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The Provincial Visit will be in progress at St. Patrick High School, Monrovia, Liberia, by the time the "News Notes" reaches the houses. Brother Donatus Schmitz, Provincial, arrived in Monrovia on Saturday, Nov. 25. He will give the school commencement address on Tuesday, Dec. 12, and then depart for Sekondi, Ghana. Brother Paul Clark is Superior at Monrovia.

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"A committee should be appointed to investigate the need and feasibility of a Province Director of Public Relations, and to make appropriate recommendations to the Provincial Council." Before he left for West Africa, Brother Donatus Schmitz announced a partial implementation of this recommendation. Brother Charles McBride has been appointed to determine the needs of the schools, and will visit the following schools on the following dates: Watertown, Dec. 2; Milwaukee, Dec. 3; Evansville, Dec. 15; Indianapolis, Dec. 16; Terre Haute, Dec. 17; Boysville, Jan. 19; Monroe, Jan. 19; Cleveland, Jan. 20; Gates Mills, Jan. 20; Akron, Jan. 21. Purpose of the visit will be to consult with the superior, principal and any persons in the house who are interested or working on public relations for the school.

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The Wisconsin Child Care Workers recently voted Brother Warren Shea of St. Charles Boys Home as the Child Care Worker of the Year 1967.

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Brother Romanus Ringwelski has returned to Holy Trinity High School to assume some of his former duties.

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Correction in the Residence Directory: the Boysville phone number is Tecumseh 423-7451; the address at River Grove is 3000 - 80th Avenue.

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It has been suggested by individuals and through recorders at group discussions that we list "some good books and articles" from time to time in Midwest . . . News Notes. We will do this under the heading "Recommended Reading" without review, comment, or evaluation. Most of these recommended readings will be from what is currently of interest, but it must be remembered that there is always a need to return to the Gospels and the Fathers of Christian spirituality.

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RECOMMENDED READING: The New Testament of the Jerusalem Bible (Doubleday; \$5.95). "Faith and the Human Condition" by Bishops Paul J. Hallinan and Joseph L. Bernardin, Ave Maria, November 18, 1967, page 28. The Signs of the Times and the Religious Life, by Paul Hinnebusch, O.P., Sheed and Ward. A Statement on Catholic Schools, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Nov. 16, 1967.

The Board of Trustees of Father Gibault School for Boys met at the school on October 27, 1967. A request for an increase in salary was allowed, but the request for medical/surgical insurance coverage, although agreed upon in principle, will be up for further study. The study of professional services at the school by Hayes and Lind of the National Conference of Catholic Charities is now under way and a report is expected by the time of the January Board meeting. Board members and staff members are being interviewed as part of the study. Brother John Barrett and Brother Thomas Shaughnessy addressed the Board on the needs of the school--according to the minutes these needs are mostly financial. Archbishop Schulte attended the Board meeting.

A "Community Weekend" on Dec. 29, 30, and 31 is being planned at the Sarto Retreat House, Evansville, Indiana. Brothers from Louisville, Terre Haute, Indianapolis, and Evansville are being organized into discussion groups, and a priest to be named later will lead the discussions. Brother John Ryan states that the Superiors of the houses involved will meet during the Thanksgiving recess in order to finalize plans.

Rev. William Toohey, C.S.C., instructor at Holy Cross College, Washington, will give conferences and lead discussions for the monthly retreat for the religious faculty at St. Edward's High School on Dec. 16 and 17. Brothers from Akron and Gates Mills will also participate.

Brother Carl Englert, Headmaster, Sacred Heart Military Academy, recently announced to his constituency that the Academy will relocate from Watertown to Rolling Prairie, Indiana, for the school year beginning in Sept. 1968. The Superior General has approved the move, as have the Bishops of Madison and Gary.

The inter-province committee on training and formation of aspirants, novices, and scholastics will hold its fourth annual meeting at Valatie, New York, on Dec. 7, 8, and 9. Brother Elmo Bransby will be Chairman of the meetings. Brothers Pedro Haering, John Benesh, and Bernard Donahoe will represent the midwest province. Previous meetings were held at Valatie, Austin, and Notre Dame. These delegates will report to the Commission on Formation at the Dec. 19 meeting.

Plant improvement plans, finances, manpower: these were studied in a meeting of the religious faculty at Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, with Brother Donatus Schmitz, on Nov. 13, 1967. On Nov. 14 Brother Reginald Justak met with teacher certification personnel in Indianapolis--to explore a variety of possibilities.

Four houses sent representatives to the second "Community Weekend" held this school year at Holy Cross Junior College. On the faculty for this weekend besides Brother Pedro Haering were Brothers Jerome Chandler and Daniel Bengert.

(Note: it is necessary to consult CL #5 in order for the following questions and answers to be meaningful.)

Question #10 -- (Cont.) 3. Some work with the poor where there is no remuneration should be undertaken with the idea that a more affluent foundation or activity in the province will subsidize such work. Should individual religious be involved in such work, it should be understood that he reside in a house of the Congregation. Such continued contact with the Community is essential.

Question #11 -- Is this proposal satisfactory? How can it be improved or completed?

This proposal to include items such as food, clothing, and furnishings and the right of a community to possess what it needs for its life and works, in the section on temporal goods, which should follow the treatment of the vow of poverty, seems satisfactory.

Question #12 -- Should the "religious" and "professional" relations to authority be clearly distinguished in the Constitutions? If so, how should this be presented?

We do not think that the distinction should be made in the "legalistic" sense, but there should be one paragraph which emphasizes attitude towards all authority. Specific treatment of religious and professional relations to authority could be made in the supplementary codes.

Question #13 -- Is this proposal satisfactory? Yes. How can it be improved or completed? Idea in preceding question should be emphasized.

Question #14 -- Are the foregoing possibilities the only ones to be considered? If not please indicate any others deserving of consideration. Yes. To the best of our knowledge these are the only possibilities.

Question #15 -- If the three foregoing possibilities are the only ones deserving consideration, which one is to be preferred? Please indicate other reasons besides those given in the text for adopting the possible revision you favor if any occur to you.

The chapter favored the third solution as proposed on page 132 -- the vote was not unanimous. Reasons for retaining the mission vow, other than those mentioned in the text: a) the mission vow allows those religious with a mission vocation to gain the merits of the vow; b) the vow announces to the entire Church that we are a mission community; c) the mission vow is an external sign that would foster more mission vocations.