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Having now completed the renewal program at Sangre de Criso along with Br. Paul Kelly, Br. Raymond Dufresne wrote of it: "In every respect the program has been a tremendous experience. So much has been presented and so much has come to light in my own life that I know it will take time before I'm able to put it all together. This will take time and prayer. I guess just being away from the regular routine with some good input, time to read, time to take life in a leisurely way, and time to pray, makes it much easier to step back and view one's life. I must also add that I did miss our community life and the life with the Brothers. We have many wonderful traditions with a deep and rich history which we should cherish and positively develop. Maybe one has to spend some time with others in order to truly appreciate what we have. . . ."

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From Cathedral: The Indianapolis Symphony performed at an assembly at the school two months ago. The conductor said it was the most enthusiastic high school reception the musicians received this year.

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From Evansville: The diocese held a Holy Year pilgrimage at Roberts Stadium, with some 8000 people attending, among them the Brothers. The program included a celebrated Mass by the Bishop and all priests of the diocese. \*\*\* Sister Helene Wernsing, S.P., principal of the girls' department from 1960 to 1966, died from a series of strokes. Forty faculty members went to St. Mary-of-the-Woods in Terre Haute for the funeral. \*\*\* The student council, justice committee, and Youth Alive group combined efforts during Hunger Week to make students aware of the world's food problems. Short films about these problems were shown during the lunch mods, and students could give up their lunch money as a contribution to the poor. A canned food drive was also conducted, the St. Vincent de Paul Society benefiting. \*\*\* Br. James Bluma took a team of five students to visit the nine elementary schools in the city, presenting the grade-schoolers a one-hour program on Memorial High School. One of the student team was a thirteen-year-old freshman boy from England who is spending three months at Memorial, which his mother previously attended. \*\*\* Bob Nemergut, candidate for the diocesan priesthood, is living with the Brothers this school year. He teaches several classes and also works at the Newman Center. \*\*\* Brs. John Stout and Eugene Phillip are teaching an English course and two history courses, respectively, for college credit from the University of Evansville.

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Change of Assignment: Br. Aubrey McNeil to Boysville as of January 9th.

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Also from Cathedral: Joe Dezelan, coach here for 25 years and athletic director for the past five years, was elected to the Indiana Football Hall of Fame; he will be inducted at ceremonies at Richmond this month. \*\*\* Freshman Dan Happel won the archdiocesan poster contest, part of the national competition for the Eucharistic Congress next August in Philadelphia.

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On December 20th Br. Guy Eckels received his M.S. degree in biology from St. Mary's College, Minn., Minnesota.

At Br. Pedro's request, Br. Majella Hegarty recently spent a few weeks at Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, doing classroom supervision.

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Prayers Requested: For the deceased father of Br. Edward Libbers.

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From the Brothers Center: Fr. James Fox, OMI, visited his brother, Fr. Richard Fox, at the Center on Thanksgiving weekend before Dick returned to the Trappist Monastery in Ava, Missouri. \*\*\* On December 3rd Frs. Thomas Culhane (Southern province), Thomas Blantz, Thomas Elliott, and Thomas McNally joined Brs. Bonaventure Foley and Donatus Schmitz for a meeting to study the feasibility of writing a history of the Congregation of Holy Cross. \*\*\* The Social Justice Commission met at the Center on December 6th, with Br. Bruce Lescher as chairman. \*\*\* Br. Eymard Salzman reserved the Notre Dame Convocation Center for a private ice-skating party to celebrate the 76th birthday of Br. Regis Regensberger on December 19th.

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Edward Overstreet signed his acceptance of dispensation from final vows on December 1st.

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Joseph House Happenings: Several relatives of Br. Richard Kearney stopped by to visit while in Chicago for a football game. \*\*\* Br. John Tryon and the Joseph House team inaugurated the first annual Moreau Bowl football classic at a nearby park. Other talent brought in for the game included Brs. Robert Livernois and Charles Smith, as well as George Kollar and James Hobbs. \*\*\* Brs. Paul Brown, Larry Condren, and Richard Kearney, along with other members of the St. Boniface singing group, performed for a Catholic Charities-sponsored program, "Toys for Tots."

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Requests Made of the Generalate Justice & Peace Fund: The following is from the minutes of the September 15, 1975, meeting of the general council: "After some discussion there was unanimous approval of the following criteria as norms in deciding upon requests made of the generalate justice and peace fund: (1) Priority is to be given to requests from members of Holy Cross for works sponsored by the congregation. (2) Priority is to be given to persons or groups who have little chance to be helped by others adequately. (3) Priority is to be given to requests from groups where there is no great organizational structure in order that the money granted not be lost in bureaucracy. (4) Priority is to be given to projects or cases in which people are helped to help themselves rather than merely given emergency relief.

"It was recalled that at the council of the congregation meeting in January 1975, there was agreement that all requests from individual members of Holy Cross for money from the generalate justice and peace fund come through the respective provincial administrations. The question should be raised at the forthcoming meeting of the council of the congregation whether the provinces are going to meet some of these requests or simply channel them on to the generalate justice and peace fund. The following policy regarding the justice and peace fund was unanimously approved: In the disbursement of funds, sufficient money is to be kept in reserve to meet emergency needs of the districts during the fiscal year."

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From Bangladesh: The district council approved the change of site of the scholastic program to the former district superior's residence (16 Monir Hossain Lane, Dacca). Br. Ronald Christenson will be the assistant director and also teach at St. Gregory High School. Br. Donald Nadeau (Canadian province) will direct the joint scholastic program (Dacca and Chittagong districts). \*\*\* Br. James Talarovic will teach at

St. Joseph High School. \*\*\* The district superior, as well as the Brothers at the Industrial Trades School, will now reside in the brothers' residence at the new school building just being completed: 32 Shah Sahib Lane, Narinda, Dacca 1, Bangladesh. \*\*\* Brs. Ralph Baird, Benedict Rozario, and Dominic Mree (from Bandura) attended the Eucharistic procession at Hashnabad and Dominic directed the singing. \*\*\* As a result of recent tests 88 St. Gregory High students were selected to take the S.S.C. examination in 1976. St. Joseph High School will be sending 39 students to the same exams. \*\*\* Br. Paul Enk will soon return to the States for home leave and study. \*\*\* Br. Donald Becker, principal at the Trades School, recently gave certificates to 12 students, bringing the total to 39 who have completed the course during 1975.

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From Le Mans Academy: On December 21st over a hundred guests came for the annual Christmas party. Mass was celebrated at noon for members of the Association of St. Joseph and the local community. Evensong brought the Holy Cross religious of the area together for an evening of prayer, buffet supper, and a social. \*\*\* Br. Jerome Schwabe, while visiting in Wisconsin the last week in December, had surgery in Woodruff there. He is doing well.

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From Terre Haute: Br. Thomas Balthazor completed his term as president of the Vigo County OEO board this past fall. He was honored at a dinner and presented with a plaque in appreciation for his services as board president. Tom continues to serve as a board member. He also appeared on a segment of WTHI-TV's bicentennial special, "Wabash Valley Heritage." He taped a presentation on Father Gibault's contribution to the American Revolution. \*\*\* Fr. Ralph Fisher volunteers a day a week for "Lifeline," an emergency phone service for people seeking urgent assistance and counseling. Father recently completed Catholic instruction classes for George Robinson, a staff member, and assisted in his reception into the Church. This is the fifth Gibault staff member to receive instruction from Fr. Fisher this year. \*\*\* Brs. James Caley, Ken Haders, and Robert Vaughn recently became part of the FBI's crime statistics. While they were having a pizza at a local Pizza Hut, two ski-masked bandits entered and robbed everyone at gunpoint. Since Ken was able to control his notorious laughter and James managed to keep both feet and head on the floor at the same time, no one was injured.

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From Louisville: Br. Carroll Posey is the varsity coach of soccer, a sport initiated just this past year at Bishop David. \*\*\* Because the students met the \$19,000 quota from the raffle of a thousand-dollar Christmas bonus, faculty and students enjoyed an extended two-day Thanksgiving vacation. \*\*\* Br. William Mewes attended the American Art Therapy Association convention in Louisville. \*\*\* In late November the local community hosted a celebration for Brothers and friends in the area. \*\*\* Br. John Miller is listed in the first edition of Who's Who in Religion, a national biographical directory of leaders among church officials, clergy, religious educators, and lay persons. \*\*\* John was also recently elected to represent all the Brothers in the archdiocese on the newly formed diocesan pastoral council.

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From Lakewood: At St. Edward High the Eagles completed their most successful football season in school history: #1 UPI State Poll, #1 AP State Poll, #1 Region I Computer Rating, #1 Cleveland Plain Dealer, #1 Cleveland Press, '75 Crown Conference Champs. They compiled a 11-1 record, losing in the state Class AAA championship game, 14-12, to Cincinnati Moeller. \*\*\* The sharp edge of loss of the state football championship was considerably assuaged by the sudden death of Br. Ambrose Nowak. He was warmly

loved not only by the athletes, whose endeavors he followed closely, but also by all the rest of the student body. The wake service had to be delayed an hour to enable many hundreds of students, alumni, parents, priests, religious, colleagues, and friends to pay their respects. Their presence also at the school funeral Mass was a genuine tribute to this endeared Holy Cross Brother. \*\*\* The annual chocolate drive to defray the cost of new gymnasium bleachers was a grand success. Contributing to the success of sales was a "deal" with area Burger King restaurants. The wrapper on the bar was redeemable for a free Burger King with the purchase of another. \*\*\*

The entire school faculty participated in a Faculty Day of Renewal during the first quarter. It was an opportunity to pray together and to discuss mutual concerns. A buffet dinner was a fittingly delicious climax. \*\*\* The St. Edward Bloodmobile continues to operate regularly. \*\*\* Members of the St. Edward Alumni Association, under Br. Robert Kelly's direction, are trying to raise money for a new gymnasium public address system and new cafeteria and classroom furniture through a regular evening telethon.

Br. Lewis Brazil is organizing "Operation Clean-Up," a student Christian service project to assist those in the community who are physically unable to perform many household chores that must be done during the fall, spring, and winter months. A group of three students, trained and supervised by Br. Lewis, reports to the house or apartment to rake leaves, clean and remove screens and storm windows, clean windows and basements, and like tasks.

The annual Thanksgiving Food and Money Drive netted three truck loads of canned goods and \$550.00, distributed to the poor of three needy parishes and the Little Sisters of the Poor, as well as to two poor families in dire circumstances. \*\*\* Plans were made to participate in a pre-Christmas food, toy, and clothing drive being organized by four West Side Catholic high schools. The results were noteworthy. \*\*\* The Brothers' Christmas Carolers made their annual Christmas visit to local hospitals and nursing homes. Br. George Klawitter directs the group. \*\*\* Br. Thomas Henning has been elected Vice-President of the Cleveland Diocesan Association of Secondary School Principals. \*\*\* Eight of this year's National Merit semi-finalists have been named finalists.

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