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The straw ballots for election of the provincial are coming in. The opening of the envelopes and tabulation of results will be done by the chairman of the chapter government committee and several of his committee members.

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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, FEBRUARY 21: The council approved the proposal for a board of directors for Justice & Peace Center, the joint CSC project (priests, brothers, and sisters) in South Bend. *** The council discussed criteria for approving full-time study requests, deciding priority should be given to those requesting to study religious education/theology/spirituality. Also considered important is the number of years spent in apostolic work, and the apostolic usefulness of the field of study requested. Also important is the amount of money the province can realistically spend annually on further education of our members. The discussion of the need for administrations in our institutions highlighted the need for this particular area of study. The council thinks the chapter should review these criteria and make the appropriate recommendations. *** The following brothers were approved for full-time study next year: Eugene Hausmann, Jerome Schwabe, Robert Fillmore, Thomas C. Henning, James Caley, Donald Morrison. *** Jack Hall's report to the council was discussed. The council hopes to meet with Jack at their next meeting. *** The meeting concluded with some remarks by Br. Charles on local community life in the province. *** Next meeting: May 8th.

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The brothers at the Center are hosting a jubilee celebration on Saturday, May 1st, for this year's jubilarians who wish to join them. Mass at 4:30 p.m., followed by reception and dinner.

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CHANGES IN NOVITIATE SUMMER PROGRAM: At the meeting of provincials in October and of the various provinces' formation personnel in January, the decision was reached that the novitiate should be a one-year program, with profession normally at the end of the first year. Since 1969 the program has been for two years (12 months or so spent at Bennington) and profession normally after the second year. The main objection to a two-year program has been the second summer spent in Bennington. The decision now is that the second summer after profession would be organized by a group other than the Bennington staff and in another location, at least for most of the summer. Our present second-year novices (since they are the transition group) will be at Bennington from June 1st to 27th, then at Moreau Hall (North Easton) for about two weeks in a directed retreat, then go to Deer Park, Md., for workshops being offered there.

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POSTMASTER RETIRES: On February 1st Br. Ramon Purzycki retired as postmaster at Notre Dame, a post he held since 1968. He has worked at the Notre Dame Postoffice for the past 32 years. Recently he underwent open-heart surgery at Mayo Clinic and is now recuperating at our infirmary. Later on he expects to work at the Notre Dame Bookstore.

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173 brothers and priests attended the forum, "Midwest Focus," at the Brothers Center, February 12th to 15th. 68 are registered for the "Focus" at Farmington, Michigan, March 4th to 7th. This means that some 74% of the province membership will have attended one or the other of the forums--a most encouraging statistic.

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FROM LE MANS ACADEMY: The school program is being expanded to include the 9th grade. Many staff members visited other schools to study their programs; also, they heard many compliments about the Academy. *** 20 residents of Holy Cross Hall, Notre Dame, made a retreat at the Academy. Fr. David Verhalen CSC, former chaplain at the school, conducted it. *** Br. Edwin Mattingly gave a talk on his work with and training of falcons at a meeting in Westville, Ind. *** Br. Edward Grams is working with the women staff members in planning their March 14th annual card party to raise money for the music department. *** Brs. James Blaszak, James Kinsella, Richard Huber, and William Dusseau are attending classes in vocational agriculture at a local high school.

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Br. Celestis Mueller from Holy Trinity High, Chicago, has been invited to appear on a TV show in Rockford (Ill.) to talk about our Holy Cross missions.

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FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE: At the most recent meeting Br. Pedro Haering was invited to the morning session to speak on the chapter theme. His remarks, which initiated much discussion, dealt with the need to unify the work of the various committees around the chapter theme, "Growth for Humanization." *** Brs. John May and Thomas More Beere were assigned to the government committee, and Br. Philip Armstrong to the committee on community. Except for the three delegates from West Africa, all capitulants have now been assigned to chapter committees. *** District superiors (Dacca, West Africa) are being asked to prepare reports to be given at the chapter, as is customary. *** The "chapter of concerns" proposal was lengthily discussed but left for decision until after both sessions of the forum. It was felt, though, that the chapter theme should relate to the overall direction of things. The question arose: should a rationale be developed to keep the "chapter of concerns" notion alive. *** The committee noted that the chapter theme, "Growth for Humanization," needs further explanation to make it more meaningful. *** The committee decided the "learning package" distributed (or yet to be) in the province by the various committees' chairmen fulfill the recommendation made at the school administrators' meeting in November that an instrument be adopted whereby the consensus of the entire province can be solicited. Some concern was expressed about how to correlate the material from the local communities in response to these "learning packages." Some type of report should be made to local communities in May. *** June 13th seemed to have advantages for the opening of the chapter.

FROM DACCA DISTRICT: Br. Nicholas is now on the staff at St. Joseph High School, also serves as chairman of the newly formed Justice & Peace Committee of the District. *** The scholastics have settled into their new home at Narinda, the former residence of the district superior and of brothers teaching at the Industrial Trades school. The formation program is a joint venture of two CSC districts, Dacca and Chittagong; the director is Br. Donald Nadeau, a Canadian; his assistants are Brs. Ronald Christenson and Daniel Rozario. *** 21 aspirants are enrolled in the juniorate program at Nagari. *** Br. Dunstan Bowles (SW), who is ending his work in Australia, stayed with the community in Mohammedpur for a month. *** Enrollment in the high school at Bandura is now 715, capacity and then some. *** A cow race held recently near Bandura attracted over 1500 people. Several persons were hurt by the cows and in outbreaks of fighting.

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Br. Joseph Cernick has withdrawn as a delegate to the 1976 provincial chapter. Br. James Newberry, next alternate, will replace him.

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MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATION - JANUARY 13-17: Meeting in Brazil in mid-January, the council considered such matters as: coadjutor brothers - administering the justice and peace fund - the proposed history of the Congregation - Causes of Fr. Moreau and Br. Andre - situation in the mission districts - role of the general administration - ideas for future letters of the superior general - a brother as superior general (a matter which should be studied by the various provincial chapters) - departures.

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NEW APPOINTMENT: Br. Peter Graham has been appointed the new headmaster for Le Mans Academy, effective June 1, 1976.

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FROM THE BROTHERS CENTER: On February 20th the brothers hosted an evening Mass and social hour for the Holy Cross men in formation living at Moreau Seminary, Lincoln Way West, and Blaine Avenue communities. *** Brs. Philip Smith and Raymond Harrington attended an English conference February 26-28 at Indiana University, Bloomington. *** The superior general and council, and the provincial and council, of the Sisters of the Holy Cross met at the Center during the first week of March.

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FROM ST. EDWARD HIGH, CLEVELAND: Br. Leo Geiger held a "garage sale" in the school basement and cleared about \$300 for the Holy Cross foreign missions. Items sold included used typewriters, shop tools, and miscellaneous valuable "junk." *** The enrollment prospects for the coming year look promising, with a slight increase expected over last year and continuing a trend of the last couple of years. All of this has been the result of much hard work by Br. Thomas Henning, the principal, along with several other brothers and lay teachers, who spent much time visiting grade schools and the like to promote St. Eds. *** Some 900 people enjoyed the annual Sing-A-Long, sponsored by the Associates of St. Joseph. Success is largely attributed to Br. Jerome Meyer, moderator, and his indefatigable efforts, assisted by several brothers. From Notre Dame, Brs. Barry, Eric, Eymard and Dominic attended; also, Br. Gilbert Burke, from the SW province.

***Committees organized to carry out the local community's project to evaluate the quality of community life are now meeting. ***
The Red Cross bloodmobile recently visited the school for contributions to the St. Edward Blood Bank. *** Br. Thomas Henning, principal, will hold his initial meeting in late March with the school's newly organized lay advisory board.

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On February 2nd Br. Robert Woodward celebrated his silver jubilee with a parish liturgy at five-thirty in the afternoon at St. Sebastian Church in Akron, followed by dinner in the Hoban cafeteria. Concelebrating the liturgy with the local pastor were Frs. Joe Barry from Hoban and Tom Burg from St. Eds in Cleveland. Br. William Verstraete delivered the homily. Four musicians took turns at the church pipe organ: Brs. Robert Berthiaume, Michael Flanagan, Daniel Kane, and John May. Invited to the jubilee were the brothers from Gilmour, Hoban, St. Eds, Hoban staff and board members and their spouses, along with special friends and members of Robert's immediate family. Br. Charles McBride was on hand to take pictures.

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FROM HOLY CROSS IN RIVER GROVE: Fr. Edward O'Connor from Notre Dame's theology department spoke at a recent house meeting on the background of the charismatic movement. *** For the recent blood drive, 142 students and faculty members volunteered to give a pint of their blood. *** Holy Cross was host and winner of the 1976 East Suburban Catholic Conference Wrestling Tournament. Br. Harold Ruplinger did the art work on individual placards in bicentennial flavor. **
On February 18th there were 18 seniors and 16 juniors inducted into the National Honor Society during a most impressive ceremony with parents and friends present. *** Faculties of Holy Cross and the Mother Guerin school met jointly on February 27th to hear Br. Edward Von Merrienbaer, O.P., speak on social justice and direct the ensuing discussion.

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FROM CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL, INDIANAPOLIS: Br. Pedro Haering, the principal at CHS, reports that a weekly "Mass for World Hunger" has been inaugurated, held each Friday at a different lunch period, and students who wish can forego lunch to attend the Mass and contribute at least part of their lunch money to the cause. During Lent the Mass will be Mon-Wed-Fri so that each student could participate once a week (there are three lunch periods). *** A penance service for a different class on each of the first four Tuesday of Lent will be held, culminating with a penance service for the entire school on Tuesday in Holy Week. *** The basketball coach is resigning at the end of the season. *** Student Brian McGinley was a finalist in the state wrestling tournament. ** A "Drama Day" on February 25th replaced regular classes. The Indiana University Dept. of Theatre and Drama took over, gave various programs in the morning, and presented two plays in the afternoon. The CHS English Department organized the event. *** Marycrest College Chamber Singers, from Dubuque, will give a concert for the students on March 10th.

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