



# Midwest . . . NEWS NOTES

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## FROM DACCA DISTRICT

Br. Francis Delvaux will assist at the juniorate and will continue studying Bengali, effective this month. \*\*\* Br. Donald Nadeau of the Chittagong District has joined the scholastic staff at St. Joseph High School. Seven brothers from that district will join the scholastic program at St. Joe's this month. \*\*\* At St. Gregory's the Sisters of Charity provided a meal for a large number of old people on Christmas eve and later provided new clothes and a party for destitute children. \*\*\* Archbishop Ganguly blessed the second floor addition to the juniorate building on December 23. \*\* Under Br. Daniel's supervision the huge shipment of steel for St. Joseph's School of Industrial Trades was moved to the school in late December. An attempt was made to "hijack" one load of the steel but quick action prevented this. At this same school 260 candidates sat for the admission test for 30 places. This was by far the largest number of applicants ever tested at the school. Br. Brian, on the staff at St. Joseph's, is tempted to write a companion book to E. Berne's Games People Play as he directs the construction and sale of more than fifteen different games at the shop. Besides providing excellent practice for the young carpenters, the sale of the games to foreigners living in Dacca provides a good source of income for the operation of the school. \*\*\* At Holy Cross in Bandura, Br. John Rozario has been supervising the moving of the primary school to Hashnabad where construction work should be completed by the end of this month.

## CORRECTION

In the January Newsnotes it was stated that this year's jubilee group decided not to have a group celebration at the Center. It should have read: After consulting with this year's jubilarians and learning that the vast majority preferred a local celebration, the provincial administration decided not to have a group celebration at the Center.

## FROM WEST AFRICA

During the first term Fr. Andrew Ghansah from the Sekondi parish has been serving as chaplain to the students and the brothers in the absence of a regular priest. He says Mass on Sundays and a couple times during the week. \*\*\* The district council met the weekend before Christmas at St. John's School. \*\*\* A contingent of Holy Cross Brothers, including the council members from Monrovia, traveled to Koforidua (about 150 miles from Sekondi) to witness the final profession of Br. Simeon Bekaar, the first Ghanaian Brother of St. John of God to take final vows. \*\*\* Br. Raymond, district superior, made the visitation in Monrovia from January 3 to 12. \*\*\* Br. Joseph Tsiquaye attended a meeting of IWARA (Indigenous West African Religious) at Cape Coast recently. The four-day conference was addressed by Archbishop Amisshah of Cape Coast. \*\*\* St. John School's nationally known band, Matthew Chapter 5, had eleven engagements during the Christmas and new year holiday. Proceeds from these engagements go for scholarships to deserving students at St. John's.

Brothers in southern Indiana and Kentucky met at Evansville Memorial for a liturgy and dinner on Sunday, January 12. Twenty-four brothers attended, with Fr. Ralph Fisher CSC as celebrant of the liturgy. This very enjoyable day was hosted by the brothers at Memorial. In the afternoon an open house was held at the Adams Street house, which the brothers there generously planned.

Recently elected as chairman of the Terre Haute area Office of Economic Opportunity was Br. Thomas Balthazor, who is the program director at Gibault.

**CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT:**

Br. Clement Burger to Holy Trinity High School, Chicago.  
Br. Edgar Plas in residence at the Brothers Center, Notre Dame.

Jerome Aschenbrenner signed his dispensation from final vows on December 15. Paul Nomellini signed his acceptance of dispensation from final vows on January 10. In a letter Paul said, "I will always remember Holy Cross in my prayers and hope that the community will support me with their prayers." Jerome Chandler signed his dispensation from final vows on January 21.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED:** for these deceased: Br. Benoit Frigon and Br. John Dunham. Mother of Br. Ramon Purzycki. Grandmother of Br. Chris Dreyer.

**REMINDER:** "WEEKEND TOWARD COMMITMENT" at Le Mans Academy from February 28 to March 2. Please let Brs. John Tryon or Kenneth Haders know if you will be there by February 10.

**FROM CHICAGO** Students of Holy Trinity High School have been sacrificing \$100 a week for the Holy Cross missions. Over \$500 worth of gifts have been donated to the mission promoter, Br. Celestis, to be given away to the students on their second mission appreciation day in May. Pope Paul sent his papal blessing to the faculty and students for their generosity in helping the needy of the world.

**FROM ST. ED'S IN CLEVELAND** Teachers and students together participated in their annual "pounding porches" drive for Christmas canned goods, toys and clothing for poor parishes of the city. It was a joint effort with other West Side Catholic high schools. \*\*\* Caroling brothers were joined by a student brass quartet for their Christmas time visits to hospitals and nursing homes. \*\*\* Holy Cross religious from the three Ohio communities gathered at St. Edward for a liturgy of thanksgiving and a buffet dinner to honor Br. Theophilus Machalinski on his sixty-fifth jubilee of profession. The patriarch of the Midwest Province, Br. Theophilus carries on a full day of work and prayer in the St. Edward community. His example in the house is a genuine inspiration to all. \*\*\*

Br. Donald Allen represented St. Ed's at the Propagation of the Faith meeting and dinner two months ago. He has been instrumental in maintaining the students' interest in Holy Cross foreign missions. \*\*\* Br. Donald Cellini recently returned from a ten-day Mediterranean cruise as a moderator for a foreign travel study group of high school students. \*\*\* Brs. Robert Berthiaume, George Klawitter, and Thomas Sisung sang with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra Chorus in their annual Christmas presentation of the Messiah in Severance Hall. \*\*\* Mr. Joseph Figlar, a teacher at St. Ed's for many years, has been instrumental in establishing with the Red Cross a blood bank for St. Edward's faculty, students, and parents. All make regular donations to the visiting bloodmobile. \*\*\* Tom Cousineau, a graduating senior from St. Ed's, has been named to the 12th Annual Parade magazine's All-American High School Football Team. This is the second year in a row an Edsman has received national all-prep honors.

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Br. Charles Krupp attended the meetings of the Council of the Congregation at St. Edward's University, Austin, January 14-18. \*\*\* Brs. Robert Fillmore and James Moroney represented the province at the inter-province formation meetings held at Moreau Seminary in January. \*\*\* A Moreau Day celebration sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross was held at the Brothers Center on January 18. Many Holy Cross religious participated. \*\*\* On January 18 at the Brothers Center the province Social Justice Commission met, as well as an interprovince planning committee to discuss possibilities for the summer house of prayer.

FROM LE MANS ACADEMY Women friends of the Academy, helped by Br. Edward Grams, will hold a bingo-card party in March, proceeds to go for purchase of drapes and bedspreads for the students' rooms. \*\*\* The Development Board of the Academy had its first meeting on January 19. Many positive comments came from the laymen, who reacted to the present year and the administration of Br. Jerome Schwabe. Publicity and finances were the major concerns. The annual fund drive will begin this month, end in May. \*\*\* An interdenominational service with the local Protestant ministers, celebrating the Church Unity Octave, was held on January 25. \*\*\* Le Mans student Chris Poronsky received a \$4000 academic scholarship from Marmion Military Academy. \*\*\* Enrollment for this spring semester is 114 students, the highest in four years. \*\*\* Donations from students' parents resulted in carpeting of the student lounge, improvements in the boys' rooms, and redoing of the treasurer's office.

FROM LOUISVILLE Br. William Mewes reports that to get to work in the morning he has to go through six steel-barred gates, a metal door and an outer guard post. He works at the Kentucky State Reformatory, a medium security prison for adult offenders. His job: the chief and only psychiatric social worker on the forensic psychiatry ward of the prison. Average number of patients at one time is about 20 inpatients on the ward and 60 outpatients.

He participates in six groups: 2 socialization groups, 2 groups using transactional analysis and 2 groups using an eclectic approach. He also engages in individual counseling and therapy.

Br. John Miller was recently appointed to the executive committee of the Commission on Peace and Justice for the archdiocese. He was also appointed to the planning committee for the Ohio Catholic Education Association convention in September. \*\*\* Br. Carroll Posey was elected to represent the Brothers at the Religious Senate in Louisville, taking the position vacated by Br. Ken Chappuis.