

# Feature Comment



Brother Eymard, C.S.C.

It is good for man to have a castle in the sky. But he must build a foundation under it. We have started our castle and are building a foundation under it. Brother Donatus Schmitz, Provincial, in the Provincial Chapter of 1964 proposed the construction of Holy Cross Junior College and the complex of buildings which surround it, forming the Province Center. Let me tell you about our castle.

*Our goal is to Provide*

- Student Brothers, aspirants and lay students with a superior program of education in the liberal arts and sciences within a Christian context.

- A program of philosophy and theology which will help a student to better know God, himself and others.
- Two years of college education at a minimal cost, qualifying the student for transfer to a senior college or university.
- Personal and academic guidance and counseling.

This, then, is our castle in the sky. Let me now tell you how the foundation is coming along.

The key blocks in any educational foundation are the academic programs offered, the quality of its teachers, buildings and equipment, accredita-

tion, and meeting its financial obligations.

Holy Cross Junior College is offering intensive courses, such as theology, advanced writing, French, Latin, music, European history and calculus. Next year a sophomore program will offer also chemistry, biology, economics, speech, philosophy, and accounting. The quality of teachers assigned to the College is exemplified by their advanced degrees and vast teaching experience.

Our material foundations are the buildings themselves. In addition to the usual facilities of classrooms and laboratories, there are the library, chapel, gymnasium, and dining room.

During the first year of operation the College administration will seek accreditation from the State of Indiana and recognition from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at a later date.

The last of the building blocks is the payment of our debt. And this will take years to complete.

So there is our castle in the sky and the current state of its foundation.

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## Holy Cross Junior College

Holy Cross Junior College, accentuating the eastern bank of the St. Joseph River just north of South Bend, Indiana, is unique in many respects. It is the local community's newest institution of higher learning; it is St. Joseph County's first full-fledged junior college; and it is one of the few institutions of its kind in the entire state.

Conducted by the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross and under the first presidency of *Brother John Driscoll, Ph.D.*, the College's opening this past September also marks a first venture of its kind for this religious community of teachers, pioneers and specialists in the field of education on all levels since their initial foundations in this country in 1841. After 125 years of educational history and tradition, today these same Holy Cross Brothers, consisting of some 1200 members, operate their own university in Austin, Texas (St. Edward's University), thirty high schools across the nation, five homes for underprivileged boys, five

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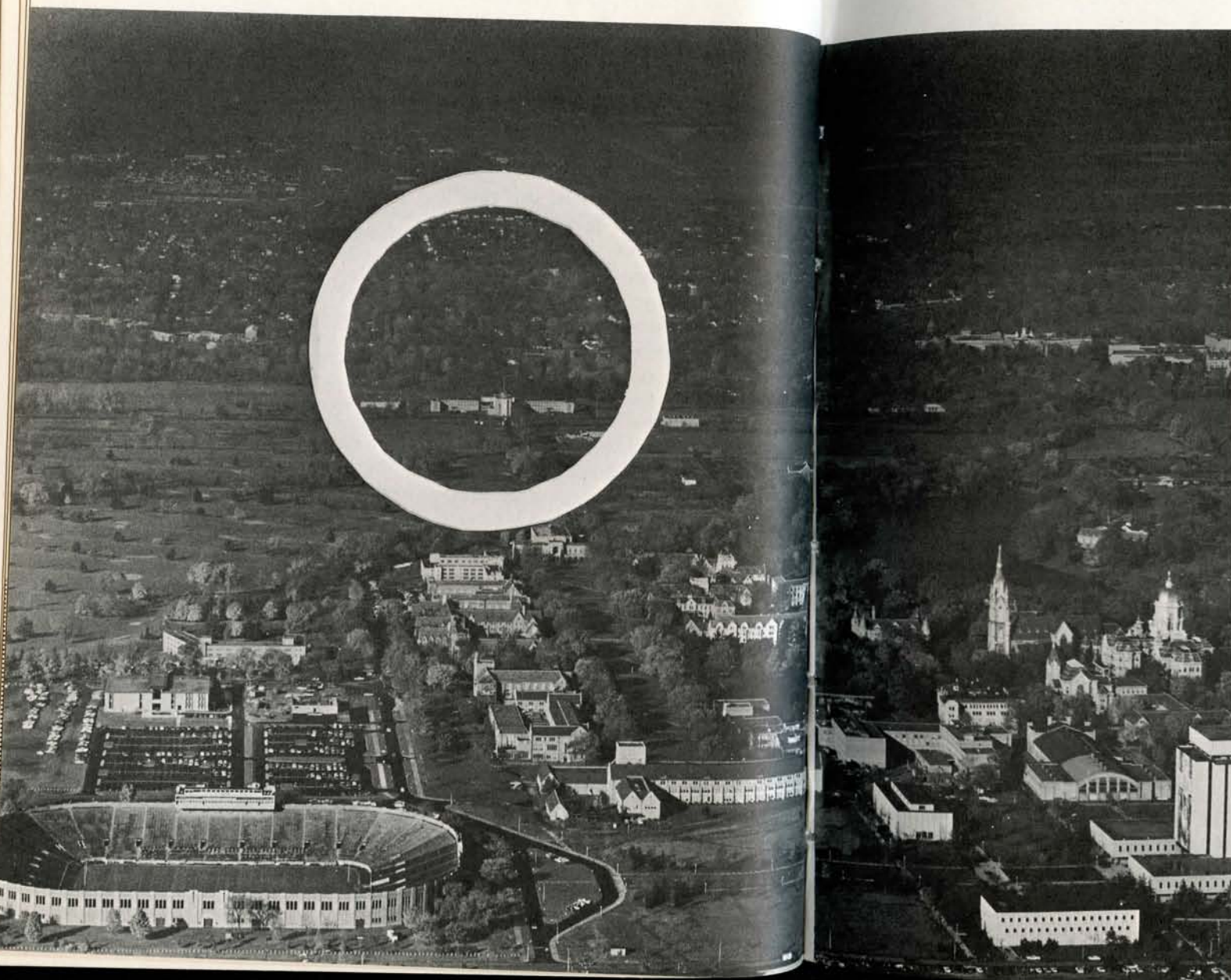
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## Cover Story

Because Saint Joseph is the patron of Brothers of Holy Cross, a statue of St. Joseph the Educator was chosen to grace the campus of Holy Cross Junior College. Here, as the artist conceived the statue, St. Joseph is surrounded by the seven O Antiphons referring to Old Testament Types.

# Holy Cross Junior College Is Under Way—Beginnings



elementary schools, and a number of educational institutions in Ghana, Liberia, Uganda, Pakistan, India, and Brazil. Holy Cross Junior College is the Brothers' most recent commitment to Christian education, already contributing to the intellectual, social, and moral development of some twenty-five thousand students throughout the world.

The Junior College consists of a newly completed two and a half million dollar complex of buildings situated on a 175-acre campus along U. S. Highway 31, west of Notre Dame University, and south of St. Mary's College. The brand new facilities comprise the main college building of classrooms, laboratories, library and auditorium; a central dining hall; two dormitories (James and Basil Halls) for student Brothers and young men aspiring to the religious life; gymnasium and maintenance shops; a faculty residence (Andre Hall); and a modern, fully-equipped infirmary for Community members, located atop the sloping bank of the St. Joe River at the quiet north edge of the campus. Highlighting the view of this sprawling array of buildings and carefully tended landscape and seemingly drawing all to a focal point of concerted goal is the towering bronze cross shooting skyward from the massive college chapel located at the very heart of the campus.

## The Administration

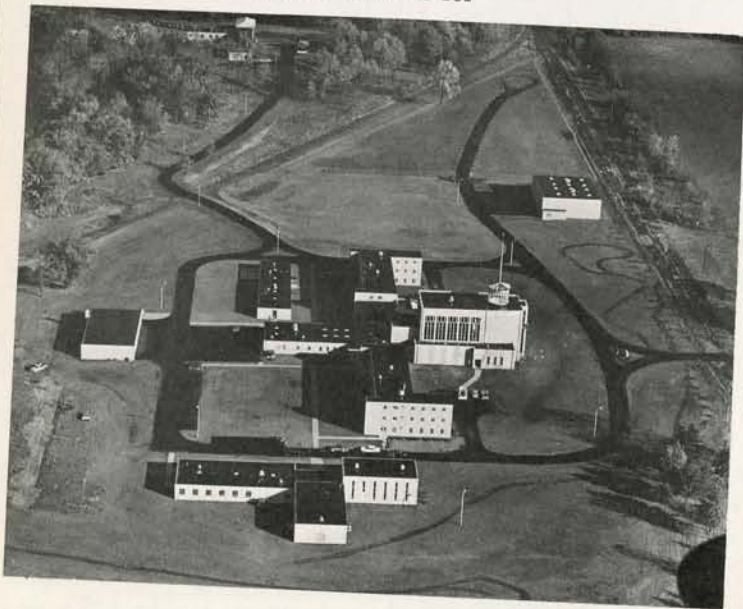
At the College's beginning this fall, *Brother Pedro Haering*, (former archdiocesan supervisor of schools in Cleveland as well as former superior-prin-

cial at both Cathedral H. S. in Indianapolis and Archbishop Hoban H. S. in Akron) was appointed religious superior of the College and director of James Hall Scholasticate. *Brother John Benesh*, (on the teaching staff at Archbishop Hoban H. S. for many years as well as visiting instructor at St. Edwards's University in Austin, Texas) was assigned director of Basil Hall—a residence hall for the aspirants during the fall semester and for high school student retreatants in the spring. The director's post at Andre Hall, the staff quarters, was assigned to *Brother James Moroney*, former superior of the Brothers' scholasticate and just returned from a year of graduate study in theology in New York. *Brother Frederick Raehsler*, who completed this summer his studies for an R.N. degree at Alexian Brothers Hospital in Chicago, was assigned director of the community infirmary, known as Dujarie House.

The superior, the three directors, plus *Brother Edgar Plas*, local steward for



The new Holy Cross Junior College buildings (with the Brothers' Provinciate in the right foreground)—all situated just west of Notre Dame campus and along the eastern bank of the St. Joseph River.



The nine-building College complex just completed this past summer by the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

the center, *Brother Columba Curran*, assistant director of James Hall and professor of chemistry at Notre Dame, plus *Brother Richard Weber*, director of maintenance, make up the local administration council, a governmental set-up somewhat unique in the tradition of the Brothers' province.

### An Outgrowth of Province Needs

This new venture into higher education is indeed the Province's witness to faith—faith in God's Providence and faith in what man can become. And it is to *Brother Donatus Schmitz*, Provincial Superior, his council members, to all the Brothers in the Midwest Province, as well as to the Community's many devoted benefactors that must go the credit for the needed courage in undertaking this challenge and

for the enthusiasm in seeking its completion. All share in making this center of learning and formation truly a sign of belief in Christian education as a means to better man's condition—an extension, to be sure, of a commitment begun by Brothers of Holy Cross over a century ago.

The College is an outgrowth of a long-felt need in the Province for more adequate facilities for educating the newly professed Brothers as well as those aspiring to the religious life—those young men, usually in their teens, who are considering but have not definitively decided on the religious life. Here at Holy Cross these young men can now receive their initial college academic training in preparation for their teaching profession, along with a well-planned program introducing

## Lay and Religious Students Studying

them to the nature and meaning of the religious life. This fall, after many months of planning, hard labor, anxious moments, and not a few set-backs, the college doors opened for the first time to these young men: 82 novice and professed Brothers in their initial stages of religious and professional training and also to 15 aspirants, come to discover God's plan for them.

But Holy Cross Junior College was not founded for the exclusive academic needs of the members of the Holy Cross family of religious. Traditionally mindful of the needs of the Church and of today's youth, facilities at the College were designed from the very beginning to accommodate an eventual enrollment of 300 students—an anticipated ratio of two lay students to every student Brother or aspirant to the order. Consequently, the College will begin this coming fall term accepting lay

students from the local area regardless of race or creed who are interested in pursuing a two-year junior college education. The students will have to commute daily to the College since no housing accommodations are available for lay students.

### Purpose and Curriculum

Because of the very nature of the institution, the curriculum concentrates on the liberal arts with particular attention given to the needs of the Province to train men who will eventually go into teaching, usually at the secondary level, as their life work in the apostolate. For all students—lay and religious—the course of study has the dual purpose of meeting the needs of students who wish to transfer to a senior college after completion of the two-year liberal arts foundation and of making available to those students who

## Together To Meet Their Needs

are undecided about completing a four-year college program the opportunity to investigate areas of academic interest for which they have the ability. Since professional leaders in education dare not disregard this special group of youth (and they number far more than we perhaps suspect) the Brothers of Holy Cross have pledged themselves to this very task here at Holy Cross Junior College.

The College is definitely committed to Catholic education, for this has always been and remains so today the Brothers' primary mission of trust by the Church. Because of this, the College seeks to implement a Catholic philosophy of education and life through a formal program of study in theology and philosophy as a means of furthering true and realistic understanding by the student of his relations to God, himself and others. And to in-

augurate a probing into his world re-deemed and an understanding of his place in this world, the curriculum, in addition, includes courses in English, speech, French, Latin, music, history, economics, political science, psychology, accounting, mathematics, biology, and chemistry.

### Some Advantages

At Holy Cross there are perhaps some advantages not so readily found at all higher institutions of learning, and it is the intent of the College's administration and faculty to take advantage of every opportunity for furthering the intellectual growth and personal fulfillment of each student which accrues from the smaller classes, the closer and more intimate student-faculty relationships, and the personal and religious counseling services available to all students. Its very size contributes



The entrance off U. S. Highway 31 onto the campus of Holy Cross Junior College north of South Bend, Indiana.



Three of the Brother Scholastics (those in formation) arrive at the entrance of Holy Cross Junior College to begin their morning classes.

much to making the educative process a family, fraternal affair.

In a more structured situation the students are aided in their attempt to gain greater self-knowledge and to make prudent self-choices in vocational and educational matters through an organized college guidance and counseling program. From its very beginning such a program is being enhanced at Holy Cross by having on the staff several members holding state qualifying licenses in guidance. And the staff is fully aware that it is during these crucial years of decision-making that students can best profit from such professional services and empathic counseling.

### The Faculty

The twelve faculty members assigned this year to the College are Holy Cross Brothers who bring to the classroom undisputed academic competence as well as many years of successful teaching experience in secondary schools throughout the Midwest. In the present

group of instructors, for example, there are two Ph.D.'s, and ten in possession of one or two Master's degrees; others will continue their studies for the doctoral degree. The vast majority have undertaken course work well beyond the Master's degree level. They have studied at such universities as the following: Notre Dame, Wisconsin, Akron, Texas, John Carroll, Indiana, St. Edward's, Minnesota, Illinois, De Paul, Chicago, St. John's, Loyola, and Vandercook School of Music. Their teaching background and experience are just as varied.

During this present pioneering school year *Brother John Benesh*, is handling quite capably the mathematics courses, especially designed to meet the individual needs of the students. *Brother Richard Sitar*, who comes to Holy Cross Junior College after many successful years of teaching at Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio, is teaching European history. Instructor of English and Latin is *Brother Robert Ducharme*, a

highly rated teacher at St. Edward's in Cleveland, and who is presently completing his second Master's degree. *Brother James Moroney* is the instructor of English and theology. An accomplished musician himself, and presently serving as Province music coordinator, *Brother Daniel Kane* is handling most effectively all the music courses at the College. *Brother Benoit Frigon*, certainly a linguist, is carrying the French courses, using to full advantage the well-equipped College language lab. A former part-time instructor at Notre Dame and presently



The classrooms are provided with audio-visual equipment. *Brother Jerome Andrews* from Cleveland, Ohio, is the young Scholastic Brother nearest the door.

the Province's director of studies, the president of the College, *Brother John Driscoll* is the instructor in psychology. The guidance services are under the supervision of *Brother Lawrence Miller*, educated in social work at the University of Chicago, who in the past has held several superior-director roles in the Community and who is the Province's present assistant provincial. The attractively designed College library with a ten-thousand volume capacity is under the direction of *Brother Reginald Juszcak*, who also has held superior-principal appointments at Holy Trinity H. S. in Chicago and St. Joseph H. S. in South Bend and who is presently a member of the Midwest provincial council. These pioneers at the College look hopefully to next year when more Brothers and lay instructors will join the staff.

### A Spirit of Hope

Holy Cross Junior College is a modest beginning. The Province leaders and Community members, the College administration and faculty, as well as the student body are all quite aware of this fact, and aware too that all beginnings have their perils. It is an attempt, noble but modest, to fulfill an existing need. The administration—and through them the entire Congregation of Holy Cross—have committed themselves to this need. And they do not expect to meet with success without struggle and without the reassuring help from everyone bound in some way or other to the Holy Cross community of faculty and students. But they set out, nevertheless, possessed by the same Spirit Who has motivated the countless works ever begun and continued by Holy Cross Brothers throughout the world and through many a trying decade—determined that this is only a beginning.



## *Building for Your Son*

Many people have built castles in the sky, but that is as far as they were able to go. The Brothers of Holy Cross have built their castle, and have succeeded in putting a foundation under it with the one qualification that they need many friends to assist them in this venture.

With confidence in God, St. Joseph and you, we have expended more than 21½-million dollars in establishing Holy Cross Junior College and the complex of buildings that surround it.

This project was not undertaken out of vanity, but because of a practical need of the present as well as for the future. And it was achieved mostly through extensive borrowing of funds.

Our goal was determined with your son in mind. For the quality of your son's education will be largely determined by the kind of teaching preparation our Brothers receive.

We realize that you receive appeals for many worthy causes, but we consider this project, because of your son, to be one in which you are more intimately involved. This cause is most worthy and deserving of your support. The Brothers cannot carry the burden alone.

If you wish to show your appreciation of what the Brothers of Holy Cross are doing for your son, please send your contribution attached to the form on the opposite page.



## *For Your Son and His Son . .*

Dear Brother Eymard,

Please accept my contribution and gift for the support of Holy Cross Junior College. (Your gift may be extended to suit your convenience and is not legally binding.) Please send me a reminder: ..... Monthly ..... Quarterly

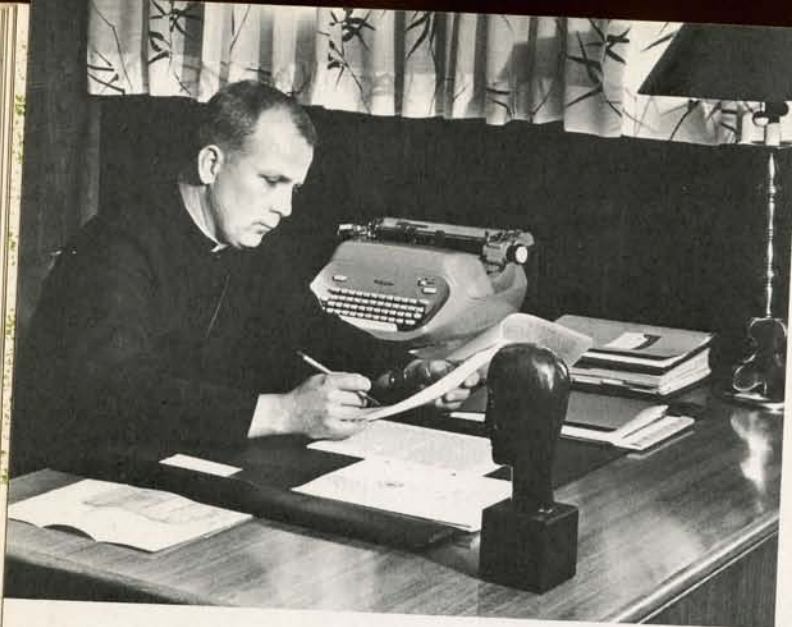
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The president of the College, Brother John Driscoll, from Waterbury, Connecticut, reviews schedules for the forthcoming semester.



From Utica, Michigan, and former teacher of Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio, Brother Richard Sitar delivers lecture in European history at the Junior College.



In his calculus course Brother John Benesh, formerly of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, intently clarifies a problem.

Brother James Moroney (left) and Brother Robert Ducharme engage their students with their interesting presentations in theology and English.



Brother Benoit Frigon, from Oak Park, Illinois, throws out a question to one of his students in the intermediate French class.



*A view of the Holy Cross Junior College Library, showing some of the functional and traditional library furniture and the stacks located on the second division.*



*The auditorium in the Junior College classroom building seats 200. Acoustics in the auditorium are excellent for dramatic presentations, lectures, and cultural events.*





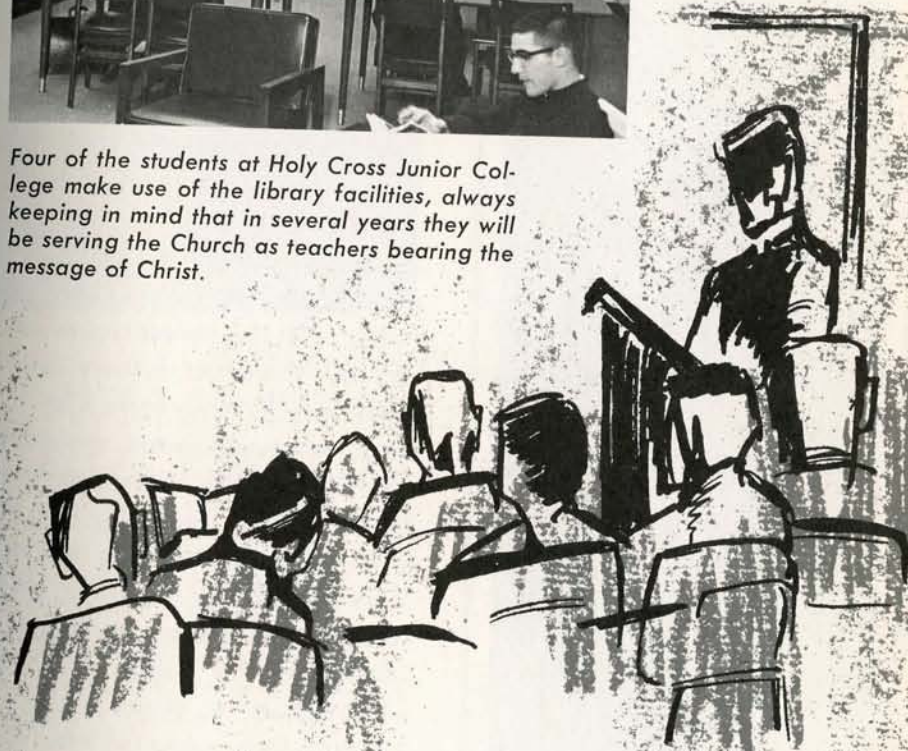
One of the three labs in the classroom building for physics and chemistry. Much more equipment is needed for the science labs from generous contributors.



Four of the students at Holy Cross Junior College make use of the library facilities, always keeping in mind that in several years they will be serving the Church as teachers bearing the message of Christ.



One of the aspirants (those in the juniorate program preceding the novitiate) delivers an oral report to a group of his fellow aspirants and Brother Scholastics.



## The Man in the Shadow

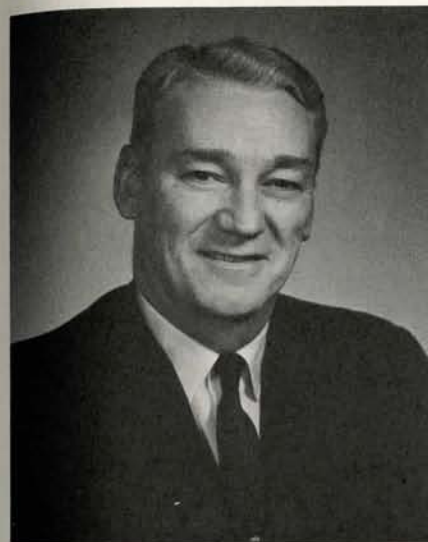


The fathers of many good men have never been recorded in history. Not only are no wise and clever words of theirs recorded, but their names as well are lost forever. And such a man was Joseph. Joseph's role did not require him to be a powerful figure in politics, nor a great financial genius nor even a renowned craftsman. God in choosing a father for his Incarnate Son picked a man who would fill completely all the needs of a growing boy and his mother. Physically strong was he and capable of protecting and supplying a family with the necessities of life. Like all dedicated fathers, Joseph performed his daily tasks with conscientious diligence, accepted the hardships as they arose, and found his place in the simple life with his family when the working day ended. This responsibility of being a good husband and father was God's special plan for Joseph, a task at which he labored in unnoticed success. Only centuries later did the light shatter the gray mist to show others St. Joseph's true worth in the eyes of God.

Brother Leo Geiger, CSC

## Introducing Outstanding Alumni

### Memorial High School Evansville, Indiana



Albert F. Davis

Mr. Albert F. Davis, general manager of the Diesel Equipment Division of General Motors Corporation, was graduated from Boys' Catholic High School, Evansville, Indiana (now Reitz Memorial High School) in 1924

In 1928 he received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. Davis was transferred to Grand Rapids from Detroit in June, 1955, and was appointed to his present position of general manager in September, 1957. He has completed thirty-seven years of service with General Motors and had prior service with the Research Laboratories in Detroit, Diesel Division in Cleveland, and the Detroit Diesel Engine Division.

Active in many civic affairs, Mr. Davis is chairman of the Kent County U. S. Savings Bond Campaign and a vice-president and director of the Michigan United Fund. He served on the Board of Directors of the Greater Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, the Employers' Association and Youth Commonwealth and is affiliated with the Citizens Research Council, Grand Valley State College, Kent County Community Mental Health Services Board and the Society of Automotive Engineers.

He also serves in various capacities with the Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids, St. John's Home, Villa Maria, St. Mary's Hospital, and Villa Elizabeth. He was appointed a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Paul VI in 1964. He is also a trustee of Aquinas College in Grand Rapids and St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Mr. Davis is married to the former Velaina A. Foucault of Baraga, Michigan. They have six children. Rita is a junior at St. Mary's College and William is a senior at Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio. One of the daughters, Mary, is now Sister Mary Gregory, I.H.M. Four of the daughters attended St. Mary's College.

He and his wife reside at 1642 Pontiac Road S.E. in East Grand Rapids, Michigan.

### Cathedral High School Indianapolis, Ind.

Mayor John J. Barton of Indianapolis, Indiana, was graduated from Cathedral High School in that city, in 1924.



**John J. Barton**

After working for two years at the Indianapolis Power and Light Co. he attended Purdue University and received a BSME in 1930. After graduation from college, he was employed by Babcock and Wilcox in Barberton, Ohio, for three years. Mr. Barton entered the Indiana State Police Recruit Training School and then joined the Indiana State Police Department.

During the Second World War, he served as a commissioned lieutenant in the U. S. Navy Reserve and saw active duty as part of the Puerto Rico Naval Intelligence for nine months and for eighteen months was an Admiralty Islands Security Officer.

After the war, he continued with the Indiana State Police Department until 1957 when he joined the Midwest Tank and Manufacturing Company in Indianapolis. In 1961, he became superintendent of the Indiana State Police Department. John J. Barton was elected mayor of Indianapolis, November 5, 1963.

Mayor Barton is married to the former Louise Fitzgerald of Dana, Indiana. They have three children, Mary Ellen, 19, John, Jr., 17, and Margaret, 15. Three of Mayor Barton's brothers and four of his sisters now live in Indianapolis. A third brother, the Reverend Thomas Barton, resides in Liberty, Indiana.

### **Holy Trinity H. S. Chicago, Illinois**



**Peter A. Grzesiak**

An outstanding example of an American of Polish ancestry, Mr. Peter A. Grzesiak, is highly regarded and very popular in financial circles. Because his career and success were attained on merit and personal integrity, his associates in religious and fraternal societies consider him a staunch Catholic.

After graduating from Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, 1924, he became associated with the Home Bank & Trust Company and the United American Trust & Savings Bank. He worked as a field representative of

the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

For eighteen years he was manager of the Mortgage & Loan Division of the Polish National Alliance, and since 1955 has been vice-president of the Cragin Savings and Loan Association.

Mr. Grzesiak is a lay trustee of St. Monica's Parish and was president of its Holy Name Society. He has organized three highly successful parish credit unions. His son was graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1963.

Since his graduation from Holy Trinity High School, Mr. Grzesiak has been an active supporter of the school and still participates in the activities of the Booster Club. In recognition of his abilities and loyalty to the school, he received the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award in 1951.

### **Catholic Central H. S. Monroe, Michigan**



**John J. Laboe, DDS**

John J. Laboe, DDS, is noted among the Alumni of Catholic Central High School, Monroe, Michigan, for having resuscitated the Alumni Association after this organization was defunct for a period of three years.

Doctor Laboe was a member of the first graduating class of Monroe Catholic High School in 1948. During his high school days he distinguished himself as a student, musician, dramatist, and football player. After graduation he entered the School of Pre-medicine at the University of Notre Dame. He was accepted into the world-renowned Notre Dame Glee Club and sang with this organization during his four years at the university.

In 1955, Doctor Laboe completed his studies at the Loyola University School of Dentistry in Chicago. After two years as a Naval Dentist, Doctor Laboe began his practice in his home town, Monroe, and today enjoys a great respect in this community. In addition to his professional and family duties, Doctor finds the time to direct his superb men's choir at St. Mary's Church in Monroe. He was chosen "Notre Dame Man of the Year" by his fellow Monroe Alumni of Notre Dame.

Doctor and Mrs. Laboe have five daughters; the eldest died this past year. Doctor Laboe treasures his daughters, but as he says, "It's about time God sent me a football player." He has an abundance of cheerleaders.

*Space did not permit us to feature all of the outstanding alumni from our schools. However, since this will be a regular feature of our magazine, we ask your indulgence until the next editions appear.*

Generosity was one of the qualities of the teen-age fisherman. He quickly offered his two fish and five pieces of bread to Christ. Was he ever surprised when Christ did the unbelievable—fed the 5,000 men and they had as much as they wanted. The same can happen to us, if we are generous with our possessions—mind, heart, will—when we make them available to Christ for the spread of His Kingdom.



# Holy Cross Brothers



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“Just as with the teenager of the Gospel, Jesus calls you to work with him: to offer your abilities, your efforts, your intelligence for the spread of His Kingdom . . .

Jesus fed the multitudes with five loaves and two fishes and He knows how to use your contribution to the apostolate, small as it may be, to work wonders.”

Pope John XXIII

Spring, 1967