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in and about Committees (cont.)--

Brother Charles Krupp was invited to discuss with the Subcommittee on Education the boys' homes in the light of new trends in child welfare and Province commitment to existing establishments. This Subcommittee continues to spend long hours moving methodically through the reports of Principals and Directors of all institutions in the Province.

The report on prayer from the Subcommittee on Prayer Life submitted to the Committee on Community Life contains five sections: proposal for a decree on suffrages, need for personal prayer, form of communal prayer, experimentation with new forms, and adaptation of prayer to local communities.

The report from the Committee on Districts and Missions was sent back to Committee on Thursday.

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Summer Assignment Changes:

Thomas Morning - European tour with students
 Charles Pinto - classes at John Carroll, Cleveland
 Clement Burger - Boysville, Clinton, Michigan
 Rene Guertin - Gilmour Academy, Summer Camp
 Giles Martin - Remain at Akron
 Joseph W. Olzowka - Remain at Trinity

New Superiors Appointed: Donald Allen - St. Edward's, Cleveland; effective at end of chapter
 George Klawitter - Cathedral, Indianapolis; effective Aug. 1.

Dispensations Signed: Richard Reaume
 Daniel McGinley (temp. vows)

Brother William Mewes has, with Provincial approval, accepted a position at State Central, a child care institution in the greater Louisville area.

Brother John Henry Kuhn has signed exclaustation papers.

The following remarks were made by his Eminence John Cardinal Cody at the dedication of the new Religious Education Center at Holy Cross High School, River Grove, May 26:

"As you are aware, this center was built with frund from PROJECT: RENEWAL. When Brother Walter came to me some time ago with a proposal for this religious education center, I was pleased to help him. I was aware of the fact that he had released two Brothers, Brother Roy Nash and Brother Thomas Moser, from full teaching duties to develop a basic curriculum in religious education. Reports reaching me about this program were all positive.

"Paul Goodman, the social critic, says that the most pressing problem of the young today is a lack of theology. Goodman says that what they need is not a program of social action but dogma--a reasoned, measured content for their faith. He says that the young need to know exactly what the 'truth' is that they so fiercely, sometimes even intolerantly, pursue. I could not agree with him more.

"Today Catholic education is in a serious struggle for survival. If the Illinois Senate thinks that we are going to accept their decision without a fight, they are mistaken. What we are doing in Catholic schools like Holy Cross is too important for us to permit our schools to be phased out one by one."

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