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BROTHER GILES MARTIN

Familiar to many in the Gilmour family is Brother Giles Martin, the genial factotum of Tudor House, who reaches the golden jubilee of his religious profession this summer. The Academy will honor him with a Mass and reception in June. If Giles gets his way, that tribute will be strictly "low key." Only reluctantly did he leave Tudor House on a recent Saturday morning for a celebration late that afternoon at Notre Dame honoring him and other jubilarians of the community. He was back at Gilmour by three o'clock the next day. Waiting anxiously at the door for his return was his famous--or infamous!--dog Mitzy, who had spent a day and a night lost and bewildered without her ever-attentive master.

Before coming to Gilmour seven years ago, Giles spent thirty-seven years in the classroom teaching math and science courses. He has taught at the three Ohio schools staffed by CSC Brothers, at four in Indiana, and at CSC schools in Ghana, Africa; Biloxi, MS, and Albany NY. He twice held office as Principal. He earned his master's degree in physics and math at the University of Notre Dame.

In the past Giles was a proficient athlete and he remains an avid football and baseball fan. He stays trim and his appearance belies what one might expect of a man who's worked without much interruption for the past half century. Giles' only indulgence--if it is one--is his pipe; perhaps it's Mitzy.

Giles was born in Youngstown, Ohio, one of seven children. He decided to become a Holy Cross Brother after reading about the community in Our Sunday Visitor. He was a steelworker at the time. His parents were a bit unhappy about his decision but in a few years they were as happy with his choice as he was. Giles himself never doubted his vocation in the entire fifty years. "This is the perfect life for me," he still says. He has never been sick enough to miss work in his entire life.

Though qualified by age to retire, Giles is far from throwing in the towel. He does yeoman service for the Academy answering the incessantly ringing telephone after school hours and on weekends. He oversees the audio-visual equipment; he collects and delivers the Academy mail, including at times heavy cartons; he looks after the sacristy and arrangements for Mass; he locks up nightly at Tudor House; he takes care of visitors; he mans the switchboard for about two hours each day. During these periods Giles often gives private tutoring in math subjects to Gilmour students.

Brother Giles is a gracious presence at Gilmour. All of us wish him Happy Anniversary and many more years here.

FROM THE EDITOR

- This issue marks the end of our second year of getting the NEWSNOTES to you. I would like to thank all who have contributed and most especially those who provided us with information and stories on our jubilarians both this year and last year. Some were acknowledged, some wanted anonymity, and some were anonymous because the material they sent us was unsigned. Contributors to jubilarian stories in this issue included Brothers Thomas Shaughnessy, Thomas Corcoran, and Walter Davenport. Thanks to all of them.
- In addition to gifts to the NEWSNOTES acknowledged elsewhere in this issue, we have also received a check from Mr. John Barrett of suburban Cleveland. We are grateful to John for his assistance.
- Except perhaps an occasional innuendo, the only "editorializing" that has been done in the NEWSNOTES the last two years has been that of editing and sometimes having to choose what was printed when large amounts of copy were sent for the same issue. Sometimes we get lengthy and numerous clippings from an institution or an individual and it is simply impossible to "re-print" everything. However, I would like to make a comment and commendation here which I feel qualified by experience to make. One of the obvious happenings over the past fifteen years has been the great diversification of our work and our life styles. Today our Brothers may be living alone, in small groups, or in larger (more traditional) community houses. All of this has happened because of the profound changes which have taken place in the Church and in the religious life. I have lived most of my religious life in the large traditional community houses. But I also lived three years in a small community (four or fewer), three years in a house with a priest (not CSC), one year in a house with a lay person, and one year by myself. I would like to say that we all need to try to respect the choices and the life-styles our Brothers in religion take and to be very reluctant to make judgments, much less to condemn, as our Brothers seek to carry out what they believe to be God's will for them. Different kinds and forms of support are needed for those who live in small groups or who live alone as we all seek to retain our identity as Brothers of Holy Cross. I would like to commend our Provincial Team for its efforts in this direction and especially Brother Bruce Lescher whose particular responsibility has been in the area of keeping in touch with and offering support to those whose work and living is apart from the general life in our community houses. This is an area in which we have to break new ground and all efforts in this direction should be appreciated by all of us.
- Our last Provincial Chapter recommended a change in format, or perhaps an added, more attractive, format for this publication. For many reasons that has not yet become practical nor possible. My own duties and responsibilities at Dujarie House have made it impossible to go out and seek material, to add pictures to the material we do handle, or to make our publication much more attractive without spending a lot more time and money, neither of which is available. I would like to thank Brother Donald Morrison for the invaluable assistance he has given this year in typing the material. I would also like to invite any and all suggestions any province members may have for improving the NEWSNOTES. This includes welcoming any voluntary assistance up to and including the editing of the publication. I thank you all for past assistance, for your reading the "paper", for your encouraging comments. And I wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable summer with a good share of time for relaxation.

(Brother Pedro Haering, C.S.C.)

BROTHER JAMES KINSELLA, C.S.C.

A pipeful of aromatic tobacco. A touch of Hoosier drawl reflecting our typical Midwestern heartland. Unpretentious, perhaps retiring. Yet a mildly sharp sense of humor. But there the seemingly deceptive simplicity stops. Brother James Kinsella might be labeled the most complicatedly uncomplicated of persons. Enigmatic and elusive, at first impression, one might be prompted to label him; but in no time at all, one feels himself in the presence of a person at once genuinely warm and charmingly delightful.

Brother James hails from typical smalltown America, Richmond, Indiana. His education following high school included stints at Earlham College in Richmond, St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, and Xavier University in Cincinnati, even a short stretch of service in the Army. It was the Precious Blood Brothers at Rensselaer that first attracted him to the religious life. Holy Cross became the ultimate beneficiary.

Following a degree in social studies from St. Edward's University, he taught at St. Edward in Lakewood, Cathedral in Indianapolis, Boysville in Michigan, and Holy Cross in River Grove.

Brother James is at home in the classroom, behind a tractor at Silver Lake Farm (where he has spent some of his happiest Holy Cross days), or admiring a set of finely crafted silver in some exclusive shop. "I admire fine craftsmanship." A stroll through Tiffany's admiring crystal or china, seeking out a small shop around the corner with needlepoint or porcelain, a tour through an out-of-the-way museum with models of planes and ships--"Fine workmanship-- I love it."

A paradox? Not at all. Brother James Kinsella thinks of himself as a kind of Emmett Leo Kelly. Like the famous and beloved clown, he reflects that wistfully sad expression which he maintains along with an almost slapstick sense of humor. "Humor should never offend, never cause pain," counsels Brother James.

Unabashedly, Brother James expresses the deepest admiration for his three Holy Cross "heroes"--Brothers Sixtus, Barry, and Theodosius (surnames are not necessary)--for their intelligence, their patience, and their sense of humor. A favorite Holy Cross house is Columba Hall, "where no one is above anyone else," be he resident or visitor, "that wonderfully warm hospitality the same for all."

Perhaps the nicest tribute one could pay to Brother James is to say that he likes doing things for others. One has only to ask him. A case in point. At St. Edward in Lakewood, the busiest room is probably the printing room (decorated with Norman Rockwell, another Kinsella favorite), the noisy printing machine is rarely at rest, turning out copy *ad infinitum* for St. Edward and other persons and places needing a printing task done. "If Brother James received a penny for every sheet of printing he has run through that machine, he probably would be a multibillionaire," someone has said-- a fitting tribute for behind-the-scene work, unromantic and unsung, but truly mighty.

BROTHER WILLIAM VONDRISKA

Brother William Vondriska was explaining his secret for remaining so enthusiastic as he approaches his jubilee. He feels it is partially attributable to being a relatively young resident of Columba Hall having lived there only the past 16 years. It also has to do with his wide range of interests and experiences during his 25 years in Holy Cross and before.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, where his parents still reside, William, after graduating from high school, was in the Army for three years, followed by several years of work and college before joining Holy Cross.

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1958, William taught high school in South Bend, Evansville, Indianapolis and Akron during which time he took graduate work at John Carroll and Indiana State Universities.

Although teaching was a first love, William had to give it up because of an eye disease. He has been on the staff of the Notre Dame Post Office for the past 16 years where he has held most of the positions including assistant postmaster.

As a teacher, Brother William's field was mathematics in which he still maintains a strong interest. But William is a multi-talented individual with numerous other interests. One of his particular interests is Symmography (String Art) which most members of the community have admired on the walls of Columba Hall. His string art of the Golden Dome is an original design using his mathematical and artistic abilities. He is asked to reproduce it many times each year. Besides his string art, Bill is interested in other forms of wood working and crafts. He somewhat misses losing the Vincent Hall Annex this past year as he found it easier to pursue his hobbies in a less used portion of Columba Hall.

He has been moderator of the Catholic Single Adults Club of South Bend for a number of years.

Being mechanically inclined, he has been a quiet Mr. Fixit at Columba Hall having the solution to a problem or the needed tool to help another out. He currently heads up the house and grounds committee.

William is looking forward to his 25th Celebration with confreres, family and friends on July 25 at Columba Hall. He sees this as a good springboard for the next 25 years of creative service to his fellow man. Our congratulations.

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

Brother Vianney Dillon died on May 9. He was the fourth member of our house. His was the fourth death of a member of our house in the last six months. Vianney had spent the majority of his religious life (32 years) in charge of the Community shoe store at Columba Hall. He would have been professed 55 years next July. He had lived at Dujarie house nearly thirteen years, longer than any other of our Brothers. He lived, especially in the last half year, with a great deal of pain. Yet he maintained a cheerful disposition despite this and his chief complaint was that confinement to a

wheel chair prevented his doing many things which could have been helpful around the house. The last few sentences of the eulogy given at his wake service at the Bro Center the evening of May 11 were: "Dying might have been the easiest thing he did in his life. He had no fear of death at all and God, in his goodness, seemed to relieve him of most of his physical pain in his last several days. He simply and quietly stopped breathing about two o'clock last Saturday morning. His 'soul was thirsting for the living God' and I am sure there was great rejoicing in heaven."

BROTHER THOMAS MITTENDORF

Brother Thomas Mittendorf has lived nearly his entire religious life at Columba Hall, following in the footsteps of a number of our other Brothers who have spent years in service to their fellow community members. This mark of stability and dedication has been Tom's trademark, especially in the past twelve years of working in the office of the Provincial Treasurer.

Coming from Rocky River, Ohio, where his mother and two younger brothers still reside, Tom is a graduate of St. Edward High School. As a Brother, he was first assigned to study at St. Edward University in Austin. He then spent a number of years on the staff of the Notre Dame Post Office. During the past decade, he has had the difficult and sensitive job of handling Notre Dame football tickets along with his other responsibilities in the province office. He has done a marvelous job of keeping that process orderly and keeping people pretty well satisfied despite ever increasing demands.

As we are aware, Tom has had some serious health problems during this past year. What he is like as a person and how he has handled his illness is best reflected in what Brother Majella recently wrote about him;

A virtue that all who know Tom are very aware of is summed up in the biblical phrase, "The obedient man shall speak of victory." He has earned this victory in his own private life by his patience with illness and his intelligent following of the doctor's directives. He has taught us all how to meet illness, should it strike us hard sometime and present us with some tremendous challenge to our virtue of patience. He reminds us that the old philosophers, in analyzing virtue, insisted that patience is part of the overall virtue of courage, which is the virtue of heroes.

I admire especially the way Tom is trying to be more outgoing among us at a difficult time. It reminds me that I always found him, and do now, a man with a fund of humor, and appreciation of the humorous situation that helps a man fight melancholy with a funny remark and fight defeat with a defiant (even if rueful) grin and shake of the head..... that is what is deservedly called "class."

HISTORY in USA

Province Archives Center of the
ana Province of the Congregation
oly Cross will sponsor a conference
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CROSS IN THE U.S.A.

icipation in this conference is open
ll interested parties. Anyone who
d like to give a paper or make an
p-visual presentation treating of
stitutions, individuals, apostolates or

events which have figured in the life and work of the Priests, Brothers and Sisters of Holy Cross in America should submit a proposal to Rev. James Connelly, C.S.C., P.O. Box 568, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. Proposals should be received by September 1, 1981, in order to be considered.

The conference will take place at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, Indiana, from March 18 - 20, 1982.

BITS and PIECES from HERE and THERE

Fine antiques, more than 100 arts and crafts dealers, live entertainment, kiddie rides, food, refreshments will provide "Fun for the Whole Family" at the BOYSVILLE SUMMER FESTIVAL '81 -- on the Boysville Campus on June 27 and 28.

The NEWSNOTES is grateful for donations received from Sister Helen of the Akron Dominicans and from Bill Easton, former member of the Midwest Province - and for the kind letters which accompanied them.

Brother Frank Drury is returning from the University of Portland for the Notre Dame summer session. He also reports that Brothers Richard Fischenich and William Fuller recently held an "open house" for the entire community at "their little house three doors from Holy Cross Court." Frank is a resident counselor in one of the student halls.

Msgr. Simeon Schmitt, brother of Brother Theophane and of Sister Magdelene of the Sacred Heart (Terre Haute Carmelites) died recently. He had been pastor of the parish in Decatur, Indiana, until his retirement a few years ago.

Brother Joel Giallanza (S-W) of Holy Cross Novitiate in Waterford gave the Holy Week retreat at Columba Hall. The retreat was especially directed toward Holy Cross religious.

Brother Richard Foley and Father Joe Barry will be honored by the official re-naming of FOLEY COMMONS and BARRY GYMNASIUM in their honor at an Alumni Banquet on June 6. At the same affair Mr. Tim Griffith, Class of 1966, will be the first recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The Columba Hall celebration of Brother William VonDriska's silver jubilee will be on the afternoon of July 25. Brothers are cordially invited to share this festive occasion with William. Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Brother Paul Kelly at Columba Hall.

On May 17 the annual spring concert and art show were presented at Holy Cross High School in River Grove. The fine arts department showcased the work of some 400 students. Art Show '81 was open to the public all afternoon in the school foyer. This featured the works of about 250 art and drafting students. The band concert was held at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Mr. John Strobbe is the director of bands while Mr. Tom Susin and Mr. Mark Abbate are the art instructors. Brother Joseph Dudek is the drafting instructor.

BROTHER JAMES BAGANS, C.S.C.

"The Brothers at Monroe--dedication to their work, concern for their students, happiness in their community life--attracted me to Holy Cross," exclaims Brother James Bagans gratefully. His vocation to the Brothers was early forged at Catholic Central when Brother Gerontius McCarthy and Brother Cyprian Milke held principalships. Like that of many other Holy Cross religious, his own call bespeaks the powerful influence of Brothers in the lives of their students.

Earning his bachelor's degree at St. Edward's University, Brother James then taught at St. Charles, Hoban, and Holy Cross (River Grove). Since then, after receiving his master's degree from John Carroll University, Brother James has devoted these many recent years to counseling and guiding students at St. Edward, Lakewood. His brand of counseling--not the soft, indulgent type which debilitates responsibility in emerging young manhood but that rare, manly brand which encourages a student to fulfill himself as a responsible, gifted Christian in today's challenging world. That graduates frequently return to visit is a tribute to Brother James's genuine concern for youth.

Brother James is at home and happy in the kitchen--a veritable gourmet cook. Ethnic foods are his specialty, however, particularly Italian pastas, with his Polish heritage foods a close second. In whatever house he has lived, his culinary delights have contributed much to the happiness at the Brothers' table.

And if Brother James is not creating in the kitchen, one will undoubtedly find him out of doors--grooming the grounds with landscaping, puttering among the flowers and shrubs, digging in the vegetable garden, or green-thumbing with household plants. He nurtures an instinctive intimacy with the earth and nature.

To the "call of the road," Brother James will respond with alacrity and enthusiasm. He loves to travel. Almost anywhere. A house trailer in some park. A cottage by some woodland lake. A visit to some quaint country town. An ethnic festival in some nearby community. A tour through some museum. A retreat at some Trappist monastery. The last, for him, becomes the epitome of the life of prayer--unhurried, quiet, peaceful. Annually, he likes to rejuvenate his spiritual life with a retreat among the Trappists.

Brother James loves a challenge. Once he accepts the challenge, he sets about "to deliver." No matter how hectic the task in which he may be involved, you will always find him, as someone has appropriately described, "always cool, calm, and collected" -- a man at peace with himself and with the Lord. This is Brother James's trademark.

To Holy Cross, Brother James Bagans expresses his profound gratitude for the "wonderful freedom" we are given as religious--to pursue the work at which one is happiest, to fulfill oneself as a unique and talented person, "to do and to celebrate."

FROM BANGLADESH

When the agriculture minister came to Nagari to attend a meeting he was invited to eat at the Juniorate. His party was supposed to number twenty, but twice that number squeezed into the dining room.

 Brother Brian Lyon left for home leave in the States on April 7.

A public telephone has been installed at St. Joseph H.S. in Mohammedpur.

BROTHER JULIAN PRZYBYLA, one of nine children, lived for a long time in Rogers City, Michigan. Living with five brothers and three sisters left him little room to move and this is one reason he wanted more elbow room -- he entered Holy Cross in the fall of 1954. Now he thought, "I have some room to move." The few months he spent at Watertown helping Anthony Houser, Brother recalls was a highlight in his new life. "Brother Anthony Houser was one of the most kind and generous persons I ever worked with," Julian said. "There was nothing he wouldn't do for you. When I arrived at Dujarie Hall and worked with Brother John Chrysostom, he too was generous, but not in the same way Brother Anthony was. Brother John was an excellent cook," Julian said, "but he left you on your own more than not. I found this rewarding too, because it gave me another chance to expand, especially in the area of cooking, which I honestly knew very little about. The real life-long memory was when I was put in charge -- complete charge -- of the Novitiate kitchen, as a Novice, when Brother Daniel Durig went on a vacation. I said to myself then, 'If I can get through these two weeks, I can get through anything.' The Lord was with me, and I did get through." There were around 40 Novices at that time at the Prairie.

Brother Julian was in the seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan prior to his coming to Holy Cross. "Too confining for me," Brother said. Another example of his wanting to have room to move around. "Watertown was great for this with its 80 acres, and the Novitiate was fantastic for its 300 plus acres to roam around in." Then the many years he spent on the campus of Notre Dame will always hold fond memories for him -- "you talk about room to roam -- that was the jewel of the crown." While at Holy Trinity, from 1960 to 1968, Brother lived literally on a postage stamp plot of property. He liked this only because it was an "Obedience." "The Brothers there were great, but there was very little chance to move around," Brother said. "I went for long walks down Division Street, kicking the garbage from one side of the sidewalk to another. It was very dirty and messy, but I survived," Brother noted.

Then in the fall of 1980, he was invited to come to River Grove. He thought it about time to REALLY move out. "I changed my entire style of life. I had been a cook since the fall of 1954 and now I planned to do something else for a change. Grateful to Brother Thomas Corcoran for inviting me to the Grove, I have taken up maintenance," Brother said. "What a challenge this has been, but it has been well worth it." Again there is lots of room to move around. He still delves in his favorite hobbies: golf and expert armchair coaching. "I can raise my voice with the best of them in this latter area. Perhaps when I move out again, I will take up coaching," Brother said laughingly. It has been a fruitful 25 years. Brother Julian is most appreciative to his parents. His mother is still living and he has all those brothers and sisters, not to say anything about the nieces and nephews whom he can visit. This doesn't offer much room to move, in fact it reminds him of when he was back home with all those brothers and sisters. "But I have to admit, the Lord has been good to me in my life, and especially in Holy Cross."

FROM GRIEF TO HEALING

The Ave Maria Press has published, this month, an eighty page, spiral bound book by Brother James Greteman, titled COPING WITH DIVORCE.

Passionist Father James Young wrote: "Jim Greteman is a creative pioneer in the divorce ministry. In "Coping With Divorce" he has blended Christian and psychological

insights into a practical self-help book that will be immensely valuable to both individuals and support groups."

Jim is a marriage and divorce counselor for the Family Services Department of Catholic Charities in the diocese of Sioux City, Iowa. Last summer he celebrated the silver jubilee of his profession in Holy Cross.

BROTHER RONALD LaLONDE

Ronald is one of a goodly number of vocations we have had over the years from the Detroit area, even though Holy Cross was not in the city. After graduation from Sweetest Heart of Mary High School (we still don't know the school song or cheer!) and short stint in the auto industry, he served in the Army (tank corps) in Korea. After his discharge from the Army, he entered Holy Cross.

Following the novitiate, he studied at St. Ed's in Texas. His active years in the apostolate have been spent at Indianapolis, South Bend, and Monroe. Ronald came to Monroe for the 1961-2 school year, then returned in 1970 and has been here since. In addition to teaching English, Ronald has been active in yearbook work for years, and he has upgraded the latter from merely an extra-curricular assignment to part of the instructional program as an elective in the English curriculum.

Ronald is an avid sports fan--high school, college, professional. He is certainly one of the most loyal fans of our CC teams and often does most of the yearbook photography of the various teams himself. The ups and downs of the Lions and/or Tigers are noted each day during their respective seasons. Though an alumnus of ND's poor Texas "cousin", the fortunes of ND's teams are followed closely by him.

Those of us who have lived with Ronald know him as a quiet, supportive brother. Whether it's his presence in the chapel for common prayer or his delicious meat loaf on his day as weekend cook, he generously shares himself with others.

The literally overflowing crowd for his local Jubilee Celebration of both Brothers in Holy Cross and relatives and local friends was certainly evidence of the esteem in which he is held by those of us who have had the good fortune to know and love him.

SILVER and GOLD WE HAVE

A total of 200 golden years and 200 silver years were celebrated the afternoon and evening of May 3 at the Brothers' Center. The liturgy began at 3:00 and Father Richard Warner, Provincial of the Indiana Province was the principal celebrant. Brother Philip Armstrong, Midwest Provincial, gave the homily. Before the offertory the jubilarians renewed their vows: Brothers Giles Martin, Florian Gill, Joachim Reiniche, and Thaddeus Gottemoller (all fifty years) while Brothers William Vondriska, William Verstraete, Julian Przybyla, Thomas Mittendorf, Ronald LaLonde, James Kinsella, Walter Duda, and James Bagans renewed vows of twenty-five years. The prayer of the faithful reminded us that Tom Mittendorf was unable to participate in person because of poor health.

Brother Philip Smith directed the music. Instrumental accompaniment was by Brother George Klawitter on the organ and Father Bill Dowart on the guitar.

Immediately following the liturgy the jubilarians received the congratulations of the several hundred religious, family, and friends in the sanctuary.

A social hour and a delicious buffet supper followed. Special thanks are due Brother Thomas Rock who planned and served the meal (including a masterpiece of cake), Brother Thomas Moser and his staff at the Center, Brother John Kuhn for the cover, layout and printing of the program, and to Brother Bruce Lescher for the overall planning and organization of the entire celebration.

FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

The Senior class sponsored its seventh annual blood drive this spring. Facilities were set up in the band room for volunteer donors - anyone over 17 years of age.

A second "Las Vegas Night" was conducted by the Fathers' Club the evening of April 3.

"A Night in Old Rome" was the theme of the annual semi-formal sponsored by the junior class. Feature of the evening was an eighty-foot mural of "Old Rome." Art instructors, Mr. Tom Susin and Mr. Mark Abbate, are co-moderators of the class.

Senior Class President Michael Cotton has been named Holy Cross Man-of-the-Year by his fellow seniors and members of the faculty. This is the most prestigious award given. It was presented at the annual Father-Son banquet on April 29.

Twelve students took second place at the fourth annual Northwestern University Tech Olympics on April 25. The achievement was highlighted by a first place in the mathematics competition. Lake Forest won first place with New Trier East third in the overall competition.

The Ladies' Guild and the Fathers' Club held a joint meeting on April 8. They were entertained by the Holy Cross Concert Band. Brothers Raymond Dufresne and Robert Fillmore are the respective moderators.

The local celebration of the silver anniversaries of Brothers Walter Duda and Julian Przybyla was held on April 25. Liturgy was at 4 p.m. with a jubilee dinner at 6:00. Attendance was by invitation only.

Holy Cross hosted a wrestling tournament on April 14 between a group of West German wrestlers and a group of wrestlers from various high schools in the area. Holy Cross provided housing and entertainment for the visitors for the first part of their stay in this country. Local civic officials presided at ceremonies welcoming the visitors and making them honorary citizens of River Grove.

John Belcaster has been chosen for Mayor Byrne's Student-as-Trainee program for high school juniors. The program is designed for outstanding students with leadership ability.

BROTHER WALTER DUDA is celebrating his 25th anniversary in the Congregation this year. Even though Brother Walter has the 4th vow, the farthest he ever got from his home in Chicago was his career during the Second World War in the South Pacific, and Holy Cross doesn't even have apostolic activities going on out there! You see, Brother Walter is a little older than the others celebrating their 25th this year. So he would have had time to be in the "W.W. 2 -- the Big One," as Archie Bunker would say.

Brother's life within Holy Cross has been varied and very different -- from working at the Notre Dame infirmary to working on the grounds at Holy Cross High School in River Grove.

Like Brother Julian, Brother Walter came from a very large family. While speaking with one of his brothers at the River Grove Community celebration for Walter recently, it was found out that, "Brother Walter was the wild one in our family. There was never a challenge he would not tackle. He did some crazy things. But look at him now," his brother continued, "he has lasted for 25 years in the Religious life, and it has seemed to agree with him. Even the Brothers have enjoyed living with Walt." His brother asked if Walt was wild now. Well obviously, age mellows people; it has mellowed Walter. Since Brother Walter came to Holy Cross High School in River Grove, he has worked on the grounds and assisted with the maintenance. Brother is a quiet, unassuming person who -- if you ask him -- will give you an opinion on ANYTHING. The Brothers tease him about this, but it doesn't bother Walter. Perhaps years DO give wisdom.

Brother Walter is very active in one of his most special interests, the Sacred Heart Prayer Community (a Prayer Group) which meets every Thursday night at a local parish, St. Francis Borgia. This is the one night of the week that one can go to the basement in the Brothers' house and not smell cigar smoke coming out of the T.V. room -- Brother's favorite haunt. Brother will tell you that his participation in the Prayer Group has done much to strengthen his Religious Life. "It has given me more to hold onto, especially since so many of the things we used to do within the Community exercises have gone by the board," Brother remarked recently.

We all wish Brother Walter many more years of success and happiness and we know he will reciprocate by filling those years with service and loyalty to the Community that "has given me so much" for these past 25 years.

BROTHER WILLIAM GEENEN TESTIFIES FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Clippings from the May 4 Sarasota Harold Tribune, received this week from Brothers Douglas Roach and Robert Woodward, gave a great deal of "press" to Brother William who was the only chosen spokesman from Florida to give testimony to the Committee evaluating the reauthorization of funds toward the Older Americans Act (originally enacted in 1965). The Senate Committee considered Sarasota's senior-citizen program worthy of offering a few tips on how to implement a more effective program throughout the nation.

In light of Reagan's proposed cutbacks for all social programs the nation's counties could very well become more dependent on

services such as Sarasota's Senior Friendship Centers, 90% of whose operational costs come from private donations. Brother William told the Senate Committee that every agency should have a professional volunteer director similar to that in Sarasota, and that most pitfalls occur when you don't fully utilize the volunteers and their capabilities.

35% of the population of Sarasota County is over 65 (second highest of the counties in Florida). By allowing increased control of funds by the states, counties can better establish priorities in community services. William pointed out that while federal funds are available, the red tape involved has made it impossible to utilize them properly.

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Project Dujarie

During the past two months, Project Dujarie has been started by the Brothers at Columba Hall. They have been joined by others of the Notre Dame community, the Province Center and from the small communities in South Bend. Because Dujarie House is off the beaten path, although located at the Province Center, the project has the purpose of increasing our service to our brothers living at Dujarie House.

A Brother may volunteer for any one or all the phases of Project Dujarie. Part 1 involves going to Dujarie House for the celebration of evening liturgy and supper, giving the Brothers the opportunity to visit before and after supper with the residents. At present, two brothers are doing this every Thursday evening.

Part 2 involves volunteering to give an hour or so on a regular basis to visit and involve themselves with the residents of Dujarie in a manner deemed most helpful by the staff. Part 3 involves small groups (6-8 Brothers) organizing some type of activity for the residents. These activities may involve a special liturgy, birthday party, etc. Recently, one of the small groups celebrated Easter Liturgy with the Dujarie community.

The following Brothers have volunteered for Project Dujarie:

Donald Schapker	Robert Dierker
Martinus Bombardier	Walter Gluhm
Ronan Koenigsknecht	Thomas Balaz
Edward Sniatecki	John Doran
David Baltrinic	Kieran Ryan
Viator Grzeskowiak	Paul Kelly
Thomas Shaughnessy	Elias Ryan
William Vondriska	Otto Hayden
Albert Rimlinger	Donald Gibbs
David Fitzgerald	Donald Morgan
John O'Flaherty	William Mewes
Majella Hegarty	Vitus Schwartz
Marcellus Bonen	William Doherty
George Stefanik	Florian Gill
Joseph McTaggart	Eymard Salzman
Michael Donovan	Bernard Mosier
Ramon Purzycki	Philbert Cook
Theodore Kapes	

Besides these 35 Brothers from the Notre Dame area, three Boysville Brothers (Paul Albin, Albert) joined the small group activity on Easter Sunday.

Brother Majella has been coordinating the project, assigning the volunteers to the various aspects and keeping in communication with Brother Pedro and the Dujarie staff.

The Project is looking for more volunteers. Any other Brothers living in the South Bend area or any brothers coming to South Bend for the summer who may be interested are asked to contact Brother Majella at Columba Hall for details. Let us hear from you.

(Brother Thomas Shaughnessy)

PONTIFICAL COMMISSION ON JUSTICE AND PEACE

The above Commission has written to the Provincial requesting him to call our attention to a document entitled RELIGIOUS AND HUMAN PROMOTION issued by the Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes. The document offers guidance in four areas: (1) the option for the poor and for justice, (2) the social work activities of religious, (3) involvement in the world of work, and (4) political involvement.

The pontifical commission has issued a series of brochures that should assist religious to come to grips with the document mentioned above, and with the issue it raises especially in terms of ministry, catechesis, and religious education. The brochures group together the principal passages in the discourses of John Paul II touching on the Church's stand vis-a-vis social justice matters.

The brochures may be ordered from:
Publications Dept., VSCC
1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

They are inexpensive and, when ordered in quantity, are sold at a good discount. The primary intent of the Commission is to make the Holy Father's teaching readily available to the largest number of persons possible.