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## PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 1975

From the various staff reports: (1) The province personnel policies and procedures will remain the same as last year, except for some dates pertaining to the schools and our personnel working in our schools. (2) A document prepared by Br. Douglas on Catholic education and its historical implications will be distributed to our principals and perhaps be discussed by them at their forthcoming meeting. (3) New formation council appointed by the provincial includes: Brs. James Moroney, director; Robert Dailey, Robert Fillmore, Richard Kearney, Robert Lavelle, Thomas Moser, Frederick Raehsler, and Jerome Schwabe. (4) The formation workshop held in Ghana this past summer, conducted by Fr. Hubert Horan and Sr. Jean Keeley, was eminently successful. (5) The province's share of \$342,000 from the sale of the Generalate building has been received and invested; the 1976 provincial chapter will determine disposition of this money.

The provincial, Br. Charles Krupp, left for Bangladesh on September 28th and will return about October 20th.

Format for Provincial Visits: The council discussed provincial visitation at length and decided that since many of the purposes of the more formal-type visits of the past are today being met by province meetings, workshops, regional councilors, local chapters, visits by the personnel director and by the provincial as well as by provincial staff--and along with the various province, regional and local meetings this year in preparation for the chapter, the provincial visitations this year would be less formal. This means the provincial and other provincial staff members will visit the local communities for a day or so and simply be available to those who wish to consult them. There could be two such visits during the year. If some houses want a more structured visit, the superior or director should inform the provincial what type of visit is preferred.

The council also discussed its role in preparing for the chapter as well as some issues it felt the chapter should deal with.

In considering agenda for future meetings, the council agreed a highly important topic is our schools--their status and direction in the future. Others are: ongoing formation, and the education of all our province members.

The next council meeting is scheduled for November 8th and 9th.

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"A Home of Our Own," a movie by CBS about the orphanage in Mexico

where Br. James Linscott works, will be televised at 8:00 p.m. (EST) on October 19th.

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FROM GIBAULT SCHOOL  
IN TERRE HAUTE

Brs. John Barrett and Charles Blavat have joined the staff at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, and will teach part-time in the residency and in the correspondence college programs, which are designed for women who want to complete bachelor's degree work but are unable to reside on campus full-time. The correspondence program, funded by Lilly Endowment, is conducted at only two colleges in the U.S. Br. John will teach counseling and education; Br. Charles will teach English, drama, and education courses. The program enrolls women from a five-state area. \*\*\* Br. Bernard Mosier begins his 50th jubilee trip on October 6th; he and his brother John plan to tour Europe and the Holy Land. \*\*\* Br. Gerald Detamore received his Licensed Practical Nursing degree from Indiana Vocation-Technical College in Terre Haute on September 14th. \*\*\* The Crawford Street house in Terre Haute will close on October 15th. Brs. John Barrett and Charles Blavat will live on the Gibault School campus after that date. Please discontinue all mailings to the Crawford Street house after October 15th.

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FROM THE DACCA DISTRICT

This past summer at Nagari there was such a wave of robberies that the police came in full strength and made large-scale arrests. Police officials held a meeting which all teachers in the area had to attend. The police promised help if the people would set up a central committee with representatives from each village, with each representative required to organize a village defense party. If these plans eventuate, the police will then establish a camp at Nagari. (Nagari is the village where Brs. Paul Enk, Charles Bibeau, Ronald Drahozal, and Francis Delvaux teach.) \*\*\* At Bandura, Br. Ralph Baird has organized a prayer group which meets weekly at Hashnabad. \*\*\* Br. Gerald Kraeger, district superior, is an observer on the National Commission on Justice and Peace and serves as the commission's executive secretary. \*\*\* Br. Thomas Sawyer (E) is the latest arrival in the Bangladesh mission.

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FROM CATHOLIC CENTRAL H.S.,  
MONROE, MICHIGAN

At the Monroe County Fair early in August, Br. Ronald LaLonde and the school's Ladies Auxiliary staffed a food concession booth. Spaghetti and 750 cabbage rolls were prepared by Brs. Andrew Sukenik and James Rottenbucher. The cabbage came from the Brothers' garden. \*\*\* Brs. Walter Foken and Maynard Rabidoux, chief gardeners, report that since July they and other brothers have canned 944 quarts of tomatoes, pickles, apple sauce and soup. \*\*\* Br. Walter Davenport purchased a potato picker to help harvest the bumper potato crop. Five rows of plants produced ten bushels, and there are still 35 rows to go. \*\*\* Br. Ronald LaLonde has taken charge of the garden, which was planted originally by Br. Andrew Sukenik. The botanical garden featured tours on Sunday, September 14th, during St. Mary's Parish family day. Brs.

Ronald, Alberto Bondy, Donald Morgan, and James Spooner helped barbecue chicken for that affair. \*\*\* Br. Philip Alessandro reseeded the entire front lawn this summer; the grass is now thick and healthy.

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FROM ST. EDWARD H.S.,  
CLEVELAND

Bishop James Kickey of Cleveland celebrated the student-faculty Mass opening the new school year. At the Offertory, past and present alumni presidents presented a check covering half the cost of the new gymnasium bleachers. Br. Robert Kelly, assisted by Br. William Schu, directs the Alumni Association. \*\*\* Br. Thomas Henning, the principal, has become a member of the Kiwanis. \*\*\* Br. Joseph Chvala recently conducted a seminar on teaching the writing of poetry at the English Conference at Kent State University. \*\*\* The local community is considering a year-long study of the quality of their community life, to be guided by Dr. Anthony Iezzi, philosophy professor at Borromeo and adviser to many religious communities. \*\*\* Fr. John Blazek, school chaplain, continues to direct prayer sessions in the chapel for the first five minutes of each lunch period. These were begun last year and interest has continued.

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PRAYERS REQUESTED: Br. Donald Becker's sister Carol, who died suddenly of a brain hemorrhage at St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend on September 25th. Carol is the mother of five children; her husband is administrator at the hospital.

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FROM JOSEPH HOUSE  
IN CHICAGO

Shortly after returning from vacation in August, the brothers at Joseph House entertained guests from Waterloo, Ia., South Bend, as well as a large contingent from Evansville. \*\*\* Frs. Dick Laurick and Ed Kaminski have visited the house and celebrated liturgies for the community several times in the past weeks. They enjoy the camaraderie of this community. \*\*\* Fr. Ed Kaminski invited the Joseph House brothers to join the Notre Dame High School (Niles) faculty to celebrate the Feast of the Seven Dolors. Brs. Paul Brown and Larry Condren contributed their musical talents at the celebration. \*\*\* Paul and Larry provide musical accompaniment for the daily shared prayer at Joseph House as well as for liturgies at St. Boniface Church on Sundays. \*\*\* The brothers here have agreed to reflect upon and discuss the CSC constitutions at bimonthly house meetings over the next few months in order to adopt some practical applications of the stipulations of those constitutions. \*\*\* On September 20th the community here held an open house for brothers from Holy Trinity H.S., and Holy Cross H.S. (River Grove). Br. Charles Smith was also present.

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Br. John Miller gave one of the presentations at the recent Ohio Catholic Education Association convention. His talk was: "Some Practical Uses of Films in Religious Education." He also coordinated the Religious Film Festival for the convention, scheduling over fourteen hours of quality films

for religious educators. These short films were screened during the entire convention.

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FROM BISHOP DAVID COMMUNITY  
IN LOUISVILLE

Br. Carl Sternberg, youth consultant for the Louisville Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education, was one of the originators of "Project Breakthrough,"

a camp experience this past summer for some 23 students from twelve to eighteen years of age, aimed to break down racial and other prejudices. Issues of race, racism, equality and prejudice were discussed and probed by the group. Dramatic instruction was provided the teenagers during the week-long experience. Said Br. Carl: "They (the campers) had a personal experience with some black people and some white people. . . . We were talking about the issues directly, going away from the platitudes and into their real feelings. It was a good experience for them all." One of the participants summed it up this way: "It gave me a beautiful feeling inside to know that twenty-two other people believe in what I believe in. Now I am prepared and confident that God is with me as I strive for a joining of the races." \*\*\* Br. Carl heads the adult training committee which designs programs to train adults as youth ministers. \*\*\* Br. William Mewes is an active member of the local group of Common Cause. He serves on the membership committee. Bill is also active on the steering committee of the newly formed local group of "Bread for the World."

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In addition to taking classes at Ball State, Br. Lawrence Unfried is teaching a section of Principles of Biology to biology and pre-med majors and also teaching CCD every other Saturday at the Newman Club parish.

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Brs. Chester Caster, M.D., Richard Gilson, R.N., Aubrey McNeil, R.N., and Donald Morrison have taken up residence in the provincial house.

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Brs. John Driscoll, Eric Landers, Philip Smith and Fr. Ed Ruetz have taken up residence in Andre Hall.

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As these News Notes were going to press, word was received of the death of Br. Charles Blavat, C.S.C., on October 1st, at the Brothers' residence at Fr. Gibault School for Boys in Terre Haute.

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