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FROM GILMOUR ACADEMY: Br. William Fitch has been appointed headmaster at Gilmour succeeding Br. Carl Shonk, who will stay on there as director of the Middle School. **** Br. Dan Kane gave another sterling piano performance at a faculty recital on April 22. **** Over 550 attended this year's annual student awards banquet at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel on April 21. **** Br. William Geenen celebrated his silver jubilee at Gilmour at May 25.

Br. Raymond Dufresne and Fr. Joseph P. Browne (Indiana Province) have been appointed moderators for the general chapter to be held in Montreal in July.

FROM ST. EDWARD'S IN CLEVELAND: Fr. Thomas Barrosse conducted the community's final renewal weekend of the school year. Matters considered included the importance of Scripture in our lives, problems facing religious life today, and the future of religious life. **** Award-winning students, along with their parents and teachers, were honored at the "Flight Jr." awards convocation held at the school on April 29. "Flight Jr.", named after St. Ed's literary annual, is a creative writing project conducted among seventh-grade boys in the Greater Cleveland area Catholic elementary schools. The best poems, stories, and essays are published in a newspaper/literary magazine and distributed to the participating students. Thirty-two schools participated in this year's project. **** Students of St. Eds, along with four other Catholic high schools of the Cleveland West Side, organized a talent show for the benefit of retarded children of Camp Happiness (summer camp) on April 28. **** The 80-piece U.S. Army Concert Band presented a concert at St. Ed's this spring. **** One hundred and twenty-five Holy Cross religious of the Ohio region, along with the lay staff of St. Ed's and the family and friends of Brother Leo Geiger, gathered at the school to honor him on the occasion of his silver jubilee of religious profession.

From funds allocated by the chapter, Br. Charles contributed five hundred dollars to the African Appeal Fund to assist those suffering starvation in North Africa.

FROM BANGLADESH: Br. Donald Schmitz has been appointed superior at St. Gregory's High School community. **** Brs. Robert Hughes and Thomas More are representing the District in planning a joint retreat with the men in Chittagong. **** Br. Hobart has moved to St. Gregory's High School. **** Br. Francis Rozario has been assigned to Holy Cross High School as his first teaching assignment. **** Two debaters from St. Joseph High School won the runners-up trophy for the Interscholar Debate Contest. **** Prayers are requested for Br. Patrick Ruram, who continues to be ill.

NOTRE DAME: The board of trustees of the University of Notre Dame recently appointed Br. Just Paczesny vice-president of student affairs. He succeeds Dr. Philip Faccenda, who held the post for the past two years.

Br. Charles has appointed (or reappointed) the following superiors:

Brothers Center: Br. Bonaventure Foley
 Columba Hall: Br. Bernard Donahoe
 Memorial, Evansville: Br. James Bluma
 Gates Mills: Br. David Baltrinic
 Monroe: Br. Walter Davenport
 River Grove: Br. William Dygert

FROM LE MANS ACADEMY: After five years of study and work in the West, Br. Edwin Mattingly has returned to the province and taken up residence at Le Mans. Although his research with the Air Force has terminated, his experience in bird control will be put to use through a small non-profit corporation he is setting up at Le Mans. He brought back two western hawks (the limit Indiana allows) and has comfortable quarters for them under construction on the farm. He has talked to three classes and the Associates of St. Joseph on his work with hawks and has a Saturday morning minicourse on ecology. **** In April, Rev. Gerald J. Hoffman, a Lutheran minister, spoke to parents of the Cadets on the topic of parent-child communication. His talk was well received. **** Br. Jerome Schwabe has written an excellent article called "Understanding Brothers." It appeared in Our Sunday Visitor of May 12. Jerome has gone for a three-week European vacation with three Brazilian friends. He returns from this silver-jubilee jaunt on June 6 to assume his new post as headmaster at Le Mans Academy. **** On May 16 Br. Ken Haders renewed his Promises in the congregation. His new assignment for the fall will be at Le Mans. **** The Academy's Drum Corps marched in the Memorial Day parade in South Bend.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith is authorizing Ordinaries (including religious ordinaries) to grant to alcoholic priests permission to celebrate Mass with grape juice and when concelebrating at a normal Mass permission not to receive communion under the species of wine.

Msgr. Anthony Brown (formerly Brother Elstan CSC) celebrated in April the silver anniversary of his ordination at the College of Great Falls, Montana, where he is president.

Chris Dreyer, Geroge Sherman, and Roman Smith were approved to begin their novitiate at Bennington in August. Br. Aubrey McNeil will be returning to Bennington to complete his novitiate this summer.

Any Brother in the South Bend area interested in helping part-time with province archives work should contact Br. James Moroney.

Br. Robert Dailey graduated from Notre Dame with a B.S. on May 20. A reception was held in his honor that evening at the Center.

Br. Stephen Carter celebrated his silver jubilee of profession at St. Edward's University (Austin, Texas) on May 4. And after twelve years of attending night school classes, he is receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University this spring. Steve has overseen the maintenance of St. Ed's 180 acres for the past ten years. Congratulations, Steve.

FROM LOUISVILLE: After the Brothers had a number of house meetings to explore the implications of the Faith Community Workshop held at the Center in November, small groups of lay faculty were invited to join them for supper and sharing. These informal gatherings sparked a special faculty sharing day. The theme of the day: "To Make Christ Visible among Us." By using a number of group strategies, the faculty was able to identify five specific programs for growth in the Christian life to implement during the coming school year. **** Br. John Miller represented the Senate of Religious at the spring regional meeting of Bishops held in Memphis. Br. John is presently helping to establish a communications commission for the archdiocese. **** The Brothers have been having a faculty Mass once a month for lay teachers and their families. **** The 100th running of the Kentucky Derby brought fourteen people to the Brothers' house for the weekend. The visitors enjoyed their stay in Louisville and were treated with the usual Southern hospitality.

HOLY CROSS JUNIOR COLLEGE: Twenty students completed the requirements and were granted the A.A. degree this month. Among the recipients was a student from Iran, and two others from Colombia and Peru. **** Many national surveys have pointed out the post-secondary education trend which shows enrollments falling in four-year colleges and universities, but increasing in two-year community and junior colleges. **** Thirty-two students from HCJC have applied to Notre Dame this spring. If the past rate of acceptance holds, some ninety percent would be accepted. To date some 110 students of the junior college have transferred into Notre Dame, with a survival rate of 97 percent.

FROM THE BROTHERS CENTER: Thirty-two CCD high school students from the Dowagiac (Michigan) area made a retreat at the Center from April 26-28. **** Br. Richard Weber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weber, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 19. **** On May 21-22, twenty-five eighth graders from Resurrection School, Louisville, stayed at the Center before and after sightseeing tours of Chicago. **** Eight Sisters of Providence from St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, spent May 21-22 at the Center while visiting Notre Dame and St. Mary's campuses. **** True House, of South Bend, held a day of recollection at the Center on Sunday, May 26.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THESE DECEASED: Mother of Br. Francis Englert; stepfather of Br. John Ptaszek; father of Br. Roland Driscoll.

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EXCERPTS FROM A HOMILY GIVEN BY BR. CHARLES KRUPP AT A VOCATIONS MASS AT MOREAU SEMINARY IN MAY:

". . . One does not come to embrace our way of life because of careful strategy, depth studies, surveys. We embrace God's call to vocation only when we can muster enough courage to embrace in faith and hope the mystery of our vocation. . . . Christianity and Christian vocation are intimately bound up with faith and hope and love. . . . This Person to whom we are committed in faith and hope and love is Jesus Christ. And this encounter with Christ in faith is the origin of every religious vocation. And it is the sustaining power of such a vocation.

". . . Our vocation to celibate community life is not bounded closely to cultural styles of life. It is less institutional, less sacramental, than marriage. It is a charism, almost pure charism, given to a believing

community so that its faith in Christ may be made vital and so that its belief in life and love may never falter.

"This is the kind of witness we ought to be giving to the world about us. And we don't do this merely by being effective administrators, being good teachers, competent social workers and counselors. We simply have to be more than experts and efficient administrators of parishes and schools. What is needed, of course, is that we be the world's greatest believers and lovers--builders of community, Christian community. And the person of Jesus Christ to whom we have offered our lives has led the way for us. The most persuasive story of love this world has known occurred in the heart of this Man who was a celibate. Our story must be the same if we are going to make any kind of lasting impression on our society.

". . . What are our lives in religious community and in our apostolic efforts really saying to the people in our areas? Are we witnessing as authentic believers in the gospel of Jesus Christ? Do they see us as a unified group of religious sisters, priests and brothers open to the Spirit's action and committed to a vigorous apostolic creativity to alleviate the urgent needs of the people in our areas? Do we truly present the image of men and women deeply committed to social justice, to effective aid to the destitute? Or do too many of us come across as living a bourgeois, easy, excessively secularized life where inertia and spiritual and apostolic mediocrity blur our image?

"Surely if we do not present to youth an appropriate image of our vocation--where the stress is on community and gospel values--then we will not attract them to this way of life.

". . . Our vocation is mystery and gift. Christ has chosen us, we have not chosen Him. He has chosen us to bear fruit. It is only through the power of the risen Christ here among us that we can in fact bear fruit, that we can be faithful to so noble a calling. This power comes to us as we lay ourselves open to the Father, Son, and Spirit in prayer."