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The Scholasticate, St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas

## New Scholasticate at St. Edward's U.

The building pictured on this page is used to house the Brother-scholastics at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. It has had a rather unusual and therefore interesting history. It has been successively a convent, a student residence hall, a faculty residence and now a scholasticate.

In 1913, the Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, The Very Rev. Gilbert Francais, C.S.C., secured the services of a French order of nuns, the Sisters of St. Mary of the Presentation, to take over all domestic duties in several of the boarding schools of the Congregation. A part of them, having left their Motherhouse at Broons, Cotes du Nord, France, eventually found themselves at St. Edward's. They were pleased, too, to find that Father John Boland, C.S.C., President, had had a new building erected to accommodate them. For roughly thirty-four years the Sisters lived there and had the care of the kitchen, dining hall, sacristy, infirmary and laundry of the University. Finally they withdrew and the quiet old convent corridors then rang with the careless banter of college students. Later, a part of the faculty lived there. Now the house has

been converted to the regularity of conventual life once more by the student Brothers.

At present there are seventeen student Brothers at the Scholasticate and the number will be increased to twenty-three in February. The three staff members are Brother Bonaventure, C.S.C., Director; Brother Raphael, C.S.C., Assistant Director, and Rev. James Gibbons, C.S.C., Chaplain. The scholastics attend the regular classes at the University.

## Brother Godfrey Explains the Atom

Brother Godfrey Vassallo, C.S.C., Head of the Physics Department at the University of Portland, Oregon, continues his work of informing the public about electronics in language it can understand.

A recent release from the Oregon Advertising Club announced that Brother Godfrey, whom they describe correctly as a national authority on electronics, would talk to the members of the Club on the topic "The Atom and You." In reality, this talk was only one of many which Brother gives each year on the popular subject of the atom and its sub-particles.

## Brother Delegates to Go to Rome

Every six years the Congregation of Holy Cross holds an international meeting or General Chapter, as it is called. The sessions, which last two weeks or more, are attended by ex-officio and elected delegates from the various Provinces which the Priests or Brothers conduct.

The next General Chapter is scheduled to open in Rome, July 10, 1950. It will be the second in the history of the Congregation to be held at Rome.

Seven delegates will represent the United States Brothers' Province: Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, Provincial Superior; Brother William Mang, Assistant Provincial; Brother Columba Curran, Provincial Secretary and professor of chemistry at Notre Dame; Brother Chrysostom Schaefer, Provincial Treasurer; Brother Ernest Ryan, writer and director of the Dujarie Press, Notre Dame; Brother Edmund Hunt, President of Saint Edward's University, Austin, Texas; Brother John Baptist Titzer, Principal of Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Connecticut.

The delegates will sail towards the end of June. After the close of the Chapter all will spend some weeks in Europe before returning.

## Catholic Boy in New Attire

The popular boys' magazine, "The Catholic Boy," was recently taken over by the Congregation of Holy Cross and is now edited by the well known priest-editor, Rev. Frank Gartland, C.S.C. The format has been changed and a strong staff of contributors has been added. The magazine is a real treat for teen-agers, carrying stories, comics, sports and almost everything which appeals to the young mind.

The Brothers of Holy Cross are happy to assist the editor with the business details at the Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, and in a number of our schools there is active campaigning for new subscribers in order to reach the goal of 100,000.

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### Season's Greetings

Christmas is once more at hand and all the warmth and charity which this great feast of the birth of Jesus brings is being felt again like a breath of fresh air. Although it is basically a Christian celebration, it is almost universally observed in one way or another. Perhaps the great rank and file of humanity is unfortunate enough to fail in recognizing its real significance, but somehow most of them are permeated with its spirit of love and giving. And that spirit is the wellspring for the quiet assault on disbelief which the birth of a Child started two thousand years ago.

Catholics know that the Christmas of long ago began a series of earthly events which culminated in the Redemption of man. They know that Almighty God willingly became man that He might make it possible for us to save our souls. Further, that He became a helpless Babe that He might teach a lesson of humility as well. The story of the Nativity, old and simple as it is, never loses its wistful appeal because it epitomizes all that is beautiful in humility and charity.

With the real meaning of Christmas in mind, the Brothers of Holy Cross extend their best wishes to all their friends and benefactors with the hope and prayer that the blessing of Almighty God will be theirs at this season and always.

### Obituary

Prayers are requested for the following who have died recently:

- Brother Jarlath O'Brien, C.S.C.
- Mother of Brother Lionel Light, C.S.C.
- Father of Brother Matthew Gara, C.S.C.
- Father of Brother John of the Cross Fedorowicz, C.S.C.
- Uncle of Brother Eli Pelchat, C.S.C.
- Aunt of Brother Campion Nolan, C.S.C.
- Brother of Brother Liborius Lane, C.S.C.
- Brother of James Madigan, C.S.C.

### Perpetual Vigil Light?

We list here the Burses which provide income for the support of the Juniorates, Novitiate and Scholasticates of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Since the preparation of a Brother to teach takes almost six years and requires a college degree, it is obvious that the cost of educating a number of religious is considerable. Each year the Brothers must pay out over \$100,000.00 for the support of their five houses of formation. Simple arithmetic will reveal to any reader that the interest accruing from these burses is only very small indeed when compared with the amount required.

The great need of the Catholic Church in America today is Brothers to teach boys of high school age. It is in the Catholic high school that the teen-age boy builds a philosophy of life that will guide his every action and make him a man of principles, a leader whose words and conduct distinguish between right and wrong. There are many good works needing financial support, and among the foremost of these is the training of more Brothers for high school work. The normal salary allowed religious teachers leaves little or nothing over for the training of Novices, and unless contributions come from other sources the number of religious teachers cannot very well be increased.

The way to help is open and clear. Any amount of money, large or small, can be given and added to a burse. Surely the spiritual return, both now and hereafter, will greatly exceed any amount given. The little red vigil light which burns before the Madonna consumes itself and dies. The burse is a perpetual vigil light and does its work of charity each year over a long period of time. It is an investment which, in an unobtrusive way, helps bring the teaching of Christ to the young and it brings a return in glory to the giver. Truly, the burse is a vigil light which 'burns' long after the lighter is dead.

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| Brother Daniel Schott Memorial Burse .....                   | \$4494.22 |
| Brother Engelbert Lisse Memorial Burse .....                 | 1271.17   |
| Holy Cross Brothers Burse .....                              | 2653.68   |
| Holy Trinity Burse—Memorial to Brother George .....          | 941.50    |
| Brother Marcian Karsky Memorial Burse .....                  | 3436.50   |
| Our Lady of Seven Dolors Burse .....                         | 1477.09   |
| Poor Souls Burse .....                                       | 1147.12   |
| Brother Raymond Ott Memorial Burse .....                     | 964.27    |
| Sacred Heart Burse—Memorial to Brother Columba O'Neill ..... | 1199.27   |
| Saint Joseph Burse No. 1 .....                               | 5000.00   |
| Saint Joseph Burse No. 2 .....                               | 1551.81   |
| Father James Dujarie Burse .....                             | 1500.00   |

### What Can I Do?

A continuous novena for vocations to the priesthood, Brotherhood, and Sisterhood is under way for the second year in Central Catholic High School in South Bend, Indiana. The novena began this year with the opening of the school term and will continue until the last day of school in June.

The student body volunteered to undertake the obligations of the novena. Each day a different student says the rosary and performs some act of self-denial. On Monday morning the schedule of those who are to take part in the novena during the current week is posted on the school bulletin board and in the home-rooms. In addition to this schedule penny post cards, called "pin-up" cards, indicating the day and date are sent to the student's home as an additional reminder of his part in the novena. The rosary is said any time during the day at the convenience of the boy. Brother Pedro, C.S.C., is in charge of the novena schedule.

### Personals

Brother Germain Faddoul, C.S.C., Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas School, Brooklyn, will act as Diocesan Director of the New York State Freedom Train when it visits Brooklyn in January. He will plan visits for all the Catholic school children of the diocese.

Brother Columba Curran, Associate Professor of Chemistry at the University of Notre Dame, with three of his research assistants, presented three papers in September at the Atlantic City meeting of the American Chemical Society. The research projects were: "Interaction Polarizabilities of Electron Releasing and Electron Withdrawing Groups in Aromatic Compounds," with Frank M. Palermitti; "The Stabilization of Highly Polar Resonance Structures by Hydrogen Bonding," with Frank M. Palermitti and George K. Estok; and "Electric Moments of Some Substituted Thiophenols and Thioanisoles," with James R. Costello.

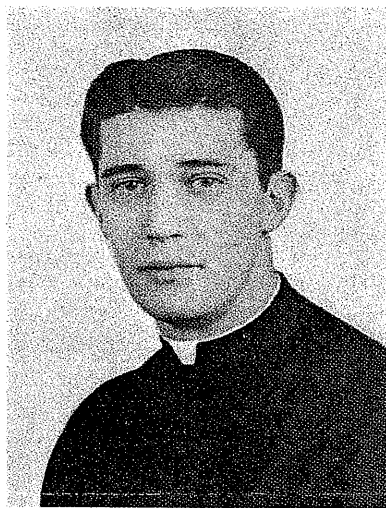
## No Idle Hands

If one were to visit the campus of the University of Notre Dame, he would drive in the main entrance, follow the road west, skirt an imposing row of academic buildings, and arrive finally on the banks of St. Mary's Lake. Looking westward toward the edge of the campus, he would see through a grove of black walnut trees and close by the lake, the square, faded-yellow brick structure which is Dujarie Hall, the Scholasticate of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

The building looks today much like it did in 1907 when it was opened, but great changes have been wrought in the grounds by succeeding groups of young Brothers. The twenty acres around Dujarie have been changed from a wilderness to an attractive, useful estate. A large portion of the best soil off to the rear of the building is used for a vegetable and berry garden and a large apple and cherry orchard. The crop planning and the direction of the farm is entrusted to Brother Louis Bertrand, C.S.C., who has had many successful years of experience as a gardener. In the front of the building there are several acres of sloping lawn with trees and shrubs grouped tastefully in all directions. A large flower garden flanks the approach roadway and all kinds of blossoms are to be found there from the daffodils in early spring to the bronze and yellow chrysanthemums of late fall. This garden is especially popular with summer school students, most of them nuns, who come to admire the beauty of the flowers and perhaps gather a few on the sly. A central fountain is topped by a stone statue of St. Francis of Assisi done by Brother Loyola of Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio. Rose arbors complete the informal garden picture.

To the rear of Dujarie is a small gymnasium used for basketball and volleyball. The Brothers have their own teams and compete in a limited way with the seminarians and selected campus teams. There is also a handball court and an athletic field. Toward the orchard one finds the chicken houses and the deep-freeze unit. The latter is used to preserve all kinds of meats and foods for the various Brothers' Houses at Notre Dame.

With the physical layout just described, one can see that Dujarie and its inhabitants constitute a self-contained community. That is quite close to the truth. There is plenty of work for each of the seventy-one religious who live there, and each is assured the time necessary for recreation. Five of the total number are faculty members, the remaining sixty-six are scholastics.



Brother Elmo Bransby, C.S.C.  
Superior

For the student Brothers, prayer and studies are the most important duties but all are also assigned a regular duty around the house. They must keep their own house and they raise much of their own food. Brother John Chrysostom, C.S.C., who has charge of the kitchen, oversees the preparation of the food for the table.

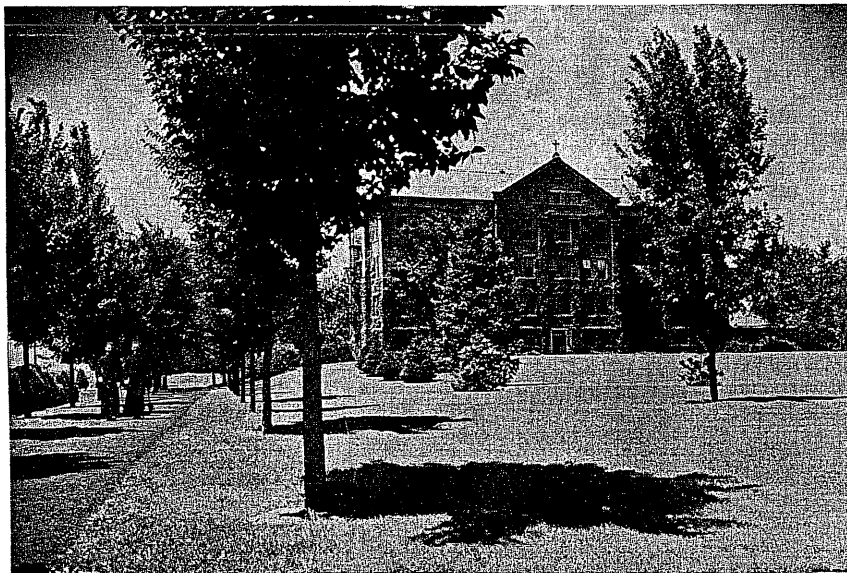
The Brothers at Dujarie take classes at Notre Dame University and are enrolled in all the ordinary academic courses. Each Brother chooses his own major and is encouraged to do extra library or research work along with his studies. Some of the students in science produce fine collections of insects or

flowers. The music majors collaborate on an orchestra; the artists have many practical outlets for their work. Those whose courses do not directly lend themselves to hobbies have other interests such as a Mission Society which collects cancelled stamps, the revenue from which yields money for the foreign missions. All classes, save that of religion, are taken at the University where the Brothers have the advantage of scholars as teachers and the very best in laboratories.

The Superior of Dujarie Hall is Brother Elmo Bransby, C.S.C., who also teaches in the Education Department at Notre Dame and finds time to be business manager of this publication. His assistant is Brother Pedro Haering, C.S.C., who also teaches at Central Catholic High School, South Bend, Indiana. The Chaplain is Rev. Cornelius Hagerty, C.S.C., who this year celebrated his fortieth year as a priest. Father teaches the religion classes in Dujarie.

Finally, the house boasts what is considered by many as the finest reference library of any of the constituent houses at Notre Dame. It is adequate to care for the normal outside reading of most of the courses, thus enabling the Brothers to do their work at home rather than at the main library.

The real powerhouse for all Dujarie is the small, second-floor chapel. The life of the religious centers there where he assists at Mass and makes all his religious exercises. Drinking at this spiritual oasis gives meaning to the daily mental and physical development of each Brother.



Dujarie Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana

## Patrons Help at Sherman Oaks

Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California, was opened only three years ago but already it has one of the most enthusiastic Patrons' Clubs of any of the schools of the Brothers of Holy Cross. The results of their many activities can be seen almost everywhere at the school. They have furnished the athletic equipment for all the sports and have secured instruments and music for the band. They have had a fence erected around the athletic field, installed a sprinkling system for the lawns, put in a public address system for the school, and erected an attractive sign which proclaims Notre Dame High School to all who pass by. And as if these things were not enough, they have donated books to the library and last summer installed a deep-freeze and a walk-in refrigerator in the Brothers' residence.

This fall after school opened the Patrons called their first meeting. Brother Rupert Poudrier, C.S.C., Principal, thanked them for their help on behalf of the faculty and students, but he soon found that they had no intention of resting content with their past accomplishments. President Joseph Crehan outlined many activities which will be undertaken this year and which when completed will prove most valuable to the school. Money will be raised by a series of card parties and other entertainments and the proceeds will be used to finance the projects.

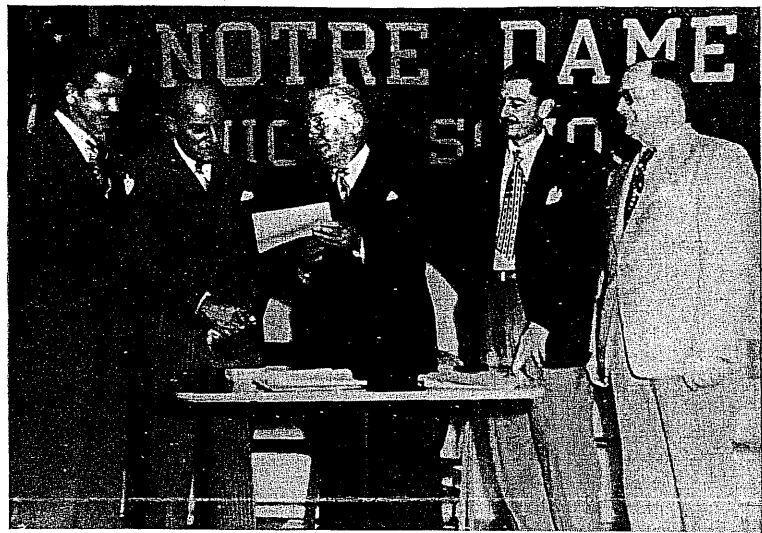
## Expand Physics Department

A new physics wing was added to the classroom building during the summer and more than doubles the laboratory space available for Physics and Engineering at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. Brother Lucian Blersch, C.S.C., Head of the Physics Department there, planned the addition and superintended the construction. The old location in Holy Cross Hall has since been converted into a recreation room.

The new laboratories, including equipment rooms, offices, dark rooms for studies on light, and experiment and demonstration rooms, will greatly help the new engineering program started last year.

## Royalty at Catholic Central

Catholic Central High School, Monroe, Michigan, presented its first speaker of the current academic year on November 18. She was the renowned Baroness



Officers of the Patrons' Club, Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California. Left to right: Mr. Paul Jennings, second vice-president; Mr. Rodney Benson, first vice-president; Mr. Joseph Crehan, president; Mr. Arthur Fitzgerald, treasurer; and Mr. Wallis Nicholls, secretary.

Catherine De Hueck, foundress of the famous Friendship Houses and staunch defender of minority rights. The Baroness spoke to the students in the afternoon and to the parents the same evening. All were tremendously edified by the deep Christianity of this admirable Catholic laywoman. Faculty moderator of the event was Athletic Director Brother Gerontius McCarthy, C.S.C. He was ably assisted by his Catholic Action Group which took care of the details.

## Chemistry in Small Quantities

Brother Edwin Mattingly, C.S.C., likes to teach by showing. That is why this year Central Catholic High School, South Bend, Indiana, boasts a complete, new semi-micro laboratory for chemistry. After all, demonstration is only good scientific method, and like many other enterprising science teachers, Brother thinks that semi-micro equipment brings the student closer to his work and thus enables him to see cause and effect in science more readily.

Semi-micro need not startle anyone. It means simply that the size of conventional chemistry equipment is cut down until the student handles acids and other reagents by the drop and not by the beakerful. All the apparatus is correspondingly small and maneuverable. Semi-micro operates on the theory that fundamental principles and not techniques are important to the high school student.

Brother Edwin stresses the fact that the somewhat new idea of semi-micro laboratory equipment is not a substitute for conventional laboratory and it is not a miniature lab either. It is completely

integrated with the lectures and, because of its adaptability, it can be used for all experiments. It employs the most up-to-date educational ideas in high school chemistry. For example, the interest of the student does not lag because of the problem of setting up large and clumsy equipment by his own inexperienced hands.

As is usual in the schools of the Brothers, the parents and friends have helped immeasurably in the installation of the semi-micro laboratory. The Patrons' Club has underwritten the entire cost. Most of the actual installation was done by Mr. William Robison, Mr. Paul Farmer and Mr. Ernie Koeppen and others.

Besides teaching chemistry at Central Catholic, Brother Edwin is Indiana's official bird observer for the northern part of the state and has a share in the Pittman-Robertson projects carried on by the State Game Department. He is also a member of the Audubon Society and is considered an authority on the migration and identification of birds of Northern Indiana.

## Awards to The Megaphone

*The Megaphone*, monthly publication of the students of Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, was recently awarded two high honors.

The Catholic School Press Association gave the paper the rating of "All Catholic," which is the highest award that the association grants to a school newspaper. Quill and Scroll Society bestowed its "International First Place Award" on *The Megaphone*. These two honors are a tribute to the journalistic ability of the students of Cathedral High School.