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## In and about Committees--

The Subcommittee on Education is discussing a statement encouraging our high school principals to work closely with diocesan authorities in evaluation of education and educational facilities on a diocesan and even regional level.

Thursday the Subcommittee on Education sent a proposal to the Subcommittee on Government and Authority that the Provincial Chapter meet every year. The proposal was rejected in committee.

Establishment of a house in the Province whose members would endeavor to live Poverty in a stricter manner than is now observed was presented as a proposal to the Subcommittee on the Person and Community Living.

The Subcommittee on Community Service noted in a statement that by 1982 we will have one hundred members of the Province who will have reached retirement age.

The Subcommittee on New Apostolic Activities is formulating specific guidelines for men interested in apostolates presently outside the scope of traditional Holy Cross institutions.

In the Friday morning General Assembly, the two District Superiors were requested by the Chapter to explain the rationale of the recommended changes in vacation policy for the missions. Brother Fulgence pointed out that since the 1965 Indo-Siam War, the Brothers have been unable to use their home in the mountains for vacations. Therefore, the policy of taking a home leave is being requested to change from every five years to every three years. Brother Raymond Papenfuss then noted that the Ghana government's policy of granting foreign teachers a leave every two years should be honored.

Friday morning the Apostolic Life Committee considered writing into their statement a Committee attitude in favor of possible retrenchment within Province commitments. But the Committee decided such is not an imminent need in the Province.

A letter to the Chapter capitulants from the Committee on Vocations and Formation noted that the present formation program is trying to develop Brothers who are spiritually profound, apostolically concerned, psychologically and socially mature, and intellectually prepared.

The Committee on Vocations and Formation is recommending the study, by a committee, of the merits of substituting the profession of a single vow for the profession of the present three vows.

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Within the statement drafted by the Formation Subcommittee is a point that Province requirements in theology and philosophy should include one or more courses in catechetics in preparation for teaching theology classes in our schools as well as CCB.

Need for annual evaluative reports from all Directors of institutions is being investigated by the Subcommittee on Education.

The House of Prayer proposal brought up at the April Session of the Chapter has not emerged at this session but a few capitulants still entertain the possibility of such as an apostolate, even for semi-retired Brothers.

Members of the Education Subcommittee have found the spring reports from Principals and Directors very helpful and revealing. For example, the primary objective of Le Mans Academy was pointed out to the Subcommittee as being to help underachievers: 60% of recent students came for that reason. Members found this enlightening.

Some capitulants working with parliamentary procedure for the first time are amazed at the sophistication of rules necessary to preserve order in discussion among civilized beings.

Though lacking a definite retirement program, the Community Services Subcommittee worked on retirement with the intention of getting Province members thinking about problems in that area. Appointment of a Province Director of Retirement and a specified age for retirement are also being discussed in Committee.

The Education Subcommittee Friday afternoon seriously addressed itself to current racial tensions and the role of our schools in actively seeking integrated solutions to these problems.

Brother Robert Fillmore, in addressing the Chapter about vocations Friday evening, noted that young college students today have a keen interest in the concept of community.

The burial of Brother Gerontius was delayed several hours due to flight difficulties from Ohio to the Province Center. Requiem services and interment took place Friday at 7:00 P.M. instead of 4:30 as originally planned.

Midway through the Chapter Session fascination with the voting machines has not abated.