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Past Publications, Personnel

As a gesture of tribute and with a sense of history, we repeat the list of past publications of the Midwest Province, Notre Dame. Included in this review are the names of the publications, the years, and the names of the editors.

Presently we are numbering Volume 21 in just one of the series of publications that are a part of our history. Starting in 1967 the title, MIDWEST NEWS NOTES was used for Volumes 1 to 17. Three editors are included with this publication: Brother Lawrence Miller from 1967 to 1968; Brother Evan Schmid from 1968 to 1980; and Brother Pedro Haering from 1980 to 1984.

Volume 18 in that series saw a change of title, BROTHERS OF HOLY CROSS with Brother Harold Ruplinger as editor from 1984 to 1986, and Brother Just Paczesny as editor last year, 1986-1987.

Besides this present publication others with numerous editors, publishers and titles are a part of the history. Some of these served a similar purpose as today's — general news items to province members and friends — while others were more specialized.

Looking back to 1964 Brother Eymard Salzman was editor of a publication entitled, HOLY CROSS BROTHERS for ten years, 1964-74, Volumes 1 to 10.

The predecessor of that publication was one entitled, ASSOCIATE OF ST. JOSEPH, from 1931-64, numbered, Volumes 1-31.

Two publications, one with the familiar title, HOLY CROSS BROTHERS, were coming off the presses at the same time. From 1948-54 that title was used as Brother Garnier Morin was editor for four years, and Brother Gerard Fitz was editor for two years, covering in total Volumes 1-6. This was succeeded by THE NEWSETTE, from 1954-58 with Brother Gerard Fitz, Editor, and 1958-64, Brother Lawrence Miller. Together they produced Volumes 7-16.

Earlier there were three publications which close off our survey. From 1930-45 a BULLETIN OF THE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES OF THE BROTHERS OF HOLY CROSS was produced. This was followed by the BULLETIN OF THE BROTHERS OF HOLY CROSS from 1945-56. Finally in this series from 1958-63, Brother William Mang was editor of BROTHERS OF HOLY CROSS EDUCATIONAL BULLETIN.

All of the above is mentioned as an introduction to future columns, Remembering the Past — It Happened Then, which will be included beginning with the next issue. Yes, we will be inviting you to rummage with us in the archives to review our past. Much of this will be facilitated because of the efforts of Brother Lawrence Miller who has spent time indexing many of these historical documents.

Listening To Holy Cross From Liberia

Twenty-five years: Brothers of Holy Cross, Midwest Province at Saint Patrick School, Monrovia, Liberia. In August, 1962, Bishop Carrol welcomed Brothers Austin Maley, Chester Rachel, Theophane Schmitt and Donald Allen. In August, 1987, Bishop Michael Frances was joined by Brothers James Newberry, Thomas Dillman and Edwin Mattingly for the Silver Jubilee celebration.

The setting for the Pontifical Liturgy was Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Saint Patrick students were joined by invited guests. Arrangements for the occasion were completed by Sister Mary Laurene Browne, Catholic Education Secretary.

Saint Patrick has been under the direction of the Brothers who were preceded there by priests of the Society of African Missions. During the past twenty-five years about the same number of Brothers have served the educational apostolate there for various time intervals.

Brother James presently serves as principal. This is his fifth year. Brother Thomas, presently an instructor, arrived and began his service nineteen years ago. Brother Edwin, in his fourth year, completes the present province representation in Liberia.

The school includes grades seven through twelve. The enrollment presently numbers 385 boys. Today's enrollment and plant reflect positive growth. The school has been at its present location since 1954.

Liberia in size equals the state of Ohio with a population of almost two and a half million. Small by our standards, it does represent one of the independent nations on the continent of Africa. In world trade the country has depended upon its iron ore and rubber resources. However, in today's world market the increased competition and decreased need for these products have greatly effected the country's economy.

Saint Patrick continues to have a nationally respected academic position among the private schools which number about sixteen. Their selective enrollment is determined through academic testing, and a student must maintain a standard during his years there. Most of the students continue their education after graduation in schools in Liberia and abroad.

The present representation of Brothers is the smallest since the beginning in 1962. Discussion is taking place presently as to the practicality of joining with the African District presently headquartered in Ghana. Vocations from the country are a possibility which is being explored by other religious communities there including the Christian Brothers, S.M.A., Salesians and Marists.

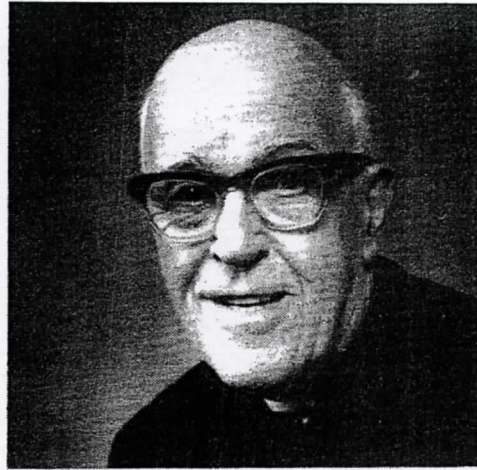
Silver jubilees are opportunities to celebrate the past and plan for the future. Holy Cross is taking this opportunity to proclaim thanks for the blessings of the apostolate at Saint Patrick made possible through the commitment of province membership. The continuation depends on our awareness of the graces that are made available to us at the present time.

Brother Fintan Kindilien, CSC

Born: December 6, 1897

Professed: August 16, 1941

Died: October 6, 1987



I feel privileged tonight to deliver this eulogy in honor of Brother Fintan whom I have known for many years.

Born in South Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1897, Brother was one of six children. They all preceded him in death. He is survived by two nephews, Owen and Carlin Kindilien, who reside in Connecticut.

Prior to his entry into the community, Brother was employed as a hatter. Yes, a hatter is one who makes or sells hats, especially men's hats. He once told me that he had worked in Hartford.

Brother Fintan came to Holy Cross in early 1937, fifty years ago, at the age of 39. In September of that year he had to return home to minister to one of his sisters who was very ill. He returned to Holy Cross in 1940 and made his first profession in August of 1941.

Serving on the staff of St. Joseph's Novitiate for one year was his first assignment. He then moved to Columba Hall and the Ave Maria Press in 1942. He canvassed for the Ave Maria Magazine for a brief period after which he was assigned as press operator there. He remained at this assignment until 1970 when he retired at Columba Hall. In August, 1986, he took up residence at Dujarie Infirmary. He went to his eternal reward on October 5 at Dujarie Infirmary. He will surely be missed by all.

Brother Fintan was always a man of deep and abiding faith and prayer, a fine gentleman, courteous to one and all. He seemed to be consistently in good spirits, whether he felt good or not. Never complaining, he was an ideal person with whom to live. What good Pope John the Twenty-third once said of Saint Joseph, could certainly be said of him also, "He said little, but did much."

In his walk you would not characterize him as being overly speedy, but he got there, nonetheless, on time. His demeanor was one of quiet calm, soft-spoken. He was a good listener, a keen observer of life's variables, never underestimating the goodness of another.

Brother had a good self-image; he was realistic about himself. He was exacting in what he did, but not exacting of others. Brother Fintan was confident

of achieving his goal in life because he trusted in God, through prayer and sacraments. He was also confident of the support of everyone who entered his life. I never knew him to pass judgment on another. He accepted people as he found them, good to all, treating everyone the same. He did what he could and left the rest to God.

Daily performing little acts of kindness, that might go unnoticed by many, was very usual for Fintan. Did you ever see an artist putting together a beautiful mosaic? If you chance up close you will see the thousands of little colored stones that make up the total design. That was his life. The countless little things that go unnoticed are eventually put together in the total. Our life too is a mosaic as was Brother Fintan's.

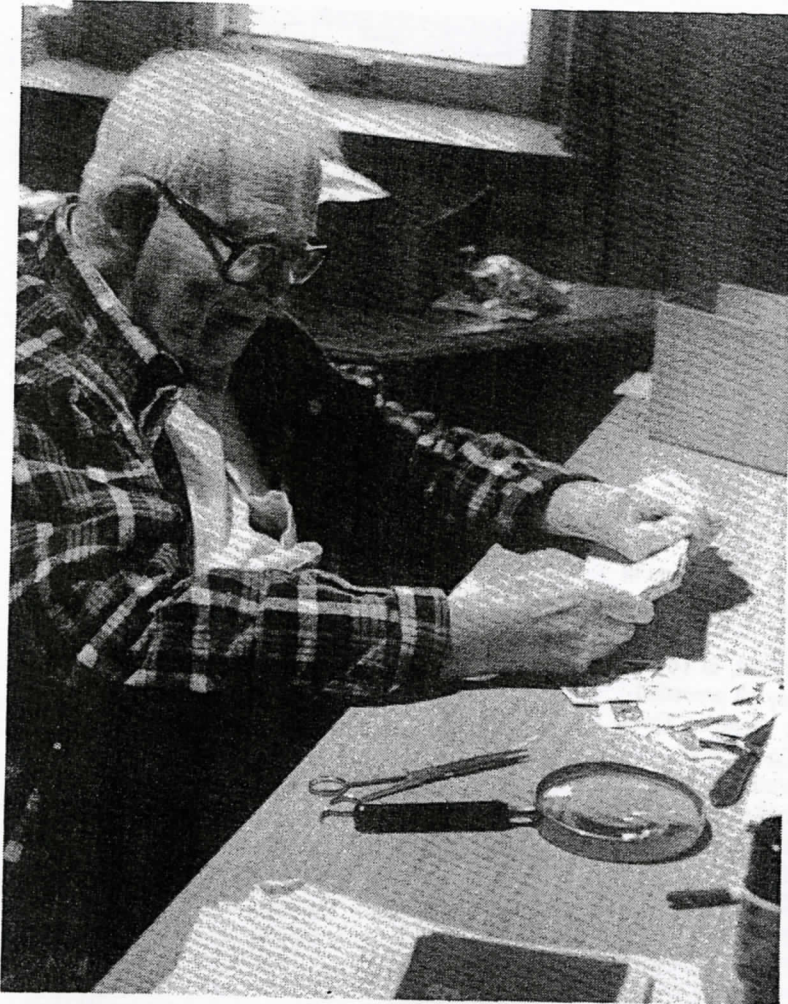
Everyone that Fintan met was important to him, because they were persons first. All were a part of God's handiwork, God's creation. No matter what.

The story is told of the penny and the dollar. Of course, the dollar was informing the penny how important he was, and how the penny didn't really amount to much. The penny reminded the dollar that he, after all was really the most important, for didn't he spend more time in church.

Brother possessed a good balance; not overly one way or the other. He had his goals, priorities and need all in balance. This impressed those of us who knew him. He embodied the attendant virtue of simplicity to the highest degree. If he could speak to us tonight, I am sure he would urge us not to lose this precious virtue. John Dewey once long ago reminded us that everyone who has lived on this earth should leave some legacy behind to inspire others.

The legacy that Brother Fintan has left us is certainly simplicity, steadfastness, prayerfulness and the reassurance that everything is OK, everything will be all right. I am reminded of that old ballad, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." Brother Fintan, like that old soldier, soldier of Christ that he was, will never die. He now fades away, and may he rest in peace. AMEN.

Brother Edward Courtney, CSC



Brother Vitus eyeing his stamp apostolat



Chefs Brother Henry and Rick planning their food apostolate.



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Brothers Kenan, Albert, and Jude relaxing during their kitchen-crew apostolate.

Brother Theodore — dressed for the photographer — demonstrating his lawn apostolate.



Between The Lines by Brother Lawrence Miller, CSC

In The Beginning There Were Two — The Fundamental Act of Union and the Origin of the Congregation of Holy Cross

Sesquicentennial of the Congregation of Holy Cross 1837-1987

(Indiana Province Archives Center; P.O. Box 568; Notre Dame, Indiana, 46556; 1987.)

In The Beginning There Were Two is the work of Rev. James T. Connelly, CSC. Connelly is the Archivist for the Indiana Province of priests. The above cover information gives a good idea of what this twenty-four page booklet is about. The complete Fundamental Act of Union, dated March 1, 1837, is reproduced in the back of the booklet. The English translation is by Raymond Dufresne, CSC.

This booklet contains information that is basic to our origins and history. James Connelly knows this history well and expresses it in new and fresh language. The text is interesting reading for the beginner looking into our community's background for the first time, as well as the student who is trying to interpret our past in terms of our present experience.

Not only Popes of the recent past, but also scholars and writers of today, insist that religious communities look to their foundation in order to develop a vision for the future. Evelyn Woodward writes that "the founding story has to be constantly revisited and retold in ways that continue to sustain, illumine and germinate meanings." (**Poets, Prophets and Pragmatics**, Ave Maria, c.1987, p.70.) Let me, therefore, set down a few of my thoughts as I reflect on some of the early Brothers of St. Joseph: Brothers Andre and Vincent as mentioned in this booklet as well as Brothers Francis Xavier, Charles Harding, and Lawrence Menage.

Brother Andre Mottais: Because of his training and experience, Andre held an important position in the group as they were headed toward formulating the Fundamental Act of Union. One of his concerns had to do with vocations, a problem not unlike that of today. People were coming and going. There were periods of growth and stability and periods of leavings and instability. The trend in France was a decline in membership in a number of communities of teaching brothers. Much later than Andre's time, the Brothers of Christian Instruction of Ploermel, where Andre received his training, and seven other communities of teaching brothers, appealed for guidance from the Pope because of the vocation crisis. (**Review for Religious**, Vol. 17, March 1958 No. 2 p.65.) Andre kept the faith and was the first Brother of St. Joseph to persevere to death.

Brother Vincent Pieau: Vincent also persevered until his death at age ninety-three. As I write, his teacher's certificate, dated 1827, and his picture are on display in the Main Building at the University

of Notre Dame. Schlereth writes that Vincent was age forty-five at the time he came to the States, and that Sorin's father "employed Vincent to be Father Sorin's surrogate-father. Vincent also served Sorin as confidant, novice master, University trustee, faculty member, and administrative officer for over fifty years." (**The University of Notre Dame** by Thomas J. Schlereth, p.12.) Almost a hundred years after his death we can recall the former Vincent Hall at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, and the former Vincent Hall, presently St. Joseph Solitude, at Notre Dame were named after him. Holy Cross religious at these places were familiar with displayed pictures of Brother Vincent.

Brother France Xavier Patois and Brother Charles Harding: they did not write books or articles to my knowledge, but we read their "catechism" quite frequently. They built Sacred Heart Church on the Notre Dame campus. (Schlereth, *Ibid.* p.12) churches are built to remind people of God. Connelly's booklet was a reminder to me that we can read not only the literary works of our ancestors but also the works of their architects and contractors.

Brother Lawrence Menage: Carl Tiedt, CSC, writes that "the earliest record of any activity related to St. Joseph's Farm is set down on the St. Joseph County Deed Records which indicate that Brother Lawrence, Jean Menage, was granted the Power of Attorney through Edward Sorin 'to bargain, sell any lands . . . in my name, . . . to give receipts and to enter satisfaction of record all mortgages or other obligations for me. Feb. 2, 1863.'" (**St. Joseph's Farm** by Brother Carl Tiedt, CSC Jan. 1987, p.7.) Schlereth writes that Lawrence "possessed a shrewd business acumen, was the University steward, and was in charge of all its farms." (*Ibid.*, p.21) It would be interesting to know if the Notre Dame area land we now live on was bought by him.

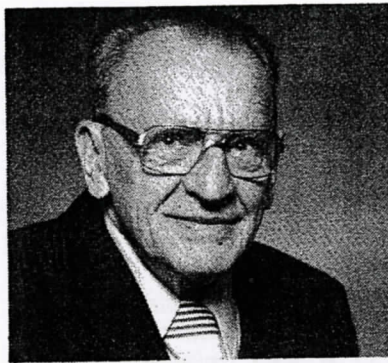
I appreciate Connelly's effort in publishing **In The Beginning There Were Two** because it gives me an opportunity to write about some of the things I was able to learn about these early Brothers of St. Joseph. I have a pretty good idea of the kind of environment in which they lived out their religious life, both in the U.S.A. and in France, and that they were virtuous men. "The virtuous man's virtue shall be his own." (Ez. 18:20) "To this day, they remain our brothers in glory, inspiring us by their example, reminding us that we are a communion of saints."

Brother Regis Regensburger, CSC

Born: December 19, 1899

Professed: August 16, 1935

Died: September 30, 1987



A few days ago Brother Regis approached me with a surprising offer. He thought I might want to make use of his golf cart — i.e. one pulled by hand — inasmuch as he didn't think he'd be needing it any more. It was surprising to me because I knew how much Regis loved golf, and, even though his doctor told him not to play this past summer, I rather expected him to be chomping at the bit to get out again next spring. Even at age 87 he wasn't one to give up on the things he enjoyed doing. He managed to ice skate a bit last winter, and he still loved his swims in Lake Michigan.

The reason he was willing to give up golf, it turned out, wasn't that he was worried about his health so much as that he realized he had slowed down so much in his walking that he was afraid he would be a nuisance to the golfers behind him. There was about Regis a certain innate courtesy and thoughtfulness.

I think what impressed me most about him, though, was his total selfless loyalty and faithfulness. I first met Regis when I was appointed novice master in the early sixties.

I was a callow 32 years old at the time — so young I had to have a papal indult to take the job. Brother Regis, whom I inherited as my assistant, entered the community in 1934, two years after I was born.

I've never met a man who could so humbly and wordlessly, but through his actions, say, "You're the boss. Whatever you want, we'll do." In some cases, that involved a 180 degree shift in attitude and practice. He never complained; he never questioned; he just did it the way he thought I'd want it done. I simply can't imagine anyone easier to work with, more loyal, more faithful or more obedient. We never had an unkind word or a misunderstanding of any kind.

If the Lord found the Apostle Nathaniel praiseworthy because he was a man without guile, he must have loved Regis very much for the same reason.

I know I'm not alone in that reaction to Regis. He made warm and lasting friends wherever he went. Since he moved here at the Center, we have often had occasion to meet some of his new friends, frequently at Sunday dinner. They might be a starter on the Notre Dame golf course — he knew all of them quite well — or perhaps lonely graduate students he met at the ice skating rink, or professors who shared one or other of his enthusiasms. Swimming at Lake Michigan, he met several families who became his warmest of friends

ever after. I don't know what it was about him. Perhaps his transparent honesty and obvious concern for those with whom he came in contact.

That same concern was very evident in his relationship with his family. He fretted about his sisters' health, and he was enormously proud of the accomplishments of his nieces and nephews. If there was a family celebration of any kind, he wanted to be there if he possibly could find a way to make it. Again that quality of personal loyalty and concern and devotion shone from him like a beacon.

Perhaps it was his most admirable and loveable trait. At least I find it such.

Retirement was a very relative term for Regis. He may have slowed down with the passage of years, as do we all, but he was always more than willing — in fact he was insistent — that he wanted to make his contribution.

In some ways he could be very flexible, and in others he remained quite old-fashioned, although that might not be quite the right term for it. He was flexible about the changing world and the changing church. He embraced the changes of Vatican II with genuine enthusiasm and tried to keep up with the new books on theology.

What it all boils down to, I think, is that Brother Regis was a very enviable man who lived a very enviable life. He was a happy man because he gave fully of himself and expected little in return. Existential angst, agonizing reappraisals, identity crises, concern for fulfillment were not part of his intellectual or emotional furnishings. In his simple, direct and blunt way he did what he thought was his duty, which is to say, what he thought the Lord would want him to do, and I don't believe he ever worried about the outcome. At least as long as I've known him, he never worried about praise, and he was never afraid of failure. It was enough that he knew he had done his best. Anything else was icing on the cake.

It's too bad, but I guess it's always the case that one never fully appreciates those one lived with until they're gone. But in the case of Brother Regis, there is the consolation of the near certainty that the only one whose appreciation really matters has already said to him "Well done, good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will place you over great ones. Enter into the joy of your Lord." And that's the only kind of appreciation he really lived for.

Brother Bernard Donohue, CSC

Newsy-Bits-Of-News

BROTHER ROBERT DAILEY presently on the faculty at Loyola University returned to the crimson and gray of Ohio State University as he represented his alma mater recently. The occasion was the presidential inauguration of Dr. Meyer Feldberg at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Dinner at the Silver Spoons Restaurant, Monrovia, Liberia, provided the setting for honoring BROTHER THOMAS DILLMAN. Having served eighteen years on the faculty of St. Patrick's School, he was honored at a gathering organized by some members of the Class of '73. A speaker at this occasion was Archbishop Michael Francis.

Gilmour Academy announced two National merit semi-finalists this year. Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, announced eight seniors for a similar honor.

BROTHER KENNETH KANE, physics instructor at Gilmour Academy had an unusual guest lecturer recently. Gary Broadbent the 1986 USBA National Champion distance thrower demonstrated the aerodynamics of the boomerang. His demonstration included some of the 2,000 boomerangs he presently owns.

First profession of the four novices of the West African District took place at the community feast of Our Lady on September 15. BROTHERS ANTHONY DADZIE, MICHAEL QUAIDOO-BLAY, SYLVESTER QUAYE and JAMES SANGE-DONKOR were presented by their novice master BROTHER JOSEPH ANNAN. BROTHER JOSEPH TSQUAYE, District Superior, received the vows, and gave the sermon; FATHER BOB GILMOUR was the principal celebrant. The reception meal was under the supervision of BROTHER VINCENT GROSS.

BROTHER JOSEPH TSQUAYE continues to be a leader in the Charismatic Movement and recently gave a talk and led a prayer at the Cape Coast Archdiocesan Charismatic Gathering. BROTHER

WILLIAM GATES continues to be active and a leader in the Cape Coast Archdiocesan Cursillo Movement.

BROTHER BILL MEWES wrote a paper for the "Leadership Formation and Training Program for Justice and Peace Committee" leaders in the Cape Coast Archdiocese. He also led and composed one of the morning prayers of the two-and-a-half day conference. The title of his lecture was "The Call of the Church to Action for Justice and Peace." The talk presented a synopsis of Church documents on that topic from Leo XIII to John Paul II.

Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois, began the new school year with a restructured administration. BROTHER THOMAS CORCORAN was named President of the school. This is Brother's twentieth year at Holy Cross, which began its twenty-seventh year as it welcomed the class of '91.

The Templar, Yearbook of Holy Cross High School, received an award medallion for excellence in yearbook journalism. The '87 Yearbook was recognized because of its coverage of local current events and excellence in yearbook design, photography layout, and text content.

The District Council of the Brothers of Holy Cross in Bangladesh had its chapter meeting in October. Representation from the General Council included BROTHER GERARD and FATHER ROBERT PLASKER and Midwest Province Administrators BROTHERS THOMAS MOSER, Provincial, and LAWRENCE SKITZKI, Treasurer. BROTHER JOHN ROZARIO is District Superior.

Company's comin' — They're already here: BROTHER PAUL SCHWOYER (EP) stopped off on his way from Rome to California. BROTHER JOHN HARRIS (Nepal) is spending some time at Columba Hall. BROTHER JAMES KOZAK (Ghana) and BROTHER JAMES NEWBERRY (Liberia) are on a home leave.

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Congratulations: Br. Kenan Judge, October Sweepstakes Winner

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