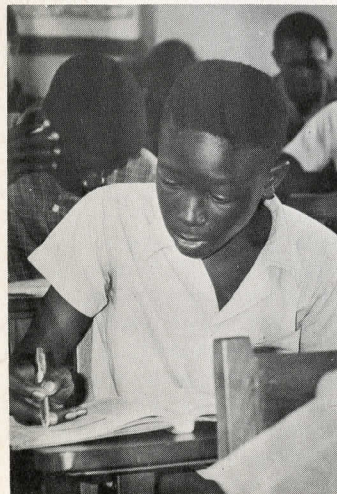
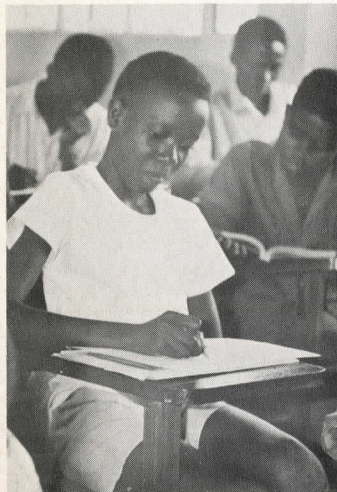


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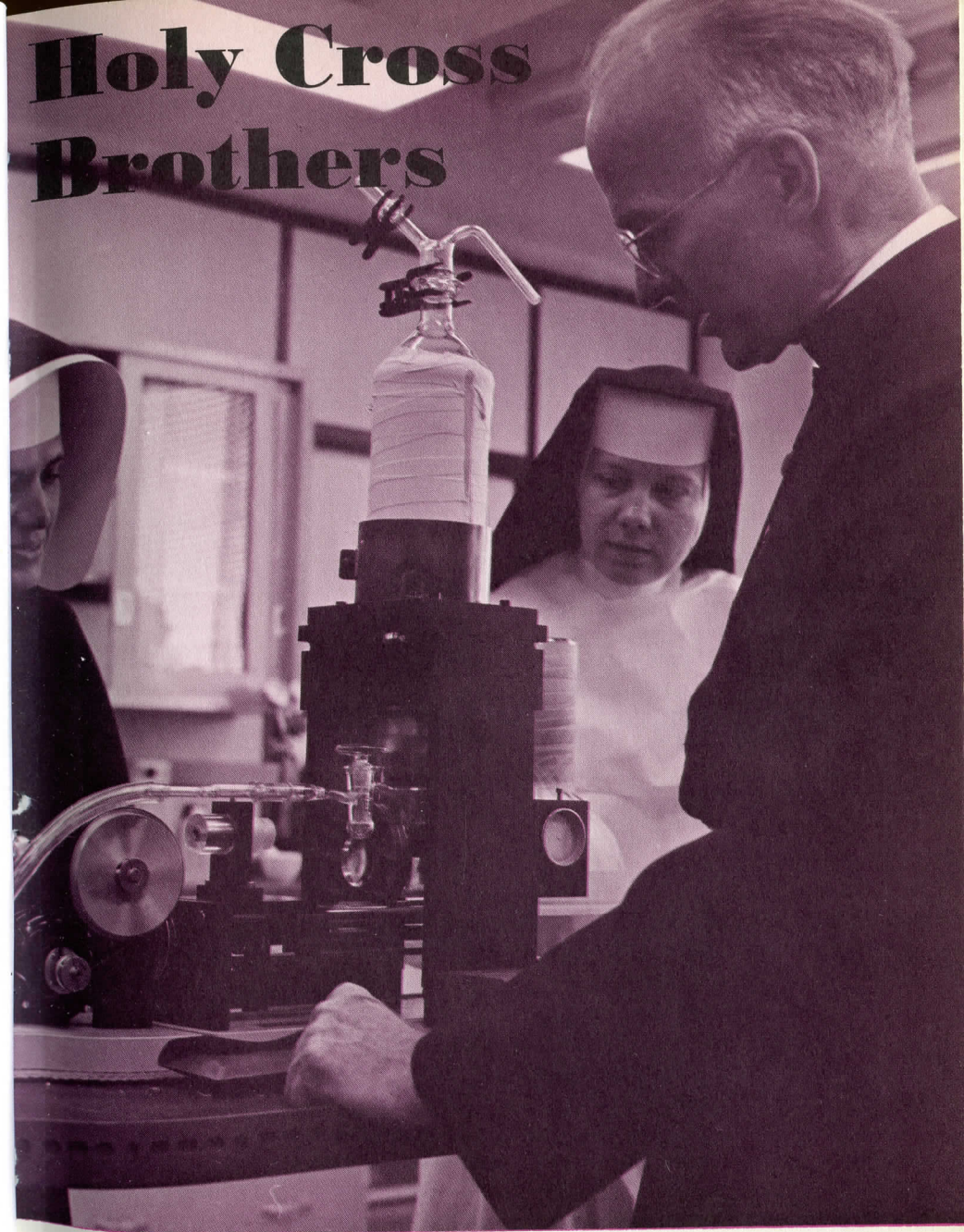
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### Cover Story

Sister Mary Dismas, S.C.L., (left) and Sister Mary Albertus, O.P., graduate students at the University of Notre Dame watch the development of a chemistry experiment under the watchful eye of Brother Columba Curran, C.S.C., Professor of Chemistry at Notre Dame.

# The Personal Point



by Brother Daniel Bengert, C.S.C.

A frequent clause heard in Brother Columba Curran's teaching at Notre Dame University is, "The point . . . ." This clear singling-out has helped his students grasp the knowledge of chemistry. A similar pointed-approach will help us "grasp" Brother Columba.

A major point about Brother Columba is that for twenty-eight years he has been a teacher of college chemistry at Notre Dame. Not merely thought out loud, but taught. For instance, when

drawing a diagram on the board, he stands off to the side, actually straining a little to keep that diagram unobstructed by his body. He answers a question whenever a hand shows but specifically stops for "Any questions on this section?" before changing to new material.

In such a manner Brother has taught classes ranging from Physical Chemistry for undergraduate students to a special night class, Instrumental Analysis, for currently employed industrial chemists. His speciality and most frequent class

involves the structure of molecules and the shape of combined elements.

His contribution to teaching can be summarized as a full 28-years-worth.

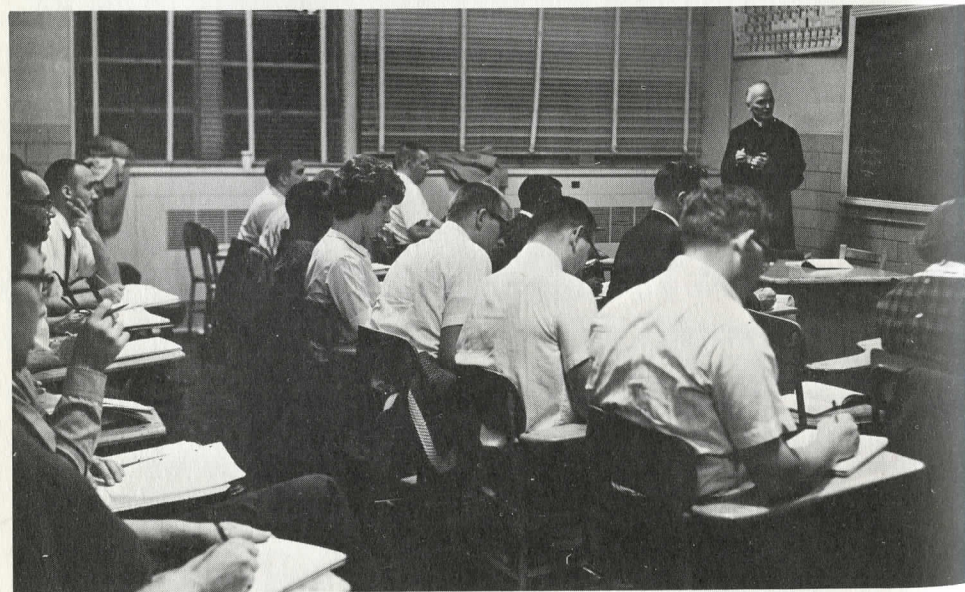
Secondly, Brother Columba has directly contributed to the layers of scientific knowledge. He has researched the environment around electrons. (He calls this area the electron cloud.) He has also studied the structure of elements by "seeing" them with infra-red "light." The fruit of this research has been shared through forty published articles, and sixty-five papers read at national chemistry meetings. Brother has also given special lectures in Bologna, Italy, and Tokyo.

A third point about Brother Columba combines the first two: He teaches and adds to scientific knowledge at the same time by directing graduate students in their doctoral research. A current student of Brother Columba, Sister Mary Dismas, explains his work: "He helps us pick an area for research and makes suggestions all along, perhaps by referring us to a recent journal." After kid-

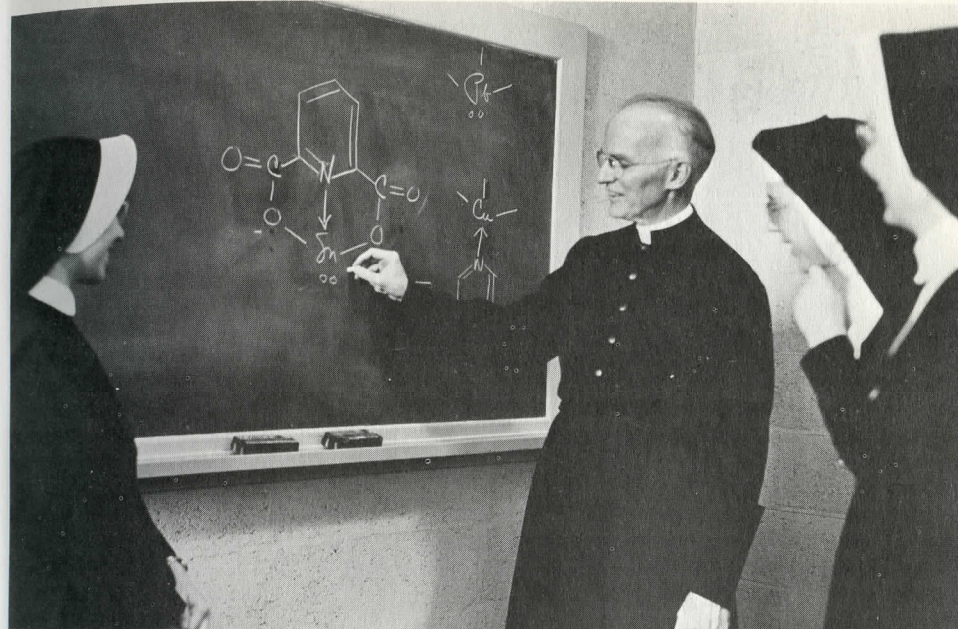
ding about his two trips into the lab each day for coffee, Sister adds with seriousness, "There is no research director more interested or available for discussion of findings."

All of the above work takes, of course, much time. It could take *too much* time, but doesn't. Brother Columba is deeply involved in his work but yet is a well-rounded person. Several weeks ago he watched the traditional football game at Dujarie Scholasticate, where he lives. When he was superior there from 1950-1959, he had a personal interview every month with each of the fifty scholastics. Again in the present, he is often heard saying for his fellow religious, "I'll take care of it." (Ask anyone on the scholasticate faculty.) Those loud laughs heard during the evening card-game or conversation are unmistakably Brother Columba's. (Ask any Scholastic sixty yards away on the floor below.)

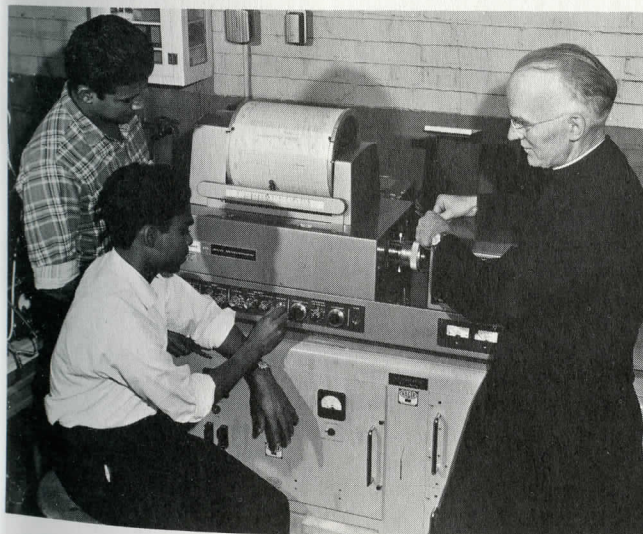
So the last point is that this busy intellectual is a complete human being, with a resounding emphasis on the word human.



Brother Columba conducts a Notre Dame evening class for industrial workers.



Three graduate students, Sister Marie Angela, S.C.H. (left); Sister John Paul, S.S.J.; Sister Francine, S.S.N.D., seem particularly delighted with the chemical equation on the board.



Scaria Chackalackal, (left) and Jose Philip, two foreign students, receive special help with the spectrophotometer.



Brother Columba, still pleasant, leaves the Nieuwland Science Hall at Notre Dame with Jerry Freeman, both professors of chemistry.



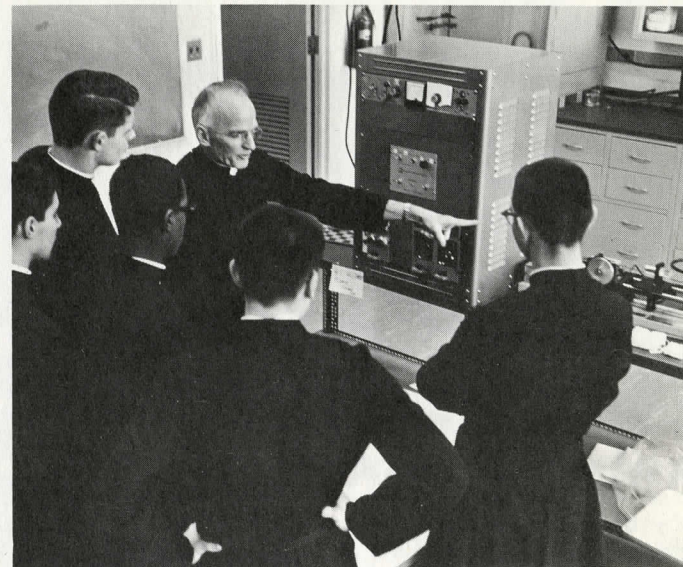
The next day finds Brother conferring with Graduate Students Jim Beecher, Sister Marie Angela, S.C.H., and Walt Welna.



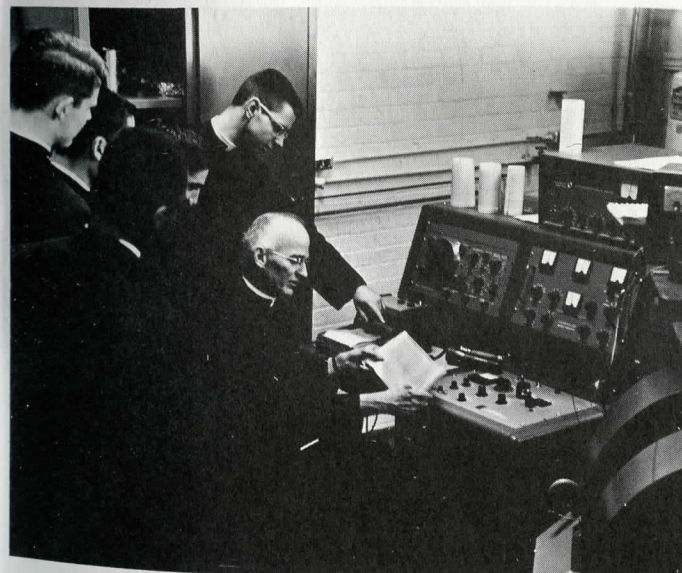
And a very special, graphic session with Walt Welna.



*But every special personal session with his graduate students means many more hours of professional work and preparation for Brother Columba.*



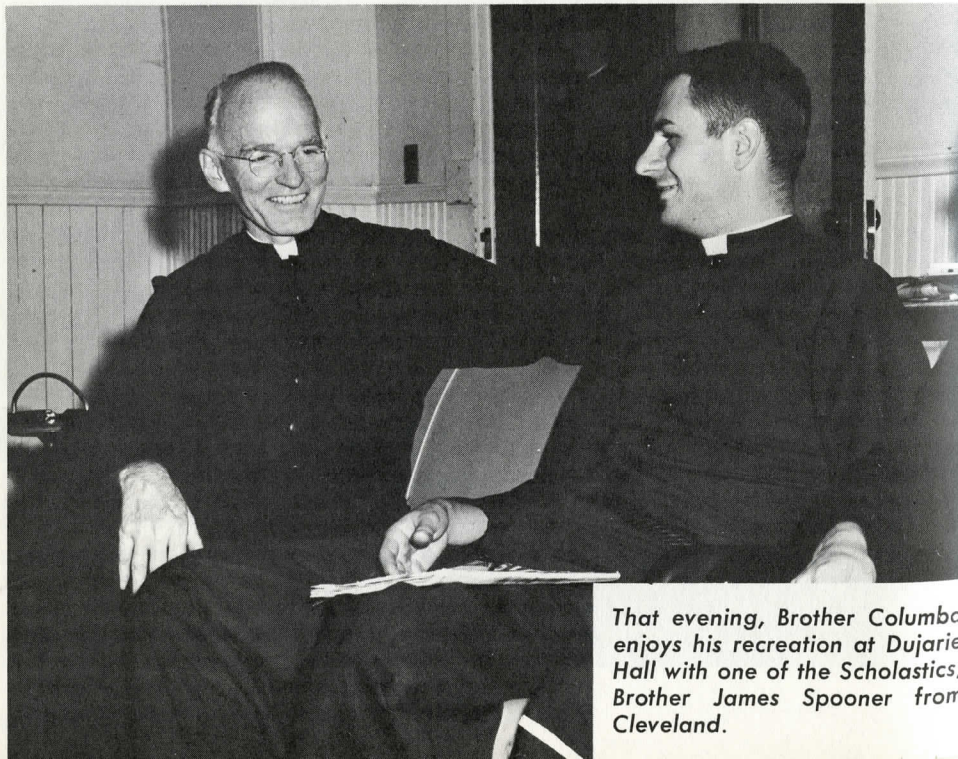
*A group of Scholastics from Dujarie Hall, Notre Dame, finds the equipment quite interesting and challenging.*



*The same group receives a personal explanation about Brother Columba's own research in chemistry.*

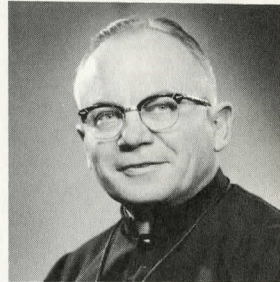


A game of cards to take his mind off his intense work during the day. Brother Daniel Bengert's (left) expression is one of elation or of disbelief.



That evening, Brother Columba enjoys his recreation at Dujarie Hall with one of the Scholastics, Brother James Spooner from Cleveland.

## Feature Comment



Brother Eymard, C.S.C.

## The Ever-Expanding Ladder

The Holy Cross Brothers teach on all levels of the educational ladder. In this present issue, we feature a Holy Cross Brother on the highest rung on this ever-expanding ladder—a professor of chemistry in the graduate school at the University of Notre Dame.

The Vocation of the Holy Cross Brother demands special qualities of mind and heart, a careful and intense preparation and the willingness to meet the needs of students in a dynamic society.

Scientific and professional education brings personal rewards to the well-educated and well-trained person. Such reward is good. But such education should include those basic human and eternal values which give the educated man an understanding in depth of spiritual, moral and social values.

Armed with a Catholic philosophy of education, the Holy Cross Brothers aim to educate the whole person by developing their students' physical, moral and intellectual endowments; so that they may achieve a mature sense of responsibility in shaping their own lives properly and in pursuing true freedom with courage and constancy.

The Brothers try to help young men to know themselves that they may live a happy and treasured life for themselves, their fellowman and God. Christian Education prepares a man to meet the challenges of life that he may reach his eternal goal. All Brothers work for the Master Teacher. This motivation is their driving force to inspire their students to achieve earthly success and, above all, their eternal reward.

## Christian Education

*“ . . . All Christians have become by rebirth of water and the Holy Spirit a new creature, so that they should be called and should be children of God; they have a right to a Christian education. ”*

*Vatican Council II*

*“ . . . That the baptized, while they are gradually introduced to the knowledge of the mystery of salvation, become ever more aware of the gift of Faith they have received, and that they learn in addition how to worship God the Father in spirit and truth, especially in liturgical action, and be conformed in their personal lives according to the new man created in justice and holiness of truth; also that they develop into perfect manhood, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ; and strive for the growth of the Mystical Body; moreover, that aware of their calling, they learn not only how to bear witness to the hope that is in them but also how to help in the Christian formation of the world that takes place when natural powers viewed in the full consideration of man redeemed by Christ contribute to the good of the whole of society.”*

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## **St. Joseph's High School South Bend**

Brother Daniel Kane, chairman of the Music Department, was appointed a member of the Music Commission for the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese. Brother Daniel will represent the South Bend Deanery on this commission.

In addition to this new post, Brother Daniel will continue his music activities as Co-ordinator of Music for the Midwest Province, instructor of music at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, director of the Dujarie Scholastic Choir, and the director of the mixed chorus at St. Joseph's High School.

The 1965 *Hi-Way*, the high school's yearbook, has been awarded an "Excellent" rating by the National School Yearbook Association of Memphis, Tennessee. This is the top rating that the association awards to outstanding yearbooks.

Four senior boys have been named Semifinalists in the 1965-66 National Merit Scholarship competition.

## **St. Joseph's Novitiate Rolling Prairie, Indiana**

Brother Bernard Donahoe, Superior and Master of Novices, recently had his book published by the University of Notre Dame Press. The book concerns the third nomination of F.D.R.

Twenty-one Provincial Superiors of Brothers' Communities met on October 12 to discuss the role of the Brother in the Church today and the religious life in general. Brother Donatus Schmitz, Provincial Superior of the Mid-West Province played host to Brother John Baptist and Brother John Donahoe of the Holy Cross Brothers' South-western and Eastern Provinces, and to Brothers Anthony Joseph, Bertrand Leo, D. John and A. Raphael of the Christian Brothers; Hubert Bonnette, Eric and Fernand Bernard of the Sacred Heart Brothers; Flavian of the Alexian Brothers; Henry G. Vanasse of the Brothers of Christian Instruction; Gilroy and Pastor of the Xaverian Brothers; Kieran T. Brennan

and Leo Sylvius of the Marist Brothers; William C. Penny of the Irish Christian Brothers, and Fathers John T. Darby and John G. Dickson of the Marianist Community.

Following a visit to the Provincial House at Notre Dame, the group moved to the novitiate where the meeting was preceded by a sung Mass celebrated by the Reverend Francis Goodall, C.S.C., novitiate chaplain.

The novices at St. Joseph's Novitiate held their traditional semi-annual track meet on September 21. Records were broken in the Two Mile and the 440-yard Runs. Field events were postponed because of rain. But the rain did not dampen the novices' spirit from the time of opening by carrying the "Olympic" torch to the close of the day by the sports banquet.

## **Bishop David High School Louisville, Kentucky**

The Brothers moved into their new faculty house on September 1. Five diocesan priests live with the Brothers. The two-story building, attached to the school building by a chapel, has twenty private rooms, in addition to the usual common rooms. The chapel will seat seventy-five. The five priests teach at the school and concelebrate Mass in the Brothers' Chapel every morning.

The faculty of Bishop David is unique in that there are six Holy Cross Brothers, twelve diocesan priests, seventeen laymen, and two laywomen. A layman, Mr. William Delaney, is the assistant principal.

Brother Lawrence Unfried is teaching an advanced biology class this year to seniors who earn eight hours of college credit. Brother meets with his students in the laboratory at Bellarmine College on Saturday mornings.

## **St. Charles Boys' Home, Milwaukee**

September proved to be a big month, for it was the month that the new Clinical Service Building was opened.

Brother Joseph Berg delivered a paper entitled "The Contributions of Ancillary Staff to an Agency Program" at the National Conference of Catholic Charities convention in Philadelphia.

Brother Joseph and Brother Warren Shea were both named presidents of two outstanding child-care groups in the Milwaukee area.

The Director of St. Charles also heads the Association of Wisconsin Child Care Institutes. Brother Warren heads the Wisconsin Child Care Workers, which he founded in 1962.

## **Gibault School for Boys, Terre Haute, Indiana**

Brother John Dobrogowski, Director, attended a workshop for Child Care Workers at St. Louis University School of Social Work, June 18 to July 18. Brother was one of two religious Brothers who took part in this summer institute.

On September 24, Brother John attended the annual convention of the National Conference of Catholic Charities in Philadelphia. He took part in a workshop on in-service training. Brother John also had an opportunity of meeting the department heads of Social Agencies with whom Gibault School deals throughout the year.

The Vigo-Clay Dairy Herd Improvement Association recently presented Brother Merle McGrane, Gibault's Farm Director, with a "Lifetime Record" trophy. This was in recognition of "Holstein Gibault Tess" who during her active career as a milker produced 128,931 pounds of milk. She was the highest producer in the Association. Poor Tess recently went to the butcher's, but the memory of her achievement lives on in the handsome trophy she won.

Several interesting changes have been incorporated into this year's school schedule: The School is now an ungraded one. Student placement is determined by the results achieved on the "Minnesota Wide Range Test." This test graded the level of achievement each

student had in reading, spelling, and arithmetic. The new grouping is a serious effort to provide the boys with the remedial work that they need, to give them a chance to achieve, and to allow each student to work at his own speed.

## **Boysville, Clinton, Michigan**

Serious deliberation is being resumed concerning the construction of a new dormitory and recreation building on the campus of Boysville. With the construction of these two buildings, the enrollment of the boys' home can be increased from 180 to 240, the expected maximum.

Through a donation received, the Brothers were able to refurbish their recreation room in the administration building. Furniture purchased to complete the redecoration included chairs, lamps, and end-tables.

## **Columba Hall**

### **Notre Dame, Indiana**

Forty-five Brothers helped entertain over 500 card players Friday night, October 1, at the Columba Hall Mission Society's Annual Card Party held at St. Joseph's High School, South Bend. A considerable sum was raised to aid the Holy Cross missions in Pakistan, Ghana and Liberia. Prizes were donated by various businesses in the South Bend and Mishawaka areas. Friends of the Brothers gave invaluable assistance.

New washrooms on each of the four floors and a fire-proof staircase enhance the charm and home-like atmosphere of Columba Hall, now seventy-five years old. The building has the distinction of representing an early permanent foundation of the Holy Cross in the New World, and as such, it takes precedence in the ranking of Holy Cross foundations in America. As a home, it also takes first place in the hearts of the Brothers, for it is here at Notre Dame that the Brothers and priests of the young community pioneered to bring forth the great center of Christian culture and learning, the University of Notre Dame.



# Chicago's Reading Specialist



Brother Thomas, upper right, selects a book for one of his young readers in this dramatized picture of the work of the Chicago-land's reading specialist.

Most educators realize that Johnny isn't reading up to par. Some of the more articulate are writing about the poor readers in the schools, even those with a high I.Q. But few are doing anything specific about the problem!

Brother Thomas Henning at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago is one of those few who believe that students can read faster with better comprehension through the aid of technology and hard work.

With a full schedule of the teaching of reading, Brother Thomas works in a reading laboratory complete with 35 Shadowscope electric reading pacers, reading films from the State University of Iowa, a variety of reading texts, reading workbooks, SRA reading lab materials, and other materials.

Brother Thomas works with the advanced freshmen, for it is with their potential that more effective progress can be made. With them, he concentrates on their reading speed and comprehension. He believes, as he puts it, "The other facets of reading come naturally to them." All freshmen at Holy Trinity, however, are enrolled in the basic skills reading program. Students come to the laboratory every other day. Alternate days are spent in the library for guided reading which include sample recreational reading.

As Brother states it, "We want to develop in each student a love for reading, especially recreational reading, so that in life he will find it a source of relaxation and pleasure." Such good results are readily obtained after a two-semester developmental reading program.

In a study conducted last year, the higher-ability students showed a progress of 2.80 (two years and eight months improvement), while the lower-ability students showed a gain of 1.05 (one year and one-half months) over a two-semester period.

The mechanical pacers and the reading training films appeal to the intellectually inclined student. The interest of the lower-ability sections in the machine approach tends to decrease after the novelty of the mechanical aids becomes a day-to-day activity.

Basic reading skills acquired in grade school are developed in Brother's reading classes. Students develop refined comprehension skills, reading speed, improved vocabulary, and basic reading skills.

In the words of the master reading teacher, "A reading lab is a definite asset to any educational institution. If a school fails to assist the student in fulfilling his reading potential, the school fails in its obligation." He feels that an awareness of the value of good reading contributes to success later in life.

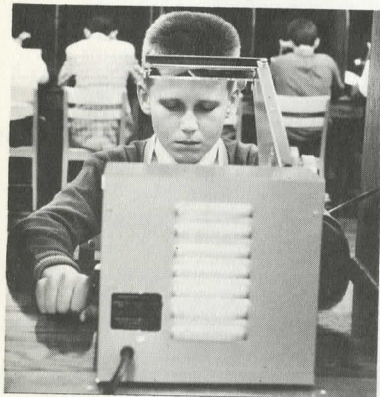
Brother Thomas became interested in the field of reading when he taught at St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee. Most of the boys there were unable to read adequately, one of the contributing factors to delinquency. Brother decided to help them. While his work no longer deals with the non-reading boy, he is very much interested in further developing the reading skills that the boys of Holy Trinity have already acquired.

With a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas,

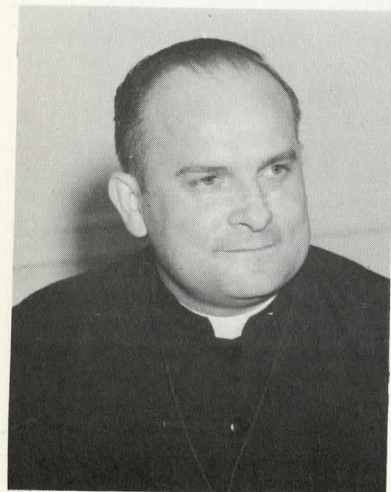
Brother went on to earn a Master of Arts degree in Special Education from Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a college noted for its work in developmental reading. He also attended Evansville College, and did further graduate work at Loyola University and DePaul University. Brother's dissertation is entitled: "Mechanical Aids Reading Program vs. Basic Skills Reading Pro-

gram on the High School Level."

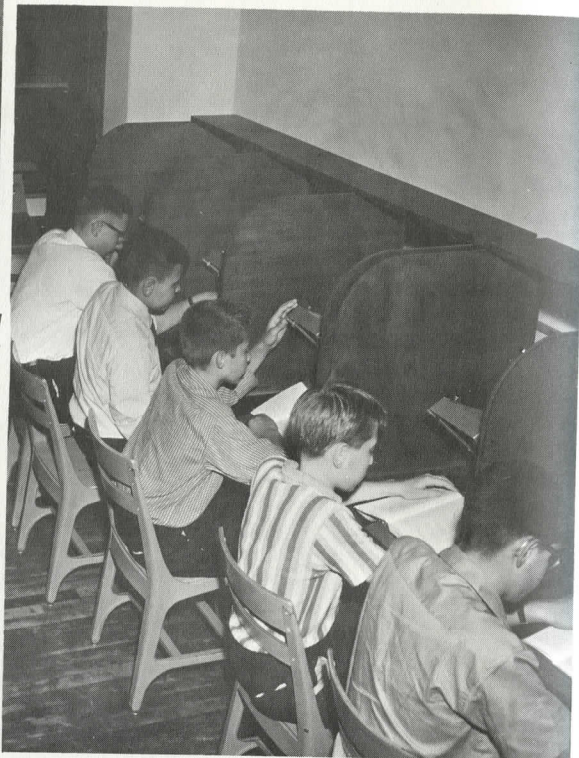
Several years ago he conducted a summer reading workshop for college students at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. On a number of occasions, he has been a speaker at the reading conventions held in Milwaukee. He is a member of the International Reading Association, and the Chicago Area Reading Association.



One of Holy Trinity's boys using one of the school's 35 Shadowscope electric reading pacers.

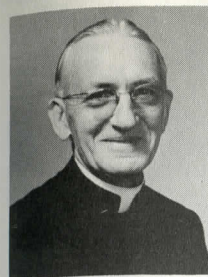


Brother Just, C.S.C.  
Holy Trinity's Principal



The Reading Laboratory at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, where good readers become better, and poor readers become more proficient, all because of a dedicated and enthusiastic reading specialist, Brother Thomas.

## Brother Frederick, C.S.C. --A Refined Gentleman



by Brother Thomas Derrig,  
C.S.C.

On August 12, 1965, Brother Frederick (Max) Ludwig died. His life seemed to close rapidly and relentlessly.

In midsummer an ambulance, sent from South Bend, carried him over the state turnpikes from a hospital bed in a small room at St. Thomas, Akron, Ohio to an infirmary bed in Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, Indiana. The hospital blood transfusions and operations failed to stop the intestinal cancer which in May had forced Brother Frederick to cease suffering in the selfless privacy that never disturbed his Brothers at Archbishop Hoban High School, where he had been living for the past several years. They saw his slower, unsure steps, his few, unexpected absences from meals that no longer were nourishment to a body refusing to retain food. They noticed his fainting moments, symptomatic of his extreme but then unknown malnutrition. But he entered the hospital with such detachment and com-

posure that his companion Brothers faced his approaching death with some of his own special attitude, that of one gentleman greeting another, albeit under difficult circumstances.

Always present around this gentleman of Holy Cross was an atmosphere of quiet considerateness, of refinement, of unobtrusive intelligence — perfections of his religious life, his New England rearing, and his wartime experiences at Verdun.

In his twenties he was honored both by the University of Vermont with a masters degree in electrical engineering and by West Point with an appointment, which he had to decline after discovering he was a few months too old. In 1918 the Congregation received him instead of the academy, and five years later it accepted his perpetual profession.

When he had worked in education for over twenty-five years, Brother retired in the fifties with a continuously uncomfortable circulatory problem which kept his body temperature abnormally low — he always felt cold. After having taught for several years in the mild South, he spent his remaining years in winter-cold Watertown, Wisconsin, in Dujarie Hall at Notre Dame, and finally atop a windblown hill at Akron.

But he enjoyed himself. By padding out his habit with a few sweaters, by filling in extra large shoes with several pairs of (sometimes loud plaid) socks, he would daily finish his housecleaning and gardening chores, have a few sardines for lunch, then sit directly in front of the stereo speakers in the music room and listen to one of his favorite operas — when no one was close enough to be bothered by the sound.

As frequent as opera listening was his book reading (a colleague insists he read every spiritual book in the house library) and his afternoon walk around the property with one or two stray dogs, especially one chopped-leg mongrel he called "Moreover." Poetry records played by one of the English teachers during evening recreation would lure him into the music room; discarded altar flowers gave him a few healthy blooms for his room; television's Hallmark Hall of Fame engaged his wit.

One Saturday afternoon several Brothers listening to music in the house library observed the slender, straight Brother Frederick leafing through a book; as Brother Frederick left with another selection, one Brother casually but fittingly remarked: "There goes a refined spirit."

# JOSEPH

## A Man's Saint

Square shoulders squaring masses  
of uneven wood,  
Tingling muscles wedded to strain  
and sweat,  
Veined arms pulsing with life—  
full strength:  
These were the man.

Chiseled features impressed on  
cross-grained wood,  
Love softening the sharp ridges  
of gross travail,  
Coarse calluses tuned to the  
smooth embrace:  
This was the man.

Child near the man, watching,  
overseeing  
His work that beckoned another  
world's calling;  
Calling this giant of strength  
for stronger ventures  
Of faith, of super nature's  
strength supplied.

Of the man so near the Child,  
Let us ask his strength!



Across the highway from the University of Notre Dame and along the fast flowing water of St. Joseph River lies a strip of land that was once a campground of the Pottawatomi Indians.

Today it is being dotted with foundations, rising walls, workmen, and construction equipment. In the months ahead it will be a picture of civilization with much-needed buildings and a pleasant landscape.

For years the Brothers have had inadequate facilities. The Province Center is being built to meet in the best way the ever-increasing challenge of change as well as improved techniques of education. With the advantages of an organized location, the young Brothers will be prepared to teach your sons and their sons.

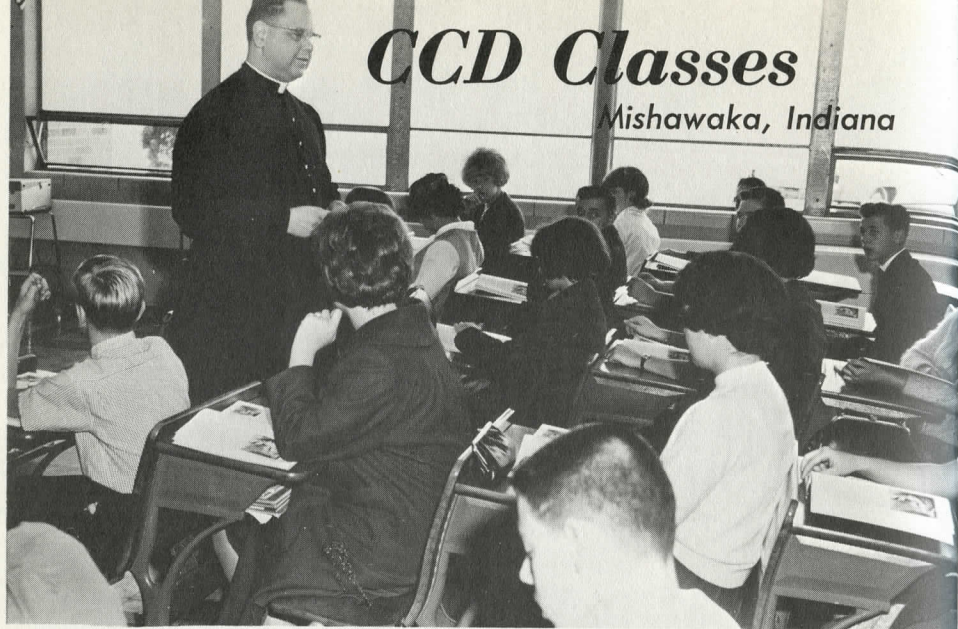
The Province Center will include a chapel and shrine dedicated to Saint Joseph, a building for housing the young Brothers in training, a college building, a Juniorate and Retreat House, an infirmary for our aged and infirm Brothers, and a gymnasium.

As we do not have the means through ordinary income from the schools to finance our total building program, we depend on our friends, like you, for additional help.

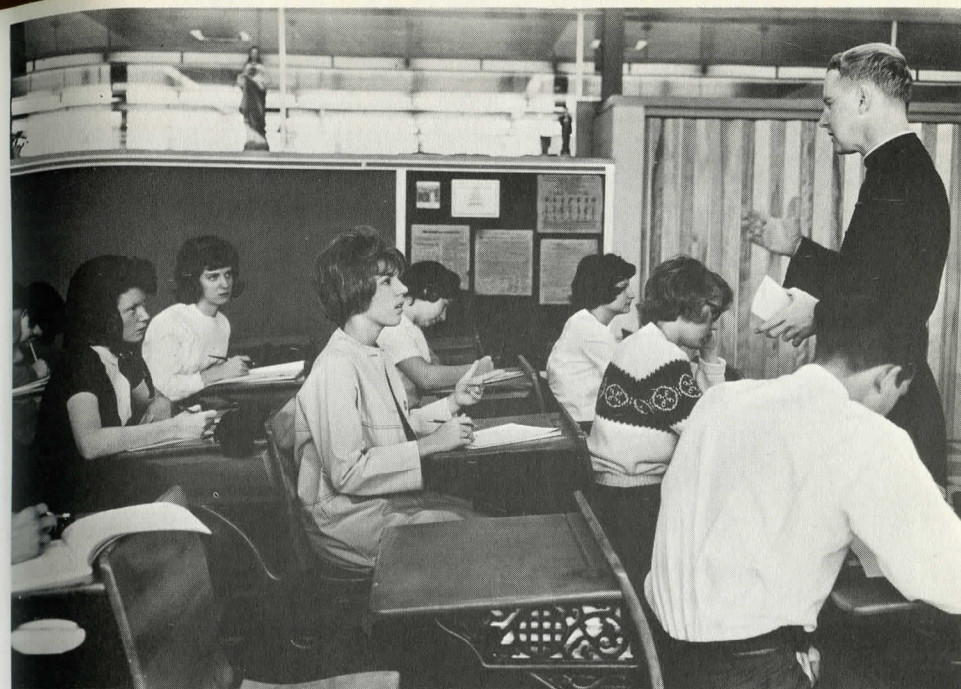
We are confident that we can count on you to help us shape an education and religious center where once in the distant past the flickering campfires and tepees of Indian braves dotted the landscape.

# CCD Classes

Mishawaka, Indiana



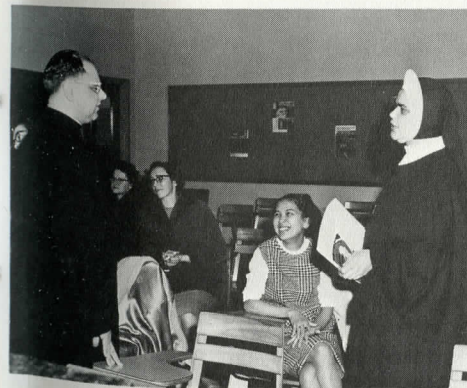
Brother Flavius, Principal of Queen of Peace Parish High School of Religion, conducts a Sunday morning session.



Senior Instructor Brother James Bicket stresses a point for an intent questioner.



Brothers James Reddy (1st Row) Francis Meduri, Michael Guistino, James Blaszk (all in 2nd Row) attend class in the C.C.D. Teacher Training Program. At the end of a two-year Teacher-Training Course, these Brothers will receive their C.C.D. diplomas. The Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese requires the C.C.D. diploma for teachers in the Parish Grade and High Schools of Religion.

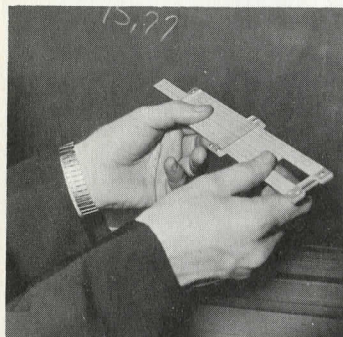


Sister Mary Virginia discusses a few things with Brother Flavius on how to teach the mentally handicapped child. Brother Flavius is taking the course; Sister Mary Virginia is the teacher. The completion of the course leads to a special license for teaching the exceptional child.



Brother Flavius and Brother James leave the Queen of Peace Parish High School of Religion with some of their students.

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## Hands For Christ

*Christ has no hands but our hands  
to do his work today.*

*He has no feet but our feet  
to lead men in His way.*

*He has no tongue but our tongue  
to tell men how He died.*

*He has no help but our help  
to lead them to His side.*

Dear Brother,

I have two steady hands, a cool head, and a warm heart. Maybe Jesus can find some use for them in His work. Please send some vocation literature to me.

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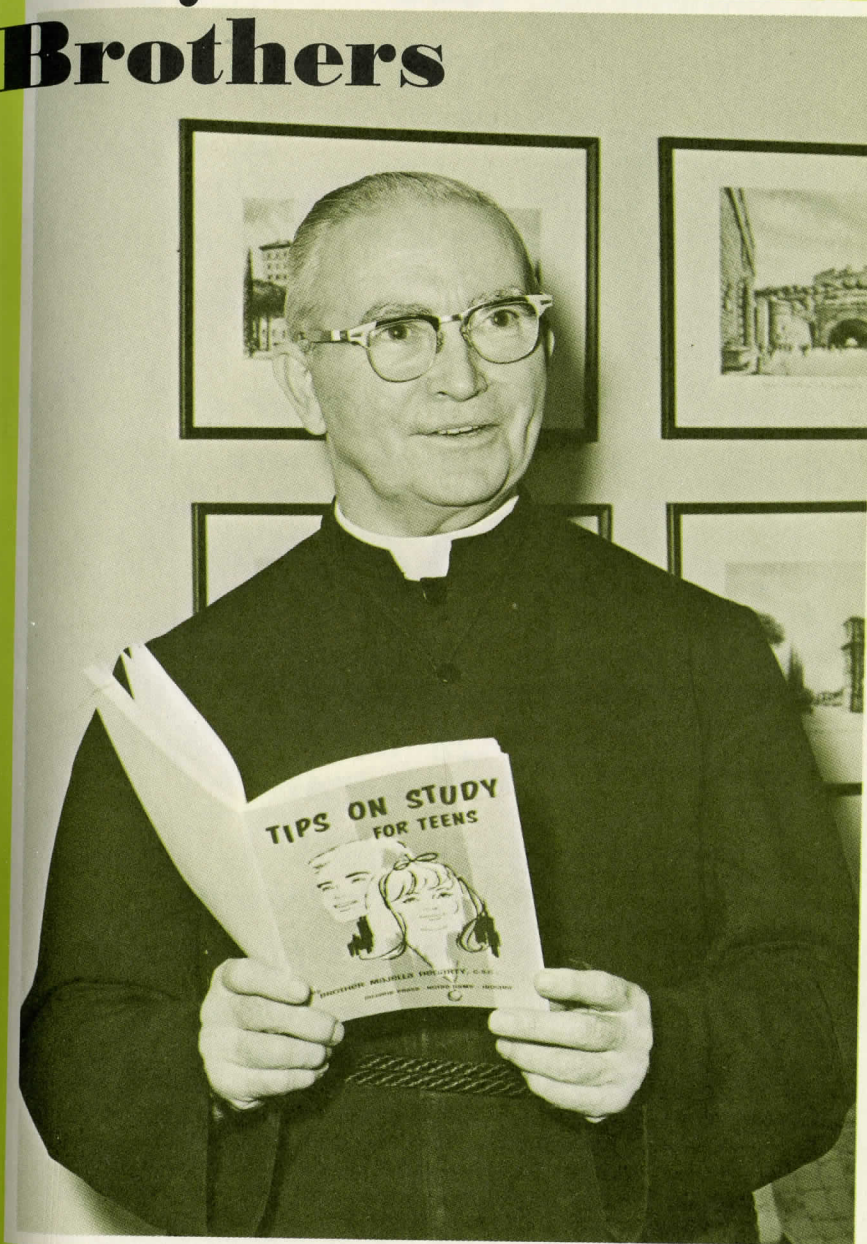
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