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—Father Moreau



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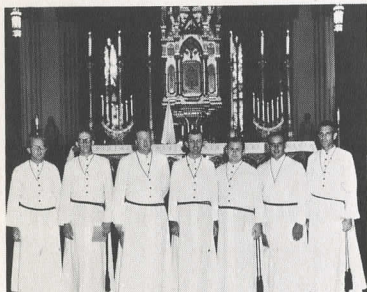
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Seven modern apostles to foreign lands line up in front of the altar in Sacred Heart Church on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. From left to right, Brother Francisco Drury, Liberia, Monrovia; Brother Paul Clarke, Liberia; Brother James Caley, Pakistan; Brother Raymond Papenfuss, Ghana, Africa; Brother Charles Bibeau, Pakistan; Brother Ralph Baird, Pakistan; Brother Thomas More Beere, Pakistan.

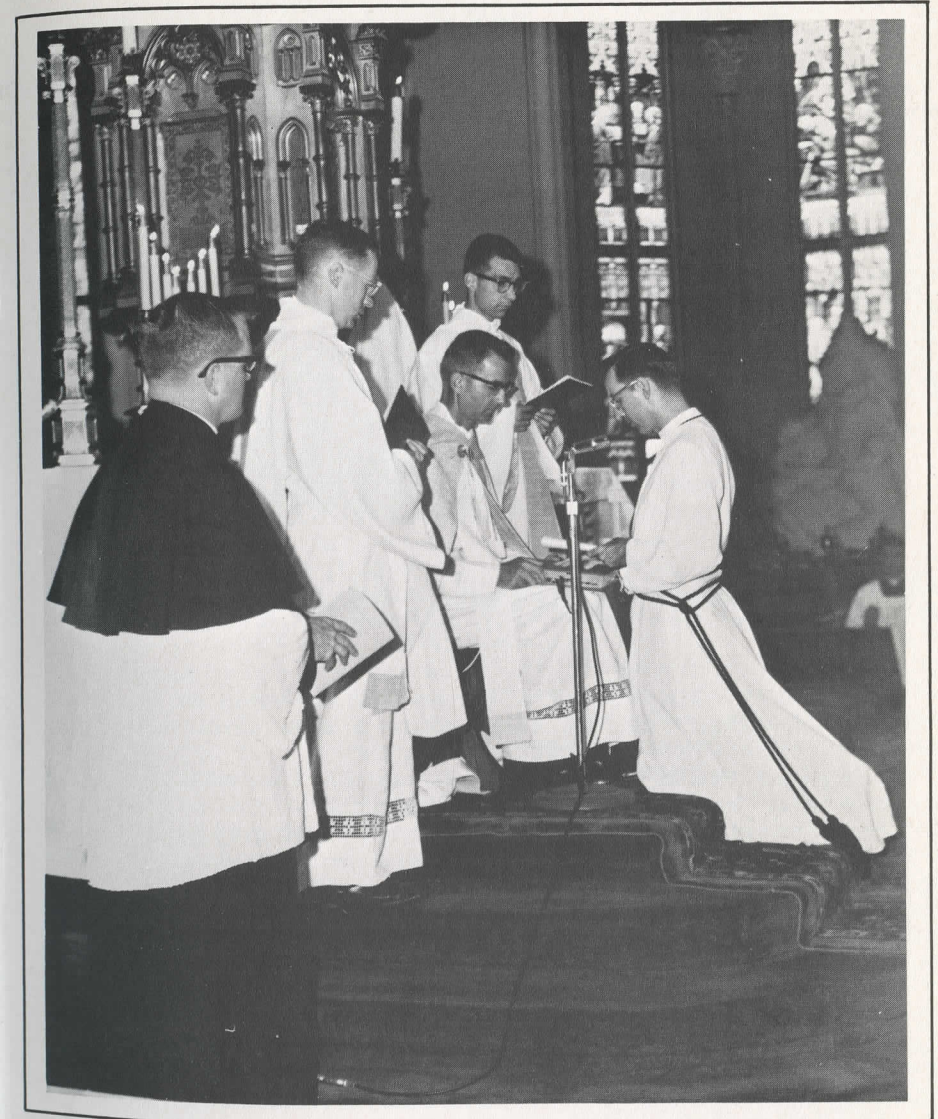
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Departure for an Apostle



Departure Ceremony at Sacred Heart Church, University of Notre Dame. There the modern apostles renew their fourth vow referred to as the mission vow.



Pakistan

Mystical Body's Right Arms

Imagine a Brother arriving at the mission to which he has been appointed. He brings with him many hours of instruction: his linguistic, theological, scientific, and practical training.

He is young, full of enthusiasm, and charity. What will he find on his arrival among "his" Ghanaians, "his" Pakistanis?

One of two things: either he will find a mission already in being and full of life, or he will find nothing, and will have to build up everything himself. As soon as he arrives, he will have to bear continual, concrete witness to the charity of Christ. To do so requires of him much self-denial, renunciation and effort. But, on the other hand, how great will be his joy when he begins to see results—however small they may be.

And small the prospects, personnel, and funds were when on November 15, 1851, Cardinal Frazoni, Prefect of the Propagation of the Faith, asked Father Moreau to send missionaries to Eastern Bengal. The founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, with his usual lively faith and universal Christian vision, replied to the Prefect that he would be willing "to help the countless numbers of men" in distant places.

Eastern Bengal, that immense stretch of land situated at the extremity of the Bay of Bengal, is today known as East Pakistan. It is a land under water for three or four months of the year, with high temperatures and a very high humidity.

Acquainted with the zeal required of missionaries going to Bengal, Father Moreau sent eight religious in November, 1852: three priests, three Brothers, and two Sisters. The three Brothers, Paulinus, Theogene, and Benedict, were chosen to form the first contingent of Holy Cross Brothers to Pakistan throughout a history of 113 years.

After a perilous journey lasting seven-and-a-half months, the small group arrived at Calcutta. Brother Paulinus began his important work as carpenter, architect, and mason, making the rounds of the mission stations to build bamboo churches, schools, and residences. Brother Benedict started a school at Chittagong. As the first Holy Cross man to give his life for Bengal, Brother Theogene contracted yellow fever soon after his arrival and died. It was of this Brother that one said, "he knew only two roads: one to his school, the other to the church."

Many trials awaited the newly-arrived workers. Father Moreau kept his Congregation informed of the progress of the missions. Oftentimes, he rejoiced in the accounts of the zealous work that came back to him from Bengal. In 1855, and what almost became a regular occurrence, a priest and one Sister were drowned on their way to become apostles to Christ's Bengali. These were the religious of Holy Cross who had been offered on the altar of sacrifice in order to plant the seed of the Gospel in a new eastern garden.

Today, the Congregation of Holy Cross holds a place second to none among the religious sent to Dacca, Bandura, Biroidakuni, and Nagari to staff the high schools, the elementary schools, the industrial trade school, and to work among the Garo people in the hills of Pakistan. As students, the Pakistanis are serious, intelligent and well-disciplined in the classroom.

Still under the domain of the Propagation of the Faith, Southern Asia, including India and Pakistan, number 3,590,000 Christians among a population of 410 million, according to a census

taken in 1940. The increase in the number of Catholics of the Latin Rite has been quite remarkable in the last fifteen years. Their spiritual lives are guided by 4,900 priests.

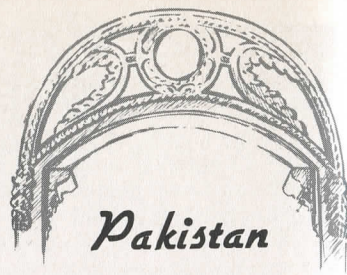
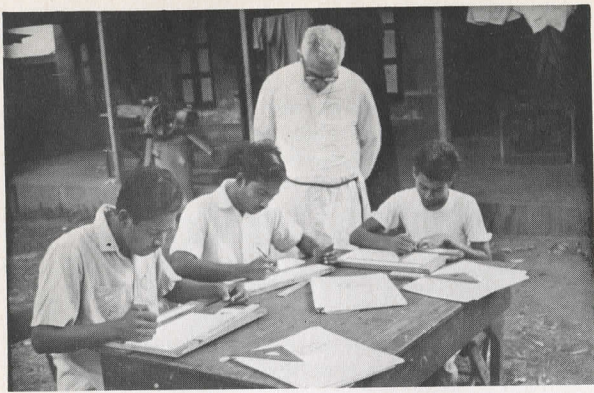
When Pakistan, Southern Asia's Moslem State, was created, fears were generated that a theocratic regime would be set up, where the Catholic religion would be banned, and missionaries not allowed to enter. Fortunately nothing of the sort has occurred.

Pakistan is a land bordered on the north by the Himalayas, on the west by the Kyber Pass and on the south by the Bay of Bengal. Its two capitals, Karachi and Dacca, are separated by 1000 miles of varied land. During the first twelve years of the new nation, the Catholic Church has become remarkably stronger: there are now more than 300,000 Catholics in the country of 78 million people, most of them in the lower classes.

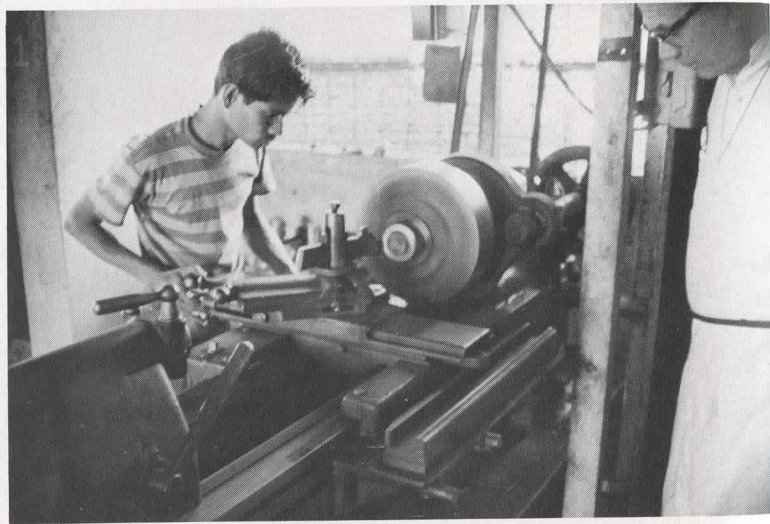
The liberal outlook of the party-in-power has made possible the growth of Christian schools; the only condition is that they must accept all children, including young Moslems. The Holy Cross schools have always accepted these students.

For the growth of the missions, it is important that she should send down deep roots. The training of a native clergy is a necessity. The first native Holy Cross priest was ordained in 1927. He is a native of East Pakistan.

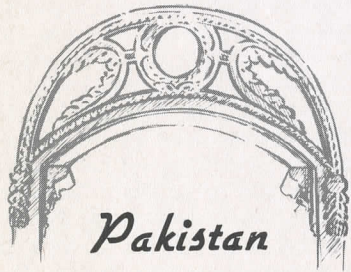
Such is the work in Pakistan inviting all Catholics to take up their share of the difficulties and responsibilities inevitable in the spreading of the Kingdom of God. The harvest will only be fruitful if there are laborers in this field. By giving alms, by constant prayer, positive action suited to their circumstances and through many vocations, Catholics all over the world can help Father Moreau's initial step taken in 1852 to grow into a giant leap for Christ. For Pakistan, in the words of Pope John XXIII, sends out "a cry of spiritual awakening to new and peaceful conquests for the Kingdom of God."



Brother Andrew checks on an outdoor mechanical-drawing class.



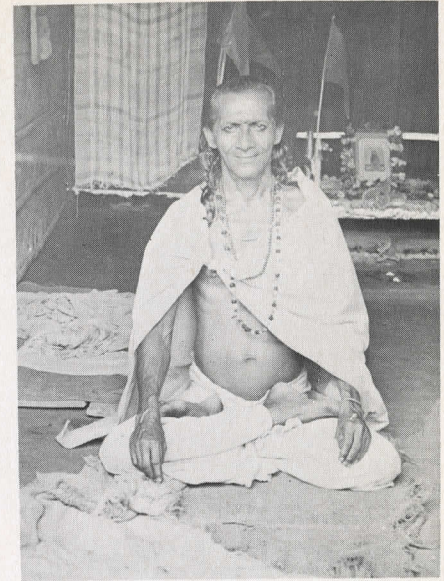
Brother Andrew Steffes and a young Christian boy work on a lathe in the school shop.



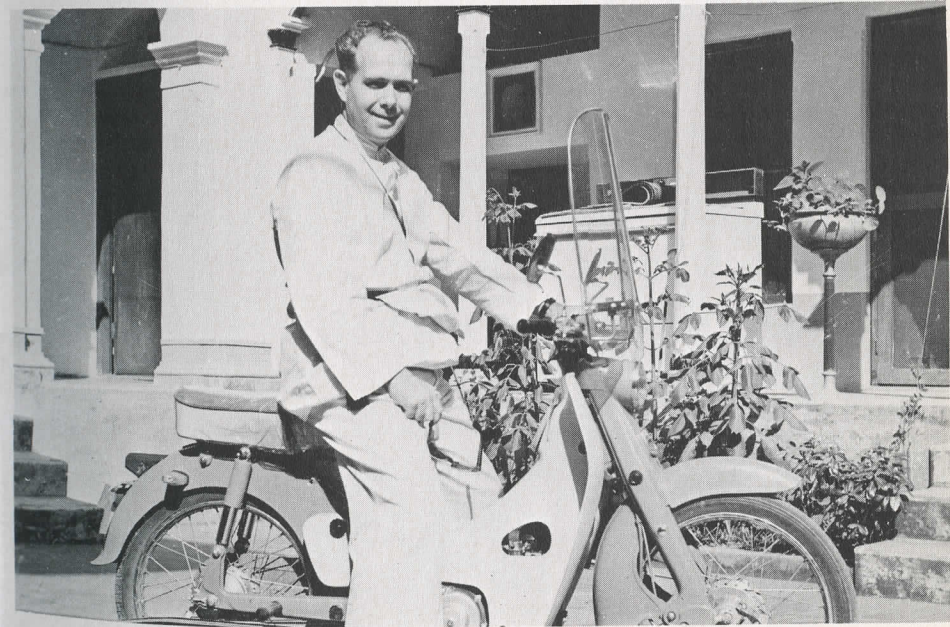
Two students of St. Joseph's High School, Dacca, cut metal, later to be used in the moulding shop for scrap iron.



A Hindu shrine with offerings placed before it.



One of the Hindu holy men seated. Notice the prayer beads.



Brother John Harris en route to St. Joseph's High School on a Honda motor-scooter. Brother John lives one mile away at the Brothers' residence of St. Gregory's High School.



Pakistan

Brother Ivan Dolan and Father Francis Gomes, a diocesan priest of Dacca, arrive at St. Gregory's High School by stage-coach.



The Bengali Christians (all youngsters here) of East Pakistan enact Christmas themes (the Nativity, the Three Kings) by forming groups and visiting village homes to entertain with lively oriental-style dances and songs. Drums (tabla) and an organ-like harmonium give the background rhythm. Boys do all the acting since girls are not supposed to do public acting or dancing.



Two students in a cycle-rickshaw of Dacca.



Pakistan

Brother Thomas O'Linn, originally from Cleveland, finds new friends in Pakistan.



Young Holy Cross Scholastics (Brothers in training) in the chapel of Notre Dame College, Dacca. They are Brothers Dominic Mree, Oswald Rozario, and George Rozario.



Five Brothers of the Second Novitiate held at Bandura last winter. They are left to right: Brothers Lawrence Dias, Merwyn Baptist, Jarlath D'Souza, Daniel Rozario, Raymond.



Pakistan

Editorial



Father Moreau's Missions Continue

Christ said: "Go forth and teach all nations as I have taught you." The founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the Very Reverend Basil Moreau, took this directive seriously. Just a few years after the Community was founded, he sent 115 members of the Community to serve the Church as missionaries in Algeria, Canada, and the United States. In 1852 he sent missionaries to East Bengal. Today the mission activities of the Brothers of Holy Cross can be found in East Pakistan, Ghana, Liberia, Uganda and Brazil. The Brothers of Holy Cross have a long history of devoted service to the missions.

As a missionary, the Brother of Holy Cross is a representative of the Church with a determination to develop his knowledge of the culture, customs, and personalities of the people he has been sent to help. He must be all things to all men for the evangelization and education of the people.

The Church needs more native clergy and religious. Her growth depends on it. The missionary work of the Brothers of Holy Cross is allied closely with the training of priests and Brothers in East Pakistan, Brazil and Africa.

As a missionary apostle, every Catholic is asked to pray that the Lord of the Harvest will give the grace of divine vocation to many young men and women to serve Him in souls in the mission apostolate.



St. Joseph is honored on his day.



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One of the faithful among the many "gifts"



The line forms at the right and left

Africa



Second Birth in Africa

In early autumn, Brothers Frederick McGlynn and Brother Eduardo Michalik will travel to Ghana, West Africa, to continue the work of Christian education there. The new Holy Cross involvement will concern St. Augustine's School, Cape Coast, where 650 students are enrolled. The Brothers will not administer the school, but an eventual number of four Brothers will work with the lay teachers in one of the oldest Catholic high schools in Ghana.

Brothers Frederick and Eduardo will continue the second birth of Holy Cross in Africa, begun in 1957. After a lapse of more than a hundred years, the Congregation returned to the missionary field so loved by Father Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. In

January, 1958, the Brothers took over the administration of St. John's Secondary School, Sekondi, Ghana. Four years later, a juniorate program for Brother-candidates was begun at St. Joseph's Hall, next to St. John's.

In 1962, four Brothers were sent to Monrovia, Liberia, to direct St. Patrick's High School.

Holy Cross went to Africa only after God who "never inspires useless desires" sent three bishops knocking on the doors of Sainte-Croix in 1839. There, Father Moreau graciously received the Bishops of Vincennes, Indiana, Montreal, and Algiers.

Father Moreau would later grant the requests of the bishops from America and Canada, but Bishop Dupuch, first

Bishop of Algiers, received the primary consideration of the saintly founder. Bishop Dupuch asked for Brothers to whom he could "turn over a work of the greatest importance." Later, this work would take the form of primary schools and orphanages.

On April 28, 1840, Brothers Andre, Alphonse, and Ignace, a novice, advanced to the altar to receive their obediences to go to Algiers. On their arrival, they opened an orphanage under the patronage of St. Cyprian. They, too, wished to open schools, but local opposition from the already-established secondary public school thwarted their efforts. Soon fever and dysentery racked the small group.

Three other Brothers were sent in August, 1840. Brother Eulogius, one of the three, opened a school at Blidah, Algeria, but the government refused any subsidies for this educational venture.

In 1841, Brother Andre, teacher, sacristan, and catechist, opened a school at Philippeville.

Because of dire poverty, the school at Blidah was closed at the end of 1841. Unfortunately, the government subsidy arrived after Brother Eulogius had closed the school in order to teach at the local seminary.

Father Moreau had to recall temporarily all the priests and Brothers; they returned to France in June, 1842, leaving behind them the body of Brother Aloysius who had drowned in the sea while swimming with his orphans. Their only consolation was that they had worked generously for the rebirth of the Church in Africa.

Correspondence continued between Father Moreau and the Inspector of Public Instruction at Algiers.

Again in the autumn of 1844, Father Moreau sent six Brothers as official teachers to Bone, Philippeville and Oran. During an interim of nine years, the Brothers received many expressions of satisfaction from both the religious and civil authorities. One last effort was made in 1859 when two Brothers left Le Mans, France, for Philippeville. But

the first birth of Holy Cross in Africa was unsuccessful, and the first fires of missionary zeal were drenched with the cold water of adverse forces.

Difficulties in Algeria can be laid at the feet of administrative bureaucracy, deplorable living conditions, and the fact that the Brothers were forbidden to receive any students who could pay tuition. Moreover, four Brothers had died while at Oran.

Ghana and Liberia, the present scenes of the Brothers' activity in West Africa, are some of the finest jewels in the crown of the Catholic Church. Since the beginning of this century the number of Catholics has increased fortyfold.

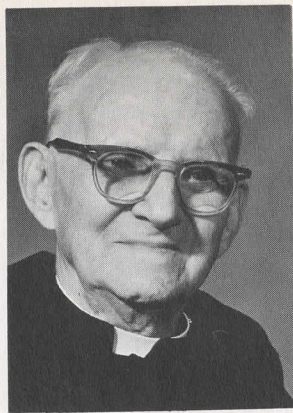
In 1920, there were in former French West Africa 21,680 Catholics; in 1954, 732,110; and in 1959, 1,010,946.

In Ghana alone, there are 563,000 Catholics. Consequently, there are great hopes for the Church; but there is one weakness, a lack of catechists.

On the other hand, Liberia, an independent state founded in 1843 by an American Anti-Slavery Society, in the beginning had 40,000 Protestants. Ninety-six percent of the population are still to be won. There is a wonderful field for Catholic foreign mission endeavor, but progress has been slow. Baptized Catholics now number 12,800 as against 4,800 ten years ago, but there are still 1,200,000 to be won.

All in all, if conversions and baptisms continue at the present rate, the number of Catholics in mission countries will be more than 70 million, and Africa alone will contribute 45 million to the total.

The second renaissance of Holy Cross in Africa continues. Perhaps the once-flourishing Christian northern sector of Africa in the time of St. Augustine of Hippo may never be revived. But, whatever the effect, be it patched or completely renovated, Holy Cross has returned to the land where Father Moreau's early zeal brought him discouragement, frustration, and sanctity.



Brother Theogene

by Br. Daniel Bengert

We went to Holy Cross House to shoot a photograph of Brother Theogene and got it. We learned more than the camera could record.

As Brother entered the room in his wheelchair, he greeted the photographer and me with a clear-eyed, human, teeth-showing smile. It was that kind of smile which neutralizes tenseness and differences in age or interests.

We were ready then for a number of photos. They were taken quickly, for Brother Theogene smiled a little and smiled a lot, moved his head here or there, exactly as directed. Then Brother gave me a series of biographical cards that he had put together the day before the interview. Each card had Brother's large, clear printing on it. Before we left, Brother Theogene told us a story about a hellion of a boy warned by his father to shape-up. The boy agreed to be good if his father would give him a quarter, but instead got the answer, "No, I want you good for nothing." I found out, too, that Brother Theogene, who will soon be 82, has a new story each day.

The emphasis in this portrait of Brother Theogene centers on but one of his 82 years, the present year, for the past years are all gathered up in the present. But a quick look at the past will help some, so back to those personally printed cards.

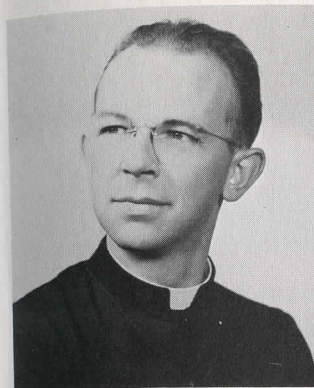
Frederick Joseph Merline was born on September 18, 1883, in Oconto, Wisconsin. Saint Joseph's Parish in Oconto was for 30 years the center of his life, for here he was baptized, went to school from 1890-1902, and served as janitor in 1911-12. Here, he learned about the Brothers of Holy Cross when the pastor sent a vocation director to this "older young-man."

Brother Theogene worked at the Notre Dame Post Office for twenty-nine years, twenty-four of them as postmaster. One of his friends of long standing said that Brother was "very conscientious in his work. He hated to give an order twice. If the job wasn't done, he would do it himself." After several bad falls resulting in hip injuries, Brother retired to Holy Cross House in 1951. The building has been replaced, but Brother Theogene has stayed on.

I went to Holy Cross House a few days later for another meeting with Brother Theogene. His room told much about him. Propped on his desk was a three-foot poster he made by pasting together the twelve promises of the Sacred Heart; on his bed stand was a 9" x 12" card blazoning the monthly intention. "You want to make it big so that you and others will be reminded. Those small leaflets are no good as reminders." (I don't think it was necessary to press him on a question I had come with, namely, what was his secret of fifty years of perseverance in the religious life.)

Brother told me that he is "not much" for naps or TV. Instead he keeps busy with "stories," Mass, leg exercises, an hour in the chapel, potsers, *Ave Maria*, *The Sacred Heart Messenger*, and original poetry for the cooks and others. He likes nature and often looks from his window at the well-kept grounds around Holy Cross House.

In both interviews, I had introduced myself by first name only. As I was leaving, he asked me to write my last name on a card. Maybe there is a poem on the way.



Brother Adrian

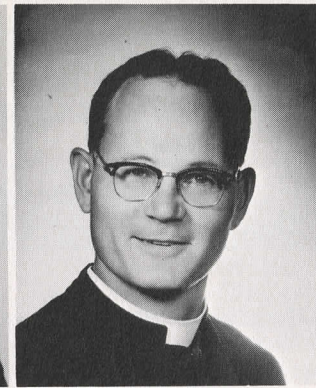
A dynamic biology teacher of many years, Br. Adrian Cygnar has always had keen interest in his field and has ably transmitted this to his students. The lights of his laboratory burn late as he prepares his classes and keeps abreast in his field in this current age of transition and discovery.

Br. Adrian was born in Kewanee, Illinois, but claims Summit, Illinois, as his hometown since he spent most of his boyhood days there. After his entrance into the community at Watertown, Wisconsin, he received the habit on August 15, 1939, and then made his first vows on August 16, 1940.

Teaching at the community's schools in Long Beach and Sherman Oaks, California, occupied the first eight years of his teaching career. After a year at Evansville, Indiana, he was then sent to Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio. Gilmour has been the scene of Br. Adrian's activities for the past twelve years.

Br. Adrian holds a master's degree in biology from the University of Notre Dame and has done other graduate work in biology at other universities during the summers. This past summer, however, he has toured Europe with some of the Gilmour students.

Brother Clarence Podgorski



Brother Anton

It is a double celebration for Brother Anton Mattingly this year. Besides his own twenty-fifth jubilee as a holy Cross Brother, his parents are also celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mattingly of Evansville, Indiana.

Brother Anton, a graduate of Reitz Memorial in Evansville, can certainly look back on a varied teaching career. He has taught over twenty-five subjects in the past twenty-one years in Taunton, New Orleans, Austin, and South Bend. But more important than the listing of his past teaching years is his dedication to the present and future.

Although Brother Anton earned his Master's Degree in Modern European History from Notre Dame in 1953, he has spent the past few years teaching his minor area, Spanish. This interest was aroused when he taught the Latin-American students at St. Edward High School in Austin, Texas. Beginning in 1958, Brother Anton has spent several summers at the Universidad Iberoamericano in Mexico City, Mexico. Today Brother teaches all the Spanish classes at St. Joseph High School in South Bend.

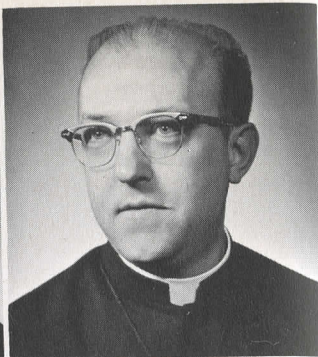
Brother Anton has also established himself as an excellent moderator of the yearbook at St. Joe's. Over the past



Brother Leonard



Brother Paschal



Brother Wilbert

years because of Brother's dedication and self-sacrifice, his yearbooks have consistently earned "superior" and "excellent" ratings from the national critics.

But with twenty-five years to his credit, Brother Anton prefers to think of the next twenty-five. He certainly will be in physical and mental shape to cope with them, for Brother is a firm advocate of outdoor exercise. He walks regularly, participates in a swift game of volleyball, and plays his favorite game of golf. He is also an enthusiastic and excellent photographer.

Characteristically, Brother has the same dedication and regularity in the religious life as in his work and recreation. Brother Anton has made long strides in these "short" twenty-five years.

Brother Francis Rotsaert, CSC

Brother Gerontius

When Brother Gerontius was named to head Monroe Catholic Central High School last fall, he must have looked forward to a homecoming. He had been one of three Brothers who had opened the school in 1944. After receiving his Master's Degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1949, he was appointed second principal of the school.

Between that term and this one as principal at Monroe, Brother Gerontius served Holy Cross two years as assistant to the Master of Novices, then nine years as Master of Novices.

Younger Brothers who have been through the novitiate since 1955 will tes-

tify to his active interest in athletics. Several times a week, one can find him in the ancient Catholic Central gym (a new one will be going up soon) playing basketball with some of the boys. Only a two-hand, underhand, set shot—and a receding hair line, betray that his generation precedes that of the youngsters with whom he competes.

Those of us who have known him have been most impressed by his total service to those in his charge, whether they are students in the school, alumni, novices or fellow religious. Although he claims Rhode Island as his birthplace and every summer he journeys to Newport to visit his mother, it is we in the Midwest who have profited from our association with him this past quarter century.

Brother Pedro Haering

Brother Leonard

Brother Leonard Leary recently received a personal letter from Joseph Cardinal Ritter of St. Louis. Originally from Indianapolis, Brother Leonard as a young boy had faithfully served the daily Mass of the Bishop of Indianapolis, now Cardinal Ritter. The letter recalled those days for Brother Leonard and congratulated him on his twenty-five years in Holy Cross.

After teaching in Cleveland, South Bend, Monroe, Brother returned to teach at his Alma Mater, Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

After receiving his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Notre Dame, Brother began his teaching career

at Holy Cross High School in New Orleans. He completed work for a master's degree in music from Vandercook College in Chicago.

An anniversary banquet was held in Brother Leonard's honor at the Northside Knights of Columbus Hall in Indianapolis, May 28. His father who still lives in the city attended, together with other members of the family.

Earlier that day, the student body of Cathedral High School had presented a gift to Brother Leonard for his years of service to the Congregation and the school.

Brother James Sullivan, principal of the school, commented upon the joy and friendliness of the jubilarian. These two characteristics have always marked the personality of Brother Leonard throughout his twenty-five years in Holy Cross.

Brother Donald Stabrowski

Brother Paschal

Brother Paschal Tomaszewski used to see to it that he practiced the piano at least thirty minutes each day. Now he is seldom seen at either piano or organ. For Brother Paschal, no mean performer in music, is a dedicated and efficient teacher and guidance counselor. His work in guiding the students at St. Joseph High School in South Bend is demanding in time and energy.

Receiving his first assignment in 1944, Brother has continued his professional interest since that time. His chief interest in life is his classroom and the efficient imparting of knowledge, using his skills and understanding for the young men assigned to him.

Brother Paschal entered Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown from Gary, Indiana, where he attended Lew Wallace High School. His novitiate completed, he matriculated at the University of Notre Dame where he received his A.B. degree in English in 1944 and his M.S. degree in 1950. During the past eight years, however, he has done post-graduate work in guidance, and he now holds certificates in that subject.

Holy Cross schools in Chicago, Indianapolis, and Monroe, Michigan, have had

the good fortune to have Brother Paschal on the faculties. His duties at these schools have ranged from glee club director to assistant principal. For the past ten years he has been a member of the faculty of St. Joseph's High School in South Bend where he serves as assistant principal, and Latin teacher. He is also a member of the Guidance Department.

Brother Wilbert

One must understand that Brother Wilbert is a remarkable walker. This fact grasped can produce the personality peep-hole one needs.

Any person on an hour-walk with Brother Wilbert shares sixty minutes of flowing, human conversation, a benefit not frequently gained in associations. There is a uniqueness here, one we have all experienced. Few men can talk for a long time, the sharing of ideas being as spontaneous and fruitful as, say, seeing. Brother Wilbert is one of these few.

A help to these talks on walks is Brother Wilbert's reading habit, producing the fullness of knowledge he has and gives. On a walk earlier this year he told me of a statement in *Time* about the greater percentage of high school history teachers not reading a minimum of books. In my mind I thought, I knew, that Brother was not one of these slackers. A second thought made me smile a little: At Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend, Brother Wilbert and *Time* go together like a baseball player and his glove. He likes *Time*. And *America*. And *Commonweal*. And *Ave Maria*. And, "Have you read any good books lately?"

Brother's walks are regular, hinting at the general regularity in his life (though not sterile: "It is good to stay up late now and then to avoid a sleeping rut.") Each day he walks to and from school getting the exercise all need.

Where and for how long has he taught, and what kind of religious is he? Well, the former points as bare facts are not that important. The latter you can figure out—you know the kind of walker he is.

Brother Daniel Bengert

St. Joseph

GUIDE for our TIMES



Newspaper articles show from day to day how man refuses to become involved with his neighbor in distress. In large and small cities when a helping hand is needed to call the police, to aid those in trouble, to put oneself out for one's fellowman, everyone runs away or looks away.

But if we go back 2000 years to a small town in Palestine, there was a man called Joseph who did become involved. When this man found his wife-to-be with child, he did not panic, but, naturally so, became troubled. To God with prayer, this just man sought the aid of the Most High. What must he do? It should be remembered that even before taking his petition to the Father of Lights, Joseph thought of putting his betrothed away privately, not with the fanfare of town publicity and a bit of stone-throwing.

Joseph's dilemma was resolved in a dream. For during his troubled sleep, the husband of Mary was told that the child was of the Holy Spirit.

And so with generosity, faith and trust in God, Joseph took Mary as his wife into a chaste and virginal home. Joseph's involvement was with a supernatural order of events which he did not understand. With God's inspiration and providential care, Joseph went with a cheerful and trusting heart to accomplish the Will of God.

In our self-filled age when man naturally shrinks from danger-fraught involvement, like Joseph we can overcome that anguish of spirit if only we put our faith and trust in God. With prayer and forthcoming supernatural assistance, we, too, can become involved in those events which need our help, our concern, our word. We can no longer turn our back on the reality. With Joseph's heart and selfless concern, we can become involved.

From a Cave to a Palace

The first chapel was a Bethlehem cave which sheltered Christ. The man nearest to Christ shared his home with the Son of God and His Mother.

Like St. Joseph, we, the Brothers of Holy Cross, invite you to share your blessings to build a chapel and shrine in his honor. You, too, can have a part in the continuation of Bethlehem.

For the success of this project, we need your cooperation, and we are confident we can count on you. If everyone on our mailing list would give us ten dollars, we will have achieved one-fifth of our goal: \$500,000. While we hope you'll give according to your means, we hope you are in a position to give a larger gift. The offering you make is to God, and we, through our prayers and good works, will ask Him to reward you.

Below is a form for your convenience. Please check off the items which apply to you, and send it with your check in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Please mail it today.

Dear Brother Eymard,

I want to share my blessings with the Holy Cross Brothers in assisting them in building a chapel and shrine to honor their patron, St. Joseph. My gift is:

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Down from Chicago's Milwaukee Avenue, the "Polish Broadway" where the Puerto Rican culture and language are slowly making inroads, one hundred buildings are being razed and wide-open spaces are being created.

In this area three miles from the Chicago Loop, Holy Trinity parish, grade school and high school, located on Noble and Division Streets, are being caught up in a whirlwind of area rehabilitation. The Brothers of Holy Cross came to Holy Trinity in 1893, but the 1965-67 Project Noble-Division will assure the Brothers of an area of new vitality.

Project Noble-Division is the outgrowth of the City Council's declaration that 51 percent of the area was dilapidated, a claim which some citizens disputed.

So 1,000 men, women and children, including housewives in babushkas and nuns in white coifs, poured in to tell the City Council's Committee on Housing and Planning that they did not want their houses replaced by factories. They wanted their own homes rehabilitated. The City Council listened, and then assured the visitors that the area would be zoned just the way the people wanted it.

Another victory for the people of northwest Chicago came when Mayor Richard Daley named the first Conservation Commission for the northwest section of the city. The Noble-Division area was designated Conservation Area No. 6.

The City of Chicago published a general plan for the rehabilitation of various parts of the city, but the people of the northwest section held meetings, some in the Holy Trinity Auditorium, to particularize those general statements of the city government.

By 1963, the Federal Government had granted \$8,425,670 for urban renewal. The City of Chicago loaned \$1,268,167.26. Such loans would thus help the residents of Milwaukee Avenue, Division, Noble and Cleaver Streets to erect new buildings in order to re-create their area of

New Life in Northwest Chicago

an old world quality and charm. The people are of various backgrounds: Polish, Italian, Lithuanian, Ukrainian and German.

Holy Trinity Church with its Baroque twin-towers overlooking the Kennedy Expressway, the Brothers' House on Noble, and the high school a half-block away on Division are all in the heart of the renewal matter. It was decided that the church-school complex would form the nucleus for a renewal project, thus entitled: Project Noble-Division.

Holy Cross has confidence in the area, and has spent much money on improvement. Three years ago, the facade of the church was sandblasted. In 1961, the Archdiocese of Chicago ceded the rights of administration of the high school to the Brothers. The school was quickly remodeled at a cost of \$250,000. As a result, the present bright structure gently hides the history of the 38-year-old four-story building.

The main objectives of the project would be high quality architectural design, site planning, and landscape design in the treatment of open spaces and buildings. Screening between already-existing buildings and the new buildings would take the form of suitable trees, shrubs or fencing of an open or closed type. Part of Noble Street will be thus screened and closed to traffic.

For the residential area clustered around the church and school, the planners decided upon new residences of 3- and 8-story garden and elevator apartments, and 3-story duplex sale units. Part of Cleaver Street will disappear for playground facilities, a benefit to both grade and high schools. For the expanding youth population of the area, Tot Lots are planned for the pre-school crowd. Present plans also call for housing for the elderly in two apartment buildings of eight stories each, 60 units apiece.

Brother Just, C.S.C., present principal of Holy Trinity High School, and one of

the dynamic leaders of the changing area, thinks it is a privilege to be part of Chicago's renewal program. "It is our opportunity to assist the youth of our inner-city school to solve the problems of congestion and blight," he said. "We are called to point the way to this new generation growing up in an old community to the beauty of the past good things, and to seize the advantage of present opportunities as they can be enjoyed in this huge city."

But to understand the old-world atmosphere of this area, it is necessary to go back to 1834 when a group of 235 Polish officers and soldiers were welcomed to the City of Chicago. They were deported to the United States by the Austrian government after an ill-fated attempt to rid Poland of foreign rule. By an Act of Congress, the Poles were ceded a township of land either in Illinois or Michigan. They chose Illinois. Their ranks soon swelled with political refugees from Russia, Austria, and still others from Poland. After the Civil War, these groups settled along the west bank of the north branch of the Chicago River.

In 1866, a colony of 150 families petitioned the Most Reverend Thomas Foley, Bishop of Chicago, to establish a Polish parish. The first pastor was a Jesuit. After three years, the Fathers of the Congregation of the Resurrection assumed full responsibility of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish. By 1873, the parish was so large, that the overflow of the parish constructed Holy Trinity Church, two blocks south of St. Stanislaus on Noble Street.

The Fathers of the Congregation of Holy Cross came from South Bend, Indiana, in 1893, to act as pastors to the Polish congregation. Father Casimir Sztuczko, C.S.C., formerly of St. Hedwig's Parish in South Bend, was assigned as the first Holy Cross pastor. In the same year, Father Sztuczko petitioned

the Holy Cross Brothers to come to Holy Trinity to teach at the newly-formed elementary school.

The saintly and efficient administrator, Father Sztuczko, soon decided that a high school was needed for his young parishioners. And thus Holy Trinity High School was set up on the second floor of the elementary school after a one-room venture in the old elementary school.

Brother Peter Hoskinski served as first principal of the high school division, 1910-1917. During the time of Brother Theophilus Machalinski, third principal, the present high school building of red Pennsylvania brick and limestone trimming was erected.

Holy Trinity High School continues with many differences of origin, language and tradition. The Italian, Cuban, Mexican, Negro, Polish, and Spanish background all dissolve in a sound and superior education given at Holy Trinity. Truly, Holy Trinity is a haven of learning and happiness for a student population of varied backgrounds and languages.

Fifty-one percent of the student body goes on to college, with about 12 percent entering various trades and commercial schools. Others enter the Armed Forces or find their mark in industrial or commercial enterprises.

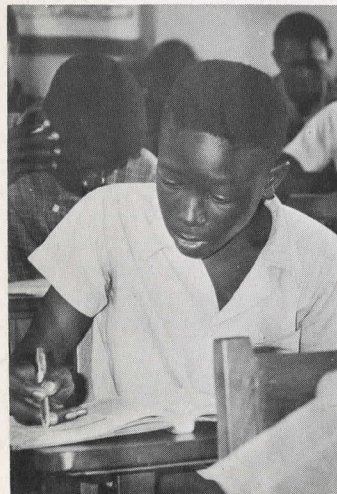
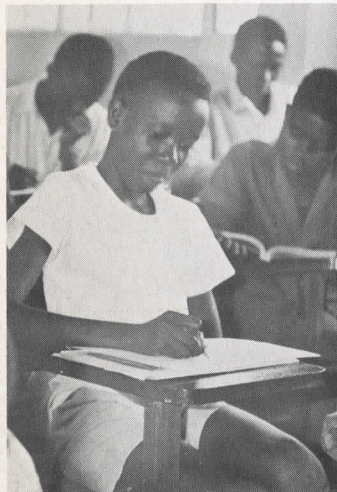
Students still travel quite a distance to come to the school, but generally, the near 900 enrollment is made up of students from the surrounding parishes of Holy Trinity, Holy Innocents, St. Stanislaus, St. Mary Addolorata, and St. Helen.

With good reason, Brother Just thinks that Holy Trinity "is here to stay as a symbol of faith" in the area and in the work begun by Father Sztuczko. It is Brother's conviction that a "brand new community life will resurrect from the bull-dozed buildings and flattened land."

Thus Urban Renewal goes on in Chicago's northwest and will continue until December, 1967, when the present plans call for the redevelopment and site improvement work to be completed.

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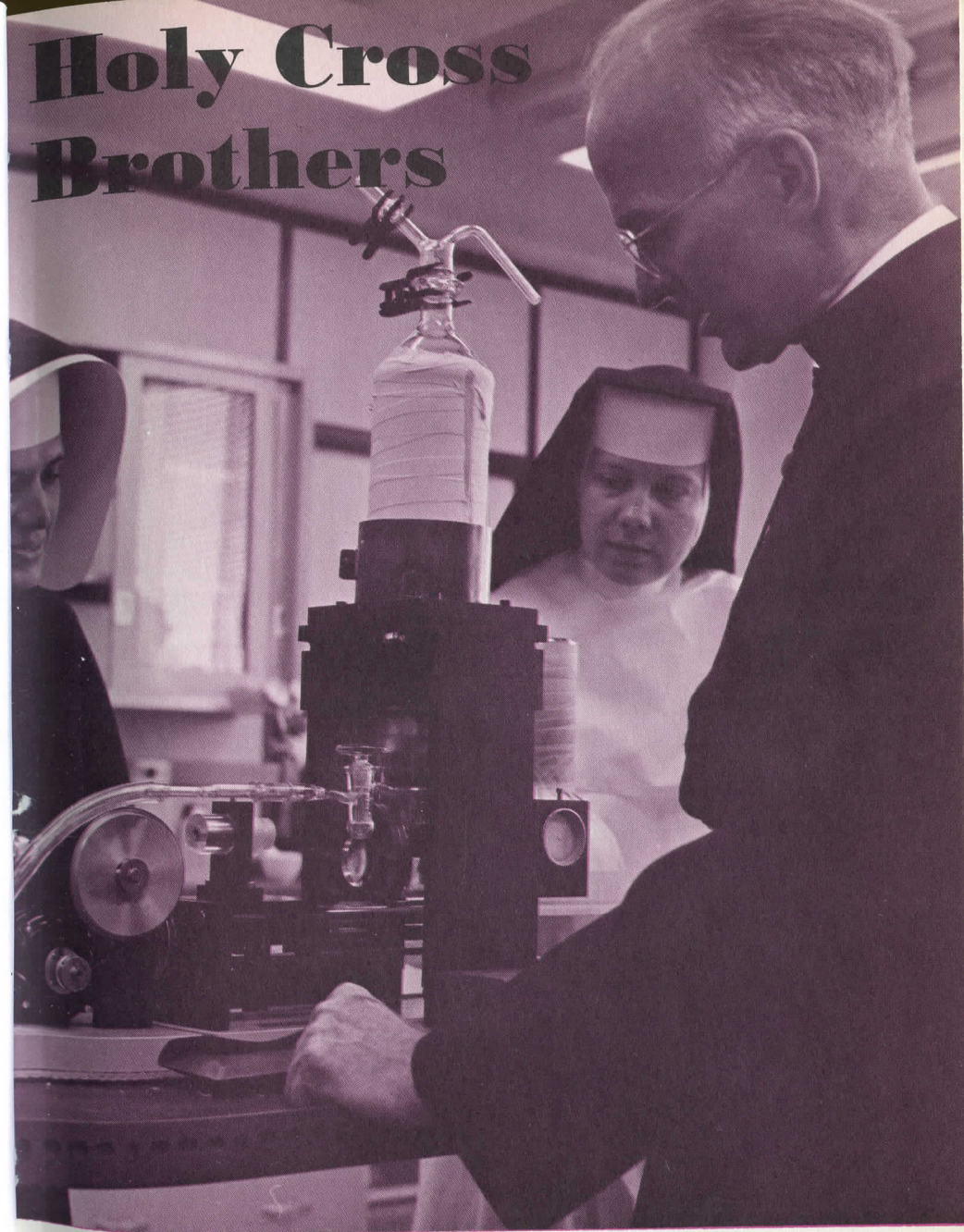
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