



# Brothers of

# HOLY CROSS



Novices Receive Habit

## 38 Candidates Receive Habit

On February 1, at ceremonies conducted in the chapel of St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, twenty-five candidates from Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin and thirteen candidates from St. Joseph of Holy Cross, Valatie, New York, received the habit of the Brothers of Holy Cross. The new novices are as follows:

From Watertown: Brothers Paul Bray, Leon Brockman, Joseph Buersmeyer, Gilbert Burke, Donald Burkhard, Joseph Clark, Louis Coe, Joseph Cueter, Donald Dishneau, Thomas Frey, Gerald Hackman, Gilbert Keyler, David Kiley, Theodore Latour, James Moroney, Dennis McIntyre, John McLaughlin, Anthony Rodia, Paul Scherman, John Snoddy, Joseph Swanston, Eugene Tuma, Eugene Weisenberger, James Worl, Allen Newell.

From Valatie: Philip Cistone, Karl Auchter, Francis Johnson, Robert Porter, Ronald Sharkey, Richard Amedio, Joseph Zaccardo, Paul Potter, Leo Hogan, Edward Wauchter, John Kuchenbrod, James Clunan, Leo Gallagher.

Reception of the habit, which is the first formal step toward the religious life, was preceded by a retreat of eight days conducted by Father Regis O'Neil, C.S.C., of the Notre Dame Mission Band. Rev. Christopher Brooks, C.S.C., resident chaplain, presided over the ceremonies. The clothing of the young men with the religious habit is

symbolic of the new life in Christ upon which he is entering.

After the investiture, the faculty and novices of the Novitiate played host to visiting Community members and parents and friends of the new men. It is interesting to note that the novices come from 25 different archdioceses and dioceses in the United States and Canada. Further, fifteen different states and a Canadian province are represented.

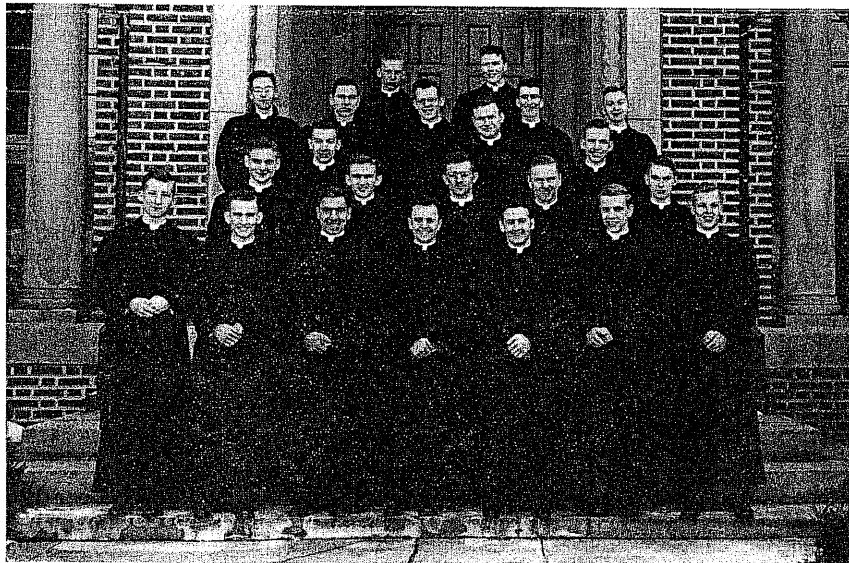
## First Profession of Vows At St. Joseph's Novitiate

Twenty-three novices who, on February 2nd, finished their canonical year of novitiate training, pronounced temporary vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience as Brothers of Holy Cross that day. The ceremonies took place in the chapel of St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. Those taking vows were:

Brothers Edward Boyle, Lawrence Fitch, John Menden, William Geenen, Edward Tomko, Ralph Legath, William Finin, Louis Hurtubise, Roy Nash, John Thomann, Francis Swann, Peter Swords, Nicholas Lyddane, Dominic Petrucci, Joseph Gibboney, Richard Huber, Jerome Schwabe, Richard Genord, Henry Grenier, Leo Geiger, Harold Ruplinger, Edward Kaniecki and Thomas Crilly.

The greater part of these have already entered Dujarie Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame to complete their studies prior to being assigned to teach in the schools of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Two received appointments to remain at the novitiate and assist on the farm there. One was sent to work at Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin.

Religious profession was made during Communion at the morning Mass. Afterward, friends, relatives and visiting Community members spent the day helping the new Brothers celebrate the happy event. The newly professed departed from the Novitiate for Dujarie Hall at Notre Dame on the evening of profession day.



February Group Takes First Vows

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## Of Holy Cross

From its very inception, Christianity quite fittingly has used the Cross as its symbol. It was by means of it, the Cross, that Christ accomplished the Redemption of mankind, that the flood-gates of a new life were burst open to let flow upon men a participation in the very nature of God. Here it was, from the Cross, that men were at once redeemed and restored to intimacy with the heavenly Father. From it springs the life of sanctifying grace. From it, too, proceeds the overflowings of Divine Love which makes men, by virtue of their sharing the fruits of Christ's sacrifice, the sons of God. The Cross has made it possible for men to become, as it were, gods, since they are partakers, in a finite but real way, of the very nature and life of the Godhead.

Today, men called Brothers of Holy Cross are laboring in the field of Christian education. And as men they are restricted and confined to all the limitations men by nature are. As teachers they can supply only the information and hope to pass on the knowledge they themselves possess. But the Brothers are Christians, too, and that implies all that flows from the meaning of their name—of Holy Cross. This adds to the scope of their activities more than being just teachers. It means more than giving just information. It means that with the name of Holy Cross they will try to create the awareness of what that Cross implies; that it is the fountain-head from which is derived the life which makes Christians what they are, truly members of Christ. It means that, as Christian teachers, they will prepare those under their care for usefulness in the world, for fulfillment as men of time by imparting to them the knowledge of the world. But all this will be fused harmoniously with an awareness of what is beyond the realm of sense, an idea of the time beyond the reality of the Cross in which men find an eternal fulfillment in no less a light than that of the Beatific Vision.

## Brother Nilus Appointed to Board

*Notre Dame, Ind.* Brother Nilus of Notre Dame Farm near the University, a leader in St. Joseph county's project of setting up a model zoning ordinance, was elected vice-chairman of the County Board of Zoning Appeals which had its first meeting of the new year during the week of January 17.

## News of the Province

### Brother Provincial on Tour of East

Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, Provincial of the Brothers of Holy Cross in the United States, recently made his provincial visitations of the establishments in the East. The various missions he visited are: Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio; Monsignor Coyle High School, Taunton, Mass.; St. Thomas School and St. Francis School, both in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Vincentian Institute, Albany, N. Y.; St. Joseph of Holy Cross, Valatie, N. Y.; and Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Conn. He returned to the Provincialate at Notre Dame, Indiana, Sunday, February 6.

### New Appointments Announced

On February 2, 1949, the Provincial of the Brothers' Province of the United States, Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, announced the following new appointments: Brother Raymond Gunzel to Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California; Brother Raymond Dufresne to Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Connecticut; Brother Philip DiPace to St. Thomas School, Brooklyn, New York; Brother Cornelius Corcoran to Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Indiana; Brother James Griffin to Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio; and Brother Regius Gendron to St. Francis School, Brooklyn, New York.

### Festival at South Bend

*South Bend, Ind.* The first annual Festival for Central Catholic High School was held at Holy Cross school hall in South Bend on January 30. The Patrons' Club, the Sideline Coaches, the Alumni Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Daughters of Isabella, and the various parish units throughout the city joined forces to sponsor the festival. The purpose was to supply funds for the athletic and general school needs of Central Catholic. There was entertainment galore for the children, the teen-agers and the adults.

In the month of January, Central Catholic got its first Alma Mater song, which will fill a long wanted need in the school's academic functions. It is not a "fighting" song but one written in praise of the spirit behind the school. The words for the song were written by Brother Pedro and the music was composed by Brother Louis.

### Pre-novitiate Party at St. Joseph of Holy Cross

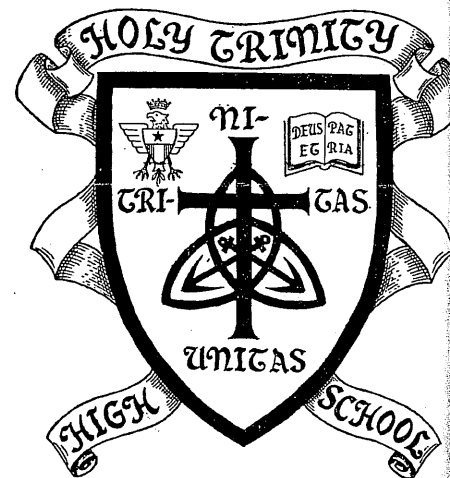
*Valatie, N. Y.* On January 20, the twenty-eighth class of candidates for the Brotherhood of Holy Cross from St. Joseph of Holy Cross, the eastern juniorate at Valatie, N. Y., were feted at farewell festivities held in the dining room of the juniorate. Brother Eric, vice-principal of Vincentian Institute, Albany, N. Y., and Brothers Victorian and Joseph Walter, faculty members of the same school, were guests. After the banquet and with all necessary chores completed, a bunco party was held in the recreation room. This group of candidates—thirteen in number and representing four different states and Canada—

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## Brother Loyola Designs Official School Seal

Brother Loyola, artist and at present instructor and counselor at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, and former teacher at Holy Trinity High School, designed the new official school seal for Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, Illinois, at the invitation of Brother Reginald, principal.

The coat of arms is composed of four devices: the triquetra, the Cross and an



chors, the inscribed book, and the shielded eagle, together with the motto, *Trinitas Unitas*.

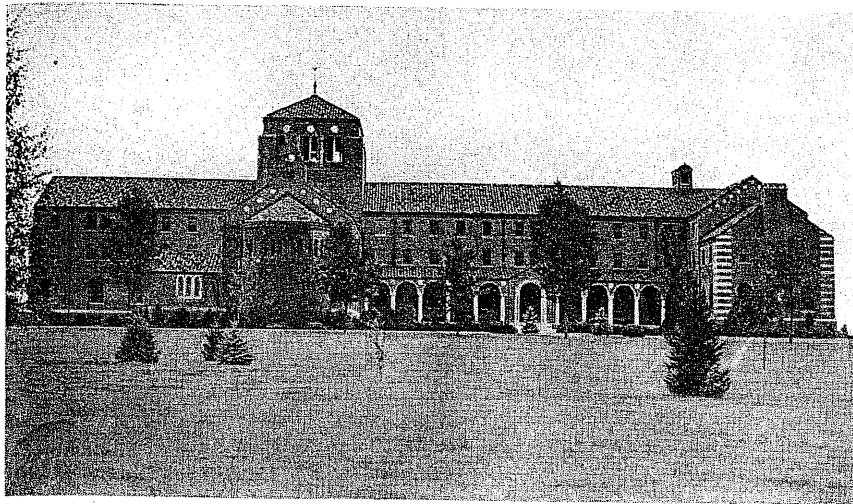
The triquetra is one of the most significant of all the symbols of the Holy Trinity. The three equal arcs express the Equality of the Three Divine Persons; their union expresses the Unity of the Three Persons in One God; their interwoven form denotes Indivisibility, and their continuous form, Eternity, of the Godhead. The center of the triquetra forms an equilateral triangle, the most ancient of Trinity symbols, and each pair of arcs forms a *vesica*, the symbol of Divine Glory.

In the background of the triquetra is the Cross and anchors symbol taken from the seal of the Congregation of Holy Cross for whose members founded and administered the high school. The combination of the Cross and anchors and the triquetra is also symbolic of the apostolate of the Brothers of the Christian instruction (the Cross) of Catholic youth, who are the hope of America (the anchors), through the inspiration of the Holy Trinity (the triquetra).

The American shield imposed upon the Polish eagle is symbolic of the Polish background and traditions of the school, and the ancestry of the majority of the students.

The book with its inscription, *God and Country*, signifies the service of the faculty and students to God and their fellowmen through Christian education.

The motto, *Trinitas Unitas*, besides its mystical meaning, Three Persons in One God, applies also to the spirit of union that is characteristic of Holy Trinity High School—the unity of faculty, parents, and students to achieve the glory of God, Country, and Alma Mater.



St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Ind.

### Prayer and Play At Gibault

*Terre Haute, Ind.* To thank God for His many blessings received personally and for those granted Gibault School for Boys during the past year, each boy chose a half-hour period to spend in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament enthroned in exposition upon the Boys' Chapel Altar the last day of 1948.

With the change of semesters the last week of January, a fourth of the Gibault boys find their name on the School's Honor Roll. They earned this coveted distinction by obtaining a general scholastic average of 85 per cent during the first semester of study this school year.

Indoor sports at Gibault are now at their peak. With four separately graded basketball teams representing Gibault, the school is able to meet on even terms any senior high school "B" squad or any junior high school or grade school in the area. The Gibault "Lights" composed of seventh and eighth-grade boys are a high favorite to take the Terre Haute Deanery C.Y.O. Basketball Championship. Brother Norbert has forty contenders in the Terre Haute Golden Gloves Tournament. The Gibault Team has representatives in each of the three divisions: Open, Novice, and Sub-novice Divisions. With some very promising young boxers in their midst, the Gibault boys have hopes of annexing an array of Tournament laurels.

Gibault School for Boys is owned by the Knights of Columbus and its operation is entrusted to the Brothers of Holy Cross.

### God's Proving Grounds

Twice each year, in February and August, the spotlight of Community affairs turns toward our St. Joseph's Novitiate at Rolling Prairie, Indiana. For it is there, and at those times, that young men are admitted to the Congregation and start their year of training; it is there, too, that novice Brothers are professed and sent out to assume their places in the busy and consecrated life which the Brother of Holy Cross finds is his lot. Sometimes, perhaps, too much solemnity and mystery shroud talk about novices and novitiates, but all may rest assured that while daily routine is strictly regimented, all the novice's associations and works are intensely human. He comes as close to living as God wants him to, as any class of people on earth and because of this he is happy and light-hearted. It is commonly stated among religious that no one laughs as easily as a novice.

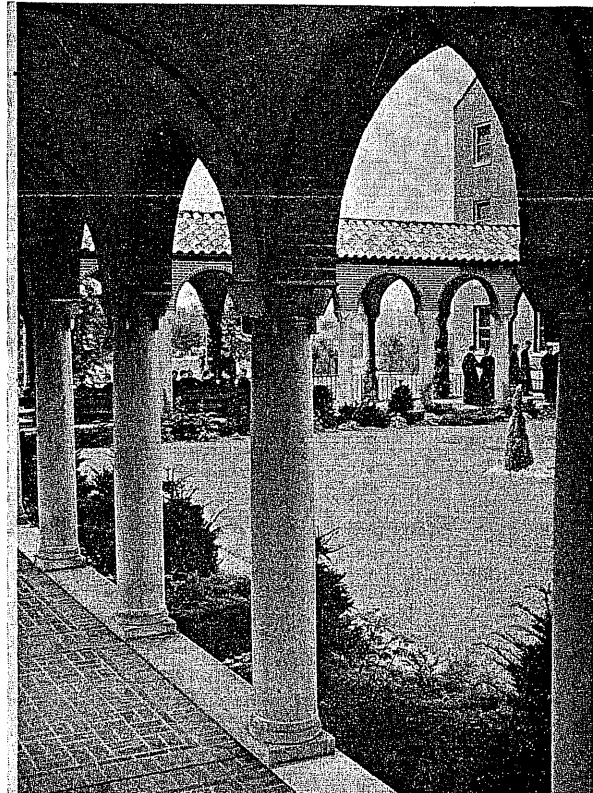
Long ago, those charged with governing the Congregation of Holy Cross, saw the need for an adequate piece of land and a suitable building, far enough from the centers of activity, to train capable religious. So, in 1925 the Congregation purchased what was known as the Interlaken School for Boys near Rolling Prairie, Indiana. It is true that they first envisioned a preparatory school, but that plan was soon abandoned in favor of a novitiate. The acreage comprised almost a full section of land and enclosed small but attractive Silver Lake. There was and still is a beautiful beech woods around most of the lake. Interlaken School had been established in 1907 by a Dr. E. A. Rumely from New York and was a pioneer among schools which combined study with practical work. For many years after the beautiful woods rang with the shouts of happy young people at play.

overlooking the lake was chosen. Finally, in 1934, the first class of novices was admitted and the tremendous task of landscaping was undertaken.

Now, in 1949, hundreds of trees and shrubs have been planted, acres of lawn have been seeded and more acres have been put under cultivation on the farm. Blooded Aberdeen-Angus graze through the woods and over the old school-site. Sheep, pigs, horses, cows and chickens are also raised. The years of work, since the first class of novices was admitted, have brought a marvelous change in the place. Brother Nicholas is novice-master and Brother Dominic is his assistant. Father Christopher Brooks, C.S.C., is the chaplain. Other faculty members include Brothers Antoninus, Sixtus, Marcellus, Amadeus, Michael Schaffa, William Huber and Richard Genord. There are at present seventy-five novices.



### The Cloister at St. Joseph's Novitiate



It took almost ten years from the date of the purchase in 1925 to bring the dream of a novitiate to fruition. A famous firm of architects, Maginnis and Walsh of Boston, were called in and they designed the building in Lombard style after a religious house in northern Italy. Since it was considered more suitable to build near the highway, the old site of Interlaken School was abandoned and a new position on an eminence

# Holy Cross Brothers and the Missions

## Courage to Spare

He's lived through civil wars and famine, civil disobedience and riots; he's weathered storms and floods, snakes and leopards. Yet he has gone back for more! We speak of Brother Andrew, C.S.C., veteran of twenty years missionary work in Bengal, India, now East Pakistan. While here in the States, the friendly Brother talked freely of his work and experience in the Far East.

Brother Andrew comes from Springfield, Illinois. He entered the Brotherhood of Holy Cross in 1916. After teaching for four years in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he left for India in 1926. In a high school in Bandhura, Brother Andrew began a long teaching career. Incidentally Brother Severin, C.S.C., present faculty member at Holy Cross, at New Orleans, Louisiana, was assistant headmaster at Bandhura. Brother Andrew became assistant headmaster in 1929, and following a ten-month visit to America in 1937, he became headmaster of the school in Bandhura.

After 1940 Brother Andrew was named superintendent of construction in the diocese of Dacca. He traveled all over the vast area supervising the construction of new schools, chapels, and infirmaries. During the past war, building materials became scarce, so Brother Andrew remained at a Middle English School at Biroidakuni. During his stay here Brother changed the school into one of secondary standing. Brother Andrew became its first head-master. He remained in Birodakuni until his departure for the States in December, 1947.

While here in the United States, the visiting missionary gave some facts on the Indian school system. Private groups are aided by the government in the establishment of educational institutions. St. Gregory High School in Dacca has 900 pupils, while the school in Bandhura has enrolled as many as 1200. According to Brother Andrew the schools of India are too top heavy with languages. Sanskrit, Arabic, Bengali, English, and Latin or French are dabbled in by Indian boys.

School begins at 6:15 a. m. and is over at 10:30 a. m. Major holidays are enjoyed from May to July and from September to November. Exams are called papers in India. Comprehensive examinations are given at the end of each course.

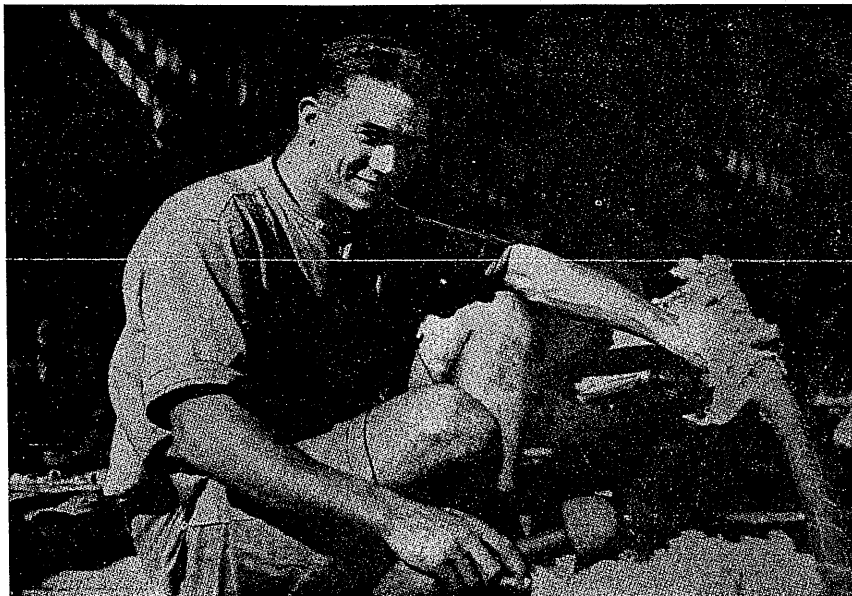
Sports are popular. The big game is soccer or football as it is called in India. Some city schools play cricket. Brother insisted that field hockey is a dandy game for boys. Volley ball, indoor, and basketball are also popular sports.

Brother's twenty years in India have provided no spectacular experience with tigers. Leopard hunting is popular. Brother Andrew did mention, however, that he and a small cobra battled it out on one occasion. The snake had crawled into a long-necked water pot in the school garden. Since drowning failed to solve the problem, Brother decided to place the pot on a brick sidewalk, break the pot, and polish off the invader with a club. The pot fell apart before

any action could be taken and the cobra was ready to strike as Brother "pasted" him with a stick.

Brother Andrew was pleasantly surprised at the progress being made by the Holy Cross Brothers in America. He hinted that

news from America is rather scarce in India. During his six-month sojourn here in the States, Brother attended a machinists' school in Chicago where he gained further skill toward his constructive and creative ability. He returned to India about four weeks ago.



Brother Andrew

## Scholastics Help Brothers in Pakistan

Activity was the keynote as the Dujarie Foreign Mission Society of the Brothers' Scholasticate at Notre Dame began, continued and completed the year. Definite efforts were made to create a true spirit of Christian charity in the potential missionaries and their co-laborers in the home missions. The results were a proof of what can be done when ideals are set high and full cooperation is received from all.

*Spiritually*, the greatest source of blessings were prayers, both personal and public. The "Unseen Army" pledges have gained in popularity and without doubt have supported the difficult tasks faced by our Missioners laboring in India and South America.

*Socially*, the society was honored by Father Theotoni Ganguly, member of the native Indian clergy and now doing graduate work at the University of Notre Dame, who gave a very interesting talk on "Education and Its Problems in India." Father stressed the need for missionaries with roots deeply set in Christian principles if their work is to bear fruit. Father's talk provoked thought and questions on the part of the entire society.

*Materially*, the main attractions of the year were (1) the Catholic Students Mission Crusade Convention, of last August, at which we made more than an expected showing; and (2) our drive to boost the mission treasury to an all time high. At the

beginning of 1948 the society set a yearly goal of \$500.00 This was considered to be a great deal since former mission records had shown that the Mission treasury had never exceeded \$280.00. However, work was begun after a short time, and the goal was reached. Cancelled stamps were coming in faster than they could be sorted, but the student Brothers responded generously to the demand and the work was finally completed. On December 24th, the treasury was swept clean and a check for the \$500.00 was given to our Provincial, Brother Ephrem, C.S.C. We considered this to be our material gift to the missionaries for Christmas. Many thanks are due to all those who helped us to help ours; for those who sent in the many packages of cancelled stamps; as well as for all who so generously gave their help in sorting and preparing the stamps for shipment to the dealers.

The prospects for 1949 are just as bright but your help is needed if our work is to be a success. You can help us by continuing to send cancelled stamps without which we cannot work. Will you help us to make a success of our Mission Work in 1949? Address all packages of cancelled stamps to Dujarie Foreign Mission Society, Notre Dame, Indiana.

## PROVINCE NEWS (continued)

on the evening of January 21, left for the novitiate at Rolling Prairie, Indiana. Before arriving at the novitiate, the group made a stop-over at Notre Dame, Indiana, where they were guests of the Brother Scholastic at Dujarie Hall.