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The feast day of the Superior General is May 28th, Feast of St. Germain. Each house of the province should send him some kind of greeting. Since he does not favor telegrams for this, send a greeting card via surface mail; this takes three weeks to arrive. The card can be signed by the local Superior; it should mention that you will have a Mass said for the Superior General's intention in your local house. Assure him, too, of the prayers of the house members. (Surface mail for Italy is 13¢ for the first ounce.)

Brother Reginald Justak attended the Third Annual Conference on Junior College Libraries at DeKalb, Illinois, on March 29 and 30.

Brother Thomas Dillman became a member of the Commission on Formation at a recent meeting held at the Provincial Office. The Commission now has a membership of nine Brothers. Principal business at the meeting was to implement the novitiate program which will begin at Basil Hall on June 15, 1968 with a private reception of the habit ceremony.

The Province Director of Personnel feels that he has had a close personal relationship with the members of the Province in determining the summer assignments. With the exception of just a few Brothers still waiting to hear from applications for grants, those Brothers who have special summer assignments already know what they will be doing and where they will be living. There is no need, therefore, for Summer Obediences as such. However, early in May a Summer Directory will be distributed.

Fall obediences will be handled similar to summer obediences--the Director of Personnel will be in contact with Brothers who receive a change in assignment as well as superiors and principals involved. By May 15 we hope to distribute a tentative fall directory.

RECOMMENDED READING: "The Spirit of Holiness" Wilken, Worship, Vol. 42 No. 2. Catholic Education Let's Get Down To Facts, by Edgar P. McCarren. (This was highly recommended at recent meeting of superiors, etc. Copies were sent to each house last fall and additional copies are available from this office.)

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The Catholic University of America "has secured two highly qualified evaluator-consultants" to visit Holy Cross Junior College. According to Rev. Thomas Taylor, Director, Program of Affiliation, the two evaluator-consultants are Rev. Eugene Antwerp and Rev. Daniel Gambet. Brother John Driscoll has arranged a visit to the college for Monday, May 6, 1968, the purpose of which is to seek affiliation with the Catholic University.

Brother Thomas Brune signed a dispensation from his final vows recently.

The Provincial Chapter of 1967 passed the following decree: "Each institution of the province shall make a study--according to Provincial directives--of its apostolic value, and of province ability to meet adequately the commitments of the institution in light of its personnel and financial structure. The results of each study shall be forwarded to the Provincial Administration."

In line with Provincial directives, the Province Committee on the Educational Apostolate, together with the Superiors and Principals of the Province, met at the Provincial Office to see how we can make effective the decree of the provincial chapter quoted above.

Brother Barry Lambour, Assistant Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Cleveland, has been appointed as evaluator-consultant to the Province Committee on the Educational Apostolate. He outlined a possible plan for the evaluation of our institutions at the April 6 and 7 meetings at the Provincial Office, and led the discussions which resulted in an initial and tentative program being accepted. The Committee on the Educational Apostolate has been charged with the responsibility of functioning as a steering committee for the province. Each house involved in the self study will also have its own steering committee. A permanent secretariate with Brother Just Paczesny in charge will function at the Province Center during the summer months. Other details of the self study of our institutions are available from the superiors and principals.

About fifteen scholastics at James Hall are participating in a variety of apostolates such as CCD, Peter Claver house, coaching sports, and tutoring, according to Brother Pedro Haering. A similar number of scholastics have indicated an interest in the Upward Bound program at Notre Dame this summer.

Brother Douglas Roach, in the matter of a science wing, and Brother Rex Hennel, in the matter of a reorganization plan, recently met with the Provincial and his council in order to review these matters as they relate to Cathedral and Gilmour respectively.
