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Corrected copy, new pictures, attractive covers--this describes four reprints recently published by Dujarie Press. Brother Sigismund Danielski announced that these reprints are: Franz Schubert by Brother Roy Nash; The Merry Saint by Brother Evan Schmid; In Virtue's Cause by Brother Flavius Ellison; and The Thundering Silence by Brother Roy Nash.

Our Sunday Visitor, South Bend, Ind. Nov. 5, 1967. "Christian Teachers should begin to realize their tremendous redemptive power and invite youth into a co-personal relationship to begin anew the work of 'our Father' and pass the creative torch to a new generation of Christians who have a vision and a belief that it will happen. This was the observation of Brother James Gleeson, C.S.C., a teacher here at St. Joseph's High School and a student of the Loyola Pastoral Institute, speaking on the subject 'Psychic Birth: the Task of Teachers' at the first Secondary Teachers Institute of South Bend Deanery in St. Joseph's High School."

Brother Benjamin McNulty has been transferred from St. Anne's Hospital, Chicago, to Dujarie House, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Rev. Paul Hinnebusch, O.P., author of the recently published book Signs of the Times and Religious Life, gave a talk and was leader of discussions at a meeting of Superiors of the Midwest Province. The talk and discussions centered on the title of the book. The meeting was held at the Provincial Office on Nov. 11, 1967 and Brother Charles Krupp was Chairman.

In Chicago, at Alexian Brothers, Brother John Driscoll and Brother Just Paczesny served as consultants to an all day meeting of Alexian Brothers Education and Continuing Formation Committee, on Nov. 5, 1967.

Died: Rev. Thomas P. Irving, C.S.C., at University Infirmary, Notre Dame. Years ago Father Irving was teacher, confessor, and spiritual director for many Brothers over a long period of time. He was 87.

Dec. 9, 1967 is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Father James Dujarie.

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The "election" process is complete, two tellers verified the results, and Brother Donatus Schmitz announces the following appointments: Brother Robert Saltsman as observer to the Committee on Religious Renewal and Observance; Brother Roy Smith as observer to the Committee on Vocations, Publications, and Public Relations; Brother Joseph Dailing as observer to the Committee on Province Finances and Overseas Work; Brother James Bouman as observer to the Committee on the Educational Apostolate; and Brother Kenneth Goodpaster to the Committee on Religious Formation and Professional Training. (Provincial Chapter, 1967. Committee on Religious Observance and Renewal. Recommendation 5)

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Brothers John Emminger and Paul Enk arrived at Dacca on Wednesday, Oct. 25. They are now attending the language school at Barisal which started classes on Nov. 6. Brother Thomas O'Linn has recovered from a long siege of jaundice, and Brother William Sheehan has made final plans for a leave of absence in the States to start during December.

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A combined meeting of the Commission on Formation and the Standing Committee on Religious Formation and Professional Training was held at Holy Cross Junior College on November 10, 1967. The meeting took the form of a report on Commission activities up to the present. There was considerable dialogue on matters of concern to both groups.

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Some of the business discussed at the above meeting was the following:

- 1) The previously announced pre-novitiate program of one semester to be extended to two semesters was discussed. This program has been approved in principle and its implementation is to allow for some flexibility: for example, college graduates might have a shortened pre-novitiate program.
- 2) A student loan program is being considered for aspirants and novices who need the help of such loans. After discussion in the Province Committee on Vocations, the Commission on Formation, and the Provincial Council, a program was approved in principle. The Provincial Steward's Office announces the program should be ready for operation by the fall of 1968. The province policy of not turning away any "vocation" because of lack of money will continue in force.
- 3) Also discussed was the matter of one admission time a year to the pre-novitiate program. This admission time is to coincide with the fall opening of Holy Cross Junior College. This new policy also is to have some flexibility: a student who had some college, for example, might be admitted at another time. Also in the initial phase of discussion at the present time is the possible change of dates for the reception of the habit, first vows, and final vows.
- 4) It was announced that because of the close relationship between the formation program and the junior college program, the president of the college should always be a member of the Commission.

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5) The Commission on Formation felt it was necessary to come to a tentative decision that the province at the present time is not in a financial position to construct either a novitiate building or a building to house student retreatants. A stated need for one or both of these buildings exists, and the matter will be studied again as soon as the province financial situation allows this.

6) A plan has been presented to the Provincial whereby the novitiate would be re-activated some time during the late summer of 1968. The novices are to be housed on the top floor of Basil Hall, and use the facilities of Holy Cross Junior College. Until after the General Chapter of 1968 all requirements of the Constitutions are in force except for permissions that might be obtained from the Superior General.

7) A team approach to formation is being considered by the Commission on Formation. For the novitiate this would mean a Director of Novices, several Counsellors, and instructors in Ascetical Theology, Biblical Theology, and Religious Life. The approach will eventually encompass an integrated program extending from the aspirant to the novice to the scholastic and to the temporary professed on assignment. The thinking expressed in Circular Letter #5 of the Superior General has been valuable in the Commission's approach to formulating new programs. Experimental Constitutions of other religious communities of men are being studied also.

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Question #10 -- What experiments should the general chapter authorize in the matter of poverty?

1. The general chapter should authorize provincial chapters to approve experimentation in matters of poverty.
2. This provincial chapter agrees that "religious sometimes have no sense of the value of money," (Circular Letter #5 of the Superior General P. 110) and therefore encourages all members of a particular house be made knowledgeable regarding the finances of that house:
 - a) All members should be involved in the preparation of an operating budget at the beginning of each fiscal year. Such involvement would educate the religious as to sources and amounts of anticipated income and the areas of expense to which such income must be allotted.
 - b) Certain members of the house should be appointed to administer funds allotted for a particular purpose, i.e., the recreation and entertainment fund. This will aid in developing a sense of responsibility, and is in line with the principle of subsidiarity encouraged by Vatican II.
 - c) The practice already initiated in many houses whereby financial reports are presented periodically at a meeting of the members should be continued and encouraged.
 - d) When the administration of some funds, i.e., the recreation fund, is done so well that a surplus remains, such a surplus could be used to provide food or clothing for some needy family in the civic community. (#3 to question #10 next time)