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House  
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*With a sense of appreciation and relief,  
we say farewell to the Panzica Company  
and their hard-working, talented crews  
and invite you to view the marvelous  
changes they have realized.*

*Welcome to our Open House!*

*Columba Hall  
University of Notre Dame Campus  
Sunday, December 3, 1989  
1:30 to 4:00*

## EDITORIAL

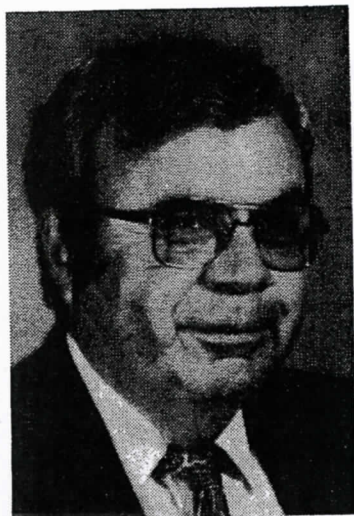
Even as the dust begins to settle at Columba Hall, we present the first edition of *Holy Cross Brothers* for this year, 89-90. Note we are calling this our Open House issue. This copy is being made available to those who visit Columba Hall on December 3 as well as to our regular readers.

And after two years we are changing the style. Hope you are able to find your way around before, during or after you read this introduction. This format eliminates some weaknesses from the past, presents a different look, and challenges the editor to adapt to the new. Hope that you are satisfied as we shift gears. The goal does stay the same: through words and pictures to give you news of the activities of our Midwest Province membership.

I am introducing the information items by location and "employer." One reason for this is to give you an idea of the many places our membership is in action and also the varied type of work they do.

We will be watching the mails for your reaction and especially further material for the next issue. Would like to share your name and experience with our other readers. Will see you again after the beginning of the New Year.

Read on!



### BROTHER RONALD EHRHARDT

*Born: July 12, 1936*

*Professed: January 26, 1958*

*Died: November 9, 1989*

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY OF RESSURECTION was celebrated on October 25, for Brothers Crispin Reeb and Theophilus Machalinski. Father Paul Doyle, C.S.C., served as presider. Readings for the liturgy were: Wisdom 3:1-9, Romans 6:3-9; John 11:19-27. Father Kenneth Grabner, C.S.C., was homilist.

In his homily he recalled the thought that each person has two births: one from the womb of our mothers into the world, and then from the womb of the world into the fulness of the next life. This images with the bird being pushed out of its nest into the broader world, a death and rebirth. "Little birds aren't always happy about this, of course, but consider the alternative. Life is like the mother bird that pushes its offspring out. In our life we are pushed out of the nest of this world into the expanded consciousness that will be our gift in the next world."

(Services for the deceased Brother Crispin Reeb, Southwest Province, were celebrated with Brother Theophilus. A niece of Brother Crispin, Mrs. Jean Burns, presented a remembrance at the evening wake service. The text follows.)

### BROTHER CRISPIN REEB (SW)

*Born: May 30, 1912*

*Professed: August 16, 1935*

*Died: October 21, 1989*

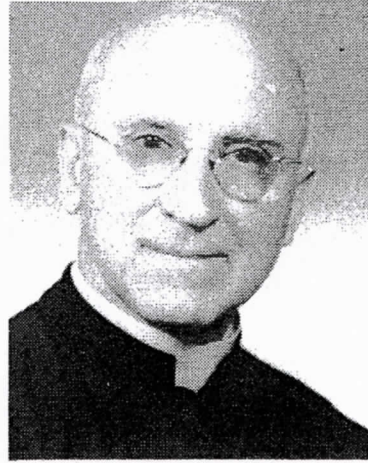
"We are here to pay tribute to Brother Crispin. First and foremost he was dedicated to his community life and then to his family. I am sure wherever he was assigned, he touched many a life as he has done mine. None of us is without fault; nor was my uncle. But at the same time we can look deep within this man and see a caring, compassionate person who gave of himself, but asked little of others.

"I am sure I speak for my relatives as well as

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## BROTHER THEOPHILUS MACHALINSKI

*Born: October 20, 1891  
Professed: December 8, 1909  
Died: October 22, 1989*



### BROTHER THEOPHILUS MACHALINSKI, C.S.C.

(The Wake Service for Brother Theophilus was held on October 29 in the evening. Following is the "remembrance" as presented by Brother Thomas R. Henning. Since the talk given was extemporaneous, the following are Thomas' recollections of his reflection.)

I was with Brother Theo at Holy Trinity High School (Chicago, Illinois) for years and also again at St. Edward High School (Lakewood, Ohio). It is difficult for me to give this talk as I had become very close to him in his closing years.

Theophilus was born in Erie, PA., one of 12 children. He certainly learned to share, and no doubt this helped him as a Brother of Holy Cross. Lord knows, we as religious do a lot of sharing and brother did a lot of that. He applied for admission to the community at the young age of 14.

During his approximately 33 years at Trinity, he was a teacher and an administrator. I was the kid on the faculty at that time and have fond memories of not only Theo, but Maximus, Victor, and others. When Theo would come then to my room after night prayer, he would tell me things like: don't open all the windows because I was wasting heat; or turn the lights off in the classroom on a bright sunny day, but he would always end with a little pat on the back for encouragement.

In the early days at Holy Trinity, the Brothers would put the students' grades on cards that were in

the house library. As a young religious, I would keep tons of grades, add them up, divide to see what the student would get. After awhile, it dawned on me that the older brothers would be in the library late Sunday night and record their grades for the boys. Theo told me he would look at all the grades on a boy's card, take the average of them, and then he would give the student his grade. He said that he was probably too hard on the boys and in this way he felt he gave them a fair grade and a balanced report card. If a boy had mostly A's, Theo would at least give him a B.

Brother Theophilus worked very hard in the house when he was in Lakewood. He would mop the basement corridor almost everyday, would take out the trash, and all sorts of other housekeeping activities. I would watch him empty the trash from my office window. I would reflect that there was a man who at one time was what we call a "big shot" considering the many years of administrative service he had given. Now he was humbly doing things for others in another way. The students at St. Ed's use to call him "brother free day," knowing full well that I would close school for a few days upon his death. He fooled all of us by living one day beyond his 98th birthday.

Now he is with God enjoying eternal rest and interceding for us. I know he will especially remember us with vocations to Holy Cross.

Good-bye Theo; I thank God for our friendship, for the time I was blessed to share with you.

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### (Brother Crispin Continued)

myself: when possible, Uncle Henry was there for us, be it a first communion, wedding, or a death in the family. We could depend and rely on his presence and support with words of encouragement or through a phone call from him to let us know we were not forgotten. It meant so much. He always showed genuine interest in our projects whether large or small.

"His gifts to us as children were our rosaries. Let it be our gift to uncle to reflect on each of these beads his good deeds and pray that his journey to heaven will be a swift one.

"To you brothers, he was known as Chris; to my aunts, cousins, brothers and sisters, he was Uncle Henry. To me, he was not only my uncle; he was my buddy. Brother Chris, Uncle Henry, our friend, may

you rest in God's peace."

Father Paul Doyle, C.S.C., also gave reflections about his association with Brother Crispin. Using the statement, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," he listed some of the ways brother modeled this.

"Godliness was evidenced in his efforts and concern for the sake of the local community which were practiced for the love of God. No one, no cause, no thing rivaled God in his life. Some of us well remember him as having the highest priority in his faithfulness to prayer.

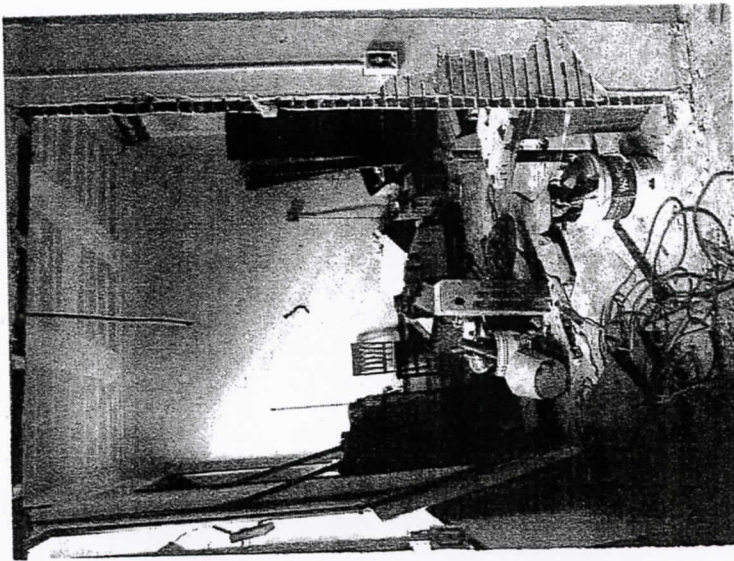
"Chris knew much of God. When the Master returned for him Chris recognized Him, faced Him, embraced Him. He had the confidence that the Lord's embrace lasts forever."

# COLUMBA HALL, 1989

Responding to Chapter legislation because of the needs for satisfactory housing for the retired religious of the Midwest Province, a major renovation program was begun and is now nearing completion.

The concern for the life-safety needs of the members of the house meant an entirely new electrical system, heating system, along with the installation of a sprinkling and smoke alarm system. The action began during the month of May with asbestos removal and continues thru the month of November. The final touches being put into place include completing the renovation of some private rooms, the dining room, and entrance. Carpeting of the corridors will complete the action by many laborers in many fields under the supervision of the Panzica Company, South Bend, Indiana.

On August 25, 1954, Columba Hall received its name. Prior to that the building was called, Community House. The name change was in honor of **BROTHER COLUMBA O'NEILL** who had lived there for 25 years of his religious life. He died in 1923. **BROTHER GERARD FITZ** was superior when the name-change took place.



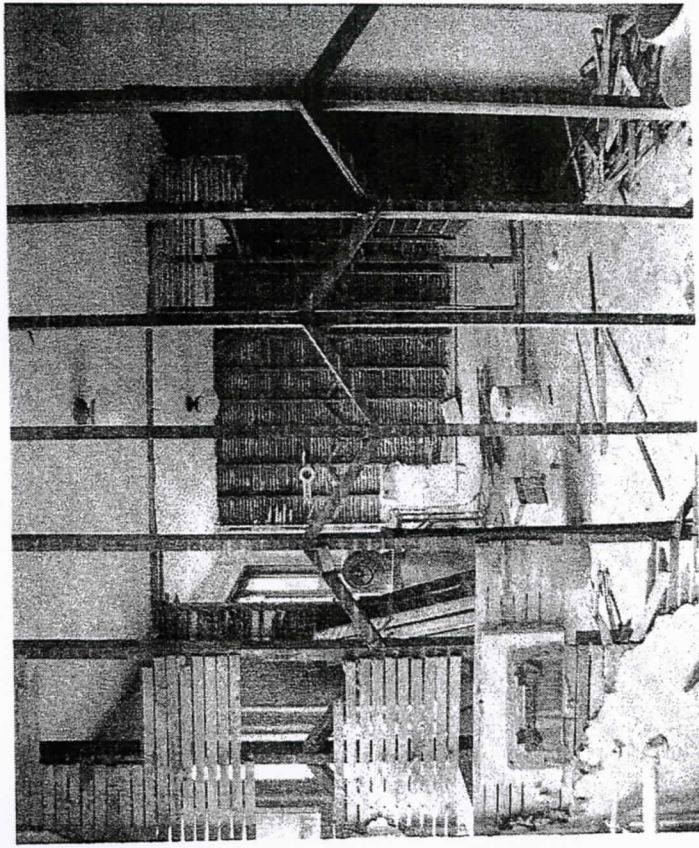
Looking back, in 1959-1960, there were ninety-two Brothers in residence at Columba Hall which seems to be the highest on record. This number did increase during the summer months when "Brother students" were in residence.

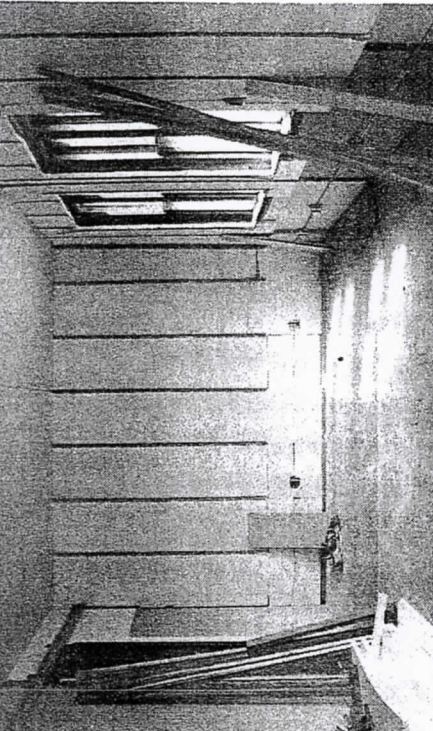
Among the most distinguished visitors: it needs to be noted that Brother Andre, founder of the Oratory of St. Joseph, Montreal, was listed. He was a delegate to the General Chapter of the Congregation held at Notre Dame during the summer of 1920. Brother Andre returned to campus in 1927 for the consecration of Bishop



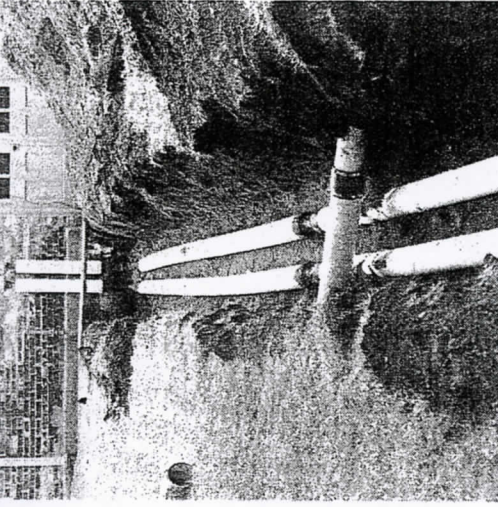
The Community House was built during the year 1900 responding to a need for a house for the Holy Cross religious living on campus who were not directly involved with students. The cost of building was said to have been \$20,000; the bill for the present renovation comes to \$1,000,000. Time has added some 0's.

In 1946, after the formation of homogeneous provinces, the Brothers established their Provincial headquarters in the Community House. The last minutes of the Community House prior to the change included this note, "Here ends the minutes of the local council of the Community House as a combined Society." **BROTHER JACOB EPPLEY**, presently a member of the Southwest Province now residing at St. Joseph Hall, St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, served as the first Brother Superior.





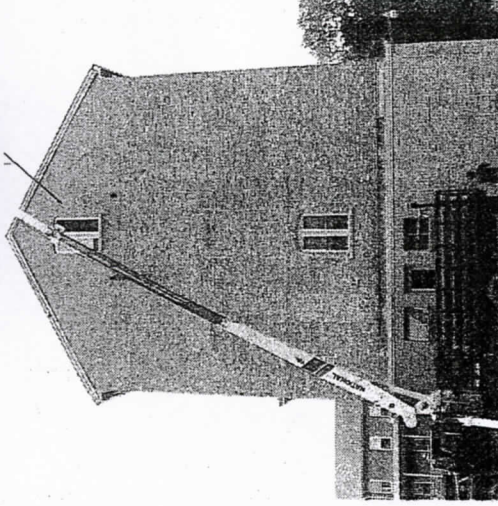
The Sisters of the Holy Cross too were in residence at the Community House at one time. Sister Holy Family served as infirmarian. Their superior was Sister Pulcheria. One incident showing the strict diagnostic screening, concerns a novice who was probably suffering from novitiate battle fatigue. When he appeared before Sister and reported that he needed a rest, the response was different than he might have expected. "Rest, is it?" said the Sister, "this is no rest home. You Have a good bed in your own house; sleep in it." And she dismissed him. In today's world the report might be that he was suffering from nervous exhaustion and bring the doctors, both mental and physical.



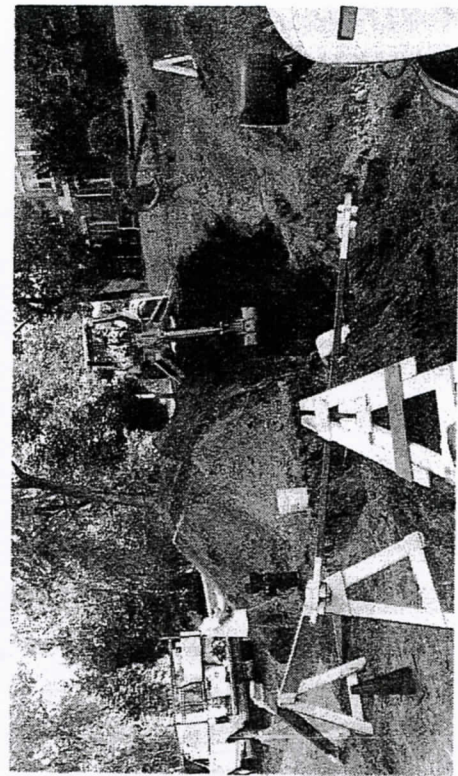
The provincial council was in residence at the Community House in 1946. Renovation projects since then included the installation of an elevator during Brother Ephrem's first term of office as provincial, 1946-1950. The price tag was \$17,000. During his second term, 1950-1956, air conditioning equipment was installed in chapel for \$1,200. In 1958, under the provincial administration of **BROTHER DONATUS SCHMITZ**, total improvements amounted to \$154,545 with a proposed kitchen remodelling plan to cost \$31,000. Interestingly, this total is in excess of the assessed value of the property at the time of the lease in 1946. Some renovation of the Chapel took place in 1958 with further work there starting on September 17, 1984.

The Community House/Columba Hall has seen changes during its lifetime in the 20th century. The present contractor has made efforts to be aware of the history of the building in designing the present renovation. One example is the restoration of the wainscot throughout the building. Also the entrance way has been remodeled and now looks "just like it used to," according to **BROTHER JUDE COSTELLO**, a present resident and former superior. As the doors are opened with special invitations on December 3, 1989, a tradition continues at Columba Hall, making an effort to be a Community House, a residence and place of hospitality for Midwest Province membership, all C.S.C. religious, and friends and guests who visit.

(Appreciation to **BROTHER LAWRENCE MILLER**, assistant archivist, from whose history of Columba Hall I have freely quoted. This 30-page document was written and is on file in the Midwest Province Archives of the Brothers of Holy Cross. **BROTHER WILBERT LEVELING** is archivist.)



The above photos show the inside-outside job during the renovation project. Walls were torn down to change the space assigned for private rooms. Externally trenches were dug to bring hot water for the new heating system and water to backup the newly installed sprinkling system. New looks were not available for publication because of expanded deadlines and other delays.)



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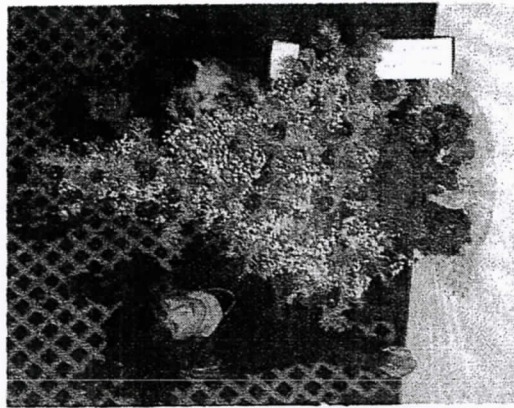
# CSC APOSTOLATES — APOSTLES

## NOTRE DAME, INDIANA: AVE MARIA PRESS

**THEODORE KAPES** terminated his employment at the Ave after thirty-four years of service.

Father David Schlaver, C.S.C., Editor and Publisher, commended Theodore for his many years helping the Ave's contribution to the Church, the University and to the Holy Cross Community. Brothers Martinus, a past, and Raymond, a present member of the Ave staff, joined other employees for a pot luck lunch "at the office."

With and without his cane, Teddy moves about Columba Hall and its environs participating and at times supervising tasks for the upkeep of the house. Celebrating his 88th on November 10 were members of the local community, and Holy Cross priests, David Schlaver and Tom McNally. Balloon popping and candle removal were just two of the activities involving the honoree. His new schedule, which formerly included nine-to-eleven in the workroom, now permits him to further creatively develop other avenues of his apostolate.



## SOUTH BEND, INDIANA: FESTIVAL OF TREES

Included in a major fund raising drive program was an item listing, Company: Holy Cross Brothers Center; Designer: Holy Cross Brothers. The fifth annual Festival of Trees was a beautiful display of Christmas decorations artistically designed. The proceeds from admission for review as well as the sale of the trees are divided among the three South Bend hospitals. One of the over fifty trees was designed by **BROTHER THOMAS ROCK**. This will not surprise many because of the present display of trees handcrafted by Tom presently in the dining room of the Brothers Center.

## DHAKA, BANGLADESH: BARACA

**BROTHER RONALD DRAHOZAL** serves as director of Baraca, the Rehabilitation Assistance Centre for Drug Addicts. The centre was established on July 1, 1988; therefore, a rather new service for Holy Cross in Dhaka.

In 1987 **BROTHER DONALD BECKER** visited a rehabilitation centre for drug addicts in Kathmandu, Nepal. He was impressed by their efforts and felt a great need for a centre of a similar type in Bangladesh. Returning to Dhaka, Donald shared his concerns with **BROTHER JARLATH D'SOUZA** and learned that he already had started counseling and providing other assistance for drug addicts.

The finances for the centre came through the Brothers for the first two months. Then Caritas of Bangladesh began to help BARACA until it became one of its projects in March, 1989.

Within two months, the centre received six patients. Presently there are twelve patients. A total of forty-six addicts have been admitted since the beginning.

The centre was formally inaugurated on July 1, 1989, by Archbishop Michael Rozario. The Holy Cross Community in Bangladesh has again responded to the needs of the people

**CANMORE, ALBERTA: CATHOLIC BIBLE COLLEGE OF CANADA**

**BROTHER THOMAS MADDIX**, Executive Director, had a "Dear Friends and Graduates," letter in the recent publication of the College, "Empowering the Vision." The contents will be evident quoting the opening words, "As we inaugurate our Annual Fund . . ."

Recently, Thomas received congratulations when the magazine, *Sisters Today*, was the third place winner of the Fourth Annual Serra International Writers' Contest for the publication of his article, "The Religious Vocation Today: A Response." The article was considered "outstanding in terms of quality of writing; creativity and coverage of subject matter."

## CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE

**BOB FILLMORE** received recently the highest award in youth ministry from the Archdiocese of Chicago. It read:

"In appreciation and recognition to those people who have done the most to promote youth ministry in our Archdiocese and who model, in striking and consistent ways, the fullness of Catholic/Christian living."

The award is given annually by the Catholic Youth Office.

## NOTRE DAME, INDIANA: HOLY CROSS JUNIOR COLLEGE

*Today's Catholic*, the Ft. Wayne/South Bend diocesan paper recently included a feature article about Holy Cross Junior College. "Innovations to reach individual students" by Joseph Goepfrich, a member of the HCJC staff, appeared in the College Section. Two pictures illustrated the article, one of the Brothers' Center chapel and the other of **BROTHER LARRY UNFRIED**, with students in the biology lab.

Some highlights from the article: "enrollment is anticipated to be an average of 430 students this academic year." "The College is in the remote stages of planning some additional facilities . . ." "Additional plans for the future . . . alumni association . . . , implementing its most recent long range plan . . ."

"The College will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1991. **BROTHER DAVID NAPLES**, President, anticipates that the celebration will concentrate on the unique nature of the College, reflecting on its past and looking forward to the future."

## SOUTH BEND, INDIANA: BROTHER ANDRE AWARD

Do you remember Don McNeill of the NBC Breakfast Club? He recently appeared at the Harvest House Halloween Festival here at the Century Center. Don was recipient of the first annual

BROTHER REX HENNEL.)

**CICERO, ILLINOIS: BERWYN/CICERO COUNCIL ON AGING**

**BROTHER RICHARD SHEA** has successfully passed the written exam for the renewal of Illinois license as a social worker. Recent standard changes for the license made the renewal more difficult. The license is required for Richard's work as Coordinator of Social Services for the Berwyn/Cicero Council on Aging.

**BROTHER JAMES REDDY** is a Social Service Case Worker for the same agency.

**NOTRE DAME, INDIANA: WSND-FM (88.9 mh)**

**BROTHER PEDRO HAERING** is the program host of a weekly show, Words and Music. Remembered.

WSND-FM is the fine arts station on the campus of the University. Pedro draws from the extensive library of popular music he has built up since he was a sophomore in high school (1938). His programs deal with the great lyricists and composers as well as a good number of the artists who have recorded such music. Each program has some particular focus.

In addition to playing the recordings, identifying the artists, composers, lyricists, other sources, Pedro gives brief biographies of those involved, histories and anecdotes concerning the songs, the artists, etc., and often compares similar lyrics and ideas of those responsible for the words. He also emphasizes highlights in the music for the listeners' attention.

Brother's desire is to produce some kind of work, perhaps a book, that will center around the music. The program gives focus to his work. He believes that much of the great popular music of this century is in danger of being lost because of little or no exposure as well as little availability in record stores.

Presently Pedro's show airs on Friday evening, from 8:00 to 10:00. Occasionally his voice is also heard on Monday evening as he substitutes, programming Big Band music.



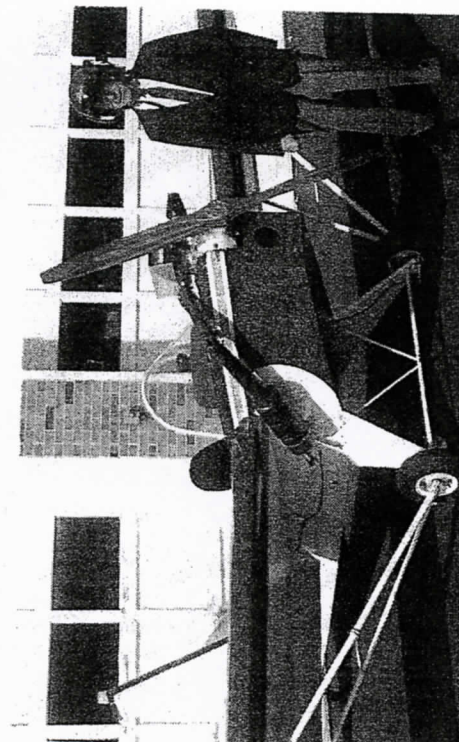
**SOUTH BEND, INDIANA: HIGHWAY 31**

Flag waving is in, and **BROTHER EDWARD COURTNEY** is making his contribution. Daily Edward is at his post on the provincial grounds in view of drivers on Highway 31. To prove results, coverage has been included in the *South Bend Tribune*, *The Observer*, student seminars at the site and coverage on Channel 16. His crusade went public at the time of the Supreme Court decision concerning flag-burning which did not meet his approval. Edward comments that he is given a lot of positive support from those who stop and converse with him.

**SANTIAGO, CHILE: HOGAR SANTA CRUZ**  
**KUCHENMEISTER DONALD**

A new building project is being realized in Santiago. **BROTHER DONALD KUCHENMEISTER** reports: "We will be opening up the bids on October 23 and on the 30th making the approval. Then we will have to see how long before the start. It probably won't be finished before March when we start school. We recently met with the mayor of the municipality in which our home will be located. He was so impressed that he waived all fees for permits. A real financial break. The completion will mean a new home, this time for girls as well as boys, truly a Holy Cross Home for Children."

McNeill's efforts for the last ten years, a parallel with Brother Andre who also devoted much of his life to the cause of seniors. The keynote speaker at the activity was Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame.



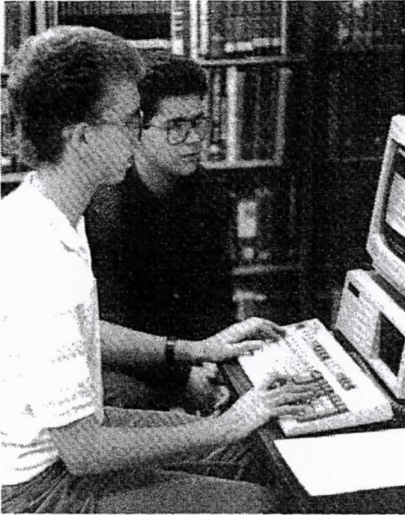
**NOTRE DAME, INDIANA: FLYING HIGH**

**BROTHER RICHARD WEBER** is still looking up with the intent to further advance the accomplishments of the Wright brothers. His contribution for mobility is a mini-max, ultra light "machine." Don't be surprised if he lands in your back yard shortly. I understand the motor of the single-seater has been warming up. With the prop moving, readying for a takeoff, Richard will have accomplished the result of many hours in the lab. The picture shows **BROTHER JONAS MORAN** along side Richard's machine. Fasten your seat belt.

**NOTRE DAME, INDIANA: UNITED STATES POST OFFICE**

**BROTHER WILLIAM DOHERTY** received a Service Award in appreciation for dedicated service during an honorable career of 45 years of service to the Government of the United States. On June 2 he concluded his employment at the Notre Dame Post Office. Personal congratulations were expressed to him by Anthony J. Schiavone, field Division General Manager. He has begun residence on the sun-soaked, sandy beaches of the Atlantic — Christopher Lodge, Priests of Holy Cross, Cocoa Beach, Florida.

In an issue of *The Observer*, Notre Dame's daily student magazine, there appeared a letter from Kay and Bob Sanford, SMC and ND alumni, praising the kindness displayed by the brother postal workers. William and **BROTHER THOMAS BALAZ**, who also retired recently, were mentioned, "as caring men who maintained a sense of peace to the hectic demands of the postal service. They always gave us a feeling of fellowship and joy when we were with them."



## RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS: HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

**BROTHER WALTER DAVENPORT**, serves as president of Holy Cross High School. This is their twenty-ninth year of service in the northwest side of Chicago.

Joined by the faculty of neighboring Mother Theodore Guerin High School, the school year opened with a joint Recommitment Service to the Teaching Ministry. Presiding was Bishop William McManus, Superintendent of Schools for the Chicago Archdiocese when the school opened.

The school is in step with the technological age as shown in the developments in the library. It is the only private school participating in the SLS Dial Access program of electronic collection sharing. This gives access to search the collections of some 50 automated libraries, select book and request delivery. Through the SLS Fax Network they have facsimile transmission of information from one library to another. Besides being able to do this they have phone line info transmission to the school where the material can be printed.

The 21st century technology is being utilized at Holy Cross. Presently there are twenty brothers on the staff at the school.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Deceased: Brother Ronald Ehrhardt; Brother Theophilus Machalinski; Brother Crispin Reeb, (SW); Rev. James A. Donnelly, C.S.E., (SP); Brother Joseph Andrews, (EB); Brother Patrick Halpin, (EB); Rev. Charles J. Corcoran, C.S.C., (IP); Sister M. Annice, C.S.C.; Sister M. Diomira, C.S.C.; Rev. Edward A. Keller, C.S.C. (IP); Rev. Thomas Oddo, C.S.C., (IP); Sister Miriam Gerard, C.S.C.; Sister M. Lenore, C.S.C.; Ralph Nettesheim, father of Brother Gerald; Hazel Kellison, benefactor; Ralph Zimmer, brother-in-law of Brother John Lavelle (deceased); Helen Swoboda, sister of Brother Leo Kowalski; Erma Siegel, mother of Brother Robert; Rev. J. Bernard Clark, C.S.C. (SP); Mr. Evarest Mulinda, C.S.C. (IP); Sister Angelus, C.S.C., Aunt of Brother Just Paczesny.*

## HOLY CROSS BROTHERS

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