



# Brothers of HOLY CROSS

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## Notre Dame Summer School Teachers

Several Brothers are scheduled to teach in the summer session at Notre Dame University. Brother William Mang, who was recently elected a vice-president of the National Catholic Educational Association at the convention at Philadelphia, will conduct a *Workshop in Guidance* from June 28 to July 26. Brother Elmo Bransby will assist in the Workshop and teach in the Education Department. Brothers Majella Hegarty and Kenan Judge, both members of the regular faculty of St. Edward's University, Austin, and Brother Remigius Bullinger of Catholic Central, Monroe, Michigan, will also teach in the Education Department.

Brother Columba Curran is scheduled to instruct in the Chemistry Department and Brother Adalbert Mrowca in the Physics Department.

## Summer Work for All

The closing of school brings the assignment of summer work for the Brothers of Holy Cross. As usual, the greater part of them will attend summer school at various universities. Seventy will take classes at Notre Dame University, fifteen will remain at St. Edward's University, Austin, and many of them will go across town to the University of Texas. Brother LaSalle will attend Butler University, Indianapolis. Five Brothers will live at the Brothers' residence at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago and study at Vandercook School of Music there. Brothers Francois Guilbault and Raymond Dufresne will go to Canada and attend the University of Montreal for special training in French. Twelve Brothers will live at Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California, and go to summer classes at the University of Southern California. In the East, Brother John Joseph Donnelly will go to the Fordham University, and Brothers Regius Gendron, Donald Rink, and Philip DiPace to St. John's, Brooklyn.

Forty-one Brothers under the direction of Brothers Charles Anderson and Alfonso Comeau will be used to staff summer camps at Lawton, Michigan, and Waveland, Mississippi. Seven will assist in the summer work at Gibault School, Terre Haute; five will go to St. Charles, Milwaukee. Assignments to other houses are as follows: Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin, seven Brothers; St. Joseph of Holy Cross, three Brothers; The Bengalese, Washington, D. C., three Brothers, and Gilmour Academy, Cleveland, five Brothers.

## GI's and the Brothers

When the actual fighting of the second World War came to an end, the services mustered out the great armies of young Americans they had gathered together for the conflict. All of these men faced the problem of re-entering civilian life and of picking up the threads of the lives they had left and of beginning over again. A great number of them, impressed by the tragedy they had seen and realizing the need for prayer in a world where there was little real peace, turned to the priesthood and the religious life. Fifty-seven of them have joined the Brothers of Holy Cross.

All branches of the service: the army, navy, marines and the Air Corps are represented. Many have had citations. All of the theatres of war action can be found in the war records of these men: China, Burma, India, the Pacific as well as all the sections of the European conflict.

Eighteen of the GI's are now in Dujarie Hall, the scholasticate of the Brothers at Notre Dame University, where they are studying for degrees. Twenty-two are already in the ranks of the Brothers in the schools. Seventeen are in the novitiate undergoing their religious "boot-camp" training.

There are others in the Juniorates in Wisconsin and New York awaiting the day when they will be privileged to put on the habit of the Brother of Holy Cross and start their novitiate year.



Samuel Cardinal Stritch with Brother Reginald (left) and Brother Ephrem (right)

## New Faculty House In Chicago

From 1893 until 1910 the Brothers of Holy Cross conducted Holy Trinity grammar school in Chicago. Since 1910 they have conducted Holy Trinity High School. At present there are eighteen Brothers on the staff. Brother Reginald is Superior.

A new 26-room residence, costing \$225,000, was dedicated April 24 by His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago. Glowing tributes were paid the Brothers of Holy Cross by His Eminence and by Father Przybylski, one of the early graduates of the High School.

After the 3 o'clock services in the church more than 1000 patrons visited the new residence at 1100 Noble Street.

The Rev. Casimir Sztuczko, pastor of Holy Trinity Church for fifty-six years, expressed his joy at this achievement in his introduction written for the elaborate 24-page dedication program.

The Brothers of Holy Cross are very pleased with this new home which enables them to work more efficiently for the welfare of the High School.

*A great part of knowledge is knowing where knowledge is to be found.*

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## Mother of Divine Grace

God has wished, says St. Bernard, for us to have everything through Mary. Some reflection on God's ways with men reveals this truth very clearly. God gave us His Son through Mary. For the Christian, the Son, Jesus Christ, is everything, the alpha and omega, the very life of the soul. This gift of God to man came to us through the cooperation of Mary. By means of her perfect conformity to all that God desired, Mary made it possible for men to be restored to friendship with God. She was the perfect instrument; she was completely devoted to the Divine interests. "Be it done unto me according to Thy word." She was the point of contact between the human and the Divine; in her the Word was made Flesh. She brought into the world the Son of God; most truly and fittingly is she called the Mother of God.

It is the vocation of the Christian to be another Christ. By virtue of Baptism, the Christian lives the Divine life of sanctifying grace, participates in a finite yet real way in the very life of the Divine Persons of the Trinity. This mode of life, this union with the Divine, was lived in its fullest, most perfect way by Mary. She was, in the words of the angel, "full of grace". Creature and Creator were in this supernatural relationship on the most intimate terms God ever established between Himself and a human creature. On the physical plane, too, Mary's association with God was of the highest order. It was the substance of her body which formed and gave life to the Humanity of the Word of God. It was her body which nourished and brought forth Emmanuel, "God with us". The labor of her hands, the solicitude of her Mother's heart nurtured the Divine Child until He was prepared to offer Himself as a Victim to His Heavenly Father.

It was through Mary that Jesus Christ came to us, and it is through her that we must go to Him. In the new life of the Redemption she is our intercessor with her Divine Son. How fitting this is

## The Invitation to the Religious Life



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People who live in a Community approved by the Church and observe the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience are known as Religious. These people may be Priests, Brothers, or Sisters.

When our Blessed Lord was on earth to redeem men He invited those who would be perfect to follow Him in the way of His evangelical counsels—poverty, chastity, obedience.

A vocation to the religious life is an invitation from Christ, not a command to be one of His intimate friends and fellow-workers. Anyone worthy of the name Christian must be a friend of Christ. And that friendship is not attained by mere sentimental feeling or pious lip-service. It is a friendship that expresses itself in deeds—in doing God's will, in laboring for Him. "If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love. . . ." "This is my commandment, that you love one another. . . ."

But the Christian who becomes a religious must be more than an ordinary friend of Christ. He is invited to become an intimate friend—a true lover of Christ. A person who accepts Christ's invitation to enter the religious life must literally fall in love with Christ. Christ

is everything to him: father, mother, sister, brother, friend, career, success, fame, wealth, good times. Nothing else matters now. Christ has whispered: "If thou wilt be perfect, go sell what thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me."

Christ leaves the invited free to accept or reject His invitation to a more perfect way of life. There are no threats. He wants only those who are heroic enough to give all. His army must be an army of volunteers—valiant soldiers vowed to extend His Kingdom, soldiers whose pay-day will not come till the last battle of life is over.

Whether people become religious or not God gives them sufficient grace for salvation. An invitation to become a religious is an assurance of superabundant grace. "And every one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for My name's sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall possess life everlasting."

since hers is a unique position. She is one of us; she is of our nature; she can understand our poor miserable condition. And yet she is at the same time the Mother of men and the Mother of God. She shares the Divine life of her Son as do we and she has been chosen by her Son out of the honor He wishes to pay to her, to be the channel through which His life flows to vitalize our souls. She bore in her body the Incarnate Word, God's flesh and blood. So too do we in the Mystery of the Eucharist. Here too do we bear within our breasts the same Treasure Whose Sacred Heart was formed to the rhythm of the heart of the humble Virgin.

We as Christians have our humanity and share in the life of grace in common with the Virgin Mary. But we bear the effects of the sin of Adam. With what confidence then can we, the wounded children, offer ourselves to our Heavenly Mother; with what hope can we seek intercession of her of whom "never was it known that anyone who fled to her protection was left unaided."

## Prize Winner

Edward Barrett, a freshman of Central Catholic High School, South Bend, Indiana, won first place in the county and first place in the state essay contest on "Why Democracy Works." The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks is sponsoring the contest which has now entered the national division. As the first place winner in the county Ed received \$100 with an additional \$10 for placing first in the school. The state award was \$100 along with the right to participate in the national contest.

All the high schools in the county were eligible to enter. The awards provided for first and second place winner in each school. Dick Armstrong, a senior, won second place at C. C. The students in all the English classes of Central Catholic wrote essays. From this group thirty were submitted to the judges of the county district.

Ed, an honor student, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barrett of 747 Cushing Avenue.

## Golden Anniversaries

The year 1949 marks the Golden Jubilee for two members of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Brother Bernard Gervais, who is the General Steward at the Generalate of the Congregation of Holy Cross at New York, taught for many years in the schools of the Brothers and served as superior of several houses.

Brother Maximus Czyzewski, at present teaching at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, has a long and enviable record as a teacher and superior.

Brother Angelus Dolan, now residing at the Community Infirmary, Notre Dame, is the oldest member of the Community, having made his first vows in August of 1883. This year he celebrates his 66th year of service to God.



## A Brother in the Book Apostolate

Perhaps the most widely known of the Brothers of Holy Cross is Brother Ernest Ryan, who has devoted a major portion of his more than thirty years in religion to writing books for young people. He firmly believes that one of the most effective ways of reaching the minds of the young and of moulding them into exemplary Christians is to present to them, in readable, attractive form, the lives of the canonized saints or individuals thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Christ. His success in this apostolate is proven by many factors, not the least of which is the enthusiastic testimony of many who teach young people and the fact that he has sold more than 110,000 copies of his books.

It is interesting to know that, with all this output, Brother Ernest has never been entirely free to write. He has, practically always, had a full teaching schedule. After graduation from Notre Dame University, he taught English and religion in the schools of the Brothers, was a member of the summer session faculty of the School of Library Science at the Catholic University of America, where he had been graduated in library science. At one time he taught at Columbia Preparatory School, Portland, Oregon, and found time to complete his work for a Master's Degree. In recent years, he has taught in the summer session at Notre Dame University. With this in mind and with the additional knowledge that he has published twenty-seven books, some idea of the scope of his activities can be formed. Besides, and more or less as a hobby, Brother has conducted classes in music appreciation, is constantly in demand as a lecturer, and this summer, among other things, will instruct an entire Sisterhood in methods of teaching religion.

Brother Ernest is a member of the International Mark Twain Society, and in 1940, in recognition of the "literary skill and

craftsmanship of (his) published works," he was made an honorary member of the Eugene Field Society. Lately, because of the popularity of his books in the Hawaiian Islands, Brother was made an honorary member of the Catholic Library Society of Hawaii.

Twenty-two of Brother Ernest's books have been written for teen-agers. They are: *That Boy!*, *The Dragon Killer*, *The Boy Who Worked Wonders*, *That House Is Haunted*, *The Boy Who Saw the World*, *Son of Thunder*, *Saint Joseph's Little Brother*, *When Going's Toughest*, *Come to Bethlehem*, *A Star Forever*, *Eddie of Jackson's Gang*, *Adventures of Tommy Blake*, *Dick of Copper Gap*, *The Boy Who Threw Away His Gold*, *Young Prince Gonzaga*, *The Giant Saint*, *Forest Fire!*, *Peanut Tony's Boy*, *Boys of the Covered Wagons*, *Captain Johnny Ford*, *And the Winds Blew*, and *The Man Under the Stairs*.

Five of Brother's books are for adults. They are: *Our Brothers*, *Religion and Living*, *Equipping the Teacher of Religion*, *As a Star for All Eternity*, and *These Two Hearts*.

## Acknowledgments

The faculty of Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, recently contributed \$225.00 toward the completion of the Brother Marcellus Burse. Brother Marcellus Burse was principal of the school when he died in 1942 at the age of thirty-nine.

A \$10,000 gift provided for in the will of the late Mrs. Mary Premont, Community benefactress, is being used by Brother Theophane for furnishing offices at Gilmour Academy, Cleveland.

Other properties of Mrs. Premont constitute an endowment trust fund for St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buschatz, South Bend, have contributed generously to the cost of publishing the monthly newsette, *Brothers of Holy Cross*.

## Vocation Specials

Recent editions of school papers have carried well-planned pages on the vocation of religious. Of special interest was *The Memorial* of Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville. It had two full pages of vocational information. One page was devoted to the vocation of the Holy Cross Brothers and the other to the Sisters of Providence. *The Bulletin*, published by the students of Holy Cross High School, New Orleans, featured a full page of interesting material with a story on one of the graduates who has become a Brother of Holy Cross. Previous mention has been made in these pages of the very successful vocation meeting held at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, which was attended by several Brothers of other Orders.

## Obituary

Brother Bertin Sherman died at the Community Infirmary on April 13. He was in the 57th year of his religious profession.

## Gift at West Haven

Recently the Fathers' Club and the Mothers' Club at Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Connecticut, gave the Brothers of the faculty a beautiful new Zenith television set for their recreation room. The recipients are deeply grateful and wish publicly to thank these generous men and women.

These two clubs were organized primarily to assist in the work of the Brothers in whatever way they could. Mrs. Wayne Burwell is President of the Mothers' Club; Mrs. Joseph Walker is Vice-President and Mrs. Earl Doolittle is Treasurer. The Corresponding Secretary is Mrs. Neil Vezliante, and the Recording Secretary is Mrs. Robert Blythe. Brother Edgar Plas, c.s.c., represents the faculty.

Mr. Frank Moran is President of the Fathers' Club, and the Vice-President is Mr. Frank DeMayo. Dr. Charles Donadio is Treasurer. The Recording Secretary is Mr. Jerry Germaine, and the Corresponding Secretary is Mr. Frank Raith. Brother Noel Romanak, c.s.c., is faculty representative.

## Father Moreau Apostolate

The Brothers are very pleased to learn that a children's "Life of Father Moreau," Founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, is to be issued by the Fides Publishing Company of South Bend early in the fall. The story of Father Moreau is being told by Sister Mary Immaculate, C.S.C., and is being illustrated by Sister M. Rose Ellen, C.S.C. The book will furnish interesting and edifying reading for children in the early grammar school grades. The spontaneous prayer of many a young heart will be for the early beatification of the saintly Founder of Holy Cross.



Brother Alfonso Comeau, C.S.C.

## New Orleans Centennial

On May 1, 1849, five Brothers and three Sisters of Holy Cross went from Notre Dame, Indiana, to New Orleans to conduct St. Mary's Orphanage. This history of the Orphanage was one of struggle against malaria, yellow fever and poverty.

In 1871 the Brothers, along with the older boys, moved from Chartres Street to a new location on the banks of the Mississippi and operated what was known as St. Isadore's Farm. This industrial school was chartered in 1880 and was owned and conducted by the priests and Brothers of Holy Cross. In 1895 the institution became known as Holy Cross College, a regular boarding school for boys. In 1912 the priests of Holy Cross turned over the school to the exclusive control of the Brothers of Holy Cross, and Brother Engelbert Leisse was named the first Brother President. Though called a College the institution remained a high school in fact, and the name Holy Cross High School was formally adopted in 1946. At present the school enrolls 150 boarders and some 500 day boys from all parts of the city. It has been known for its scholarship, its magnificent campus and its athletic teams. The present youthful Superior and Principal is Brother Alfonso Comeau. During his brief administration the school has made great strides materially and intellectually. In the past year it won first place in many of the city and state sponsored academic contests. It has enthusiastic alumni and a most active Parents' organization.

Sunday, May 8, the religious commemorative exercises will be presided over by the Very Rev. Albert F. Cousineau, C.S.C., Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Many major officers of the Congregation were present, among them Brother Ephrem, C.S.C., Provincial Superior of the Brothers.

## Building Started in Michigan

The good news from Catholic Central High School at Monroe, Michigan, this month tells of the awarding of the contract for the new school building and that work began April 8, 1949.

When the Brothers of Holy Cross opened Catholic Central at the invitation of Cardinal Mooney in 1944, they had little more than a gymnasium to work in, but the people of Monroe and the surrounding area, through their pastors, promised a new building as soon as construction became feasible. It has not taken them long to fulfill their promise.

The over-all cost of the structure is \$403,000.00. It will be ready in January of 1950. The building will include a new heating plant and a covered passageway to the present building—thus affording ample, modern facilities for 400 high school boys. Rev. William Shaw, Chairman of the School Board, has charge of the project. Brother Christian Stinnet is principal of the school.

## New Organ at Saint Joseph's Novitiate

A new, church-model Hammond Organ was installed in the chapel of Saint Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 1949. The organ is a two manual and pedal keyboard organ voiced for the stately novitiate chapel and will be used by the novices for all their liturgical exercises.

The organ is a gift of Brother Wenceslaus Bartek who, at present, is gardener in the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Community Infirmary at Notre Dame. Brother Wenceslaus comes from a venerable family of Nebraska farmers and still retains considerable holdings among them. He devotes a part of this income to Community projects.

## Mission Helpers

Recent drives to raise money for the missions in East Pakistan entrusted to the priests and Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross netted \$1000.71 at Cathedral High School, Indianapolis; and \$442.40 was raised by a program of boxing events at Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville.

Monday, May 9, the school's spacious dining hall was the setting for the centenary banquet for His Excellency, Archbishop Rummel, and many of the local clergy.

We offer our congratulations to the priests and Brothers of Holy Cross who labored during the 100 years for this popular institution of Holy Cross in the South. May its apostolate and prosperity continue to grow for the glory of God and the credit of Holy Cross.

## Personals

Brother Theophane Schmidt, Headmaster, Gilmour Academy, Cleveland, recently completed several trips made in the interests of enrollment at the Academy. He visited private schools in Grand Rapids, Monroe, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati and interviewed boys and their parents in order to tell them of the advantages of a Gilmour education. While in Detroit, he made the Book-Cadillac Hotel his headquarters, and while in Chicago, he interviewed prospective students at the Palmer House.

Brother Lorenzo Powers, who arrived in the United States recently after ten years of missionary life in India, is visiting relatives in New Jersey and Massachusetts. His confrere, Brother James Tallarovic, who returned with him, is visiting his family in Cleveland.

Brother John Berchmans Aery of Saint Joseph's Farm, Granger, Indiana, has applied for a patent on a time-saving device which can be attached to a corn and grain planter.

Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, Provincial, will preside at the Triennial Chapter of the Brothers of Holy Cross when it convenes at Notre Dame the first week in July. Forty-four delegates will be present.

Brothers William Mang (Chairman of the National Catholic Secondary School Department), Venard Gorman, Elmo Bransby and Maurus O'Malley represented the Brothers of Holy Cross at the convention of the National Catholic Educational Association at Philadelphia, April 19-22. Brother William presented a paper on "The Preparation of Teachers of Religion" to a joint meeting of the administrators of colleges, universities and secondary schools. He was elected an administrative vice-president for the coming year.

"The Associate of Saint Joseph", quarterly magazine published by the Brothers of Holy Cross in the interests of spreading devotion to their special patron, is now printed by the Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame. Its publication office is at Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin. Many new subscribers have been added because of the efforts of students at the Juniorates, Novitiate and Scholasticate.

Brother Bernardine Mosier, a former missionary in India, now stationed at Valatie, New York, is to spend the summer in Washington, D. C., teaching Bengali to the young Brothers and seminarians destined for India in the future.

The Community House at Notre Dame was host to five road representatives of the Ave Maria magazine during the Easter holidays. Besides participating in the usual Easter liturgical functions, Brothers Vitus Schwartz, Brendan Luby, Otto Hayden, Roman Healy and Canisius Mooney were guests at a buffet supper Easter Sunday evening in the recreation rooms of the Community House.