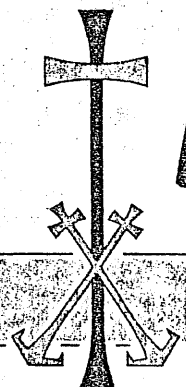


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President Nixon recently signed into law a bill permitting religious to participate in the Social Security System. The bill: a) allows religious, subject to the vow of poverty, to participate in the Social Security System; b) allows each institute the option of participating or not; c) defines "income" for religious as "fair market value of any board, lodging, clothing, or other perquisites..." SALARY DOES NOT ENTER INTO CONSIDERATION HERE; d) for those who participate, the Province pays Social Security tax and receives benefits, just as all others who are covered by Social Security; e) allows the religious order to opt to make retroactive payments on behalf of its members for a period up to five years. The effect of this is to shorten the time needed by religious to become eligible for benefits. Brother Donald Bailor and other treasurers of religious communities in the United States recently attended a meeting in Chicago treating with all the details of participation. While there are advantages for us in this new bill, it is not at all certain that it would be to our advantage to take advantage of it. The Finance Committee and the Provincial Chapter will have to study it carefully before making a final decision as to our inclusion in it.

Brother Gerald Kraeger, newly appointed District Superior for Dacca District, has named his district council: Brother Robert B. Hughes; Asst. Dist. Superior; Brother Brian Lyon, Secretary; Brother Ralph Baird, Secretary; Brothers Ronald Christenson, Ronald Drahozal and John Rozario, Councilors.

Six young men were recently approved for entering the juniorate program at Nagari, Bangladesh, in January. This will bring to eleven the number of candidates seeking admission to Holy Cross in Bangladesh.

Brothers Robert Belanger and Joseph McTaggart have changed residence recently. Their new address is: 84 E. Ferry Street, Detroit 48202. They have some reservations about their residence being known as the Ferry Street Community.

Brother Clarence Podgorski, Coordinator of the Barberton Area High School of Religion, announced recently the expansion of the school program to include a class for adults. Brother Carl Sternberg has volunteered to teach the class.

Brother Charles announced recently that Brother James Linscott has resigned as principal of St. Joseph's High School, effective June, 1973. Brother Francis Rotsaert has been named to succeed him and is working with Brother James in planning for the 1973-1974 school year.

SILVER SYMPHONY, a booklet published by the Carmelite Monastery, Terre Haute, to commemorate their 25th anniversary, contained the following tribute to the Brothers at Gibault:

"Special mention must be made of the Brothers of Gibault School. It would be impossible to enumerate the litany of good things which they supplied our Carmel: work help from the boys and Brothers, vegetables, fuel, mail delivery, and a general availability at all times for errands and services. Their enthusiasm and selflessness can be spelled in one descriptive and all-embracing word: charity. Their generous devotion and that of all the Holy Cross Brothers is a flame sparked from the very fire of God's own goodness; and like goodness, it is something we can never adequately return."

Planning continues for the centenary celebration of the death of Father Moreau. The special Mass and Office for the celebration came off the press recently and will be mailed to the houses in early January. Thus far, in addition to the celebration planned for the Notre Dame area, celebrations have been planned for the Chicago area (Notre Dame, Niles), the Cleveland area (Gilmour Academy) and the Southern Indiana/Kentucky area (Cathedral).

Brother Charles Blavat has been assigned to Archbishop Hoban High School and will take up residence shortly after January 1. Brother Francisco Drury will take up residence at Columba Hall on January 3. He will be employed in the South Bend area.

Brother Chester Rachel will leave on January 8 for Cape Coast, Ghana, to begin teaching at St. Augustine's for the second term. He has been studying at ND during the first semester. Brothers Thomas M. Beere, Hobart Pieper and Thomas Sawyer, who have been on leave, will return to Bangladesh sometime in January.

Word has just been received that Brother Patrick Cain (SW) died yesterday in California. Brother Patrick had until recently been residing at Dujarie House.

Everyone will be happy to know that Brother Ephrem, who recently had an operation to insert a pacemaker to help with his weakened heart condition, is recovering beautifully and is now up and around each day. Please keep him, as well as Brothers James Buckley and Gilbert Scher, who suffered heart attacks recently, in your prayers.