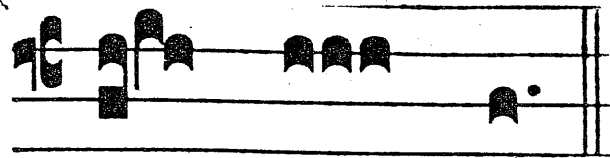
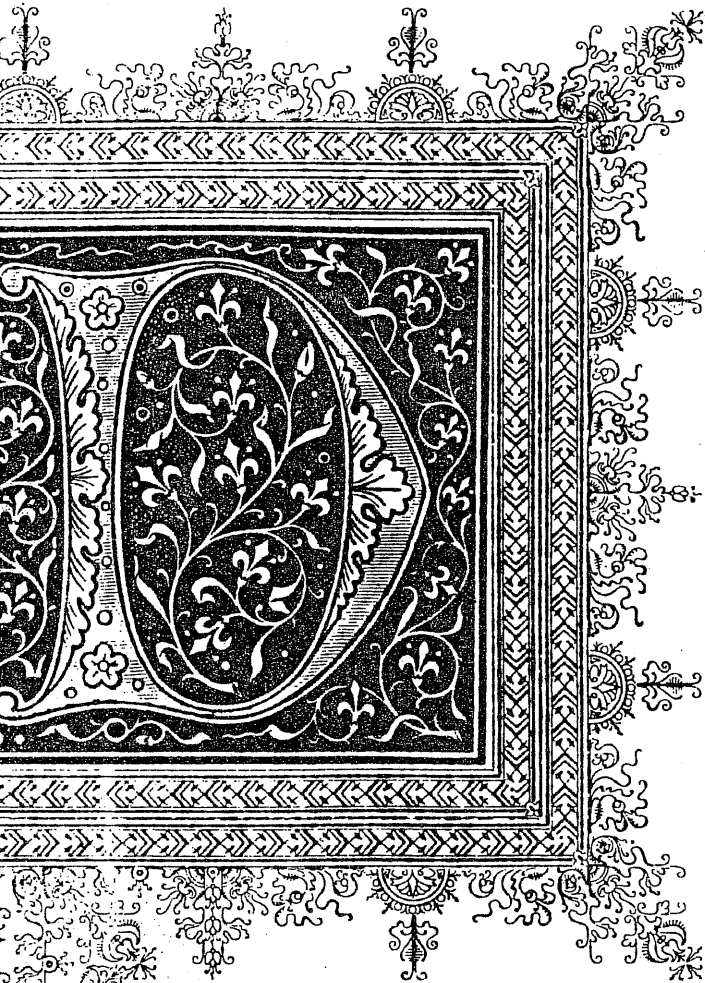


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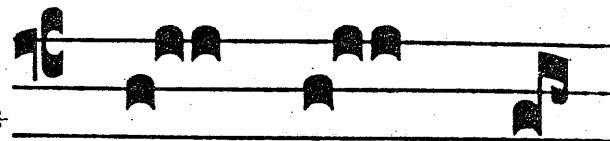
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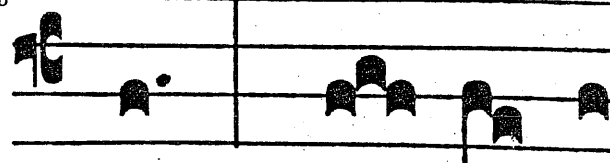
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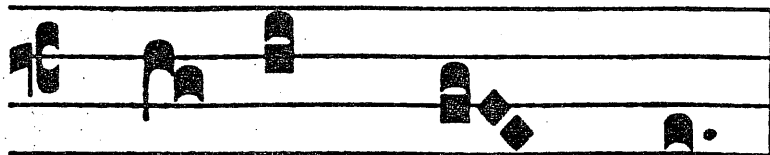
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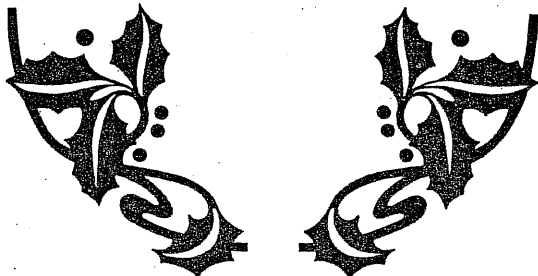
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FROM HOLY CROSS NOVITIATE, WATERFORD, (N.Y.)

Midwest novice, Chuck Hutti writes:
"Life here at the novitiate continues to be challenging, but growthful. We see the signs of winter and the wind comes more often from the north-not a good thing for my southern blood. We are in the midst of our first evaluation period so the staff has been semi-cloistered interviewing each of us.

Our ministry experience in the Albany diocese is in full swing, having had half a dozen Monday's worth. Over all it has been a good experience for us. Working in the real world does have its trials and tribulations-like catching the bus on time. Four of us, Phil Tucker, (SP), Rich Vanucci(EP), Tom Looney(EP), and Jim Albright(EB) are working at Our Lady of Hope Nursing Home (conducted by The Little Sisters of the Poor), as volunteer orderlies helping feed, bathe, dress, and exercise the patients... Quinten Dronet(SWB) assists severely retarded and handicapped clients of The Eleanor Roosevelt Sheltered Workshop, while Chris Reach(EB) works at a teen drop-in center, sponsored by the Unity House Apostolate... John Denning (EP) and I are working in an inner city (Arbor Hill) parish in Albany. Our main task is the completion of a parish survey to locate Catholics in the area. But it spills over into just about anything and next Monday we are going to begin staffing the parish thrift store. The area is mainly black, non-Catholic, and poor.

Here at the novitiate we've had a Centering Retreat weekend led by Sister Liz Olecsak, S.P. and an Intensive Journal Seminar led by Sister Jeanette Normandin, S.S.A. with the novices of The Daughters of Charity. We have also had a range of visitors, including my parents, to keep us from getting bored with the same old faces. I extend an invitation to any of you who may be passing this way to stop in for a day, a night, or whatever."



EDITOR'S COLUMN

While I don't recall ever failing to print in these pages messages requested by individual religious, nevertheless I am conscious of the "voice" I have in this column and try not to abuse it. So I hope I am not "taking advantage" in expressing my gratefulness to many of you for your concern and prayers for my mother, who had major surgery on Thanksgiving morning. It received more than usual attention since it forced my absence from the closing days of The Provincial Chapter. Mom is recovering pretty well, though not without some difficulties, as her eighty-six years would predict. I request your continual prayers for this --as well as for the mothers of Brother Edward Dailey and Joseph Chvala, who have recently been in similar circumstances, and the brother of Brother Thomas Rock.

Once again, a reminder that the NEWSNOTES reflects the material which province members send us. Unfortunately we do not have time to seek out or uncover many things which would be of interest. Material which reaches us by the fifth of each month will be included in that month's edition. Material should be sent to me at Dujarie House, P.O. Box 706, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556.

The Christmas greetings of The Provincial Team are on the front cover of this issue. I would like to add my wishes on behalf of the NEWSNOTES to each of you for a peace-filled and joyous time during the days when we celebrate Our Lord's birth.

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



FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

#Brothers Elmo Bransby and Francis Delvaux (EB) visited us in early November. Brother Patrick Sopher (SW) made The Provincial Visit to the South-West Brothers in the house on December 2.

#Brother Robert Siegel has volunteered to man the kitchen for five days during the holidays so our cooks may have a little extra time with their families.

#Brother Eduardo Michalik is taking a 40th jubilee trip. He will return before Christmas but will leave again after New Year's for a new assignment with The Sisters of The Holy Cross in Israel.

#Brother Francis Assisi Davis and Hubert Koeppen (SW) both had visits from family members during November.

#Brother Pedro Haering left early Thanksgiving morning for New Albany, Indiana, where his mother had colon surgery, and a colostomy on Thanksgiving Day. The surgery was successful and Mrs. Haering is recovering at Floyd County Memorial Hospital. Pedro missed the three days of the Chapter/Forum.

#A "task force" chaired by Brother Donald Gibbs met at Andre Hall Saturday evening, November 27, to consider immediate and long range needs at Dujarie House. Brothers Lawrence Miller, Richard Shea, William Geenan, Chester Caster, and Pedro Haering attended the meeting as members of the task force.

#The annual Christmas party is scheduled for December 19, and will include dinner, Santa Claus, and other entertainment.

#Brother Hubert Koeppen (SW) died rather suddenly, after breakfast on December 2. Although his health had been deteriorating he had recently shown several signs of making a comeback. Most of his active religious life (more than fifty years) was spent serving at St. Ed's in Texas and St. Francis in Mountain View, California. He was 77 years

old and a native of Mishawaka, Indiana. Many of his relatives still live in northern Indiana. The funeral and burial were at the Brothers' Center on December 4.

FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

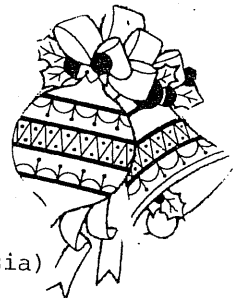
#The mother's Guild December meeting featured the annual "Cookie Swap." The meeting also collected small gifts wrapped, for the shut-ins at Royal Elms. Brother Raymond Dufresne is moderator. #Brother Don Fleischhacker has been busy the past month. He attended the Third Annual Chicago Regional Catholic Charismatic Conference. Archbishop Bernardin was the principal celebrant and homilist at the liturgy...Don also attended the Chicago Archdiocesan Catechetical Resource Day at Gordon Tech, and the Youth Ministry Day '82 at Trinity High in River Forest. On the four Tuesdays of Advent he will take part in a study group at St. Celestine's in Elmwood Park, considering the text of the second draft of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter on war and peace.

#Only half-days of classes were held on November 11 and 12 so Parent-Teacher Interviews could take place in the afternoon and evening.

#Anyone interested in a student file and mail label program may contact Brother Charles Drevon at Holy Cross. These programs are written for the TRS-80 48K Model III Computer.

"Merry Christmas"

GOD JUL (Norway, Sweden)
 FELIA NATAL (Portugal)
 SANAD WANAAGSAN (Somali)
 NOEL KUTLU OLSUN (Turkey)
 ID MILAD MAJUID (Lebanon)
 EID MILAD SA'EED (Sudan)
 JOYEUX NOEL (France)
 HYVAA (Finland)
 KRISIMAS NJEMA (Swahili)
 SELAMAT HARI NATAL (Indonesia)
 MELE KALIKAMAKA (Hawaii)
 SHUVA BARHADIN (Bangladesh)





Brother Jeffrey Michels has announced the date of the Jubilee celebration for the Midwest Province will be Saturday, May 21, 1983. Presently, Brothers celebrating 25, 40, 50, and 60 years of vows are being consulted concerning the type of celebration they prefer. Jeff says "the province administration hopes your jubilee will be a time of thanksgiving to God for his blessings on you, your family, your brothers in Holy Cross and the Church."

Brother Remigius Bullinger was unable to attend the province celebration at Thanksgiving as he spent the time aiding his sister who is ill.

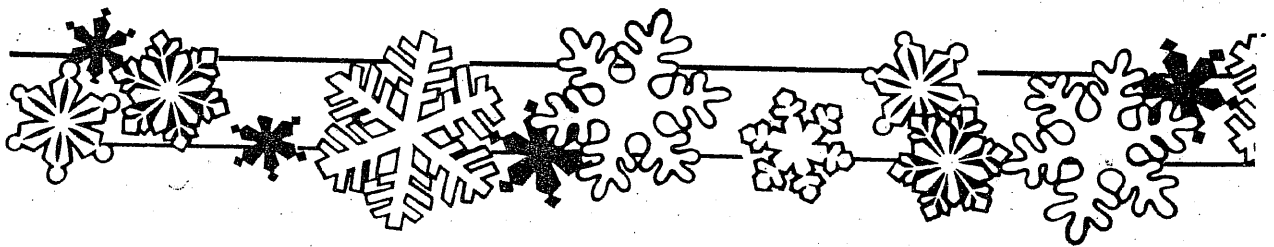
Brother Carl Shonk writes that the MIAMI HERALD gave great coverage of the Immaculata La Salle High School's celebration of "Greek Day". Carl gave a talk on the Brother's vocation as part of a three day retreat program for the high school students before Thanksgiving. He commented that the Brothers of Holy Cross who staffed Curley High School in Miami have not been forgotten.

Brother Wilbert Leveling, Province Archivist, has recovered from a broken elbow, sustained in a fall about a month ago.

There will be a Holy Week retreat at the Brother's Center from Wednesday through Saturday. The topic will be "Religious Life". It will be given by Sister Mary Sharon Riley, R.C., from the Cenacle in Wayzata, Minnesota. Further details may be obtained from Brother Thomas Moser.

Brother Philip Armstrong and Patrick Sopher, along with Father Dick Warner left South Bend on December 2 for the meeting of the Council of The Congregation in Bangladesh.

If you are writing the Brothers in Bangladesh, the preferred spelling of "Dacca" is now DHAKA.



At St. Edward's High School in Cleveland, the response to the annual Thanksgiving Drive was the largest in the school's history. The drive was sponsored by the Key Club whose president is Dennis Fischer and advisor is Thomas Basco. Jim Neiberding was faculty co-ordinator. Food and clothing were distributed among The Little Sisters of The Poor, St. Augustine Center, St. Patrick Center, and Martin de Porres Center. Gifts of money were given to Brother Gonzaga Day (for the Tennessee work), the four institutions listed above for food and clothing, to the National Catholic Bishops' Relief Fund and to several families who had great need. Brother Isaac Motz' theology classes received a special commendation for their outstanding work in gathering food.

South Bend experienced record high temperatures (along with rainfall) in early December. On one day the LOW temperature was higher than the record high for that date. But our wallowing in December sixties ended on the sixth.



On The Lite Side

(from one Senior friend to another)

Just a line to say I'm living
That I'm not among the dead,
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And more mixed up in the head.
For sometimes I can't remember
When I stand at the foot of the stairs
If I must go up for something
Or I've just come down from there.
And before the fridge so often
My poor mind is filled with doubt.
Have I just put food away, or
Have I come to take some out?
And there's times when it is dark out
With my nite cap on my head
I don't know if I'm retiring
Or just getting out of bed!
So if it's my turn to write you,
There's no need of getting sore.
I may think that I have written
And don't want to be a bore.
So, remember I do love you, and I wish
You were here. But now it's nearly
Mail time, so I must say goodbye dear.
There I stood beside the mailbox
With a face so very red.
Instead of mailing you my letter,
I have opened it instead!

INDIANA NUCLEAR FREEZE

Brother William Mewes has taken the job of State Coordinator of the Indiana Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign. He is also on the National Committee of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, but the state job is full time.

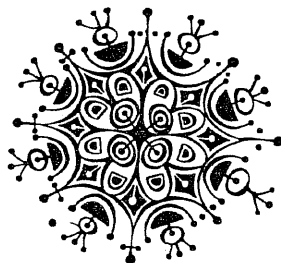
Bill's work includes media relations, political relations, running the office, fund raising, building communications, and promoting new groups throughout the state.

His new address is:

2191 Avondale Place
Indianapolis, Indiana 46218
Phone: 1-(317)-547-3519

This is the rectory of St. Francis deSales parish. Brother Douglas Roach is the Administrator of the parish.

John Manczunski, an associate editor of The Notre Dame magazine, has succeeded Bill as Third District Coordinator for The Nuclear Freeze Campaign.



Brother Alexander and the Brothers

Tribute Is Given to Devotion
and Zeal of Holy Cross Brothers

By Byron V. Kanaley, '04

*"To your name, if I wrote on brass,
I could add nothing; it has been already
written higher than I could
dream to reach * * * it is not as the
writer who brings you his work, but
as the friend who would remind you
of his affection."*

—ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

My knowledge of Notre Dame goes back now nearly 40 years and naturally my affection the same space of time. As I am writing this brief tribute to one of the great figures in the history of Notre Dame my mind naturally wanders here and there in the scenes of those years ago and I muse reminiscently and with devotion on names and faces and personalities long absent, but long remembered. And none arise before me in the doing of this pleasant duty with more clearness than the humble, self-effacing, stalwart leader of men and boys, who for over 50 years was part of the life and development of our great University — who was born Charles Smith and who lived to us Brother Alexander.

How well I remember as a boy of 18 in my first year the tall, slightly bent, strong figure with the kindly understanding face, the characterful aquiline nose, piercing eyes and vigorous gray hair—striding with purposeful step across St. Edward's campus — the respected, venerated and beloved Brother Alexander.

Have you ever stopped to consider how many lives a life such as his has influenced? For over 40 years the man of whom I write taught, inspired, disciplined, and led in ever upward paths hundreds of boys who I daresay many, many times in the doubtful moments of life were helped over many a rocky place, even if subconsciously, by what Brother Alexander gave to them in old St. Edward's.

In a broader sense, Brother Alexander represents one of the finest facts of the University's history—namely, the contribution of the Brothers of Holy Cross to the foundation and the upbuilding of Notre Dame.

Remember, that on that cold, bleak, wintry day of Nov. 26, 1842, after a journey of 11 days through snow and ice and virgin forest, on foot, from near Vincennes, Ind., there stood where "Old College" now stands, six

men who founded on that spot this University—five Brothers of Holy Cross and Father Sorin. What a day that is to remember!

As the Brothers of Holy Cross were present at the birth of this University, so they have been in unflagging zeal and devotion with her in her struggles and growth and accomplishment through the nigh 100 years since. As the years pass, I am impressed more and more with the ever new story of the piety of these men, the purposeful intelligence, the steady endeavour, the deep affection of the Brothers of Holy Cross for Notre Dame.

I have heard what I consider the finest tributes to anyone connected with the life of our University paid by every president of my time from Father Morrissey to Father O'Hara, paid to the Brothers of Holy Cross.

And I am content if these few words of mine reach the men of my time and serve to awaken and kindle again in the minds and hearts of those of my generation the ever wonderfully inspiring and mellow memories of the good Brothers, who with their predecessors and successors, have done so much to make possible what those before us, and since, have enjoyed as a bounteous heritage. I shall mention only a few that come to me as I write, Bruno who showed us "how fields are won," gentle Brother Cyprian, saintly Brother Leander, charming Brother Urban, Brother Basil, the musical genius, immortalized by the late Father Charles O'Donnell in "A Dead Musician," friendly Brother Florian, and who of us will ever forget trying to wheedle a dollar from Brother Paul, the University treasurer, or the kindly and wise advice of Brother Alphonsus who knew the gentle voice of birds as well as he knew the hearts of boys?

Brother Leo and his farm, Brother Leopold and his "lemonade and fours," Brother Hugh and his discipline, stern but just, Brother Lawrence and his bicycle, Brother "Hi," Brother Dominic of the Community House—well, I must stop now, but I should dearly like to name them all—for each and every Brother of Holy Cross, living and dead, richly deserves the naming in the reading of any scroll that perpetuates and immortalizes the toilsome building of our beloved University.

Maurice Francis Egan phrased well when he said—they (the Brothers) "Contributed that spirit of cheerfulness, of obedience, of energy of unostentatious spirituality, peace and of devotion to the cause of Christian education" and "the Brother at Notre Dame, to my mind, solved the great problem which the Emersons, the Hawthornes and the Danes have tried in vain to solve; he has found how to lose himself in work for God, and to bear the lily of purity that he may gain the palm of triumph in the end."

I started to write of Brother Alexander—I find I have written of the Brotherhood—It is nigh impossible to write of a sun without writing of the firmament. And indeed they, and we are in wondrous company.

*This 55-years old
article is, I trust,
self-explanatory.*

*It comes to us
through the
courtesy of
Brothers Edward
Sniatecki and Wilbert
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(Editor)