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On June 15, 1968, in a private ceremony during the Community Mass at the Province Center, the following received the Habit of the Brothers and began novitiate training: Brothers: Clement Burger (Lancaster, Pa.), Donald Cellini (Lakewood), Chester Freel (Mishawaka), Bernard Gnap (Akron), Timothy Hughes (Lakewood), Charles Lippert (Hartland, Wis.), Robert Vaughan (Indianapolis), Robert Werley (Milwaukee).

At Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, construction of a new science wing began on May 23rd. Ten Brothers of the faculty operated five concession stands at the Indianapolis Speedway on Memorial Day. Said Brother Douglas Roach: "It was quite an experience. We had to be at the place by three in the morning. We're hoping to make ten to thirteen per cent of the profit from each stand, but we have not found out how we made out, yet!"

The ad hoc committee planning religion workshops for next school year met at the Province Center on June 5th; Brothers Roy Nash, Thomas Balthazor, Robert Mosher, and James Gleeson attended. They met also with Brother Reginald Justak, the liason man between this committee and the Committee on the Educational Apostolate.

Brother Daniel Kane has been selected and confirmed as local superior of the Brothers at St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, Indiana. Statutes for dual authority there are to be drawn up.

Dispensation from temporary vows was received and accepted by Brothers William Lyons and Joseph Dailing, who taught in Louisville this past school year.

Brother Jude Costello left the hospital in South Bend on June 11th after two major operations. He is on the mend.

N.B. If you cannot reach Brother Reginald Justak, Provincial Secretary, at the 233-1511 phone number, please dial the provincial steward's office: 233-2191.

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Brothers Kieran Ryan and Rex Hennel, capitulants to the 1968 General Chapter, flew to Rome on June 12th. The Chapter opens June 17th.

On June 12th Archbishop John K. Amissah, of Cape Coast, Ghana, celebrated the Community Mass at the Province Center. The Archbishop, in company with Brother Gonzaga Day, has been traveling in the United States for the past two months seeking support for works of the Church in his archdiocese.

An illustrated article about Brother Vincent Gross, head of the maintenance department at Holy Cross High School, River Grove, appeared in the June 6th issue of the River Grove Messenger, a local weekly, telling of his assignment to St. John School in Sekondi, Ghana. Referring to him as "Brother Fix-It," the item pointed out that at thirty years of age Brother is a seasoned missionary, having spent two years at St. Patrick High School, Monrovia, Liberia, then having to return home three years ago because of a bout of malaria. The newpaper piece also noted that students in the mission club at Holy Cross High have presented Brother Vincent with \$550 to help set up a maintenance shop at St. John's, and that a Chicago manufacturing firm has given \$1000 worth of shop equipment for the African school. Still on Brother's priority list are such items as a nine-inch table saw, a half-horsepower grinder, and a drill press, all capable of taking 220 volts, the standard voltage in Ghana. "Maintenance equipment used in Africa is very primitive according to American standards," said Brother Vincent. He hopes to leave for the Ghana assignment by August. His next visit to the States would normally be three years afterwards.

The Provincial Steward, Brother Donald Bailer, is negotiating with a group from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, in Owatonna, Minnesota, who is interested in purchasing the Sacred Heart Military Academy property in Watertown, Wisconsin. It is hoped negotiations may be completed by July 1st, but no contract has yet been signed.

A little league baseball diamond on a plot south of the Provincial Residence was dedicated on May 28th. The Brothers are allowing the Knute Rockne Babe Ruth League to use the land as a service to the South Bend community. This league used to play its games at Notre Dame but had to move because of the new Convocation Center at the university. It has been agreed that Holy Cross Junior College can use the diamond on occasion. The Northside Little League, with a diamond on Brothers' property on Angela Boulevard, South Bend, has added another playing field on former parking space.

Because of a strike in Indianapolis, installation of equipment in the kitchen of Columba Hall has been further delayed--disheartening news to the Brothers in the makeshift "cooking area" in the Hall dining room and to the other seventy-some Brothers who have been using paper plates and cups at meals since before Easter.