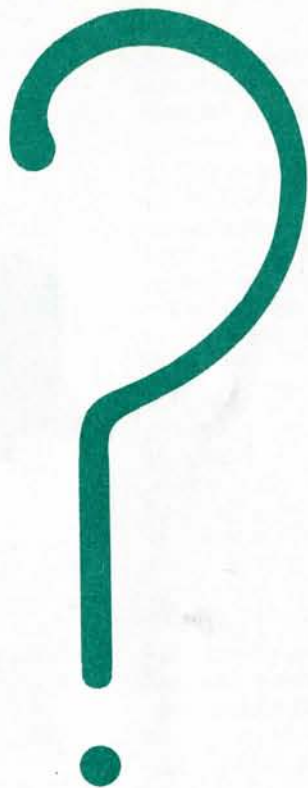


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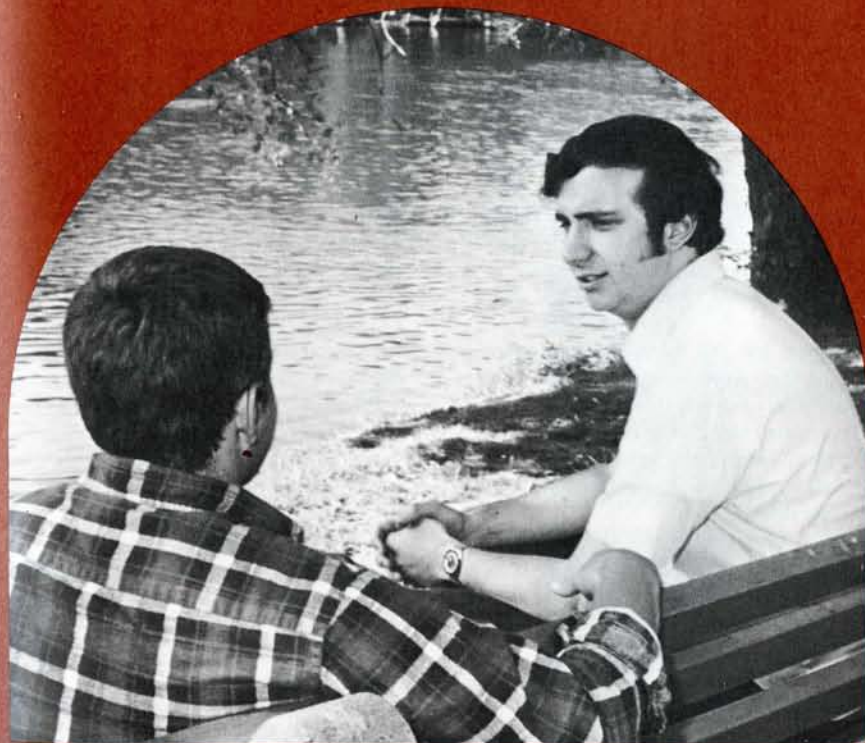


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Feature Comment

BROTHER EYMARD, C.S.C.

FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Youth has always faced many problems. In our present era such problems are definitely on the increase. One has only to take a look at the alarming increase of the crime rate in this country. There are many complex and varied causes of delinquency. Some are due to the young people themselves, some due to the influence of their companions and others to society in general. The question that faces all of us is "What can be done to change the tide and bring about as swiftly as possible a better tomorrow for youth and the world?"

Changes for the better are always slow, but they can be achieved in time through one's correspondence with God's grace and the supporting hand of parents, teachers, clergy, Big Brothers, social agencies and especially the Youth Services Bureau.

Helping youth to a better life is the general goal of the Youth Services Bureau in South Bend, Indiana. It has been functioning in South Bend for one year and its approach is positive. To prevent crime as well as develop a wholesome attitude in youth, its aim is to provide good rapport with young people.

While the Bureau has had 700 referrals from 80 agencies in the county and city during the year, a young man or young lady has the option to refuse or

accept its help. The Bureau staff serves as an advocate for youth with the other agencies. In a word, there is an informal and friendly attitude created. As one staff member stated "We are kid-protectors and the youngsters know that we will not hurt them." There is no ax to grind nor is there any punitive function about its operations. The whole aim of the program is to prevent problems from developing through a number of varied training programs or to assist personally a youngster who has a problem. Since the general attitude is one of friendliness and help, many youth voluntarily seek help through the agency.

The Youth Services Bureau has a large staff of volunteer workers. Anyone interested in this type of work with adolescents, or for that matter with the poor, sick, the retired, the aged, the lonely and unemployed can put his talents toward worthy goals.

"What you do for the least of My brothers, you do to Me!" said Christ. All of us are inspired at times to do something for others, and at these sacred moments we should take the initiative and offer our services for at least an hour or more a week. More people would lose many of their fears and enjoy life more if they reached out their hands and hearts to others for a better tomorrow.

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COVER STORY: Guiding youth through counseling is an important means in helping them to maturity by setting up positive goals as well as guiding them away from serious problems. The success of a counselor depends on his listening ability. His approach and attitude must be such as to give the youngster confidence. The more friendly and considerate the counselor is, the more effective will be the rapport. Brother Robert Dailey tries when possible to select an informal setting for his interviews. In this instance he chatted with the youngster on a park bench on the shores of St. Joseph River.



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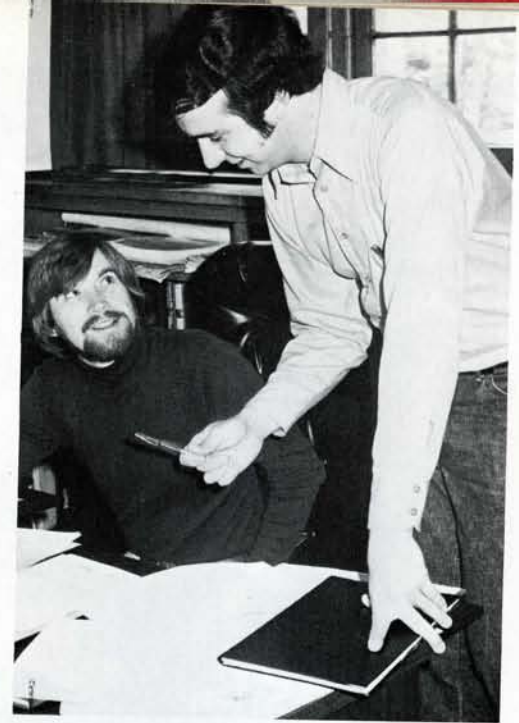
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Ready to go to work



Nothing is accomplished without papers and pens, . . .

HELPING YOUTH TO GREATNESS

"Inspired by the courageous spirit of our founder, the congregation wishes to explore new methods of being present to men and to discover new forms of the apostolate which correspond better to the urgent needs of the Church." Article twenty-two of the Constitutions

of the Congregation of Holy Cross continues, "The freedom and availability afforded by the religious life give us the opportunity to make this adaptation in the spirit of the gospel."

For Brother Robert Dailey this has become especially meaningful. Brother

Robert is a Student Brother who resides at the Brothers Province Center and attends the University of Notre Dame. Yet between studies and community responsibilities he finds enough time to be an "Outreach Worker" for the South Bend Youth Services Bureau (YSB).

YSB is a relatively new agency in the city of South Bend. It was founded in July, 1972, with a two-pronged purpose: diversion and prevention of juvenile delinquency. By the end of last year it became obvious that the agency was having a very positive effect: ju-

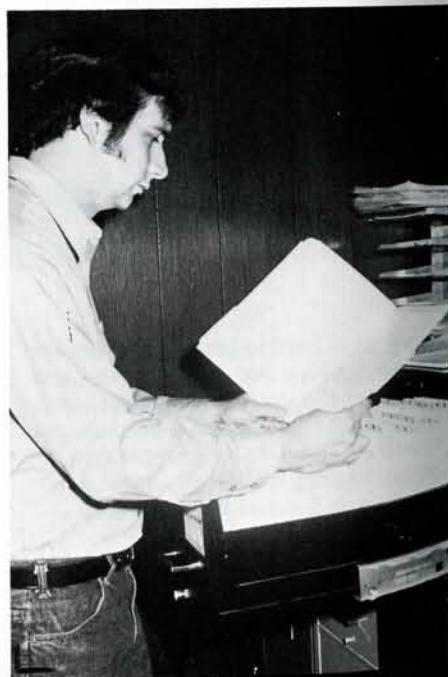


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venile arrests and referrals to the juvenile justice system were reduced 27% over the previous year. Furthermore, at the same time a 19% drop in juvenile recidivism was realized.

"I first became acquainted with YSB about a year ago," says Brother Robert. "I had previously spent summers at Boysville of Michigan and at Gibault School where I became interested in the many problems which face youth today. Upon returning to the South Bend area I decided to investigate the possibility of getting involved with local social service agencies. Then at Notre Dame 'Activities Night' I met Mr. Evan Bergwall, founding director of YSB, and was given a hearty welcome to the agency."



... and fingers ...



YSB is designed to be a general clearing house of services for youth up to eighteen years. Referrals come from a number of agencies, although most of them come from the Police Department, the Probation Department, or the School Corporation. The problems presented range from relatively simple ones, such as minor theft, to extremely complex ones, often involving a broken home and/or an extensive criminal record.

Shortly after YSB receives the referral, the case is assigned to an Outreach Worker. "That's where I come in," explains Brother Robert. "Usually I contact the referring agency myself to get a better idea of the nature of the problem. From there I go out to meet the

... and phones ...



Counseling . . . and

youth and, if possible, his parents also. Although my initial home visit is primarily an informational one, I try to keep things friendly and informal. For example, I rarely fill out forms or write things down while talking to people. I also find it helpful to explain a little about YSB, emphasizing that I'm not a policeman.

"Soon after the first or second visit I write up a brief social history of the family. Then, with the aid of a supervisor, I decide where to go with the case. In some cases if the problem is not very serious and if the home situation appears to be good, I simply recommend that we drop the case. In other cases where extensive home or personal problems are evident, I can

recommend another agency, such as Catholic Social Services, the Mental Health Center, or one of many others. With most of my cases, however, I continue to visit the family regularly. My relationship varies from case to case: with some I am like a 'Big Brother' trying to fill in for an often absent father; with others I am something of a counselor, helping parents establish realistic expectations of their children, and vice versa. Frequently it's just a matter of asking a few questions to encourage communication."

Concerning his own life, Brother Robert views the experience as an important part of his education. (On top of his studies as a mathematics major,



. . . coffee break, and

. . . going home.

Brother Robert volunteers as many as fifteen hours each week to YSB.) "Much more significant," he adds, "is the impact of the work on my prayer. I really love the work and the people I meet, so that my experiences, rather than distract me, tend to enhance the quiet moments I spend in prayer."

"In all, my involvement with YSB has made me more aware of the needs of the Universal Church, the community of mankind. I have come to realize one possible way to respond to these needs, but I believe that there are as many different responses as there are concerned people. Each of us must decide for himself how he will respond."





Everyone's in the dough

HOLY CROSS BAKER

"Raisin, whole wheat, and cinnamon, one loaf each, please."

"A glazed cinnamon pull-apart, a dozen cinnamon rolls, and chocolate donuts, please."

"A banana bread and apple pie."

Orders at a commercial bakery? No. They're orders phoned in daily to Holy Cross High School, New Orleans, as answers to the underground gourmet—Brother Daniel Durig and his Holy Cross bake shop.

By now, almost everyone in the city of New Orleans knows about Brother Daniel's breadmaking skills and his contributions to the Brazilian and the Bangladesh missions. But since the origin of

the Holy Cross bakery three and a half years ago, Brother's sales volume and selections of breads and pastries have grown steadily.

Brother Daniel now bakes over one hundred loaves of bread daily, consisting of raisin, whole wheat, cinnamon, white, and banana varieties. He also bakes coffee rolls, chocolate, plain and glazed donuts, and an assortment of cherry, custard, pecan, and apple pies. Brother now has three full-time helpers, a new oven and worktables, and a new bakery location adjacent to the Brothers' kitchen.

Brother Daniel attributes all this progress to the publicity he has been get-



Brother William Gaseor pours the filling.

ting. "Many people have gotten the news of my breadmaking by way of TV (the Terry Fletterich and her 'Midday' show on New Orleans Channel 6) and newspaper stories (articles in the *Times-Picayune*, *States-Item*, *Clarion Herald*, *St. Bernard News*, and *St. Bernard Voice*)," explains Brother.

The truth is that most of Brother's success is due to the superior quality of his breads and pastries.

Brother Daniel knows that along with publicity comes greater public demand.

"In order to accommodate for extra public business, I have people call in their orders and pick them up between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.," said Brother.

However, he still thinks that the major portion of his business is done with the school boys and their families who pick up their bread and pastries after school.

Next year, Brother hopes to raise

\$5,000. for the missions, a sum considerably more than the \$1,700. he was able to raise three and a half years ago.

"I find a great sense of satisfaction," stated Brother Daniel, "in knowing that I am helping the missions. Since I am personally acquainted with the missionaries themselves, I know they need the help. That's why I try to do as much as I can financially for them."

Does Brother intend to change any-

more? "Generally, people do not like mass production," he points out, "and since the basic feature of my bread is that it's homemade, I do not plan on using any mass production methods."

Brother Daniel does anticipate one minor change, though. Giving in each year to his Christmas spirit, he wryly added, "Of course, I can't let the holidays go by without baking fruit cake and pumpkin and mincemeat pies each year."

Brother Daniel Durig also has great assistance with his busy project. During the past year, Brother William Gaseor assisted on the baking staff. For the three-fold operation of cooking, baking and food service, Mrs. Ethel Cole and Mr. Fred Williams have worked hard and long hours for Holy Cross of New Orleans.

and Brother Daniel Durig butters the bread.



ASSOCIATES PICNIC

Rolling Prairie, Indiana



Waiting our turn

Anyone for the egg roll?



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The Rolling Prairie Chapter Associates picnic was a whirl of activity and entertainment. There was something interesting for everyone. The youngsters especially participated in an enthusias-

Keep pulling!



Brother Virngets set.



A man's best friend . . .

tic manner. After the contests and games were over, they renewed their energies with soda, cakes, ice cream, candy and other confections.



Forever blowing bubbles

Brother Richard Keller and friend



"HELP THE POOR!"

"Help the poor!" This plea looks very noble and beautiful in theory and on paper. Brother August Sosa has students experiencing the reality of that three-word invitation. He is the sophomore ethics teacher and moderator of the Key Club International at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California.

The story began in 1968 when Brother August, then a faculty member of St. Anthony High School in Long Beach, California, founded a service organization called ACT (Apostolic Christian Teenagers) to help other people. ACT was based on Brother August's own philosophy of life: to be concerned for the needs of others and to direct stu-

dents in activities that express a reality of Christ's message of compassion and love of neighbor. He had found this idea missing from most religion classes in high schools in any real and practical sense.

His students began to carry out apostolic works in the ACT program through various special committees. Some taught CCD classes; some read story books to children at public libraries in the poor sections of the city; others help at the hospital: assisting in the X-ray department, writing letters for patients, bringing them magazines and books, wheeling invalids to the chapel.

One group of young men were "Big Brothers" working with boys who had



Mayor Martinez talks with the children.

no fathers, taking these youngsters to museums, movies and sports events.

The Tijuana (Mexico) Orphanage group made frequent trips across the border to bring food and clothing to children. Students would recreate with the youngsters in the Mexican orphanage of "La Casa La Cuna" (House of the Little Children), where the ages ranged from infant to ten years old. St. Anthony students would play games with them and have candy-ice cream-cake parties on occasions like Christmas and Easter.

Another place in Tijuana where food and clothing were brought was "Casa Amiga del la Obera", a day-care center in an area of extreme poverty. Here

each day the poor would be fed and given clothing and medical assistance.

These St. Anthony students never returned home quite the same after experiencing the poverty of the Mexicans. Many realized for the first time how much they had taken for granted their material goods and comforts. They came away from Mexico better persons; their actual experiences taught them much more than any talk, any movie, any discussion or other motivating force that could be used with young people.

Brother August has found that this is one way to put into practice his own vow of poverty: helping the poor and teaching others to love and give to the poor.



The mayor explains the distribution to Cartolandians.

But ACT's activities did not stop there. The Convalescent Homes Committee had groups of boys and girls play bingo with old people each Wednesday afternoon, and furnished the prizes. These aged convalescents would wait at the main entrance of the home each week to welcome his or her student, and each would describe all that had happened the week before: the gossip, the problems, the joys and sorrows of institutional life. Some were jealous when his or her favorite student was getting too much attention from others and would be disappointed when a particular student could not come to the home that Wednesday afternoon. The old people laughed and cried with these high school students.

A giant food collection was made each year at Thanksgiving and distrib-

uted to poor families. At Christmas time a toy collection gave hundreds of children in Mexico new and used toys.

In 1970, with Brother August's transfer to Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, his work to help the poor expanded. He became moderator of the Key Club, a service organization of 200 members sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Activities of the Key Club are similar to those of ACT and also function through committees. One group tutors young students in Spanish, Latin, English, and mathematics. Each Saturday some members recreate with blind children at the Braille Institute. An ecology committee cares for the campus playing fields, lawns, and school grounds. The Garden group grows and delivers fresh vegetables to the poor people in Tijuana. Key Club members



Brother August and clothing collected for Cartolandians

also work in the "Big Brother" program and in convalescent homes with aged and infirm. Some young men provide an answering service in the faculty residence.

But the poor are the major concern of most Key Clubbers. Their charity is generously extended to the whole population of thousands of extremely poor people who live in Cartolandia (or Cardboard City), in the lowlands near the International Bridge in Tijuana. The poor have no normal facilities such as water, electricity, and furniture. They live in a dump with trash of all kinds and every sort of disease.

Brother August and Key Club members travel down to Tijuana twice a week to deliver bread, cookies, and cakes from a Los Angeles food store chain. Clothing is collected all year around at Notre Dame High School. When clothes, bread, cake, canned goods and recreational equipment arrive, the Mexicans—men, women, and children—are very happy. Everything is delivered to the Mayor's house. Mayor Onesimo Vidaca Martinez has organized a system whereby each family in Cartolandia has a card. When the students arrive to give out the food and

clothing, each family must present its card; it is checked against the Mayor's master list before the family receives the goods. The system is interesting because no matter how poor the colony of Mexicans may be, each community has its own 'el Presidente de las Sociedad de Padres de Familia', or Mayor. This man sees that each family is justly taken care of by charity.

One problem Brother August first faced and is still facing is the transportation of food and clothing to these poor people. Hopefully, some day someone will donate a van or truck or money for a vehicle to replace the use of privately owned cars in making the trips to Tijuana. Brother August has strong faith in God and prayer that he will soon get help in transportation.

When Key Club members initially ventured into Cartolandia they were greeted with rocks and abuse and were very much under suspicion. Mobs would attack the cars to get all the food and clothing they could carry away. There

Key Clubbers prepare distribution of food and clothing.





Waiting to enter Mexico



The Mexican poor are young and not-so-young.

Brothers visiting a Tijuana backyard.



was great confusion; some got all the goods; cars were scratched and damaged. But with time this all changed, and orderly distribution now takes place.

It is the hope of Brother August to have all 200 Key Club members visit the poor in Tijuana at least once. Each student finds the poverty unbelievable. Each sees that if a Mexican family has a mattress this is a great luxury. They have dirt floors and live near open garbage pits and smelly 'outhouses'. Even the food and clothing brought twice a week is not much to care for all these people. The students notice that the Mexicans waste absolutely nothing.

They return to Sherman Oaks impressed and determined to gather more food and clothing for return trips to Mexico. Giving the goods themselves to the poor assures that bureaucracy does not stall the distribution of charity and skim off the best things for the administrators. All goes directly to the poor.

Students see the dire needs and respond to them. The poor children are especially overjoyed with the companionship of the American youths. The little ones follow the students wherever they go. All this affection is carried on without the use of the Spanish language since few of the students speak Spanish fluently. Love seems to transcend any use or need for language.

Recently, Brother Alfonso Comeau, principal of Notre Dame High School, gave thirty student desks to "la Escuela Melcho Ocampo" to replace the old wooden crates used for desks in the school's classrooms. The Mayor sponsors one teacher and three others are volunteers. This is education in Cartolandia.

Brother August Sosa and many high school students experience Cartolandia twice a week in answer to Christ's invitation to help the poor and to follow Him—a key apostolate for the Key Club at Notre Dame High School.

Waiting for the distribution.





Brother Stanley Culotta reviews reports.

Brother Stanley Culotta started as one of the three candidates for the post of Commissioner of District 4, for the Citizen Participation Policy Committee of San Antonio's Model Cities Program. After a vigorous campaign including telephone committees, door-to-door canvassing by mothers, signs, literature, and free rides to the polls provided by Holy Cross alumni, Brother Stanley was elected Commissioner in a landslide victory, with a record number of voters turning out in this type of community election. He took office in August, 1972. As Commissioner, he is also on the Board of Directors determining what projects and what money will be allotted and spent in the San Antonio Model Cities Program.

Brother Stanley, holding both bachelor and master degrees from the University of Notre Dame, is a chemistry



Brother William May as counselor

ence, came into the Counseling Services Project of Model Cities. He is responsible for all phases of academic and disciplinary affairs, counseling, drop-out prevention, college and continuing education advice. He evaluates students' requests for free and reduced price lunch programs—and this includes one-fifth of the school population.

MODEL CITIES APOSTOLATE

Three is the magic number—the number of Holy Cross Brothers involved in the Model Cities Program of San Antonio, Texas, at Holy Cross High School.

With the school located on the West Side in the Mexican-American neighborhood, and within the Model Cities boundaries, the Brothers have joined in

the community-wide participation with an elected official, a professional counselor, and an adult education instructor. Each apostolate is funded under Title 1 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966, with appropriations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

teacher at Holy Cross High School and a Councilor for the Provincial Administration of the South-West Province of Brothers. He was Principal of Holy Cross for nine years, leaving office in June, 1972.

Brother William May, Director of Studies for Holy Cross High School with nine years of certified guidance experi-

Brother Stanley shows the area of the Model Cities Program.



Some federal funds assist Brother William with a secretary, postage, a telephone, and test supplies. This is administered by the Edgewood Independent School District as funded by the Model Cities grants. Brother William has a master's degree in counseling from Immaculate Heart College, Los Angeles, and did graduate work at Barry College, Miami, Florida.

Third Brother in the trio is Brother Walter Ness. He is the head instructor for a free adult education program offered each Monday and Wednesday night on the campus of Holy Cross High School. These night classes are part of the Adult Continuing Education for the

Brother Walter Ness instructs a Mexican how to fill out a government form.



Teaching English in the Model Cities project night classes

Model Cities Project. Students, from 17 to 74 years of age, Mexican-Americans, come to learn English to help them get a driver's license, receive a high school diploma, or obtain a better job. Brother Walter is assisted by a staff of five volunteer teenagers who are bi-lingual.

Brother Walter Ness received his degree from St. Edward's University and then began teaching English at Holy Cross High School. He did graduate work in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and has traveled widely "South of the Border."

The duties carried out by these three Brothers of Holy Cross make Holy Cross High School's position in San Antonio unique for its social services to the neighborhood community of the Model Cities.

IN MEMORIAM



Bro. Louis Gazagne, C.S.C.

A PATRIARCH PASSES

The death of Brother Louis Gazagne, C.S.C., at Dujarie House infirmary, Notre Dame, on Thursday, June 28, 1973, turns the final page on a life closely linked to the French origins of our rich Holy Cross tradition.

The patriarch of the Midwest Province, highest in rank and age, Brother Louis was born in Paris 88 years ago, coming from France to Notre Dame in 1903 and professing his first vows the year following. He was awarded a degree in music from the University in 1951.

His long life of dedicated service in Holy Cross boasted a rare and singular achievement—63 years a teacher before his retirement in 1969, what might be the measure of many a man's total life span. Brother Louis taught in schools and universities in Wisconsin, Texas, Oregon, and Ohio.

Almost 20 years were spent as a mis-

sionary in India, a chapter in Brother Louis's life story he often looked back upon with deep pride. Throughout his life he maintained a lively interest in the Holy Cross missions, often sharing with others some of his memorable experiences there, encouraging students and parents and friends to give their support to this key Holy Cross apostolate.

His dynamic missionary spirit swelled with pride upon receipt, recently, of a letter from a former Bengalese student now risen to a high position in government circles. The presence at his funeral of a Bengalese Brother and a Bengalese priest were fitting tribute to his missionary endeavors.

St. Edward High School, Cleveland, where Brother Louis taught typing to countless boys during his last 18 years of active teaching, held a special place in his heart. "Every day I pray the rosary for all the teachers and students and parents of St. Edward" were words he often spoke with the deepest warmth.

Even in his retirement Brother Louis maintained a lively and active interest in all community affairs. Visitors to the Province Center, no matter how pressing their business there, rarely returned to their houses without taking a few minutes to stop by Dujarie House to call on "Brother Louie," as all confreres affectionately referred to him.

A glass of good wine, a fragrant cigar, an engaging smile, a twinkling eye, and lively repartee—all these added up to the characteristic French charm of the bon vivant that identified Brother Louis.

The life of Brother Louis Gazagne has left an indelible mark in the finest Holy Cross tradition. We stand in humble awe before it. At the same time, his life inspires in each of us a profound desire to emulate even a small measure of his greatness.

God, help me to make the right choice,
The right decision.
Help me to do whatever is right
Even if I get put down for it.
Help me to live my own life
And not a life others want me to live.
For I am an individual
And I have the right to make my own decisions.

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