



HOLY CROSS BROTHERS

MIDWEST PROVINCE - NOTRE DAME, INDIANA 46556

Volume 18, Number 4

December, 1984

Delegates accept 1985 Chapter plan

+ Although the Provincial Chapter of 1985 does not officially open until June 14, elected delegates, except for those presently serving overseas, met at the Provincial House on Saturday, November 24, to discuss and vote upon the proposed plan for the '85 Chapter sent out to each member last month.

Brother Philip addressed the assembly and pointed out the responsibility the delegates have to the Province to insure its future. He also noted the absence of Brother Kieran Ryan, who, after many years of serving on Chapter committees, died last December 5th.

It was for the assembled delegates then to identify the issues that would be presented and discussed for the day in preparation for forming Chapter Committees. The overall plan for areas of concern and the selection of committees developed to date by the Provincial team were placed before the group. Several alternate plans were considered but the use of four committees covering Mission and Ministry, the Constitutions and Community life, Organization and Administration, and Finance were voted to be the most feasible.



ELECTED CHAPTER DELEGATES IN FIRST SESSION

Season's Greetings

May the Joy and Peace
of Christmas
be with you,
now and through
the coming year.

Brother Philip Armstrong, ecc

HOLY CROSS BROTHERS - MIDWEST PROVINCE

The advantages and disadvantages of an early election of a new Provincial were also discussed. Since a majority favored an early election, work will be started on the proposal immediately. If a time factor does not make an early election possible, the process will be carried out at the regularly scheduled time in June.

Once four committees were formed to cover the areas mentioned above, they met as individual groups to elect members for the Chapter Steering Committee. Two delegates from each group were chosen for the Committee. It is the responsibility of the Steering Committee to take care of the mechanics of the Chapter proceedings.

Brothers Thomas Maddix and Charles Smith were chosen for the Steering Committee on Mission and Ministry, Brs. Donald Gibbs and Francis Englert on Constitutions and Community Life, Brs. Robert Dailey and Robert Lavelle on Organization and Administration, and Brs. Lawrence Skitzki and William Dygert on Finance.

Enter St. Joseph

+ A year ago last spring, Father Ken Gilly, O.C.S.O, a Trappist priest from Conyers, Georgia, was serving as military chaplain at the Fort Richardson Army Post in Anchorage, Alaska. During his term as chaplain, until he was reassigned by the Army a year later, he was well liked and appreciated for his support of the Brothers' Youth Ministry program and religious community in Anchorage, Alaska.

Father Ken, although very busy with the demands of being a post chaplain, did



FATHER KEN GILLY AND ST. JOSEPH SCULPTURE

find some time to put his self-taught artistic ability to work. He created several plaster statues of Trappist monks at work and of St. Peter. He also wanted to do a St. Joseph. That led to the request that he do one for the Brothers' chapel in Anchorage. He did just that.

On March 19, 1983, the Feast of St. Joseph, he called Brother Harold to come to the Army post to see the finished product. Not only was it beautifully done, but it was quite creative in its concept. Father Ken depicted Joseph seated asleep on his carpenter's bench, holding a writ of divorce and a writing tool in his hands. The inscription at the base reads: "Fear not, Joseph." An angel communicated God's messages to Joseph in his sleep, once to tell him to take Mary as his wife and again to flee from the wrath of Herod into Egypt. The concept of the sculpture embraces the scope of the Christmas story.

Father Ken presented the statue in thanksgiving to all the Brothers of Holy Cross. Not only was he educated by the Brothers (Biloxi, Mississippi) but he credits his vocation much to the inspiration of Brother Edward (Hyacinth) Sniatcki and the Brothers at Holy Cross High.

The statue of St. Joseph now graces the chapel of the Brothers' residence on 15th Avenue in Anchorage, Alaska.

MASS OF RESURRECTION CELEBRATED FOR:

Richard Olszowka, nephew of Brother Joseph Walter Olszowka...on November 16.

Roy Motz, brother of Brother Isaac Jogues Motz...on November 16.

The sister of Brother Andrew Sukenik...on November 16.

Marian Kowalik, sister of Brother Joseph Dudek...on November 17.

Dolores Schaefer, sister of Brother Maynard Rabidoux...on November 20.

NOTICE: The National Assembly for Religious (NARB) is looking for a Brother with administrative ability to assume the position of full-time Executive Director. Contact Brother Roy Smith at the Provincial Office by January 3, 1985

+ A brief commemorative ceremony was held on Thursday, November 15, in Room 401 of the Nieuwland Science Hall. At that time, plaques of appreciation were dedicated and displayed, honoring Brother Adalbert and Brother Cosmas for their excellent service to the University of Notre Dame.

Brother Cosmas, aged 91, still resides at the University.

Brother Adalbert Mrowca died on October 2, 1983, after a bicycle accident on the University campus. He had served in the Science Department for many years, even during the last few years of his life when he had been suffering from lung cancer.

Brother Jeffrey Michels represented the Brothers Community at the ceremony.

HOLY CROSS BROTHERS IS PUBLISHED AT
THE HOLY CROSS BROTHERS' CENTER
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA 46556

BRO. HAROLD RUPLINGER, CSC, EDITOR.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY FROM SEPTEMBER TO
MAY. ALL REPORTING AND PHOTOS ARE
DUE THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH PUBLISHED.

Community Expression

A PROFILE

+ If you were to walk into the chapel or gymnasium of Holy Cross High School in River Grove, you'd notice a special artistic expression that is the handiwork of Brother Chester Rachel, director of the school's News Bureau, Public Relations, and Recruiting, as well as being in charge of the bookstore and editor of the alumni newsletter JUST NEWS.

A native of Chicago and a graduate of Holy Trinity High School, Chester entered Holy Cross at Watertown, Wisconsin in June of '53 and went to the novitiate in August of that same year. He made his first profession a year later and pronounced his final vows in August of '57. Since then his assignments took him to Indianapolis, Boysville of Michigan, Gilmour Academy; twice to St. Ed's in Lakewood, Ohio; St. Augustine's College, Cape Coast, Ghana; and twice to Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois, where he is presently engaged in the many tasks mentioned above.

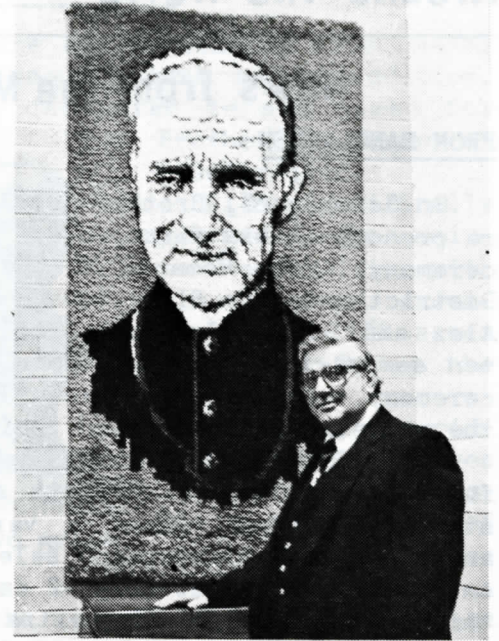
Since he stopped teaching in 1977, he is well pleased in his mini-second career, writing news releases and keeping the alumni files updated in the computer. He is also interested in classical music, especially opera, enjoys solving crossword puzzles, and, for the past seven years, creating rug hooking masterpieces. The interest in rug hooking came while vacationing with relatives in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1977.

From small kit designs, he began experimenting with new color combinations and original designs. "I finally decided that I would like to try an original," he said, "and ended up with a reproduction of the Holy Cross coat-of-arms wall hanging."

Then there were the two 4' by 6' hang-



COMMUNITY SEAL AND ST. JOSEPH



BR. CHESTER'S ANDRE TAPESTRY

ings of the Holy Cross High School seal and the school mascot, the Crusader, as well as a hanging of St. Joseph.

"My idea for the Brother Andre hanging was just a challenge," he continued, "to see whether the medium could produce a recognizable face. Thanks to Br. Harold Ruplinger, who drew the design on the mat for me, it worked. It is by far the most ambitious work that I have undertaken."

The Brother Andre tapestry is approximately 3' by 6'. It contains some 33,000 separate 3 1/2" pieces of yarn. It took about 60 hours to complete.

Chester concluded by saying, "If I can get Harold to do the designs, I would like to make two companion tapestries, one of Father Moreau and one of Father Dujarie, and present them to the Province Center. First I have to hunt for funds that will pay for the matting and the yarn. I would like the two hangings to be at least 4' by 6 or 7'."

Live one day at a time. You can plan for tomorrow and hope for the future, but don't live in it. Live this day well, and tomorrow's strength will come tomorrow.

Around the World

News from the Missions

FROM BANGLADESH

+ On October 26, Brother Leo James Pereira pronounced his first vows. At the same ceremony, Linus Rozario of the Chittagong District made his first vows. Seminarians Alex and Dipok also made their vows and ten seminarians renewed their vows. The ceremony was held at Moreau House where the priests just concluded their chapter.

ST. GREGORY'S: Class X celebrated its farewell on October 26 with a teachers-students football game, a variety show, and a banquet. They began selection tests on November 4, after only 12 days into the third term, due to the extra "holidays" granted by their gracious president.

DISTRICT COUNCIL: (CORRECTION) Last month's issue of HOLY CROSS BROTHERS announced that Brothers John Emminger, Binoy Stephen Gomes, Robi Theodore Purification, Bijoy Harold Rodrigues, and Subal Lawrence Rozario were declared new members of the District Council. Rather, they were declared members for the new Action Committee for the Council.

A committee, made up of Brothers Gerald Kraeger and Daniel Rozario, was set up to form investment policies. Arrangements were discussed for the meeting on Union to be held on December 30 and 31. At that time, it is expected to have Brothers Bijoy and Binoy take final vows and Brother Joachim renew his vows.

ST. JOSEPH, MOHAMMADPUR: Brother John Emminger has been helping the Christian Hostel Committee in supervising and finishing construction work of the hostel building. The committee is working out new rules and regulations for new admissions in January.

An eleven year old student, Reffat Bin Sattar, defeated the reigning Bangladesh and Commonwealth woman chess champion in a tournament held in Dhaka. He is presently participating in a National team Chess Competition, although he is in Class V.

On September 28, Br. Ralph Baird suffered chest pains, presumed to be from an allergy reaction, but after having a check-up by specialists of the Heart Institute, found out that he had a mild heart attack. He is presently doing well.

ST. JOSEPH'S, NARINDA: At the first meeting of the new Action Committee, Br. Bijoy was chosen to be chairman and Br. Subal, secretary.

ST. NICHOLAS H.S., NAGARI: Brother Leo James Pereira joined the staff after his profession. He will stay for two months and then start his B.A. courses. The Archbishop was present for confirmation on October 14. He and parish priests came over for supper and visiting.

(NEXT MONTH: A letter from Brother Donald Becker)

FROM MONROVIA, LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA

+ Brothers David Naples and Harold Ruppinger visited Brother Donard Steffes via radio on November 11. The reception was very clear from Monrovia to Br. David's radio at the Brothers' Center.

Brother Donard reports that he and Br. Edwin Mattingly were taken to a drill rig twelve miles off shore by their friend Roy Sired. The trip afforded them the opportunity to tour an Amaco Oil Company rig.

The Catholic mission up the road begged Br. Edwin to take a chicken-eatin' hawk off their hands. The hawk had consumed 20 chickens to that time. Ed obliged by picking up the hawk, but was marooned in mud on his way back. The students sorely "missed" Ed's presence in class for three days. "Hans" the hawk will soon be ready for flight through Ed's skilled training.

A ham radio operator from the American Embassy put up an antenna on the roof of St. Patrick's High School to service a 160 meters band, rare capacity in Liberia, for better contact with the U.S.

Brothers Donard and Edwin will spend a little time in Rome come December 7. Senior exams ended November 16, and the rest of the classes will finish in early December, allowing for a well-deserved break.

FROM SEKONDI, GHANA, WEST AFRICA

+ Brother Vincent Gross sends greetings to all from Ghana. He also wishes to thank all those who sent him messages of sympathy on the loss of his mother.

A Mass was said at St. John's Secondary School on October 28 for Vincent's mother.

The shipment of goods prepped at Notre Dame last summer has arrived at the Tema dock, assuring delivery in a few weeks.

Brother William Gates came from Cape Coast for a formation meeting. Sr. Marian Theresa, C.S.C., from the St. Louis School also came for the meeting.

All are happy at St. John's since they now have electricity 24 hours a day rather than 27 hours on and 21 hours off every 48 hours. The school was without water for two days last month, but the situation was remedied without further complications.

Around the Province... and then some

FROM RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS

+ In early November, Mr. Gregory Mullins, Assistant Principal of Holy Cross High School, announced the 200 students at the school who were named to the first quarter Honor Roll. He pointed out that 75 of the young scholars gained high honor recognition, while 53 were named to honors and 72 to honorable mention.

The Holy Cross Student Council is holding its annual food drive for the hungry for Christmas Holidays. The drive began on Friday, November 30, and will end on Friday, December 14. During that time, the students will collect food and money to benefit the less fortunate and make deliveries to parish pantries in the Chicago area, and send funds to areas of Kentucky and Tennessee where the Holy Cross Brothers are working among the poor.

a highlight of this year's food drive is the celebration of a school-wide liturgy on December 7 by Rev. Rob Rybicki of Visitation Parish. He is a curate of one of the food pantries benefiting from the drive.

Brother Don Flieschhacker participated in the Ecumenical Prayer service celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Vatican II's Decree on Ecumenism. It was held at Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, November 18, and focused in a particular way on several Communions with whom the Catholic Church has conducted bilateral ecumenical dialogues since the Decree was issued.

Brother Bede Stadler's genealogy book, UP AND DOWN THE TREE or THE STADLER-COLLING FAMILY TREE, recently came out in its second edition.

FROM GATES MILLS, OHIO

+ A new Fine and Performing Arts Center has been Gilmour's most recent addition. It will be dedicated to and named for

Brother Ivo Regan at a later date.



BROTHER IVO REGAN

Gilmour originally purchased the maintenance building with its attached greenhouse on 3 1/2 acres in 1966. Today the greenhouses are removed and a new circular drive serves the north campus. The upper floor of the remaining brick

building has been a faculty residence: first for the Sisters of the Sacred Heart who founded Glen Oak, then for various Gilmour lay or religious faculty. The ground floor of this building housed various maintenance operations, which it still does, but in the basement.

The first floor has been converted into a little theater seating 165 and having a 30'x 30' raised stage area. The theater can also be used for music instruction. Other improvements include two additional classrooms, a photography darkroom, music practice rooms, and publications offices.

After a new facade was added and the site landscaped, the lower part of the building was ready for occupancy. Later, the second floor will become additional classroom and faculty office space.

Resident sculptor Joseph Turkaly has crafted a larger than life sized bust of Brother Ivo, one of Gilmour's founders, to be permanently displayed in the lobby.



NORTH ENTRANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

FROM ALASKA

+ Brother Joseph Fox flew to Dillingham, one of the outpost parishes of the Diocese of Anchorage, to help Father John Tyma to continue work on the new church. It was a great experience for Brother Joe to put in wiring and to nail things in place. He wrote that he had a great time...but nearly froze to death. Brother Joe will be returning to the Midwest shortly after Christmas.

The Office of Youth Ministry and St. Patrick's Parish sponsored the annual "Thanks" program for high school youth on Friday, November 23. The theme for the overnight program was: "We give 'Thanks' to the cultures and lifestyles of the world", and included periods of prayer, presentations, and entertainment.

The ROARING TWENTIES, a group of Catholic singles 19 through 29 years of age, held their annual Thanksgiving dinner at Holy Spirit Retreat House on Wednesday, November 21, beginning with Mass at 7 p.m.

FROM AKRON, OHIO

+ The success of the GAR Foundation matching grant campaign is the single most important event in recent Hoban history. It significantly reaches beyond the grant amount award. A base has been laid and it now needs all of the Hoban community to respond to the building of a bigger and brighter future.

Because of the success of the November Family Mass, a Eucharistic Liturgy was scheduled for Sunday, December 2. Father Tom Chambers, C.S.C., Vice President of Academic Affairs at Ursuline College was the celebrant.

The Annual Canned Food Drive began on November 21 and will continue to December 18. The goal for this year is to collect 10,000 cans of food for the needy.

Eighteen seniors were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers at a liturgy held on November 8. Father Thomas McCann, a Hoban graduate of 1959, and presently pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, was the celebrant.

In order to keep the recent issue of the PROVINCE DIRECTORY updated and free from errors and omissions, please send all corrections to:

SECRETARY OF THE PROVINCE DIRECTORY
P.O. BOX 460
NOTRE DAME, IN 46556

Case at point: Brother Godfrey Vassallo in writing about the misspelling of his name in the Directory, had this to say: "I am nearing the time when I will 'shuffle off this mortal coil', and I am making one last effort to get my name spelled correctly on my head marker. I would not bother you with this--but when the roll is called up above, I just might be ruled out on a technicality."

FROM MONROE, MICHIGAN

+ The Band Boosters put on a Pot Luck Supper for members, and invited the religious faculty to attend. Br. James Rotenbacher and Mr. Staelgraeve, president of the Boosters, explained the entire operations of the Fruit Sale, which features Michigan Red Delicious apples as well as fresh, tree-ripened Navel Oranges and pink grapefruit. The sale began on Saturday, November 10. One of the "equipment gains" from the sales is the purchase of a van to haul band instruments to all away events.

The driveway and garage at 24 W. Elm received a coating of seal to preserve the surface from the rigors of the up-coming winter season. Brother Marius Wittner took charge of the project. All house members put on gloves and exercised their back muscles till the job was finished.

For the first time in 12 years the Brothers did not have a garden at the seminary, but, because of the generosity of neighbors, much canning was accomplished.

Brother Ronald LaLonde, with the senior class officers, was instrumental in putting out a special handbook for "Homecoming Pride Week." The purpose behind the handbook is to set forth norms of behavior, creative opportunities, positive attitudes, and the instilling of spirit, pride and cooperation during Homecoming Week. The end result was the best Spirit Week ever held at Monroe Catholic Central.

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

+ Seems like a good part of the month was spent at the hospital. Br. Matthew Gara (E) came home on the 10th but was back on the 15th, then home again on the 23rd. His condition is presently stable...Br. Majella Hegarty went to the hospital on the 14th after a slight heart attack and is still recovering there as of Nov. 24.

Br. Lewis Bertrand has recovered sufficiently from his back miseries to return to Columba Hall in time for Thanksgiving.

Br. Pius Leising's (S-W) two living brothers visited him on October 30, staying for supper before returning to Milwaukee. Otto is 91 and Hugo is 84, both older than Br. Pius.

Br. Henry O'Rourke and Mrs. Shirley Rasmussen brought back many stories of their week-long visit to New Orleans where a great liturgical celebration, dinner and reception were held to honor Henry for his seventy years of religious vows.

On Nov. 20 the Director met with Brothers Lawrence Skitzki and Tom Shaughnessy of the Provincial Council to discuss some of the details of the projected renovation of the house--work scheduled to begin next spring. The main part of the renovation will be the installation of a sprinkling system throughout the house and enlargement of the dining room and kitchen--as well as some other realignment to meet safety regulations and fire codes.

Weekend-night-nurse Mrs. Mary Schaar sang for the Mass on Thanksgiving, accompanied on the organ by Mr. Earl Evanson. More music was offered informally after the liturgy--and a scrumptuous repast was organized by Mr. Richard Snyder and Mrs. Addie Hope.

The winter season has witnessed the first return of the dogs--an occasional activity of the house. This time the dogs provided were more of the puppy and pettable variety. They will return in January.

FROM SARASOTA, FLORIDA

+ Brother William Geenen, founder of the first Senior Friendship Center in Sarasota, was the main speaker for the Center of Gerontological Education Research and Services at the University of Notre Dame on November 1. It was the first lecture of the 1984-85 Forum on Aging at Notre Dame. The program was hosted by Professor John

Santos, director of the University's center of research and services. Special guests for the occasion were Father Theodore Hesburgh, President of the University of Notre Dame, and Moleen Pust of the Senior Friendship Center in Sarasota.

In his main topic, Brother William spoke of the "Challenges and Priorities in Community Programming for the Elderly", outlining the many pitfalls to be overcome in establishing a program. "Once a need is recognized," he said, "making the appropriate response is the biggest challenge, whether political or commercial."

On Sunday, October 21, 1984, a feature article appeared in the NAPLES (Florida) DAILY NEWS, lauding William's work and the opening of a new Naples Senior Friendship Center. Congressman Connie Mack (R-Fla), was present to unveil an architect's rendering of the proposed center.

The Friendship Center, once opened, will operate in the old Naples Baptist Church. The renovated facility will house retired nurses, doctors and other volunteers assembled to provide medical care to the county's elderly population at a fraction of what it would cost otherwise.

Brother William and Friendship Center organizers planned a gala benefit for November 11 to raise funds for Center projects, especially for the development of the new Naples Senior Friendship Center.

In the past 11 years, William's Centers have offered volunteer services, repair shops, homesharing, health and social services, personal care, help at home, transportation, respite care, day care; "candlelight dining (even on wheels)".



AT NOTRE DAME LECTURE: (L-R) PROF. JOHN SANTOS, REV. THEODORE HESBURGH, MOLLEEN PUST, AND BROTHER WILLIAM GEENEN

Between the lines

By Brother Lawrence Miller, C.S.C.

+ "Following Christ in a Consumer Society" is the name of a book I read about a year ago. To me the whole book was as attractive as the title. The sub-title of the book is "The Spirituality of Cultural Resistance." In the preface the author states: "I have seen many priests and nuns committed to work in city ghettos, having lost their sense of faith or prayer, soon lose their passion for the poor." This book helped me renew my compassion for the poor.

At Flatrock, Newfoundland, Pope John Paul II appealed "...to those in position of responsibility and to all involved, to work together to find appropriate solutions to the problems at hand, including the restructuring of the economic systems, so that human needs be put before financial gain." This book helped me cope with my money-minded attitude.

In his letter "Opting for the Poor" (CL #18) the Superior General states: "The years during which we, with the rest of Church, were rediscovering the justice dimension of the plight of the poor were marked for us by another change too. We ceased to be poor ourselves."

As I look at pictures on TV news of those starving people in Ethiopia, I recall the statement of St. Francis of Assisi as to how terrible he felt every time he saw a person worse off than himself.

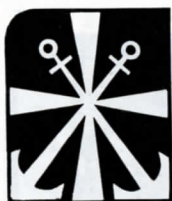
The book is divided into two parts: The commodity Form and the Personal Form. Part One states, "A veil of illusion deceives us because we are lulled into believing that principles motivate us rather than profit." The author goes on to say that consumption emerges as a "way of life...it is an addiction."

In Part Two I selected this one quote: "The Gospels of Luke and Mark, as well as the early letters of Paul, also yield an integral portrayal of Christ and Christian life standing in striking opposition to what we have called the Commodity Form." Chapter Thirteen is an eleven-page bibliographical appendix.

This book is not light reading, but there is an abundance on which to reflect and meditate. So I joined the consumer society, bought my own copy, and keep it as a handy reference on my desk shelf.

FOLLOWING CHRIST IN A CONSUMER SOCIETY
by John F. Kavanaugh, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York 10545. (Paperback)

CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS ISSUE: Brothers Ray Kelly, Chester Rachel, Wilbert Leveling, Thomas Corcoran, Walter Foken, Donard Steffes, Vincent Gross, Robert Lavelle, Pedro Haering, Joseph Fox, Charles McBride, Don Fleishhacker, Robert Siegel, & Lawrence Miller. The PROVINCE ARCHIVES and the BANGALADESH NEWSNOTES. PHOTOS by: Brothers Charles McBride, Martinus and Harold.



**HOLY CROSS
BROTHERS**

MIDWEST PROVINCE

NOTRE DAME, INDIANA 46556



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

NON PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 1
NOTRE DAME, IND.