Holy Cross Brothers, stating as their purpose: "The Friends of the Holy

Cross Brothers support the Brothers of Holy Cross by sharing, through prayer and action, in the spiritual life and ministries of the brothers, and by providing resources to help further their work. We educate the public about the brothers and foster interaction with them to build community and encourage religious vocations."

Among early activities, the group scheduled a brunch in the dining room of Holy Cross College on the fourth Sunday of each month, followed by a brief presentation by Fr. Grabner or by one of

the brothers. During Lent, a team of brothers gave a six-week series on forms of prayer, well attended each Wednesday night in the chapel of Dujarie House, the brothers's skilled care facility.

This spring the Friends announced and launched a campaign to raise funds for necessary chapel renovation and improvements. In addition to their Sunday offerings, for some time this community has also had special collections for the Hogar Santa Cruz orphanage in Santiago, Chile, and the Basic Skills Training Program

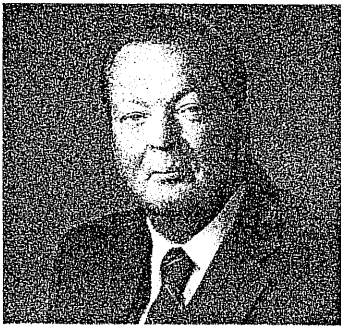
for underprivileged youth in Ghana, West Africa, both apostolates of the brothers.

The Friends' executive committee meets regularly to monitor programs and to discuss how both members and the brothers themselves can help one another by sharing their talents and interests. A recent survey solicited responses useful in planning ways the brothers could best be of service in reciprocating the group's generous involvement.

—Br. Philip Armstrong, CSC

In Remembrance

Br. James Caley, 60, died at Schubert Villa on April 6th. Br. James had an extensive career as a child care worker, social worker, a school counselor, a marriage and family counselor, and a missionary in Bangladesh. Most recently Br. James had served as a highly effective freshman counselor at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, O. Even though he was confined to a wheelchair for several years and had various health



Br. James Caley (1938 - 1999)

complications, he was determined to continue his work with counseling students, and at the time of his death he was hoping to return to Hoban to continue this ministry.

In his eulogy, Br. Ken Haders, president of Archbishop Hoban High School, shared the passion that Jim had for his family, his community, the Irish people, and kids and their families. "He was able to connect with young people, and with their families. I found him to be almost charismatic in his ability to make a difference in the lives of young people... Everyone knew how much Jim cared, and they responded to his genuine affection with genuine affection of their own."

Br. Ralph Baird, 60, died at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind., on May 12th of complications related to a 1997 heart transplant. Br. Ralph spent a total of 31 years teaching and administering in Holy Cross schools in Dhaka, Bangladesh. In 1996 he returned to the U.S. for treatment of a severely damaged heart and eventually learned that a transplant was the only option available. To prepare for the heart transplant, he had to spend several months at the Lutheran Hospital. While preparing for the transplant and after the operation, his habitual demonstration of faith, optimism, and good humor in very difficult times resulted in his being sought out by other heart patients, their families, and the staff.



Br. Ralph Baird (1938 - 1999)

During the time he lived at Notre Dame after his transplant, Br. Ralph used his computer skills and knowledge of the Bangladesh missions by assisting in the province archives.

A graduate of a Holy Cross school, Boysville of Michigan, Br. Ralph taught math and science in several schools in the United States before going to Bangladesh: St. Edward High School, Lakewood, O.; Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, O.; Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Ill.; and St. Charles Boys Home, Milwaukee, Wis.

In the eulogy for Br. Ralph, Br. James Newberry included a quotation from a book by Sr. Joyce Rupp that Ralph had been reading: "The love we have known in the life of someone who dies can be carried on in our life... It is this love that makes our difficult farewells enduring and our grief consolable." Surely this would be Ralph's wish and command to us—that we carry on in our lives the love which he exemplified in his life."

Br. Richard Weber, 62, died of pancreatic cancer on June 9th. Following the diagnosis in January, Br. Richard fought his disease courageously, yet with a spirit of detached trust in God, remaining positive and upbeat with a demeanor unflinchingly cheerful.

In 1965 when the Holy Cross Brothers Center and Holy Cross College were being built, Br. Richard was assigned to supervise the construction. He remained as the supervisor of maintenance at the Brothers Center and later Holy Cross Village until the time of his death, a total of 34 years. His knowledge of the intricacies of construction, changes and upgrades that had been made on the property over the years, and the precise location of utilities were invaluable resources. His talent in making complicated things simple, and his consistent reaching out to help oth-

ers in need were endearing qualities recognized by all whose lives were touched by him.

In addition to maintaining all of the buildings, Br. Richard found time for several hobbies in which he displayed his artistic genius and problem-solving ability. He loved to work with wood. He built several grandfather clocks using lumber sawn from trees which were cut down on the property.

Another interest was designing and building custom wheelchairs and other furniture for the special needs of mentally and physically challenged youths. He also enjoyed the exhilaration and adventure of flying an ultra-light airplane that he had made out of wood.

In his eulogy, Br. Philip Armstrong said: "God and we know what your availability, creativity, ingenuity, perseverance, patience, love and concern for your brothers in Holy Cross has meant over the years. You have shown us how to develop our talents, whatever our academic backgrounds, and not to limit our generosity to what others might expect of us, but to go constantly beyond even our own expectations, searching for yet greater challenges to conquer."



Br. Richard Weber (1936-1999)

The Holy Cross Charism in Evansville

Touched by Holy Cross

Many individuals in Evansville, Ind., have been touched by the Brothers of Holy Cross as teachers, friends, and family members. The Brothers have been in Evansville for 80 years and have taught several generations of students at Reitz Memorial High School. **Greg Kempf, Wayne Henning, and Randy Miller** are just three men among the many students who have been influenced by the Brothers. Excelling in their professional careers, they are devoted to

builder, he has shared generously his prosperity and talents by providing leadership in the Evansville diocesan campaign for Catholic secondary education and in supporting St. Meinrad Seminary. Greg grew up on a dairy farm, and even today he remains a farm boy at heart—he still works on his farm to relax. Greg and his wife, Edwina, raised nine children, a time which Greg remembers as the “happiest years in my life,” and he now gets plenty of enjoyment from his 24 grandchildren.



Three Memorial graduates (l. to r.): Randy Miller, Wayne Henning, and Greg Kempf, at a recent luncheon meeting to discuss ways to help support the Brothers of Holy Cross.

the Church and committed to serving their community and making it a better place.

Greg Kempf received no formal education after graduating from Memorial High in 1943. He credits the Benedictine Sisters and Holy Cross Brothers with instilling in him a devotion to the Church, while his experiences in World War II helped him deepen his faith. A successful

One of Greg's classmates at Memorial was Br. Thomas Henning, now living at the Schubert Villa, the Holy Cross Brothers' assisted living facility at Notre Dame. Br. Thomas' younger brother, **Wayne Henning**, is the executive vice president at Old National Bank in Evansville. In his role at the bank and as a private citizen, Wayne is renowned for his

involvement with local charities and, according to one person, he “does more work behind the scenes than many do in a lifetime.” He graduated from Memorial in 1959 and played on the school's legendary state champion football team. He and his wife, Jewell, have two sons, both of whom attended Memorial. Wayne's time with the brothers extended beyond Memorial to his years at St. Edward's University in Austin, Tex.

Another graduate of Memorial and St. Edward's University, **Randy Miller**, was so influenced by the brothers that, after graduating from Memorial in 1960, he joined the brothers. Randy went through formation at the juniorate in Watertown, Wis., and the novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Ind. He then served at St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee, which he has described as an important and powerful experience in his life. Though Randy never made perpetual vows and left the community in 1965, the influence of the brothers on his life continues. Randy is now president of Southwestern Communications and has continued his commitment to service through work with the Benedictine Nuns at Ferdinand, Ind. He is also president of the diocesan board of Catholic Charities and he helps in his community in various other ways. Randy has been married to his wife Carol for over 30 years and has two children.

These three men are all men of action and insight. Together they live out the Holy Cross charism that “disciples must have the competence to see and the courage to act.”

—David Hurley

(Brothers interviewed Br. William Geenen and asked him to reflect on his 50 years of religious profession. Already into his usual work day routine, we caught up with him at 6:55 a.m.)



Br. William Geenen, CSC, Provincial

Brothers: As you celebrate your 50th anniversary, reflect for us on your three principal ministries in Holy Cross—Gilmour Academy, the Senior Friendship Centers, and Provincial, including the Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, and especially your leadership role in each.

Br. William: As I reflect on these fifty years in Holy Cross, I am reminded that what brings us to certain circumstances in life is often unplanned, almost accidental, certainly providential. I know those of us celebrating cannot look back and say we had a direct hand in everything that happened to us. In any case, it is not what we do, but how we do it that counts. In whatever way we

Person To Person

—A Word from Brother Geenen

arrive there, we come as individuals to our various tasks, with different perceptions, not so much because of interest or talent, but because of the circumstances that accompany the tasks.

Whether as leaders or not, we respond to these circumstances out of the faith we live. Our vows outline the parameters of that faith within the religious life.

Because of community, our fears for the future are lessened, as little threat is posed by the success or failure of any of our attempts at ministry, presuming we have always contributed our best efforts. We take risks in all we do, but are not dissuaded as long as self-interest is not our motivation.

As for the vows, the textbook definitions and models we learn in formation are one thing, but living those vows perseveringly is entirely another. In trying honestly to respond to our circumstances, we may very well edify others at times, but we have equally the potential to do the opposite.

Brothers: There were several others who took vows with you. How do you see yourself as one among them?

Br. William: There was surely a diversity of backgrounds, personalities, and talents among us when we entered Holy Cross. A few came out of the military into religious life. Many became expert teachers—of art, music, language, history, science, and so forth—or administrators, and others went into farming, industrial arts, and later parish ministry. Our group had an especially strong representation in the fine arts. It was out of our personal life of faith and our fidelity to the call of God that all of us confronted and responded to the circumstances in which we found ourselves. Our training together and living in community prepared us for quite a variety of challenges, and all of us handled them according to our personality and capabilities.

At any given time and place we don't fully appreciate what is happening to us and what influence we may have on others, but looking back in the context of fifty years of vows in Holy Cross, we find there has been some success, some influence for good, and that realization provides repeated opportunities to thank God for the life we have been privileged to live.

Brothers: Do you have a message for us out of your experience?

Br. William: I would advise against being too calculating or manipulative of the future. Remain available to the grace of the moment, unselfishly open to needs, and willing to use your talents and abilities to respond to them. The surprises are many, but never disappointing.

—Br. Philip Armstrong, CSC