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FROM ST. EDWARD'S IN LAKEWOOD: Brs. Donald Allen, Leo Geiger, David Martin, and Theophilus Machalinski redecorated the dining room. The "new look" has contributed much to mealtime. -- Several brothers agreed to wear their black profession crosses both in and outside the school as an outward sign to the students. -- A one-day renewal program, given by Frs. John Blazek CSC and Thomas Berg, launched the school year on a spirited Christian note. Renewal days for seniors, then for juniors, will follow. -- Br. Edward Dailey, at St. Ed's for the last eight years, stopped by for a bon voyage visit before heading for the missions in Ghana. -- St. Ed's enrollment is up by forty students over last year.

Brs. Rex Hennel, Robert Lavelle, and Barry Lambour, chairmen of the Social Justice Commission, the Commission on Personal Growth and Development, and the Apostolate Committee, respectively, met in Akron on September 5 to discuss coordinating the efforts of the three groups.

FROM BANGLADESH: To raise money for flood relief, the teachers at St. Gregory High School in Dacca played two football games, netting 850 "taka"; another 250 "taka" came from the students. -- Br. Hobart Pieper, on the Bangladesh missions for nearly twenty-five years, appeared recently on television's "This Is Your Life." Two of his former students appeared on the show to recount his influence on their lives. -- About 400 students took part in the science fair in August. Brs. Donald Becker and Solomon Gomes were among the judges. -- Former students of Br. John Rozario who are living in Calcutta honored him at a reception and dinner there in June. -- In mid-September construction of new staff quarters at St. Joseph School of Industrial Trades began; the new juniorate building at Nagari will be finished early in October. -- Br. Benedict Rozario completed examinations for the B.A. degree and will begin teaching at Holy Cross High School in Bandura. -- Br. Nicholas Thielman, secretary to the Dacca YMCA, organized volunteers to feed 7000 flood refugees every day for a week. Money for the food came from CARE. -- The brothers' district council approved plans for a joint scholastic program with the CSC priests at Notre Dame College in Dacca. -- In August a student from St. Nicholas High, Nagari, and a friend disappeared after leaving home by boat to do some "ferrying" work. They were last seen carrying seven young men across a river. Two days later two bodies tied together were found floating about five miles from the river crossing, and were believed to be those of the missing boys.

Some 83 religious of Holy Cross will attend the workshop on Accountability from October 7 to 11 at the Brothers Center. The workshop is a project of the Indiana province's Commission for Continuing Education, and it is being chaired by Rev. Robert S. Pelton CSC.

Br. Guy Eckels made perpetual profession on September 14 at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron. -- Br. Philip Smith received his M.A. degree in English literature from Eastern Michigan University on August 14.

Vocation promoters from the schools and houses met at the Center from September 20 to 22 to discuss ways and means of encouraging vocations to the religious life. Emphasis was on the local promoter's role and on the local vocation programs.

Three Holy Cross brothers, two from the Midwest and one from the Eastern provinces, work full-time at St. Coletta's in Jefferson, Wisconsin, a school for the retarded which last month celebrated its 70th anniversary. St. Coletta's has a residential population of 362, ten day pupils, and 167 staff members. The program includes special education, sheltered employment for adult residents, and personal care for aging retardates. The Holy Cross men working there are Brs. John Lahiff, Eduardo Michalik, and Charles Burns. Br. John is director of the resident workers program.

In mid-October, Br. James Moroney, assistant provincial, will conduct a workshop and visit the houses and brothers in Bangladesh. He plans a two-week stay. During November provincial steward Br. Donald Bailer and personnel coordinator Br. Douglas Roach will visit CSC houses in West Africa.

In nearly all houses of the province the local council now consists of all the residents.

FROM LE MANS ACADEMY: Br. Jerome Schwabe, the new headmaster, inaugurated the school year with a workshop for faculty centering on better communication and more faculty involvement with operation of the Academy and with student life. Four commissions were formed: an academic commission, for all aspects of the educational program; a religious commission, concerned with the teaching and practice of religion; a behavioral commission, to handle awards, discipline, group living, etc.; and an activities commission, to look after the sports programs, recreation, trips and the like. A separate religious commission was formed to evaluate, plan and execute programs, liturgies, and activities that will strengthen the spiritual life of the brothers at the Academy.

Br. John C. Federowicz, head librarian at Carroll College in Helena, Montana, reports that the biomedical division of the library is in new quarters, has its own card catalogue and charge desk, and serves the Health Care students, who comprise one-third of the college's enrollment.

FROM BISHOP DAVID HIGH SCHOOL IN LOUISVILLE: The faculty took part in a Faith Community workshop just before school opened. The two-part program included a slide/tape presentation on the U.S. bishops' pastoral, To Teach As Jesus Did, and a prayer service in the afternoon. Discussion followed on the need for more study of the document and on the need for praying together as a faculty. -- On September 15 a special Mass of Christian Brotherhood, followed by social hour and dinner, was held for the CSC community in Louisville and friends. Among the guests: Frank Heitzman, John Kuhn, James Sullivan, Michael Flanagan, David Averill, and Ed Mack.

Prayers requested: for the deceased mother of Br. Donald Rink.

FROM GIBAULT SCHOOL IN TERRE HAUTE: This fall marks the 40th anniversary of the Brothers of Holy Cross at Father Gibault School for Boys. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered on October 26 by several Bishops of Indiana dioceses. All former staff members and any others are most welcome to attend. If so, please notify Br. Gregoire, superior, in advance.

FROM THE BROTHERS CENTER: On September 11, sixty senior citizens from Harvest House attended a workshop meeting and lunch. It was arranged by Fr. Louis Putz and Br. John Harrington. -- The Social Justice Commission held a workshop at the Center on September 13 and 14. -- Under direction of Eileen Freeman, a doctoral candidate in Scripture at Notre Dame, a folklore seminar for young people of the South Bend Deanery was held at the Center on September 14. -- Seventy-five guests, including thirty-five members of the Associates of St. Joseph from Akron, and ten members of the Boystville board of trustees, were at the Center for the Notre Dame-Purdue game on September 28.

Br. Godfrey Vassallo, eighty years of age, died peacefully in his sleep at the University of Portland on September 12. A funeral Mass was held at the University, as well as at the Brothers Center, where burial took place. Br. Godfrey taught at Portland for forty-three years and continued doing so even after retiring two years ago. He served as head of the physics department at the University from 1933 to 1968. He was an expert in radiation mathematics, a founding member of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, a much-sought-after speaker on scientific subjects, and a pursuer of many hobbies. On the occasion of his 50th anniversary as a religious, the Br. Godfrey Vassallo Student Aid Fund was established at the University. He once said: "I love teaching. I can't think of a field where one can be so at peace with God and his fellow men."

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The Center is staffed by CSC priests, brothers, and sisters. Br. Rex Hennel, head of our Social Justice Commission, has an office there.