



# HOLY CROSS BROTHERS

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*In memory of*

**Brother Andrew Dennis Sukenik, C.S.C.**

Born June 8, 1927

at Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Died September 13, 1986

Gilmour Academy

Gates Mills, Ohio



Professed August 16, 1950



*In memory of*

**Brother Anthony Houser, C.S.C.**

Born December 30, 1916

at Youngstown, Ohio

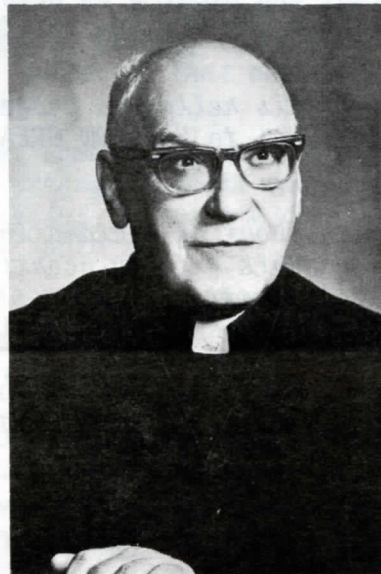
Died October 6, 1986

Dujarie House

Notre Dame, Indiana



Professed August 16, 1936



*In memory of*

**Brother Bonaventure Foley, C.S.C.**

Born August 26, 1904

at Janesville, Minnesota

Died October 14, 1986

Dujarie House

Notre Dame, Indiana



Professed July 21, 1923

BROTHER ANTHONY HOUSER (1916-1986)

(From the eulogy given by Brother Richard Shea in  
the Brothers' Chapel on October 8, 1986.)

All of us, friends of Brother Anthony (Bernard) Houser, have gathered this evening to pay tribute to a humble, obedient, and generous man.

Brother Anthony was noted for his service, humility, and generosity. For more than twenty years he provided three meals seven days a week for the Brothers at Holy Cross High School in River Grove. He was always in the kitchen preparing the meals, baking his breads, and his never-to-be-forgotten apple pies. Often he would be seen pedaling his bicycle to Dominic Foods for a few purchases for the evening meal. For any special event a mere request and he would provide all that was needed.

He performed the most humble tasks day in and day out, singing and whistling as he worked. His docile disposition was evident in every task. Obedient to his Father, he followed the will of his Superiors to Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, and Michigan. Even his final trip to Notre Dame was an act of obedience.

From his bountiful heart came an unmeasurable generosity. Whether to his brothers at Holy Cross or his friends in the surrounding community he always had the extra time to slice some ham, bag some ice, bake some rolls.

In addition to his virtues he had a love of life which was shown in his leisure activities. His love of cards and horse racing were pursued and enjoyed with friends. The Brothers were always the beneficiaries of his "big wins".

In his spiritual life Brother Anthony demonstrated an unwavering fidelity to prayer. No matter how long the hours or lack of sleep he was always at daily Mass. His own family exemplified the ideal that Father Moreau had envisioned: a society of priests, brothers, and sisters of Holy Cross in one community. The Houser family had Fathers Joe and Charles, Sisters Rita and Rose Anita, and Brother Anthony.

For the fiftieth anniversary of his religious profession this past March he selected the final hymn of the Mass to be HOW GREAT THOU ART.

Let us consider the words he chose:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

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BROTHER ANDREW SUKENIK (1927-1986)

Brother Andrew's wake service took place September 18 at the Brothers' Center. (We hope to print the text of his eulogy in the next issue.) We will cherish our association with Brother Andrew as a Brother, friend, confidant, teacher, linguist, and horticulturist.

He was an example of a devoted religious, a man of deep faith, heartfelt care for those in need, and a wonderful sense of humor and a heart-filled with song.

+ Highlight of the month was the annual Hallowe'en party on Sunday afternoon the 26th. There were more costumes than ever before for this annual event: staff members Becky Futa, Barbara Baumer, Helen Pijut, Barbara Brown, Lillian Craft, Elaine Stodolny, and Shirley Rasmussen dressed up. Also Brother Fred Choquette and Brothers Pedro and Just. Mr. Joe Wilk entertained with his "romantic guitar". Mr. Richard Snyder prepared an elegant buffet supper -- Italian style. Guests included Fr. Ray Cour, Mr. Glenn Rousey (who captured the party for posterity with his camera), and Sister Carmel Marie. Head Nurse, Mrs. Shirley Rasmussen was responsible for the decorations and arrangements. Mrs. Elaine Stodolny won first prize for her clown costume. Brother August Sosa (E) was the judge.

+ Father Jim Gillis, one of our newly appointed chaplains, suffered a heart attack after two weeks with us. He is presently still in intensive care at St. Joseph Medical Center. Our other "new" chaplain, Fr. Bob McKee, is going back to Bangladesh this month. So Fr. Bill Morrison is presently filling in for both of them.

+ On Sunday, the 12th, our old Providence friends, Sisters Gertrude, Carita, and Marian, along with Sister Siobhan, C.S.C., were in town for the weekend and joined us for Mass and brunch.

+ Mrs. Addie Davis, an old friend of Brother Hilarion Brezik (S-W) visited him from the 20th to the 22nd.

+ The weekend of the 26th Helen and Irving Briendel of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, sister and brother-in-law of Brother August Sosa (E) visited him.

+ In our roundup of volunteers who assisted us this past summer we inadvertently omitted Brother John Doran (S-W). John was a great help in taking over our housekeeping work for the month of July. We are most grateful for his helping hand.

+ Brother Eymard Salzman graced our halls the last week of the month, recovering from some back miseries.

+ Brother Just's aunt, Sister Francis Gertrude, C.S.C., died at the Sisters' Infirmary on the 4th.

+ Mrs. Laura Wright, our newest employee, brought five of her grandchildren here on Hallowe'en for trick or treat. This group was "edged" slightly, about 8:30 with the arrival of six of the grandchildren of charge nurse, Elaine Stodolny, accompanied by the parents, and for grandmother's inspection!

+ During the month we lost both Brothers Anthony Houser and Bonaventure Foley. Their eulogies are elsewhere in this issue.

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from the OAKLAND COMMUNITY

+ Brother Richard Kearney is currently working towards upgrading his position at Catholic Counseling Services in Hayward; this has meant an increased caseload for him. In October Richard will be an examiner for the oral exams required of candidates who want to be licensed as clinical social workers in California. He also continues his service at soup kitchen at St. Augustine's Parish in Oakland.

+ In addition to studying at the Pacific School of Religion, Tom Maddix works for the School of Applied Theology in Berkeley as a facilitator of a ministry reflection group. This year Tom will be writing his M.A. thesis on ethical questions in the Catholic health care systems.

+ Bruce Lescher has completed three of five written sections of his comprehensive examination; he will take the oral examination next February. Bruce continues to do spiritual direction for the Institute of Spirituality and Worship at the Jesuit School in Berkeley and for the Network Center for the Study of Ministry in San Francisco.

+ On September 18 Richard, Tom, and Bruce attended a gathering at Holy Cross Center in Berkeley to commemorate the Patronal Feast of the Congregation. The evening featured an informal discussion with Michael J. Buckley, S.J. Buckley was recently appointed theologian to the United States Catholic Conference. His appointment was challenged by some conservative groups, but he was exonerated by a review panel of bishops

BROTHER BONAVENTURE FOLEY (1904-1986)

(From Brother Thomas Moser's eulogy given in the  
Chapel at the Brothers' Center, October 15, 1986)

Your life was one of interaction with us all: family, community, and Church. Little went on that you were not the first to know. It was always hard to find something to tell you that was new.

Interest in the Foley clan took you summer after summer to the North, keeping contact with each family member. Mary, Sheila, and Joe. The clan's roots go deep in the Minnesota soil from which you come. Those roots spread to many who are here this evening.

The love of people called you from one family to another. In Holy Cross you were able to do for your Brothers and Priests what you did for your family. Drawing Holy Cross together with stories, tales, and plans -- most of which came true, we must admit.

Your ever present interest in what was happening continued to the last. History, conferences, tapes, talks, a wide range of reading interests, papers, chapters, and community affairs were for you a part of each day -- a great part. To many of us you were the heart and hearth of Holy Cross. A person to come home to.

The wider sense of the people of God called you forth to be active with the Church. Knowledge of its Bishops, interest in Vatican II, the synods, friendships with members of other religious communities, especially the Franciscan Sisters and their community and works: these were factors that enlivened your interests, provided you with conversational material and helped to bond you to many.

You have been the great nurterer of family, community, and Church. Each of these realities has been mixed by you so that one does not know where one reality ends and the other begins.

We all saw you busy with family, community, and Church. That's the outside. How about the inside? Are you strong of heart or strong of mind? Or a bit of both? Here we have to be careful for we are guessing. You never told us much about how you felt, but we could see.

Being the obedient man, you were placed in charge to build the community: Evansville, Taunton, Watertown, Austin, and Notre Dame. You led the way in many a tough spot, you organized, you made ends meet, you made things work, you got people together, you did not want to be a burden.

You were Old Church; and yet you were New. Your interest in and love of people came through: the time you spent listening, the time you spent affirming, the time you spent in hope, never showing a negative turn. And always telling the truth.

Your fidelity in religious life and prayer are values we note. You loved the history you found in the Bible. The Rosary and time before the Blessed Sacrament were periods you gladly spent.

My suspicion is that you were strong of heart. We were so busy looking at your building of family, community, and Church that we failed to realize that the values you professed came from your heart. It wasn't a well-ordered family, community, or Church you wanted but a loving relationship between persons.

From your new vantage point we ask that you look after the Foley clan, the Brothers and Priests and Sisters of Holy Cross, and the Church.

## FIRST HONORARY ALUMNUS

In recognition of his 25 years of selfless service, Brother Eugene Phillip has been selected by the Friends and Alumni of Reitz Memorial High School as the first honorary alumnus in Memorial's history.

He directs Memorial's bookstore. He oversees the sale of student pictures. He runs the cheese and sausage drive. He coordinates the sale of class rings. He hawks candy. He maintains a lost and found service. He conducts the annual history contest. He keeps Memorial's building in mint condition. And, oh yes, he teaches five classes each day. "He's irreplaceable," concedes Memorial principal, Gerry Adams. "When he leaves we'll have to hire two people to replace him."

As he completes his first quarter century at Memorial the message is clear: the man whom his students have affectionately nicknamed "The Fuhrer" plans to continue to scrupulously monitor the school's facilities, a nonstop service Memorial couldn't possibly afford otherwise. And how long can Memorial expect to benefit from his vigilance? "Probably forever," admits the school's newest alumnus.

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## GILMOUR ACADEMY

+ At the semiannual meeting of Gilmour's Board of Trustees, September 22, one of the newly elected trustees was Brother Evan Schmid, C.S.C.

+ Gilmour's new Lower School began this fall with grades 1 and 2. Subsequent grades to be added in the years ahead.

+ In its second year and full to capacity with 62 pre-schoolers, the Montessori program is going along full tilt.

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## SUPER BOSS -- RUNNER UP

Based on a letter describing her employer, Mrs. Sharon Kulesa, secretary for Brother Lawrence Skitzki, won the following title for Larry:

*SUPER BOSS of the YEAR  
Runner Up*

*(Golly Sharon, I hope you get an extra day of vacation for that.)*

## FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

+ As the Associates of St. Joseph complete their sixth annual Fall Fest, a note of interest for this philanthropic group is: since its establishment in 1963 the Associates have contributed more than \$43,000 to aid students in need at the school.

+ Brother Don Fleischhacker attended two workshops dealing with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. One, presented by Eileen Flynn at Quigley-South Preparatory Seminary was entitled: "AIDS: A Catholic Call for Compassion." The other presentation by the National Assembly of Religious Brothers featured two speakers: an AIDS victim and a worker who asked the questions: "What can the Church do?" and "What can Brothers do to respond to the AIDS crisis?" You may contact Don for further information.

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## DOCTOR OF MUSIC

Brother James Rottenbacher received a doctoral degree in music July 18, 1986 from Karl Franz University in Graz, Austria.

Since 1968 Brother James has been active in the Austrian Council for Intercultural Relations, which is based in Vienna, Austria. He also has participated in several international conferences of teachers of music and most recently has lectured on music as part of the liberal curriculum in European schools.

In 1968 and 1974 Brother James was awarded certificates in German from the Goethe Institute in Munich. He is presently an instructor in music at St. Mary Academy-MCC in Monroe.

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## ORDINATION

Alberto Bondy (former member of the Midwest Province) will be ordained to the priesthood on November 22 at the Cathedral in Detroit. His first Mass will be offered December 6 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Warren, Michigan. Ad multos annos!

FROM GHANA

+ Brothers Daniel Dardoe, Michael Am-akyi, and Paul Mensah renewed their vows July 19 following a workshop given by Brother Thomas Maddix.

+ A retreat on Father Moreau's spirituality was given by Brother Joel Gialanza to the community. Brother Joel also directed the retreat to the candidates before they entered the novitiate.... Under the new Director of Novices, Brother Joseph Annan, four novices began their training: Sylvester Quaye, James Donkor, Anthony Dadize, and Michael Quaidoo-Blay. The reception took place September 12 with the District Superior, Brother Joseph Tsi-quaye presiding

+ Joining and re-joining the District are Brothers Bill Mewes and Francis Meduri, respectively. Bill will teach at the major seminary, Cape Coast, while Frank is at the Pastoral Center of the Sunyani Diocese.

FROM ST. EDWARD, LAKEWOOD

A telephone fund-raising campaign by St. Edward High School students has raised more than one million dollars in pledges toward a capital improvements program at the school.

The campaign, with a goal of raising \$3.3 million in pledges, payable over a five-year period, has been on-going since the start of the year.

Brother Thomas Henning, President of the school, said the final phase of the construction project will be a new fine arts center that will seat 500 students. It will include music instruction rooms, an art room, and an alumni activities area.

OBITUARIES

- + Mother of Eugene Palinski
- + Brother Andrew Sukenik, C.S.C.
- + Sister Francis Gertrude, C.S.C.,  
(aunt of Brother Just Paczesny)
- + Brother Anthony Houser, C.S.C.
- + Brother Bonaventure Foley, C.S.C.
- + Reverend Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C.

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FROM THE EDITORS.....



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