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At its meeting in October the Board of Trustees of Father Gibault School for Boys adopted the following Resolution:

"Whereas Gibault School for Boys was originated by the Indiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus to provide a facility for restoring the love and kindness of Almighty God into the lives of wayward boys, and

"Whereas in 1934 the administration of the school was placed in the hands of the Brothers (Congregation) of Holy Cross, and

"Whereas for the past forty years the Brothers of Holy Cross have been the tool of Almighty God in restoring human dignity into the lives of several thousand young boys, and

"Whereas the experience, knowledge, love and dedication of the Brothers of Holy Cross in the treatment and direction of the unfortunate young boys has developed the school into a recognized outstanding facility of its type,

"Therefore, be it resolved that on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of their arrival at the school, the Knights of Columbus of the State of Indiana and the Board of Trustees of the school hereby acknowledge, with grateful appreciation, the total contribution to Gibault School for Boys by the Brothers of Holy Cross, in love, personal dedication, finances and responsibility in the development of Gibault School for Boys and in the salvation of the lives of several thousand young boys who have been the privileged recipients. . . ."

The 40th anniversary of the Brothers coming to Gibault was commemorated on October 26. Principal celebrant at the Mass was Father William Lewers, provincial of the Indiana Province. Participating in the celebration were Brother Charles Krupp, provincial of the Midwest Province, and various members of the local Holy Cross community. Members of the school's Board of Trustees were in attendance.

The present Administrator at Gibault is Brother Thomas Shaughnessy. His predecessors in the post were Bro. Rupert Poudrier, 1934-45; Br. Camillus Kirsch, 1945-46; Br. Ignatius Boyd, 1946-52; Br. Norman Head, 1952-57; Br. Armand Amman, 1957-61; Br. John Dobrogowski, 1961-66; Br. John Barrett, 1966-1971; Mr. George E. Dunkin, 1971-73. The school has always been under the sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus of Indiana. They established it in 1921, and priests of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis administered it until 1934.

FROM COLUMBA HALL: Election day, Tuesday, November 5, was a busy time for Brs. John Lavelle and John O'Flaherty. The latter served as the Democratic sheriff at the polling place on the Notre Dame campus (the Student Union building this year). Br. John L. was outside greeting the voters. Since he's the Democratic precinct committeeman he had to keep his distance, by law. For both brothers the work began at five-thirty that morning and ended at eight-thirty that night, when the votes were tallied and ready for reporting to the Election Board. Jeff Pink and Tom O'Hare, Moreau seminarians, also worked on the election board as clerics. Nearly a thousand Notre Damers voted.

RIGHT-TO-LIFE: For over two years Br. John Lavelle has been an active volunteer in the pro-life efforts of the St. Joseph County Right-to-Life Committee. Along with other work for the group, he assumes responsibility for mimeographing and mailing the committee's newsletter every month.

FROM GILMOUR ACADEMY IN GATES MILLS: As a member of the Liaison Committee on Independent College-Preparatory Schools of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Br. Carl Shonk attended the recent committee meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago. Some topics discussed were: clarifying the relationship between accreditation and evaluation in the North Central Commission; addition of a Religious Studies policy [as far as known, this is the first recognition of this subject area by any of the four prestigious accrediting associations]; and preparation of a flyer on the concept of the advantages of voluntary association in membership in North Central under the Standards and Policies for independent college-preparatory schools.

FROM DACCA IN BANGLADESH: The Dacca District recently received two generous donations for its Charity Fund, used to feed the starving people: two thousand dollars from the Justice and Peace Fund of the CSC general administration, and five hundred dollars from the Association of St. Joseph, which is directed by Br. Eymard Salzman. With famine spreading in Bangladesh, such money disappears quickly.

WORK FOR MISSIONS: The Bishop of Kumasi in Ghana wrote the provincial recently to thank him for releasing Brother Gonzaga Day, province mission coordinator, temporarily from his other duties so that he could transport and assist the bishop on a fund-raising tour in the United States. "It is sad in a way," wrote the bishop, "that we have to waste manpower and energy in our endeavors to collect funds, but on the other hand it provides the good people of America with the opportunity to practice self-sacrifice and practical charity. The good Lord always makes everything work to his greater glory."

FROM SARASOTA, FLORIDA: The City Commission of Sarasota passed a resolution in late October commending Br. William Geenen for his work as director of Senior Friendship Centers, Inc., a diocesan-sponsored program for the elderly. Br. William went to Sarasota last year to develop the education program for senior citizens, and he has since become involved in several other community organizations including the Council on Aging and the R.S.V.P. Council. "Rapid growth of friendship centers was spurred by desperate need," Br. William told the Sarasota Herald Tribune,

which ran a long article on the Centers in its October 27 issue. "Volunteer impact within each center coupled with community contributions has made individual programs blossom," Br. William said. Five centers in the Sarasota area serve the needs of over 1,200 persons a month, and 125 volunteers help out. With one exception the centers are completely supported by community and individual contributions. Volunteers offer their time in the following interest areas: discussion group leaders, hosts or hostesses, office staff, program leaders, public relations, social services, newsletter staff, garden and ground beautification instructors, transportation assistance, and program and center coordinators.

FROM HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL IN RIVER GROVE: The Providence Sisters from neighboring Mother Guerin High School came to the Brothers' house for a cookout on Labor Day, but inclement weather turned it into a cook-in. It was the Sisters' first visit! ** Br. Charles Drevon spends a lot of time outside his classroom duties repairing radios, TV sets, stereos--all for a minimal service charge plus cost of parts. ** The school's Computer Center is being utilized in the college prep math courses. Students learn to solve equations through use of the computer, learn basic concepts of computer math. The school's Business Department also offers courses in computer operation: Data Processing and Computer Programming. Br. Louis Mangini is in charge of the Computer Center. ** The River Grove chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph held another highly successful "Calendar Party" at the end of October. Twelve tables, one for each month, were decorated with appropriate themes, and five hundred dollars in cash prizes were awarded. Br. Eymard, director of the Associate chapters in the province, attended. **

FROM "BONNY'S INN": Because of the many groups large and small who have been using the Brothers Center for meetings, workshops, and the like, and because Br. Bonaventure Foley is local superior there and very efficiently handles the almost endless stream of incoming and outgoing groups, some CSC members refer to the Center at "Bonny's Inn." During October, for example, the following were included on the Center calendar: On the 3rd and 4th, the executive committee of the Elementary Division of the NCEA held a two-day planning meeting in preparation for the forthcoming national convention in Atlantic City. On the 7th to 11th, a CSC inter-province meeting of 90 directors and superiors of Holy Cross priests and brothers to study Accountability in the religious life. On the 17th and 18th, Fr. Robert Pelton conducted a leadership workshop for personnel directors of clerical communities [Andre Hall at the Center was used for this]. On the 28th and 29th, twenty-four Maryknoll priests came for a two-day discussion on vocations and development. On these same days eight Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood met with Br. Kieran Ryan, Assistant Vice-President of Financial Affairs at the University of Notre Dame, to discuss financial procedures. Sisters representing monasteries in Lafayette, Ind.; Portland, Ore.; Watertown and Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Manchester, N.H., attended this meeting.

PRAYERS REQUESTED: For Br. Fabian Leimeister, who died on November 5. For the father of Br. Louis Mangini. For the grandfather of Br. Robert Dailey. Mr. Mangini and Mr. Dailey died recently.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM GIBAULT: The Brothers in the Terre Haute community extend to the entire Holy Cross community their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year herewith. "We have decided," reports Br. John Schuszler, "to convey our Christmas wishes in the News Notes in order to share our material possessions more abundantly with our less fortunate brothers in Bangladesh."

FROM SARTO DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN EVANSVILLE: Br. Cletus Hammer reports that serving the people at Sarto is very satisfying and that his talents and abilities are put to good use. In the first session of the adult education program, now over, he taught a class on Mental Dieting, co-taught another On Caring, and taught tennis for teenagers and women; in the second session, now progressing, he teaches a class on Values (parents' and their children') and one on Discipline in the Family. Later he will teach a course called "A New Look at Physical Movement." Each Wednesday evening he works in a special religious education program for the retarded. Along with Joann Resch, he directs a religious education program for teenagers for the Newman Club of Evansville University. In addition, he spends a lot of time doing light maintenance work in the Center buildings, and acts as host for some retreat groups and others.

FROM LE MANS ACADEMY IN ROLLING PRAIRIE: Brs. Richard Huber and Leo Kowalski joined in celebrating their 25th anniversary as Holy Cross religious. About two hundred brothers, relatives and friends attended. ** Five Capuchin formation councils met at Le Mans recently for meetings.

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