



HOLY CROSS BROTHERS

MIDWEST PROVINCE - NOTRE DAME, INDIANA 46556

Volume 18, Number 5

January, 1985

Holy Cross looks to future in Latin America

FROM SANTIAGO, CHILE

+ The Council of the Congregation and the All-Holy Cross Latin American Meeting was held at the Schoenstatt Retreat House in Santiago from November 29 to December 6, 1984. Forty-four participants and observers were present for the meetings.

Major topics presented and discussed included: Society and Church in Latin America, The Situation of the Districts of C.S.C. in Latin America, and The Future of C.S.C. in Latin America. Two major questions posed were: How C.S.C., an international institute strongly rooted in North America, is affected by the Latin American situation; and How is C.S.C. going to face the development of this situation in the future? Many of the presentations, panel discussions and responses addressed the complex issues.

Other than visits to St. George's College and the San Jose Orphanage in Talagante, the participants attended special Masses and toured the surrounding area.

The Inter-District meetings affirmed continued collaboration among the priests, Sisters and Brothers in Latin America.



THE COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE ALL-HOLY CROSS LATIN AMERICAN GATHERING

District Chapter held in Ghana

FROM CAPE COAST, GHANA, AFRICA

+ Brother Paul Mensah sends the news about the District of West Africa's Chapter held at St. James Minor Seminary campus from December 17th to the 24th.

All the members from the coast traveled to Sunyani. On the way, however, their car hit a pole and the front left-wheel tire rod came off. Having lost control, the car fortunately stopped short of going off a low bridge. Although the accident delayed their arrival, no one was hurt.

Bishop Owusu of the Cape Coast Diocese conducted the opening liturgy together with four CSC priests. He prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the deliberations of the Chapter. He gave the community a fattened ram and other gifts as a token of his esteem and affection for Holy Cross in Ghana.

Twenty-one members were in attendance at the Chapter, seven of whom were observer participants. The visitors present at the Chapter were Fr. Joe Higgins, General Administrator; Fr. Jim Ferguson, Mission Center, Notre Dame; Fr. Neil Ryan, East African representative; Br. Philip Armstrong, Provincial, MW; Br. Charles Smith, Office of Life Development; and two Holy Cross Sisters, James Therese and Marian Therese, both working in Ghana.

Brother Joseph Tsiquaye was re-elected as District Superior, Brother Joseph Annan was elected delegate to the Midwest Provincial Chapter, and Brother William Gates was elected to the District Council.

There was affirmation of the 1981 Mission Statement. In the last paragraph it states: "We see ourselves as an extension of the Midwest Province, a continuation of the historical work of Holy Cross. We are

(CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

proud of this fact and rely on the prayers and sacrifices of the entire community. Though we live amidst shortages and deprivations, we have faith in the future. We issue an invitation to others to come and join us to help in building the Church in Ghana." In this spirit, Br. Philip Armstrong stated, "I was pleased to see the reaffirmation of the 1981 Mission Statement. It is still valid and we need to continue to be guided by its vision."

Brother Joseph Tsiquaye remarked, "We have reaffirmed much and have given to ourselves a mandate. The work ahead belongs to all of us so that we can move together. In the past we have risked, taken a leap of faith - I believe we are ready to do it again."

Father Robert Gilmour, CSC, kept a very clear and complete account of the Chapter in the minutes that he recorded. The Chapter closed a little after noon on the 24th. On Christmas Day the participants gathered for dinner and were presented with gifts, one of which was a pair of native sandals with a proverb pertaining to one's office.

Letter from the missions

+ Brother Donald Becker wrote a personal reflection to HOLY CROSS BROTHERS Publication last month that may bring the plight of the poor closer to home for us. The reflection comes as a response to a request from this editor to members of our community serving in our many apostolates to share their thoughts and experiences with many of us who have lost touch because of time or distance.



BR. DONALD BECKER

"Like all Holy Cross members in Dhaka," Don writes, "I feel that I get more out of being here than what I am putting into it. The work is only secondary.

"While traveling across the country a month ago, I passed a large area hard hit by this year's floods. Women and children were staggering up and down the road, seemingly in search of help to avoid starvation. I was so taken by

this sight, affecting an area over 2000 square miles, that I could hardly sleep for several weeks after. It was a feeling of sympathy and a feeling of helplessness to assist them. The problem was just so overwhelming. After making inquiries, I learned that the people in this area had lost three successive crops and some had lost five crops due to either drought or flood.

"In Dhaka, I meet these people in the 'bustis'--the encampments of wretched huts spreading over non-private land. In their desperation, after selling off all their land and property in the village, these people have come to the city to survive in one way or another. They are called 'Bastuharas' here, which means, they have lost everything. One such group has settled by the rail station where they built little thatched huts in a drain between the road and the railway. These huts are slightly bigger than a dog house and contain rags that they call bedding and few pots and pans for cooking. When it rains this drain fills with water, flooding all the bustis.

"The Bastuharas survive by driving rickshaws, plying the roads with push carts or doing odd jobs. Their hearts are longing for the peaceful village life they once led, but there is no land to return to. I tried to get them to send their kids for technical training but one old man said, 'Why should I send my son for training when we will all be dead tomorrow.' Their situation is surely hopeless and surviving only for the day is their goal.

"These sights and experiences are sometimes too much a burden for us Westerners who have never had to worry where our next meal is coming from. Poverty is not difficult to practice in such a situation. Desires for fancy food, a comfortable room and other luxuries are easily forgotten.

"The injustices these people have experienced make one appreciate that he is from a land that is the symbol of justice. Yet, through all this, these people are basically good people who have not resorted to unjust means to survive. One old rickshaw puller told me, "I will die before I will lie, cheat, or steal." And most of them accept their situation with a simple, "As God wills it." I keep asking myself, 'Can God will such a mess?'

"The answer that comes is that this is not God's doing but the result of man's greed, carelessness and selfishness, and God is waiting to see if man is going to clean up his own mess. I feel that these people will be the first to possess the kingdom of heaven. I hope that they will pull me in also. I am grateful to them for what they teach me here every day."

As an addenda to his letter, Donald mentioned that a Lutheran group from Canada, running a food-for-work program for the poor, helped to alleviate some of the misery to the plight of the people relocating from the flood and drought areas. Donald was glad that he was able to assist their efforts in finding additional funds for their relief program.

FROM BANGLADESH

+ The District Council met on Friday, December 7, 1984, to approve ten applications of young men who desire to enter the Juniorate. All ten were approved.

Brother John Rozario reported on the meeting of the Bangladesh Conference of Religious. He had been elected president of the Conference in November. The main theme of the Conference was "Women and Social Justice."

Brother James Pereira pronounced his first vows at Holy Cross Novitiate, Barisal on October 26, 1984. All of Holy Cross rejoices on his profession of vows.

Brother Bijoy, assisted by Brothers Jerome Kroetsch and James, made three electronic models of molecules to be used by a graduate student at Dhaka University.

Brothers Robert Hughes and Donald Becker addressed the German community on the subject of trade schools.

At Narinda, near riots caused quite a commotion as the admissions ritual began. Rumors had it that admissions forms were limited, so lines began forming the evening before. Lines dwindled and the noise subsided when the rumors proved false.

At St. Nicholas in Nagari, the Headmaster gave a Pepsi party to all to celebrate the school's feast day.

Brother Ronald Drahozal completed his sixth annual Spiritual Formation Programme on December 18. The programme, lasting six months this year, emphasized a life style in keeping with that of the people we live among.

Brother Ronald Christenson gave two talks to the scholastics at Sadhana Griha for days of recollection on November 30 and December 1, 1984.

Special thanks to Br. Tom Balaz who helps circulate the News Notes in the States. He Xeroxes a single copy from Bangladesh, thus making it easier and less expensive than sending a bulky parcel.

FROM TIBERIAS, ISRAEL

+ The weather in Tiberias at this time of year, according to Brother Eduardo Michalik, is ideal--mild and with a bit of rain that makes everything turn green. The Mater Ecclesiae Center had to resort to irrigation after a very hot summer.

This kept the roses and citrus in a productive state. During the hot season Ed usually went for a swim in the Sea of Galilee to cool off, but now he spends his mid-day recreation period sharpening his chess skills. Most of the students and staff have taken up chess to contrast the noisy UNO players whose exclamations resemble the familiar Israeli sonic booms.

Besides play, there is also serious study of Scriptures and historic shrines and places in Israel. Last fall Ed spent a week in Jerusalem with other pilgrims, with whom there was a mutual reaffirming meeting of a Polish bishop and 29 of his priests. It was hard to tell who was more surprised, they by seeing such a variety of cultures in the study group or the study group seeing so many of the clergy from a Communist occupied country.

On the way back the pilgrims stopped at Jacob's Well and a drink of water, free, but a tumblerful in a little bottle cost one dollar. One "dolla" was asked for so many things in Jerusalem that the group began to toss the expression around as a joke for any little favor to be done.

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.

FROM THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

+ Brother Richard Johnson writes that Br. Robert Woodward visited Br. Paul (William Verstrete) and him during the Thanksgiving holiday. Bob brought the festive turkey with him and Paul did the honors of preparing the Thanksgiving meal.

Brother Joe Ballard inspected the island in the early part of December. Both visitors were accepted into the community by the Brothers' two German Shepherds, one of which fell into the pool two days earlier (Richard had to rescue it) and the other that suffered (but shortly recovered) from a mild stroke.

Christmas came early to the Island. Nereus (a Carib Indian student), Joe, and Richard went to a Christmas crafts show at the St. George Estate Botanical Gardens while Paul spent his time a learning-how-to-raise-funds meeting in Puerto Rico. The people of the Island enjoy listening to songs about snow, especially FROSTY THE SNOWMAN (played a lot on the radio).

Richard enjoys listening to the steel drums and guitar which are often used in the liturgies. He especially enjoyed the PANIS ANGELICUS played during communion on Thanksgiving Day.

Around the Province... and then some

FROM THE WATERFORD NOVITIATE COMMUNITY

+ Brother John Paige (E), Director of Novices, made an informal visit to the Lincolnway Candidate House in conjunction with formation meetings in the Notre Dame area recently. He also had the opportunity to drop in at the Brothers' Center, Columba Hall, Dujarie House, Allen Street Community, and the Solitude of St. Joseph.

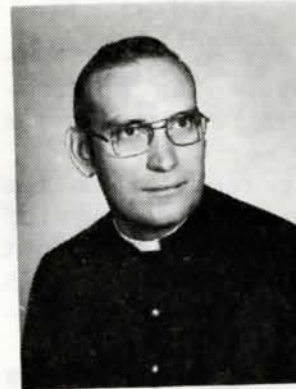
At Waterford, the local community numbers ten members this year, including seven novices representing the Eastern priests, South-West Brothers, and Southern priests provinces. Brothers Robert Fillmore, Doug Roach, and Phil Smith were at the novitiate in the fall, comprising the Midwest Province contingent at the annual formation meeting of those who collaborate in the Waterford novitiate program.

The Waterford Provincials will sponsor a journey of the Director of Novices to East and West Africa this winter. The

provincials wish to affirm the wealth of knowledge available in the lived experience of Holy Cross by our indigenous religious, novices, and candidates, and their ex-patriot religious co-workers in the Third World. Br. John Paige will visit our novitiates and formation communities in Ghana, Uganda, and Kenya.

Dr. D. Stabrowski, Ph.D., CSC

+ Brother Donald Stabrowski recently completed all of the requirements for his Ph.D. at the University of Notre Dame. The Department of Government and International Studies awarded the degree to Don at the end of the fall semester, and it will be formally conferred at the University's Annual Commencement in May, 1985.



BR. DON STABROWSKI

The title of Brother Donald's dissertation is "A Political Machine, An Ethnic Community: South Bend's West Side, 1900-1980." It is a political history of the Polish community on the West Side, which formed the nucleus for a strong Democrat machine that ran the city for a major portion of this century.

The dissertation has been entered into competition for American Church and Ethnic History at the Charles and Mary Cushwa Center for the Study of Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame, and also with the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York; both offer annual awards for dissertations in American Church and Ethnic histories.

Br. Donald, a native of Mishawaka, Indiana, graduated from St. Joseph High School, South Bend, in 1959. He obtained his B.A. from St. Edward's U. in 1963, an M.A. from Indiana U. in 1967 (Lilly Fellow in American History), an M.S. in Education from Indiana U. in 1969, and an M.A. in Government from Notre Dame U. in 1979.

From 1963 to 1970 he taught at Holy Cross high schools in Indianapolis and Akron, was Principal at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago from 1970 to 1974, and is currently teaching at Holy Cross Junior College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

CONGRATULATIONS to Don from all of us!

FROM RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS

+ On December 1, Brother Bede Stadler attended the annual tribute to religious of the Archdiocese of Chicago who are celebrating 25th, 50th, 60th, and 70th anniversaries this year. Cardinal Bernardin and five auxiliary bishops offered Mass for the jubilarians at Quigley Preparatory Seminary South and then hosted a luncheon for four Brothers and 157 sisters.

On Saturday evening, December 15, Brs. Eugene Weisenburger and Richard Shea attended a reception honoring the 90th birthday of Mr. Al Harley, founder of the of the TRI-M Society, now an affiliate of the Music Educators' National Conference. Br. Eugene is presently serving his eighth year as Treasurer on the Executive Board of the Society. Sixteen Holy Cross students are presently preparing for induction into the society (the Honor Society of student musicians) this coming March.

Sister Rita Marie, S.P., who worked on scheduling in the main office at Mother Theodore Guerin High School, River Grove, died on December 8, 1984. The Brothers at Holy Cross High School who have known her over the past nine years extend their sympathy to the Providence Community.

Brothers Walter Duda and Don Fleischacker made a day of recollection on Saturday, December 8, at Chicago Loop's St. Peter's Church. Franciscan Father Dimitri directed the day for religious Brothers.

Brother Don was appointed on November 27 to serve on the Chicago Archdiocesan Pastoral Council for a three-year term.

Brother Joseph Dudek made a presentation on the goals, methods, and workings of the Drafting Department to the Lay Advisory Board meeting held in November. Brothers Louis Mangini, Charles Krupp, Charles Drevon, and Thomas Corcoran, Principal, are members of the existing Board.

FROM SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

+ Brother James Greteman was recently in Houston for a divorce workshop for leaders of divorce groups from Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. He is currently working on a project in Spanish with a professor from the University of Mexico for families dealing with the complexities of divorce.

Brother David Fitzgerald continues to teach in the Geology Department at St.

Mary's University. Presently he is completing a grant involving the classification of paleobotany of the Elliot Collection, a private gift given to St. Mary's in 1981.

Dave has been asked to join the steering committee for the 1986 GSA (Geological Society of America) national convention to be held in San Antonio. Recently he participated in the annual interdenominational prayer service sponsored by campus ministry, presenting a visual meditation.

FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

+ Holy Trinity High School proudly presented its fall production of Agatha Christie's well-known murder mystery, THE MOUSETRAP, on December 8 and 9. It is the longest running play in theatrical history. All performances were interpreted for the Hearing Impaired.

On Thursday morning, November 29, 1984, the Vandercook School of Music Percussion Ensemble presented a concert to the faculty and students. The engagement was the first public appearance of the Ensemble since its organization two years ago.

The Student Council concluded its annual Food Drive for the needy on December 7. All food donated was distributed through Holy Family Parish. Mrs. Patricia Fleming, Student Council moderator urged the success of the drive by saying, "Let us be good Samaritans materially as well as spiritually."

FROM ANDRE HOUSE: Brother Robert Fillmore and Brother Ken Haders gave workshops at the YOUTH MINISTRY DAY '84 at Brother Rice High School, Chicago, on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Br. Robert's workshop was entitled: TIPS AND TRICKS FOR PLANNING YOUTH RETREATS, and Br. Ken's workshop was entitled: BAD THINGS CAN MAKE ME FEEL GOOD TOO.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS ISSUE: Brothers P. Mensah, P. Armstrong, P. Haering, J. Paige (E), T. Corcoran, W. Leveling, D. Fleischacker, C. Rachel, D. McIntyre, J. Stout, W. Schu, J. Tryon, W. Foken, R. Lavelle, R. Siegel, E. Michalik, L. Kowalski, R. Johnson, D. Becker, W. Mewes, R. Papenfuss, J. Linscott and D. Stabrowski. **PHOTOS:** Arturo Mari, MW Archives, and B.H.R.

Province Changes

BROTHER ROBERT (CYPRIAN) MILKE is now at the Brothers' Center for an indefinite period for medical tests after leaving Casper, Wyoming, in late December.

BROTHER JOHN McMULDREN has returned to Anchorage, Alaska, to resume his duties as director of Diocesan Youth Ministry after a semester of study at Notre Dame.

BROTHER JOSEPH FOX has returned to Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, after two and a two and a half years of youth ministry in Anchorage.



BR. RAYMOND IS GREETED BY POPE JOHN PAUL II AFTER MASS AT CASTEL GANDOLFO, SEPT. 24, '84

BROTHER RAYMOND PAPPENFUSS is on sabbatical leave from Ghana. He spent five months at Nemi, Italy, on a S.V.D. renewal program. On September 24, 1984, he attended a private Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II at Castel Gandolfo. He is now teaching a course in Third World Literature at Holy Cross Junior College and studying Liberation Theology.

BROTHER FRANCIS MEDURI, although continuing to live at Columba Hall, is now in full-time employment with the Post Office. BROTHER JOSEPH BALLARD, former director of Religious Ed and Pastoral Associate at St. Bernard Parish, Wabash, Indiana, is now teaching Religious Studies at St. Joseph the Worker High School in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

BROTHER ROBERT DAILEY is now teaching at Loyola University, Chicago, after leaving Ohio State University.

BROTHER DONALD MORGAN returned to his family ministry after spending the fall semester at Sangre di Cristo Center in New Mexico.

BROTHER DONALD BECKER is now the new principal at the St. Joseph School of Industrial Trade in Narinda, Bangladesh.

BROTHER JOACHIM RATEN GOMES went from the Holy Cross Scholasticate to teach at the St. Joseph School of Industrial Trades.

BROTHER LOUIS PRODIP ROZARIO went from the Holy Cross Scholasticate to Holy Cross High School in Bandura, Bangladesh.

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE, NOTRE DAME

+ Brother Matthew Gara (E) is now able to be moved from bed and sit in a chair for about an hour and a half several times a day. He is eating well. He has now been in the hospital or in bed for more than two months consecutively -- longer than any patient here in the last five years.

Br. Quentin Hagerty, accompanied by Br. Julian Przybyla, came from River Grove on December 7. Quentin is here for tests to determine whether or not colon surgery is necessary.

Several new reading lamps were recently purchased for the private rooms.

Br. James Kumba, who has been doing maintenance daily for several months, has begun re-painting the private rooms. He has completed four rooms to date.

Br. Luke Bauer (S-W) spent several hours several hours of Sunday, Dec. 16th, in the emergency ward at St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend. He had fallen several times in a 24-hour period but tests and x-rays found nothing and general "instability" was diagnosed. He will be 89 on February 27th.

The annual Christmas party on the 18th was the highlight of the month. It featured a buffet prepared by the kitchen staff, notably Mr. Richard Snyder and Mrs. Addie Hope. Ms. Shirley Rasmussen spent much time and energy and expertise working with the kitchen staff and decorating the house....Santa Claus (Br. Simon Murren) arrived at 4:30 p.m. and greeted each one before distributing the gifts. Following the gift-giving, there was a sing-along led by Mrs. Mary Scharr, with Mr. Earl Evanson at the organ....The Provincial Council again provided each patient with a special gift prepared by Br. Jeffrey Michels. Jeff, along with Roy Smith and Tom Shaughnessy represented the Council at the party....Br. Paul Mattingly took pictures.

Recent photos of all Brother-patients, taken by Br. Martinus Bombardier in late October, have been presented to the respective Province Archives as well as to some of the patients and their relatives.

Despite the generally unseasonably warm weather through New Year's Eve, there was a white Christmas as an inch of snow covered the area between supertime and midnight on Christmas Eve.

Br. Robert Siegel visited for several days and presided in the kitchen for all the meals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day....Br. Bruce Lescher visited briefly during the holidays.

GATES MILLS, OHIO

+ This year has special significance for Gilmour Academy. During the past academic year, the school was engaged in a process of examining every aspect of the school program. The self-study was reviewed in mid-November by thirty-eight visiting educators, who evaluated the program and will eventually formulate commendations and recommendations.

The visiting team represented the North Central Association, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, and the State of Ohio. Their input helps to make certain that Gilmour Academy continues to provide quality education for the students who enroll at the school.

Brother Robert Lavelle, Headmaster at Gilmour for the past nine years, said, "Given the long traditions of Gilmour and recognizing the importance of our educational mission, I believe it is through faithfulness to that mission that the school will grow and be blessed. Surely we have been already blessed in many, many ways."

COINS FOR THE MISSIONS

Since his return from the Bengal Missions, Brother Ivan Dolan, Columba Hall, has been collecting coins to raise money for the missions. Now, with a bad leg ailment, he has more time, and would like to improve the collection. If anyone has old coins, U.S. or foreign, and would be willing to contribute them to aid the missions, please send them to Brother Ivan. Contributions of coins from friends and relatives would also be gladly accepted.

FROM AKRON, OHIO

+ The Cabbage-Patch and Transformer were not represented; in fact, they were replaced by cheese and sausage, scarf and gloves, and a box of candy -- the more traditional gifts. The gift exchange was a part of the activity of the Akron-area Holy Cross membership for their Christmas get-together. Hosted at the residence of Mrs. Joseph LeBon and Guy Eckels, the social included a buffet luncheon. The 1985 social calendar includes a social with the St. Ed community from Lakewood, prior to the Eagle/Knight basketball game on January 13, in Akron.

A number of students present for the eighth grade Placement/Scholarship Test in December presents an optimistic preview for enrollment of the Class of 1989 at Archbishop Hoban High School. With a thirty percent increase in the number tested, predictions of a record number for the Freshman Class as well as the total enrollment seem reasonable.

FROM EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

+ As part of the 50th Anniversary celebration for the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, an assembly was held in Memorial Auditorium at which Stewart Kershaw, the conductor, introduced some of the members who played in the opening concert on Memorial's stage on December 9, 1934.

The Golden Anniversary program for December 8, 1984, contains a reproduction of the original program, naming Memorial as the concert site. Adult admission in 1934 was 35 cents -- students, 25 cents.

Memorial can pride itself on not only being a leader in Evansville's academic and athletic scenes, but it also has had an important part in the city's artistic and cultural heritage.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

+ On January 6, 1985, Brother James Reddy received his Master of Arts degree in Gerontology (the scientific study of the phenomena of old age) from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois. Congratulations to Brother James on his accomplishment and best wishes for success in his new work.

Recent photos of all Brother-patients, taken by Br. Martinus Bombardier in late October, have been presented to the respective Province Archives as well as to some of the patients and their relatives.

Despite the generally unseasonably warm weather through New Year's Eve, there was a white Christmas as an inch of snow covered the area between supertime and midnight on Christmas Eve.

Br. Robert Siegel visited for several days and presided in the kitchen for all the meals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day....Br. Bruce Lescher visited briefly during the holidays.

GATES MILLS, OHIO

+ This year has special significance for Gilmour Academy. During the past academic year, the school was engaged in a process of examining every aspect of the school program. The self-study was reviewed in mid-November by thirty-eight visiting educators, who evaluated the program and will eventually formulate commendations and recommendations.

The visiting team represented the North Central Association, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, and the State of Ohio. Their input helps to make certain that Gilmour Academy continues to provide quality education for the students who enroll at the school.

Brother Robert Lavelle, Headmaster at Gilmour for the past nine years, said, "Given the long traditions of Gilmour and recognizing the importance of our educational mission, I believe it is through faithfulness to that mission that the school will grow and be blessed. Surely we have been already blessed in many, many ways."

COINS FOR THE MISSIONS

Since his return from the Bengal Missions, Brother Ivan Dolan, Columba Hall, has been collecting coins to raise money for the missions. Now, with a bad leg ailment, he has more time, and would like to improve the collection. If anyone has old coins, U.S. or foreign, and would be willing to contribute them to aid the missions, please send them to Brother Ivan. Contributions of coins from friends and relatives would also be gladly accepted.

FROM AKRON, OHIO

+ The Cabbage-Patch and Transformer were not represented; in fact, they were replaced by cheese and sausage, scarf and gloves, and a box of candy -- the more traditional gifts. The gift exchange was a part of the activity of the Akron-area Holy Cross membership for their Christmas get-together. Hosted at the residence of Mrs. Joseph LeBon and Guy Eckels, the social included a buffet luncheon. The 1985 social calendar includes a social with the St. Ed community from Lakewood, prior to the Eagle/Knight basketball game on January 13, in Akron.

A number of students present for the eighth grade Placement/Scholarship Test in December presents an optimistic preview for enrollment of the Class of 1989 at Archbishop Hoban High School. With a thirty percent increase in the number tested, predictions of a record number for the Freshman Class as well as the total enrollment seem reasonable.

FROM EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

+ As part of the 50th Anniversary celebration for the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, an assembly was held in Memorial Auditorium at which Stewart Kershaw, the conductor, introduced some of the members who played in the opening concert on Memorial's stage on December 9, 1934.

The Golden Anniversary program for December 8, 1984, contains a reproduction of the original program, naming Memorial as the concert site. Adult admission in 1934 was 35 cents -- students, 25 cents.

Memorial can pride itself on not only being a leader in Evansville's academic and athletic scenes, but it also has had an important part in the city's artistic and cultural heritage.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

+ On January 6, 1985, Brother James Reddy received his Master of Arts degree in Gerontology (the scientific study of the phenomena of old age) from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois. Congratulations to Brother James on his accomplishment and best wishes for success in his new work.

FROM BOYSVILLE, MICHIGAN

+ In a recent letter written to the MICHIGAN CATHOLIC, Most Rev. Edmund C. Szoka, Archbishop of Detroit, reflected upon the 35th anniversary of Boyssville in Clinton, Michigan. He wrote, "I had not been back to Boyssville again for almost 35 years. I finally returned for a visit a few months ago. I can't tell you how impressed I was. The site is in the midst of rolling hills. The mud is gone. The few barracks are still there but also many new buildings including a school, chapel, dining room and dormitories. From the very beginning, Cardinal Mooney got the Holy Cross Brothers to staff Boyssville and they still do...."

"There are now 200 boys in the Boyssville program with a staff of 200 who work with the Brothers. It's a large staff but it's needed. The staff are with the boys twenty-four hours a day. They also spend a great deal of time with the parents and families of these boys, giving counseling and guidance. The boys change at Boyssville but the homes they come from must also change. The boys cannot simply return to the same situation as it existed before. They have grown to understand and their parents and guardians must also grow in the understanding."

FROM INDIANAPOLIS

+ Legislation and organizing strategies designed for victory over the "Long Haul" were hammered out at the 5th National Conference of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign held in St. Louis, Missouri, in early December.

Brother Bill Mewes, State Coordinator of the Indiana Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, said, "We expect some victories in '85, but the Freeze is in for the long haul. The leadership of the Freeze movement is not in the Reagans or Mondales of the nation, but in the grassroots. We've kept a majority of Freeze support in the U.S. House of Representatives and we've added new Freeze leaders to the U.S. Senate, and we are prepared to move forward in 1985."

One major issue to come out of the Conference is teaching the Freeze. It is a high priority in '85, giving special emphasis to: verifiability, reducing the

risk of accidental nuclear war, security advantages of the Freeze, economics of the nuclear arms race, U.S.-Soviet relations, the Deadly Connection, first strike weapons, and space weapons.

FROM MONROE, MICHIGAN

+ Brother Leonard Siwierka taught an eight-weeks cooking course to six eighth graders from St. Mary's Grade School before Thanksgiving. A second course followed immediately after. Cooking achievements are brought about from "scratch." Leonard recently stomped 150 heads of cabbage to produce a total of 140 quarts of "Kapusta."

Br. Don Gibbs from the Vocations Office visited Junior and Senior Theology classes from November 14 to 16. While Don with the Monroe Community, monthly Chapter was held, featuring the topic of vocations. This year the Monroe Community has included exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the house schedule. On the 19th of each month, ending a novena for vocations, exposition is made from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

All of Monroe County was crushed with disappointment when Monroe Catholic's varsity football team was defeated by Wyoming Park, 33 to 21, in the championship game. Disappointing, yes -- but CC accomplished what no other Monroe County team had done -- get all the way to the finals.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was celebrated with a Mass in the house chapel, with invited guests in attendance.

The annual Christmas Concert had a new look. Br. James Rottenbacher included the musical offerings of his newly formed community band, made up of alumni and parents who wish to continue their musical bent for entertaining at special concerts.

Pray for them...

Mrs. Joyce Dougherty and son Michael, who died in a auto accident in Buchanan, Michigan, on November 26, 1984. Mrs. Dougherty was the sister-in-law of Brother Fulgence Dougherty, long-time missionary in Bangladesh, Ghana, and Liberia.

Ann Judge, sister of Brother Kenan Judge, who died in Albia, Iowa, on December 10, 1984.

MAY THEY REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.

FROM LeMANS ACADEMY

+ The new Bishop of the Gary Diocese, Norbert F. Gaughan, officiated at the confirmation of 31 boys at LeMans Academy on December 9. At the conclusion of the ceremony he met with the parents and friends of the cadets. Afterward he had dinner with the Brothers. The new Bishop proved to be a truly gracious, unassuming, scholarly person as he talked with the Brothers and parents. His sense of humor put everyone at ease.

The new wing of the school is now completely furnished with the addition of fifteen new IBM computers along with four Apple computers and printers.

Many of the Brothers assist at the local parishes as extraordinary ministers. They are Brother Charles Beck at St. John Kanty, Brothers James Blaszak, Edward Grams, Dennis Bednarz, Tom Henning, and Simon Murren at Sacred Heart in LaPorte. Br. John Schuszler teaches CCD at Sacred Heart, and Br. Charles has a Bible study class at St. John Kanty.

Each year the Brothers host between 100 and 150 neighbors at Christmas Midnight Mass. A sumptuous breakfast is served to all of the guests after the Mass.

The Association of St. Joseph is a very active group with its group meetings, activities, outings, and dances -- thanks to the diligent efforts of its moderator, Brother Edward Grams.

FROM POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA

+ Brother Don McIntyre writes that he gets together with Br. Carl Shonk on the weekend and tries to get out for a meal with Br. Don Johnroe at least once a month. He still has to spend much time taking care of his mother, especially getting her out to eat or for a ride.

The following is a clip from the Silver Jubilee booklet put out by his parish, St. Elizabeth in Pompano Beach: BROTHER DONALD McINTYRE joined our parish staff in January of 1984. With his arrival we were able to update our parish census, revitalize our liturgies and evangelization programs, organize parish renewals, youth, men's and women's clubs, establish a finance board, and lay the groundwork for future activities in our parish.

GUADALUPE CelebrationFROM MILFORD, INDIANA

+ On Sunday morning, December 16, 1984, the Hispanic community of Guadalupe Parish in Milford gathered for the festive celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Although the actual feast day falls on December 12, members of the parish came together on Sunday, the regularly scheduled day for liturgy and social gathering.

Many non-parish members joined in the celebration. Father Jim Karaffa, CSC, was celebrant and Rogelio Salinas was deacon for the liturgy. After the liturgy, the congregation went into the parish hall for a pageant on the miracle of Guadalupe, presented by the children of the parish, for a buffet of Mexican delicacies, and for a movie about the Virgin of Guadalupe, narrated by Fr. Virgli Elizondo.

Yet, the man very much behind the pulse of Guadalupe Parish is Brother James Linscott, who came to Milford in June of '81. As parish administrator, he has done much to maintain the facility, assist the Hispanic community in the area with his counsel, personal attention, financial aid, and a friendship that seems to flow from a very generous heart.

Brother Jim commutes each weekend from Goshen where he lives and assists at St. John's Parish. His many years of service to the Hispanic community, especially the ones spent as director of the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Orphanage) in San Juan Teotihuacan, Mexico, are the mark of dedication of a truly exceptional religious.



BROTHER JAMES LINSKOTT MEETS WITH MRS. CARMEN CASTILLO DURING THE FESTIVITIES CELEBRATING GUADALUPE DAY IN MILFORD.

Association of St. Joseph

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, 1984

+ The Association of St. Joseph is very active in several areas of the Midwest. Two very active chapters are to be found at the Holy Cross Brothers' Center, Notre Dame, and at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois.

One of the major activities for both groups is the annual Christmas party. The River Grove chapter gathered in the school cafeteria on the evening of December 9, with Brother Flavius Ellison, newly-appointed director of the Association of St. Joseph, as special guest. After a generous sharing of Christmas cheer, everyone was treated to a Chicago-style Pot



ENJOYING THE CHRISTMAS BUFFET AT THE CENTER.

Luck and a raffle for some pre-Christmas presents.

At the Brothers' Center, Santa Claus (Br. Simon Murren) made an appearance on December 16 and distributed candies, the traveling segment of the Notre Dame Glee Club entertained with seasonal songs, and all were treated to a splendid buffet prepared by Brother Thomas Rock. Brothers Tom Moser and Bernard Platte and helpers added much to the occasion by beautifully decorating the corridors, lounge, and dining room.



BR. FLAVIUS CHATS WITH THE SLOMAS AND FR. DICK DOWNS AT HOLY CROSS' CHRISTMAS PARTY.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of lack of space on this page, the names of contributors to this issue will be found on page 5.



HOLY CROSS BROTHERS

MIDWEST PROVINCE

NOTRE DAME, INDIANA 46556

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

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED