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FROM ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL, CLEVELAND: SEH students are showing much interest in and attending the five-minute prayer sessions in the school chapel at the beginning of each lunch period. A diversity of prayer experiences--from brief readings of Scripture to slide-film presentations--are organized by Father John Blazek, the students, or the teachers. \*\* St. Ed's was the donor collection center for the Red Cross Bloodmobile last month. Donors were St. Ed students and teachers as well as students and adults from the area. \*\* A committee of several Brothers has been organized to promote vocations in the school this year. \*\* Br. Robert Kelly, director of alumni, has organized a "Phone Power" system whereby all graduates are being called and asked to donate to a drive for \$35,000 for new gymnasium bleachers. \*\* Students, teachers and administrators of St. Ed's are involved in an all-out effort to promote interest in Catholic education and particularly enrollment at SEH. The program includes talks to 8th grade boys and to groups of parents, visits to St. Ed's by small groups of grade-schoolers, and activities in the high school for 7th and 8th grade boys that include a spelling contest, a speech tournament, and a writing contest. A dinner and social for elementary school principals and 8th grade teachers recently, along with an "open house," brought overwhelming response. The school is literally "going out to the crossroads and bringing them in." \*\* Br. Thomas Henning, principal, was appointed to the planning committee for the Ohio Catholic Education Convention to be held in September 1975.

Brothers at St. Ed's celebrated last month the sixty-fifth jubilee of vows of Br. Theophilus Machalinski, our province "patriarch." Despite his years, Br. Theophilus carries on a full day of work, regularly cleaning the common rooms of the faculty house and doing many other needed tasks. He stands out as a shining example of loyalty and commitment to the work of Holy Cross.

Brother John Miller has been involved in a number of projects related to the Roncalli Center and its program for advancement of religious education for the Archdiocese of Louisville. He is one of three on a religious radio talk show broadcast once a month in the city, and in recent programs has discussed such topics as amnesty, election of bishops, and youth and today's Church. Br. John has also been "on tour" with his slide-tape program on To Teach As Jesus Did. He has already made the presentation to twenty groups within the archdiocese. For a workshop last month he videotaped three children's liturgies. Recently he became editor of a new publication, NetNews, an ecumenical resource newsletter.

The Louisville community spent a weekend at Otter Creek Park to relax and evaluate their covenant made last June. The stay ended with a Mass celebrated outdoors with friends from the city. \*\* Brs. Carroll Posey, Joseph Ballard, John Miller and James May attended the National Council of Teachers of English meeting in New Orleans during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Coping with inflation, Br. John Federowicz, Library Director of Carroll College in Helena, Montana, has effected various efficiencies over the years so that while monies spent for books and periodicals have tripled and staff salaries have kept apace, the total library budget is less than it was five years ago. Recently the library was designated a depository for government publications. Br. John has been granted tenure at the school, has been elected to the faculty senate, and in the winter-spring semester will conduct a television-based continuing education course, "The Ascent of Man." This superb series was assembled by the eminent Jacob Bronowski and will be shown at prime time on Public Broadcasting System educational channels. Carroll College is offering this course to senior citizens at a cost of ten dollars and to others for upper or lower division credit at normal tuition rates.

John Glenn, America's first astronaut and senator-elect from Ohio, recently spoke to the upperclassmen at St. Edward High School, Cleveland.

Recently Br. Elmo Bransby, assistant superior general, wrote to all provincials and district superiors commenting on the World Food Congress, his own concerns about the food crisis, and the reaction of some students in Rome who have formed "The Student Action Against Hunger." As a sign of their solidarity with the poor, the hungry, and those who are "used" by the world, these students decided to hold a week of prayer and reflection, to end with a special day of fast and prayer. Their intent is to create an atmosphere in which the students of other universities of Rome will become conscious of the problems of hunger and justice.

Br. Giles Martin has been assigned to Gilmour Academy. \*\* Br. Timothy O'Connell is now working at Mount Carmel Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio. \*\* Capitulants of the 1973 provincial chapter will meet February 1 at the Brothers Center to decide on procedures for election of the provincial, coming up in 1976. \*\* After being consulted, jubilarians in this year's group decided by overwhelming majority not to have a group celebration at the Center. Observances will be in the local houses.

At the annual board meeting at St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee, Br. Warren Shea was given a Distinguished Service plaque for his more than twenty-five years of service at the institution. The board also renamed the school's transition house Shea Hall.

PRAYERS REQUESTED: The repose of the soul of the brother of Brother Ramon Purzycki. Recovery of Brother Benoit Frigon, who suffered a heart attack last month.

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re Jack Hall: I truly regret to have to report that within the past few days Jack Hall explained that as a result of circumstances not under his control he cannot be in the Midwest during the next school year. This of course means we will not have the benefit of his services.

Regarding Jack's offer to work with us, the response from the houses was rather positive. A number of our houses expressed a strong interest, and I had already informed him we would accept his proposal.

I am confident that the kind of assistance he would have given us would prove to be invaluable and so I have been looking and will continue to look for someone who might be able to do for us what Jack would have.--BCK

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Mrs. Helen Gehm, known to many brothers in all three provinces as the cook in Hoban High School's cafeteria, retired last June after twenty years of service. \*\* A severe snowstorm in northeastern Ohio on the Sunday after Thanksgiving gave the Hoban Community an extra week of vacation.

FROM THE DACCA DISTRICT: Br. Francis Rozario, scholastic from Bangladesh, signed his dispensation from temporary vows. \*\* Br. Gerald Kraeger gave eleven conferences to the Brother novices of the Chittagong District. \*\* Now home on leave, Br. Ralph Baird underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, in early December. \*\* The second storey of the juniorate building is close to completion. \*\* Five new aspirants have been approved for admission into the district's juniorate program. \*\* Archbishop Ganguly has granted permission for the local superior or his delegate in the Brothers' houses to distribute Holy Communion when no priest is available to say Mass.

FROM LE MANS ACADEMY IN ROLLING PRAIRIE: A "Winter Welcome" open house in honor of the headmaster, Br. Jerome Schwabe, was held on December 15. Educators and religious of the LaPorte and Rolling Prairie communities were invited. The students provided tours of the buildings and a social hour followed. \*\* Br. Edwin Mattingly has joined the teaching staff of the Academy. \*\* Br. Shaun Gray is presently serving as basketball coach, along with his many regular duties. \*\* Plans are set for another area Christmas party for the Holy Cross Brothers in the South Bend area. \*\* Recently Br. Edwin Mattingly gave a talk at the University of Minnesota on the use of falcons in controlling birds around airports. The talk was part of the Raptor Reserve Conference held at the University.

FROM WAUWATOSA: The Brothers of the Glenview-Milwaukee community are making an effort to share with more people in the area and thus respond to the urging of the Social Justice Commission of the province. A dinner dance sponsored by Milwaukee's Black Catholics and by priests and religious of the central city resulted in a contribution of two thousand dollars to help feed people. Two Brothers attended the function, and the Glenview Community sponsored an advertisement. \*\* Word has it that Br. Warren "Claus" and his helpers will bring more joy to the community of St. Luke's in Brookfield. \*\* At the recent annual board meeting at St. Charles Boys Home, Br. Peter Graham set up the display-exhibit area, took care of invitations, catering, and the like, as he has done for many Milwaukee celebrations. The theme was "Growth through Activities." Br. James Newberry, former administrator, was among the guests.

FROM THE PROVINCE CENTER: As an example of how the Brothers Center is used, here is calendar for last November. It shows that "Bonny's Inn" is always busy.

- Nov. 3-5: A principals' meeting under direction of Br. Douglas Roach, held at Andre Hall.
- Nov. 8-9: Forty-four young women attending the International Student Leadership Institute under the direction of Fr. Tom Chambers were housed in James Hall. The sessions were held at Notre Dame.
- Nov. 10-14: The Center hosted sixty-eight delegates who were attending the Catholic Commission on Urban Ministry Convention at the University of Notre Dame.
- Nov. 15-17: The Personal Growth Commission, under the direction of Br. Robert Lavelle, sponsored a workshop conducted by Fr. Paul Donahue, S.M. Twelve Brothers attended the sessions, held in Andre Hall.
- Nov. 30: Br. Eymard Salzman conducted a workshop for local moderators of the Association of St. Joseph.

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