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PERPETUAL PROFESSION

Called by God through Baptism in Christ, empowered by the Spirit to share in the mission of the Church, I commit myself to live in prayerful reflection of the Gospel.

I, Donald Joseph Gibbs, vow forever, in the presence of my brothers and sisters in Holy Cross, my relatives, and my friends, to live celibacy, poverty, and obedience according to the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit, our Patron, St. Joseph, and you, my brothers and sisters, I hope to be a living witness of Christ's love and concern for all people. Amen.

With the above words Brother Don Gibbs made his perpetual commitment in the Chapel at the Brothers' Center on Saturday afternoon, August 30, 1980. The vows were received by Father Thomas Barrosse, Superior-General of the Congregation. Brother Philip Armstrong, Midwest Provincial assisted at the ritual of the vow ceremony, which followed the homily of the Mass, given by Sister Katherine Reichert, C.S.C. The singing of the assembly was led by Merlin and Chris Yoder (who also played the guitar and flute, respectively). Brother George Klawitter accompanied on the pipe organ.

More than two hundred religious, relatives, and other friends were in attendance for the liturgy, which was followed by a reception and a dinner prepared by Brother Thomas Rock. Elaborate preparations had been made at the Center by Brother Thomas Moser and his staff during the week preceding. All of join in congratulating Don and in offering our own prayers and good wishes to him for his future years in Holy Cross.

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FROM the INDIAN MISSION AT CHERRY CREEK

We had a two-page, single-spaced letter from Brother James Newberry last week, detailing some of the activities he and Paul Rosonke have engaged in this summer. Excerpts:

-Jim broke his collar bone and 'wiped out' his car in mid-June. But he had mended sufficiently to attend the Catholic Indian Congress with Paul in late June. While they did not understand too much of the Indian proceedings (in the Lakota language) they did meet dozens of priests and sisters engaged in similar work.

-Tragedy struck the home village when a 17-year old Indian boy, one of ten children, took his life. The contact at this time among the Pastor, Paul, and the family resulted in bringing the father of the boy back into the Church.

-Paul and Jim enjoyed the visit of Brother William Mewes this summer. He was the first CSC visitor in some time.

-Paul attended the Charismatic Conference at ND and Jim participated in the Charismatic Youth Conference in Steubenville, Ohio. Both were able to attend the Tekakwitha Conference in Denver. This conference focused on the Indian family and the issues of native Americans. More than 700 priests (including 22 bishops), religious, and lay persons were in attendance.

-I would like to quote from the final paragraph of Jim's letter. He says: "How much the white man can understand the Indian culture is hard to measure. Some Indians feel it is impossible while some whites feel it is all too simple. It is a different culture and anyone who comes out here to work must accept this. With all of their hurts and faults the Indian people are fine people. We continue to hope we can bring them the meaning of the Gospel and its promise of spiritual health."

HOME from THE MISSIONS

-Brother Vincent Gross has been busy at the Center gathering material for Ghana and Liberia. He will return in mid-September.

-Brother Ronald Christenson is home from Bangladesh and is expected in the ND area around September 10.

-Brother Rex Hennel will be returning from Ghana in early September. After spending some time with his family in Evansville he will be coming to Notre Dame in early October.

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

After two years of outstanding work administrator of Dujarie House Brother Ralph Kuder (S-W) indicated last month he would resign effective at the end of August. Over the period of his time there Ralph has inaugurated a number of administrative policies which have been most helpful. It is a tribute to him that he leaves a well-functioning and well-organized institution. Brother Pedro Haering is serving as interim administrator. The Special Office will soon be seeking applications for a permanent replacement.

In a recent issue of the NEWSNOTES a request was made for donations of art work (drawing, sketching, sculpture, needle point, embroidery, hook, etc. -- any medium) to display on the walls at Dujarie. Over the summer 100 pieces of work was donated by Brother Franklin Kuder (S-W) and by Mrs. Elizabeth Haering (S-W, b. Indiana), while Brother Harold Kuder sent two tapestries (100 years old) from his maternal grandmother. Additional donations will be most welcome.

Father Raymond Cour, C.S.C., has replaced Bernard Mullahy, C.S.C., as the daily Mass. Mass is at 5:00 each afternoon. Day Mass (at 10:00 a.m.) is celebrated by Carl Hager, C.S.C. Dr. James Riedy is the house doctor and presently on duty Wednesday morning for clinic and at night time for an emergency. Shirley Raschke, R.N. continues as Head Nurse. A new nurse, Mr. Ron Ori, has replaced Brother Joseph Kuder.

HOLY TRINITY CITED BY NORTH CENTRAL

Holy Trinity High School has been awarded a special certificate signifying fifty years of accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Dr. John S. Kemp, Illinois State Director of the North Central Association congratulates Brother John Benesh, Principal, and the Holy Trinity community for "Fifty years of North Central accreditation is an honor of which everyone connected with the school and the district can be proud. The school has made a long-term commitment to offering a quality educational program for the people of this community. You have proudly joined with over 5600 other schools, colleges and universities in the North Central region in a cooperative quest for educational improvement."

We add our own congratulations to all of Holy Trinity.

HOLY CROSS IN SUNYANI DIOCESE

took advantage of Brother Joseph Kofi Tsiquaye's presence at the Center during a part of August and prevailed upon him to write a brief account of his work in the Ghana District. I found his account both interesting and inspiring and I hope our readers will so find it as well. It follows:

My decision to move to the Sunyani Diocese in October of 1979 marked a major shift in my life in Holy Cross. This is so not necessarily because I had moved out of education, but also that I had moved out of the two dioceses where we have been working for more than twenty years. Shortly before I began my new work I was elected District Superior to replace Brother Philip Armstrong.

Thus, the fall of 1979 began with my wearing two different hats and searching to find my feet in both jobs. Brother James Kozak went to Sunyani (the diocese was created seven years ago) to assume duties as coordinator of youth and lay organizations with me. Since this was totally new to the diocese, Jim and I had to draw up a job description for our work after visiting all the fourteen parishes and studying the situation carefully. We saw our role as one of helping to form a leadership core among the lay people and the young in the different groups and associations so that they will be the animators of Christian living, not only in their own groups but also on the parish and diocesan levels.

Part from visiting the parishes, we ran a three-week leadership program for our diocesan youth council. The rest of the year we were out in the parishes and stations giving talks and conferences and weekend retreats for Catholic students in the public schools in the area.

My work as District Superior, though not a full time job, takes a sizable chunk of my time. I am on the road quite a bit and a few times in the air. I was in Kenya for the meeting of Holy Cross in Africa in December and came over in June for the General Chapter. I also try to coordinate the activities in the District. I am a member of the Ghana Conference of Major Superiors of Men. I am the only indigenous member of this group of ten. I wrote a paper on "Religious life in Ghana Today" for our Easter Meeting and was delegated to convene, on behalf of the Conference, a meeting of formation personnel in the country. This was aimed at finding ways of sharing ideas and resources.

On the side I work with IWARU (Indigenous West African Religious Union) as the National Vice-President. I have been working with this group for seven years. I try to share some of my ideas, experiences, insights, and knowledge with our Ghanaian religious, most of whom don't have and probably will never have the opportunities I have been exposed to. We also work to find ways of renewing and adapting religious life to the Ghanaian scene in a bid to bring about the vitality which is needed for us to become the real beacons for the local church.

What does the coming year hold? Jim is going to Sekondi to be in charge of the diocese. In his place I have Frank Meduri who will be working with me and Brother Orlando who is going to be the diocesan bursar. The setup is growing. I have a few ideas floating through my head and I am sure they will have jelled by the time I get home. I have a few matters for the District meetings, namely: mission priorities and, once again, recruitment and formation.

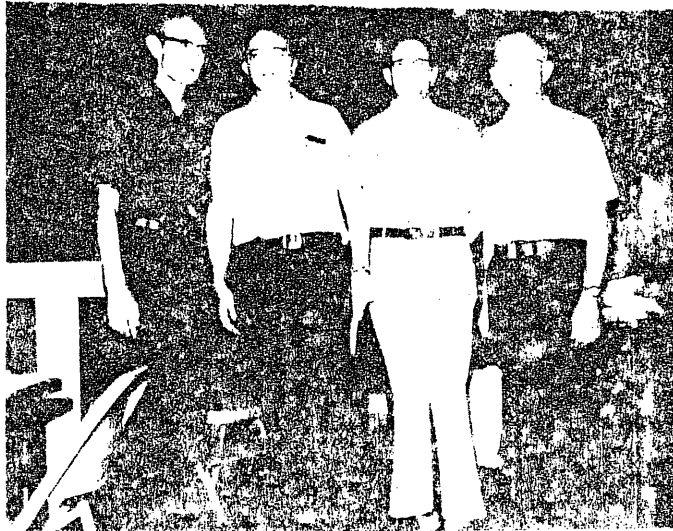
After my experience at the Marriage Encounter Weekend I have decided that the only way to live is to be a salesman (I mean a salesperson!!) I am going to sell the beauty of religious life! "I have come to set the world on fire and now I wish it be kindled..."

THE GENERAL CHAPTER

This is an informal report on the atmosphere of the General Chapter. Certainly more profound and detailed reports will soon be available from other sources.

The Chapter opened and closed with Masses celebrated by Father Tom Barrosse -- the morning of Wednesday, July 2, and the evening of Sunday, July 27.

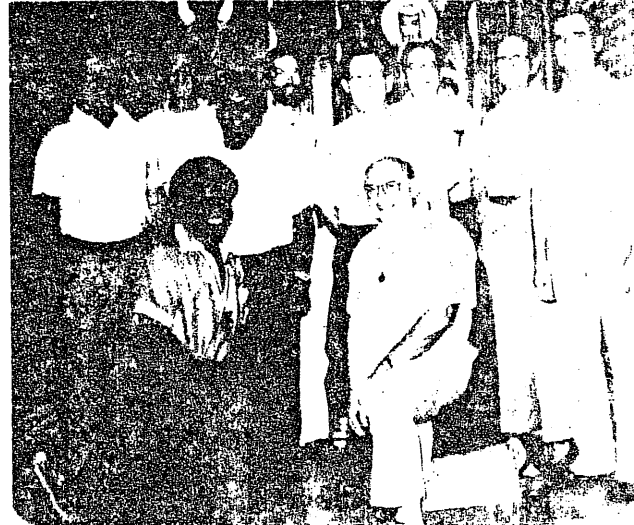
The very large chapel of Holy Cross Center (formerly a seminary for the Eastern Province) had been converted into a Chapter Room. Capitulants sat at tables which, taken together, formed a huge rectangle outlining the room. Each one had a voting box and an ear phone (to hear translations). The voting members were twenty-seven from each society, plus the Superior General, who presided at all the sessions. There were also a dozen invited (non-voting) members representing CSC indigenous vocations throughout the world. The three Superiors-General of the Holy Cross Sisters' communities were present and participated in all sessions.



U.S. Brother Provincials with Father General: Fr. Tom Barrosse, Brothers Patrick Sopher (S-W), Philip Armstrong (MW), and Renatus Foldenauer (E).

Certainly one of the most impressive aspects aside from the spirit of unity, good-will, and hard work evidenced by every member, was the international character of the Chapter. Five major continents were represented and, in addition to the many Canadian and U.S. members, there were one or more persons from India, Bangladesh, Peru, Brazil, Chili, Italy, France, Haiti, Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda. Perhaps the most difficult work of the Chapter fell to the Committee on Renewal (Phil

Armstrong, Chrm -- and Kieran Ryan and Rozario). The government committee dealt with several sticky and emotional matters (your editor was on that committee). Other committees included Missions (Jeffrey Mills, Bruce Lescher, and Charles Krupp), Planning (Gerald Kraeger, Chrm., Robert Lavelle, and Joseph Tsiquaye). The Mid was not represented on the Finance Comm (Our representatives are pictured below front of the door to the Chapter Room.)



Small group discussions (separate from regular committees) on all important and controversial matters (as an input to the various committees), plus the general discernment process applied to just about the Chapter activities, differentiated the 1980 Chapter from those which preceded

Brothers Pierre-Paul Gougeon (C), Kieran Ryan (MW), and Elmo Bransby (E) were the 'elder statesmen' of the group, each experiencing his fifth General Chapter. They are pictured below left to right as named above.



On the evening of July 22, Father Tom Barrosse was re-elected Superior-General for

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make the election unanimous.

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, Gerard Dionne (C), Romard Barthel
(W), and Paul Rahaim (E).



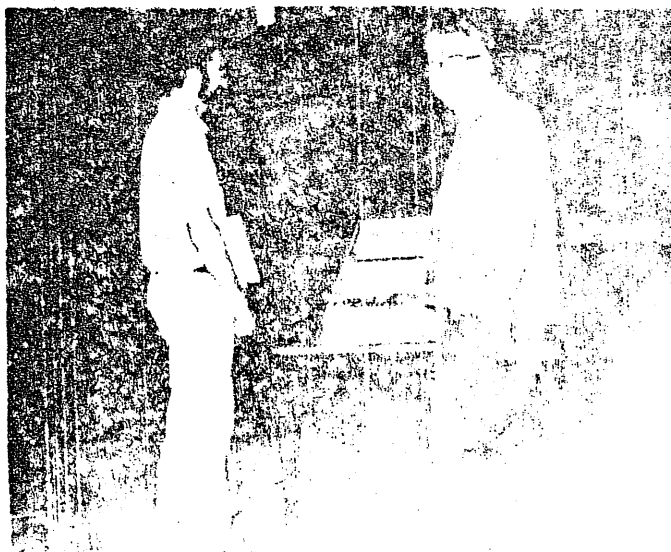
four priests nominated were Joseph
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elected the four assistants (in or-
): Brother Romard, Fr. Higgins, Bro-
r Gerard, and Father LeVasseur. Each
elected "overwhelmingly" on their
pective first ballots.

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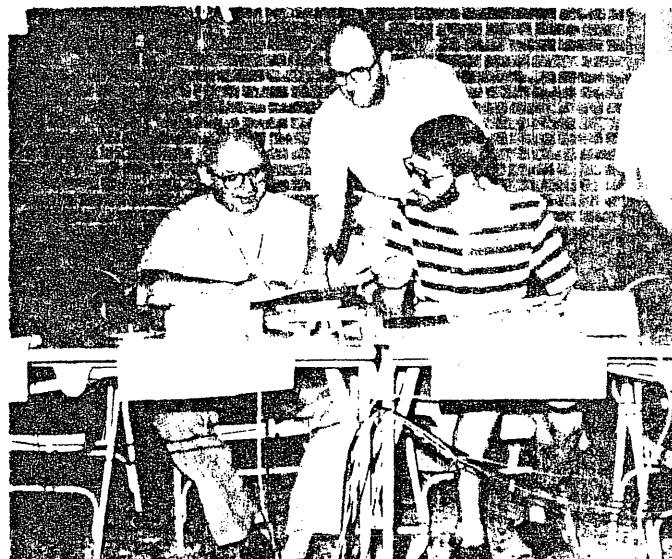
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Pedro Haering....)



(above) The Chapter Tellers, Brother Bruce
Lescher and Fr. Hugh McGillivray, stand in
front of the panels of lights displaying
the votes.....

(below) During a break in the general ses-
sions: Brothers Pedro Haering, Philip
Armstrong, and John Gleason (E).



BROTHER EVAN TO GILMOUR

A farewell party was given at Columba Hall
on the evening of August 17 in honor of
Brother Evan Schmid, who has now begun an
assignment at Gilmour Academy. Evan had
served three Provincial Administration --
a total of twenty-three years -- as secre-
tary. I know he was instrumental in get-
ting these NEWSNOTES to you the past year
and I assume he was similarly involved with
them for the dozen years preceding. We cer-
tainly wish him well and God's blessings in
his new surroundings at Gates Mills, Ohio

Twenty-two Holy Cross Brothers participated in a six-weeks' renewal program at Valatie, N.Y. this summer. Brothers Robert Dierker, Leo Geiger, Wilbert Leveling, Edward Libbers, Jonas Moran, and James O'Donnell were from the Midwest Province. In mid-July they made a three-day visit to the General Chapter at Stonehill and, without exception expressed enthusiasm about their experiences. The three U.S.Provinces of Brothers hope there will be sufficient interest to continue the program in subsequent summers. If the enthusiasm of this group for it is any indication, the program should get a healthy response for a number of summers. If anyone is interest in next summer, he would doubtless have the interest increased by talking to any of the men listed above.

RECENT DEGREES and ACHIEVEMENTS

In addition to similar matters mentioned elsewhere in this issue, the following recent accomplishments should be noted:

- Brother Robert Kelly completed his work at the Institute of Spirituality and Worship at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California.
- Brother James Van Dyke earned an MA in Religious Studies at Mundelein College and will teach at Holy Trinity this fall.
- Brother Douglas Roach earned an MA in Spirituality at Gonzaga University (Spokane) and will be working at the Senior Friendship Centers in Ft. Myers, Florida.
- Brother Robert Mosher earned an MA in Humanities at the University of Dallas and will be teaching this fall at Good Shepherd School in Dallas.
- Brother Francis Englert earned STM in Spirituality from Regis College, Toronto School of Theology. Francis has joined the Allen Street community and is teaching at Holy Cross Junior College. (Brother Francis Rotsaert has "replaced" Francis at the Toronto school for this year.)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- The new school year's first meeting of the Social Justice Commission is scheduled for Columba Hall at 9:30 on Saturday, September 13.
- On September 26-27-28 there will be a meeting of the Local Directors in the Province -- probable site is the Provincial House.
- The first meeting for this year of the Provincial Administration Advisory Board will be the weekend of October 25.

Chuck Hutti, 1979 graduate of Bishop Davis High School (Louisville) has joined the piracy program and moved in the Lincoln House. Chuck finished his freshman year at the University of Louisville and will concentrate in the area of science and mathematics at Notre Dame. Chuck's parents accompanied him and stayed at James Hall over the weekend of August 23-24.

Brother Bruce Lescher continues as Director of the Lincoln Way House. Brother Thomas Maddix, Christopher Dreyer, and Terrence Muehlenkamp are also in residence at Lincoln Way -- plus a Notre Dame undergrad student

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER

- Brother Lawrence Stewart's father, who died at Geneva, N.Y. in late July
- Brother Joseph Dudek's mother
- Brother Marius Wittner's mother, who died the last week in May
- Brother George Stefanik's brother
- Father Chester Schneider, C.S.C., who died in South Bend August 13 at the age of 61. He was a graduate of Evansville Memorial
- Mrs. Alma Kelly, housekeeper for many years at Columba Hall. Relatives requested that the Brothers take care of the services at the funeral home and graveside. Brothers Albert Rimlinger, Joe Esparza (S-W), and Donald Morgan filled the request admirably

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Brother James Greteman's work in this area continues at a rapid pace. (See report in last October's issue of the NEWSNOTES.)

His divorce program has been written up in eight magazines and is currently being used by more than 300 groups. He has recently given regional workshops in Kansas City, OR and Des Moines -- as well as at the national meeting (at Notre Dame) of the North American Conference of Separated/Divorced Catholics

A number of other religions and organizations (Army, Air Force, Menninger Clinic) are picking up the program. The American College at the University of Louvain has incorporated it into its pastoral theology course

Jim works out of the Office of Catholic Activities for the diocese of Sioux City, Iowa

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Brother Damian continues his apostolate of the rosary from the Brothers Center..

BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

At the annual award ceremony of the Central State Hospital in Indianapolis on July 24, Brother Camillus Kirsch received the trophy honoring the employee of the year. It carried the citation: "Outstanding achievement in service of mental health at Central State Hospital -- for continuous excellence of performance in assigned duties.".....Knowing Brother Camillus, I am sure the award was earned and well-deserved. Congratulations!

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This past summer saw many religious from all over the country residing at Columba Hall while studying at Notre Dame. Brother Donald Fleischhacker completed his work for an MA in Theology. Brother David Baltrinic completed his MA in Pastoral Theology and will be working with Brother Tom Maddix in the Vocations Department this year in preparation for replacing Tom next summer as Admissions Counselor for the Province.

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Brother John Tryon will be teaching this year at Gabriel Richard High School (15325 Pennsylvania Road; Riverview, Michigan 48192). Brother Remigius Bullinger has been teaching at the same school the past two years; Remi moved his residence and is now at 1234 Washington Blvd.; Detroit 48226. Also, Bob Livernois, former province member, has been in the counseling department at Richard the past two years.

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Brother William Fitch, until recently Headmaster at Gilmour Academy, has received a dispensation from his vows. We are appreciative of the many years of service William gave to Holy Cross -- most recently at Gilmour and immediately before that as Principal at Hoban in Akron. Also his several years at Indianapolis and at Notre Dame High School in Niles. Brother Robert Lavelle is presently Acting Headmaster at Gilmour.

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Brother Ivan Dolan has joined the security police for the Notre Dame campus. He can sport his official badge but disdains wearing the customary uniform.

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Brother Alberto Bondy completed his work for the degree MA in Biblical Studies at Notre Dame this summer while living at the Brothers Center. He is presently on leave of absence from the community and is working as Director of Religious Education at St. Pius X parish, 1814 Dreman Avenue; Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

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Brother Marius Wittner (Monroe) sends his thanks and appreciation to all the members of the community who sent notes of sympathy and promises of prayers for his mother, who died the last week of May.

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Brother Richard Kearney has requested and received a year of exclaustation. Rich continues his work in San Rafael. His address: 411 Pierce St. -Apt. #1; San Francisco, California 94117.

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Following stays at St. Joseph Hospital and Dujarie House, Brother Anselm Tatro has returned to Columba Hall....Brother Armand Amman is temporarily at the Brothers' center awaiting treatment following an operation in Saginaw in mid-August.

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Frank Heitzman, former member of the province, underwent a successful operation for throat cancer -- although, as expected, it involved the loss of vocal power. He has had a good recovery. Frank's address: 4028 Poplar Level Road, Apt #15; Louisville, Kentucky 40213.

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Brother Francis Meduri finally received a visitor's passport and left for Ghana on August 24.....Brother John Schuszler is at the Center, still awaiting a visa for Bangladesh.....Brother Donard Steffes is also at the Center before going to Ghana.....Brother Joseph Tsiquaye has returned to Ghana after a number of meetings, workshops, and visits following the General Chapter.

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FROM BANGLADESH

In addition to his duties as St. Joseph High School's Assistant Headmaster and teacher, Brother Ralph Legath has been teaching chemistry to students of Green Herald School, in the St. Joseph's lab.

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Brother John Rozario's presence helped enliven the Brothers' Center at Notre Dame for several weeks after attending the General Chapter at Stonehill.

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Brother Ronald Christenson served as Acting Superior of the District while Brothers Gerald Kraeger and John Rozario were gone to the Chapter.

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Brother Nicholas Thielman has been appointed Headmaster at St. Nicholas High School and Brother Charles Bibeau will teach at St. Gregory High School.

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The novices experienced a 40-day "Leadership Training Course" in Barisal. Brother Bikash was awarded a medal for his thesis on "Rural Modernization."

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Brother Brian Lyon went to the Post-Graduate Medical College Hospital (Dacca) for what was supposed to be a biopsy of a growth near his left eye, but instead underwent an hour-long operation for the removal of the growth. In spite of the strain of having one eye blocked out he is continuing his work in the office.

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At Nagari, two tiles of the hostel kitchen roof were removed by night visitors, not to lower a paralytic, but to open a window from the inside and remove five pots, a tea kettle, and several ladles.

THANK YOU

During the summer we received a generous check from Tom Brune (6489 Sixteen Mile Rd.; Sterling, Michigan 48077), a former member of the Midwest Province. The check was "an expression of appreciation as well as a help in covering the cost of publishing and mailing." We are grateful. These costs are not trivial. As the editor has been investigating costs of other means and methods of producing this publication (as well as the more general and, perhaps, more pictorial publication recommended by the 1979 Provincial Chapter) the lowest "bid" he found was in excess of two hundred dollars MORE per issue than the present cost.

FROM HOLY CROSS, River Grove

Five religious, totaling 67 years of service at Holy Cross have moved into other apostolates this summer:

Brother Richard Shea, a 17-year veteran at the Grove, will study gerontology for a year at Roosevelt University preparatory to beginning a "second career" in that field.

Brother Harold Ruplinger, Charles McBride and John McMuldren are already in Alaska and this fall will begin to develop a youth ministry program for the archdiocese of Anchorage. They have gone at the invitation of Archbishop Francis Hurley.

Father Thomas Geaney, a Servite priest, will become the Director of St. Philip Priory, the Servite seminary in Hyde Park. Father Tom has been school chaplain for ten years also serving as Chairman for Religious Studies the last six years.

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Brother Thomas Corcoran, Principal, was presented a check for \$10,000 by Ms. Ramona, president of the Ladies Guild, for the fruit of their labors this past year. Brother Raymond Dufresne is Moderator of the Guild.

COLUMBA HALL OFFERS SHELTER

Following the fire in late June, which gutted a good part of St. Edward's Hall on the North campus, the brothers at Columba Hall met and decided to offer housing to thirty male students in its east annex (Vincent Hall -- originally built in 1868!) Contractors were busy through July and much of August completing renovations. There was no lack of excitement as students began moving in (and driving over the lawns!) in the latter part of August.

While boys are living in Vincent Hall, provision has been made for girls at Villa A -- the new name for the former faculty residence of the Brothers at St. Joe High School. We understand there are about forty young women in this facility.

During the summer months a special (abbreviated) session of Fr. Robert Pelton's Clergy Institute (two sessions a year at James Hall) occupied the former Brothers' Residence at St. Joe. The priests moved out on Monday and the girls moved in on Tuesday. So available housing in the area is not going a-begging.

The Clergy Institute will resume in James Hall September 14 with full enrollment.
