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## Plans for St. Edward High School

The new St. Edward High School to be built at Lakewood, Ohio, will be a twenty-six classroom structure of two floors and a basement, and will provide space for about a thousand students. The building will be roughly in the shape of a giant E, with the faculty house to the left, the auditorium-gymnasium to the right, and a central wing extending back from the main entrance.

The faculty house is two storeys with a large, tiled sun deck on part of the roof over the first floor. The deck will eventually be closed and made into private rooms for additional teachers. The house also includes a chapel, kitchen, refectory, and sleeping rooms for approximately thirty. There is a large recreation room for the Community and a reception room.

The central wing contains the school offices, the library and scientific facilities. The laboratories are planned to feature the latest type of equipment for physics, chemistry and biology. An art room is included for all kinds of crafts and drawing.

The right wing of the building will house the auditorium-gymnasium. The seating capacity of the auditorium will be 2500. The bleacher seats will be the roll-away type in order to provide more room for indoor sports. The basement will be used as a cafeteria with the

kitchen at one end and the band and locker rooms at the other end.

Floors will be reinforced concrete with linoleum covering in the classrooms and terrazzo finish in all corridors, stairwells and public rooms. The exterior is face brick and stone trimming in unadorned, modern design.

Construction will start in April and it is hoped that at least part of the structure will be ready for occupancy by late October.

## Open House at West Haven

The various Sisterhoods of the greater New Haven area were guests of the faculty of Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Connecticut. The day was especially designed to show the sisters the new school, and to introduce the Brothers to the other religious teachers of the environs.

The program consisted of a moving picture on the life of Sister Kenny, and showed her struggle for recognition. Afterwards the visitors were assembled in small groups for tours of the buildings conducted by the Brothers.

Tea was served in the school cafeteria by the members of the Notre Dame High School Mothers' Club. Mrs. James Valenti was general chairman. Many of the members and their friends provided cars for transportation.

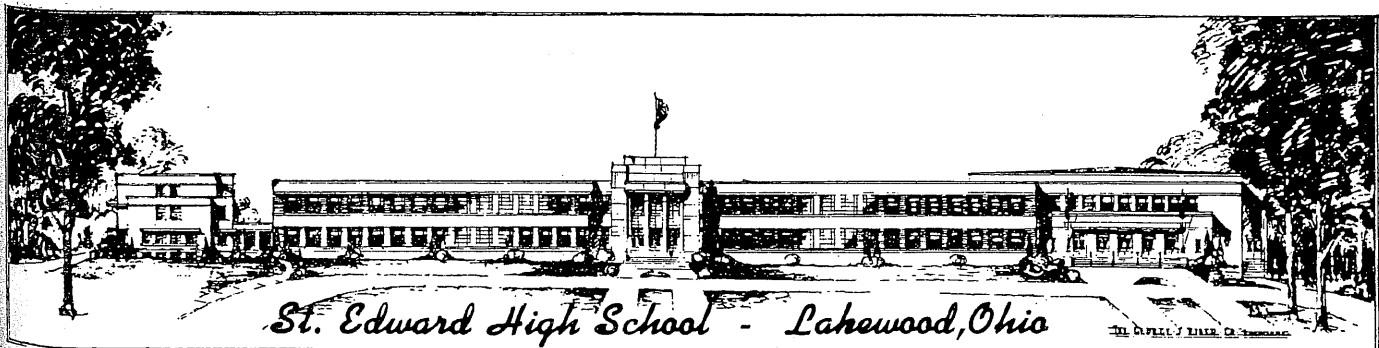
## St. Anthony to Build

Brother Francis Davis, c.s.c., Principal of St. Anthony High School, Long Beach, California, reports that the pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard Delan, has purchased a site for a new faculty house for the Brothers of Holy Cross. The three-story building will contain nineteen faculty rooms, chapel, dining room, recreation room, guest rooms, patio, laundry room, etc.

The Brothers have been at St. Anthony High School since 1941.

Brother Dunstan Bowles, c.s.c., member of the faculty of St. Anthony High school, Long Beach, California, participated in a panel discussion on the "Values of Acting" at a recent meeting of the Catholic Theatre Conference in Oakland, California. Brother was accompanied by three of his students.

Brother Kieran Ryan, c.s.c., Dean of the department of Commerce St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, is co-editor with Sister Mary Gregoria, b.v.m., Mundelein College, Chicago, of the new quarterly *Catholic Business Education Review*. In the March issue, Brother Kieran contributed a perceptive article on *Private Property*. The *Review* is sponsored and published by the Catholic Business Education Association.



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## Citizens and Sainthood

The example of the saints never ceases to fill the Christian mind with awe and admiration. The utter simplicity and completely integrated charity of St. Francis of Assisi is at once so Christlike yet so different in many ways from St. Francis of Sales or St. Thomas More. The family background, the intellectual preparation, the stress and strain of the times and the environment, all seem to combine with the Grace of God to produce sanctity out of as great a variety as there are individual saints. Some have come through long and sometimes bitter conflict; others, like the Little Flower, appear to have developed into saints in an alarmingly 'normal' way. All of which points unswervingly to the simple fact that out of infinite variety of both circumstances and person, Almighty God has moulded the long procession of the sanctified.

It is sad to contemplate the number of people who think that sainthood is impossible to gain in their way of life, and sadder yet is it to think of the untold hordes who are not even aware that the saints existed. When St. Teresa was chided for starting a foundation on the equivalent of only one dollar, she reminded her critic that with God nothing is impossible. One is jolted by such disarming faith and resolution. Almost simultaneously one regrets that it is so rarely found. But in the lives of the saints there is the obvious lesson that anyone who really desires to make the sacrifice, who has the courage to persevere in it, can with the help of God become a saint.

Brother Reginald Juszczak, C.S.C., Principal of Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, has accepted an invitation to be a member of the Committee on Membership of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

## Salute to Devotion

On March 19, the patronal feast of the Brothers of Holy Cross, the many friends of Brother Maximus Czyzewski, C.S.C., gathered with him at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, to celebrate the fiftieth year of his religious profession.

Brother Maximus' story is an unusual one of self sacrifice and devotion. Born in Lithuania in 1881, he came to America and entered the Brothers of Holy Cross at the age of seventeen. He knew no English but by careful observation and practice he learned how to speak it well enough so that he could enter the house of studies immediately after his noviceship. After a short stay at St. Hedwige's School, South Bend, the Bookstore at the University of Notre Dame, and Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin, he was sent to Holy Trinity, Chicago and there, since 1907, he has worked in almost every capacity, and seen his beloved 'Trinity' develop into the great plant it is today. First he taught in the grade school, but since 1910, he has



Brother Maximus Czyzewski, C.S.C.  
Jubilarian

taught continuously in the high school. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Notre Dame and has completed the requirements for his Master's. Besides he has attended both DePaul and Loyola Universities in Chicago.

From 1917 to 1920, Brother served as Superior at Holy Trinity and again from 1928 to 1934. It was during his first superiorship that the new building was erected. Later he was able to secure accreditation from the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Illinois.

It was Brother Maximus' pleasure to have a former pupil of his, now pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, the Reverend

Doctor Stanislaus Lisewski, C.S.C., sing the Mass for the jubilee celebration. He was pleased, too, to be able to renew acquaintance with so many of his former pupils and friends at the banquet which was served in the school cafeteria. Doctor M. Kaminski was toastmaster and as such he called on representatives from the Parent-Teacher Association, Fathers' Club and the Parish to express their appreciation of the work that the jubilarian has done. Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, C.S.C., headed a large delegation of Brothers who joined in the public rejoicing over the long and praiseworthy career of their confrere.

## Summer School at Notre Dame

Six Brothers of Holy Cross have been added to the summer school faculty of the University of Notre Dame.

Brother Elmo Bransby, Director of Dujarie Hall, and Brother Adalbert Mrowca, member of the Physics Department at the University of Notre Dame, will continue as regular members of the faculty. Brother Majella Hegarty, St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, will lecture on the technique of teaching. Brother Kenan Judge, Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, will teach methods of instruction in the social studies.

Brother Noel Romanak, Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Connecticut, will be in charge of the course in the methods of teaching the physical sciences. Brother Paul Schwoyer, St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, will serve in a like capacity in Latin. Brother Remigius Bullinger, Catholic Central High School, Monroe, Michigan, will teach a course in the methods of teaching English. Classes in the Principles of Secondary Education will be taught by Brother Francis Borgia Woehler, Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin.

## Obituary

Your prayers are requested for the following who have died recently:

Father of Brother Benoit Frigolo, C.S.C.

Sister-in-law of Brother Maximus Czyzewski, C.S.C.

Grandmother of Brother Anton Mattingly, C.S.C.

Aunt of Brother Richard Makley, C.S.C.

## Behind the Scenes . . . III

Brother Nilus Grix, C.S.C., Assistant Provincial Treasurer and member of the council, smiles as he recalls that he was born on a farm in Greenfield township which has since become a part of the city of Detroit. This was in 1905. Some years later as one of a family of seven children, he received his first formal education in a one-room country schoolhouse. After his seventh birthday, the young farmer went by interurban the necessary three miles into Detroit so that he might attend a Catholic grade school.

In January, 1923, and on Friday 13, Brother Nilus defied all the bad luck omens that his friends jokingly mentioned and left home to join the Brothers of Holy Cross. Having been professed in July, 1924, he entered Dujarie Hall at the University of Notre Dame and completed his studies for a Bachelor of Science degree. Subsequently he taught at Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, for a little over two years. But the call of the soil was too great and Brother Nilus was assigned to St. Joseph's Farm, Granger, Indiana, where he spent nine years, six of them as Superior. His next assignment coming in 1942 was Notre Dame Farm and he has been there as Director ever since. Brother says Notre Dame Farm has about 425 acres under cultivation but includes also some woods and pasture land. The farm is used principally to feed cattle for the Chicago market and hogs for serum plants in the West and

local stock yards. Formerly the farm supplied meat, potatoes, and other farm products for the University of Notre Dame but is no longer large enough to keep up with the voracious appetites of five thousand students.

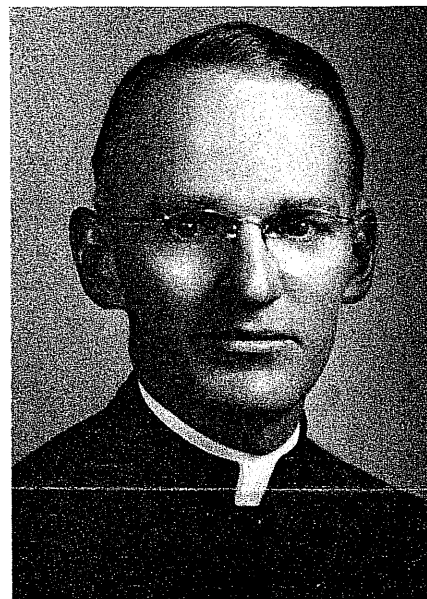
Brother Nilus' brother followed him into the Congregation of Holy Cross and is known as Brother Roderic. His sister, Sister Florian, is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Nazareth, Michigan.

Besides his work on the Provincial Council and on the farm, Brother is very active in agricultural club work. He is a very interested member of various committees and boards and promotes 4H work. He is also a member of the St. Joseph County Zoning Commission. Some publicity on that committee recently revealed he is a democrat.

The youngest member of the Provincial Council, and its Secretary, is a friendly, nationally known chemist, Brother Columba Curran. Born in Cincinnati in 1911, his family soon after moved to Indianapolis and all of Brother's primary and secondary schooling was received at Cathedral Grade and High School there. After graduation from high school, he entered the Brothers of Holy Cross in September, 1928.

Following his novitiate, Brother Columba took up residence in Dujarie Hall and began his studies at the University of Notre Dame. In 1933, he received the Bachelor's degree, in 1935, the Master's, and in 1937, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy with Chemistry as his major subject. Aside from teaching at Coyle Memorial High school, Taunton, Massachusetts, for one year, Brother Columba's teaching career has centered at Notre Dame, where he is presently Associate Professor of Chemistry. In March, 1945, the University of Notre Dame arranged post-doctoral studies for him at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. He went there in the capacity of Visiting Professor and was at "Tech" until mid-1946. He returned to the scorched but dependable commonwealth of Indiana, having profited greatly by his studies. He also wore the usual tan and had the regulation California Chamber of Commerce apogetics.

A member of the American Chemical Society for many years, Brother has published several research papers in their journal and has a number more in preparation. His research, the nature of which is difficult to explain to the average layman, concerns itself



Brother Columba Curran, C.S.C.  
Secretary, Provincial Council, Associate Professor  
of Chemistry at Notre Dame.

mostly with molecular structure and electron distribution in molecules.

Dealing with sub-atomic particles has not frozen Brother Columba's active interest in sports and he maintains along with his affable father an especially lively interest in baseball and football.

## Trophy for Gilmour

Three-year-old Gilmour Academy won its first trophy recently when no less than eight of her students qualified for the state finals in the Ohio State School Speech League. Four of the boys, participating in debate, won the trophy. Four others, one each in original oratory, dramatic reading, humorous reading, and oratorical declamation participated in the finals.

The Brothers at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, were entertained at a stag buffet supper at the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, on the Feast of St. Joseph. The very enjoyable affair was sponsored by the Gilmour Academy Men's Club.

Brother William Mang, C.S.C., Assistant Provincial and Supervisor of Schools, is a regular contributor to the book-evaluating periodical, *Books on Trial*. Brother William's most recent review appears in the February number and concerns Albert Jay Nock's book *The Theory of Education in the United States*.



Brother Nilus Grix, C.S.C.  
Assistant Provincial Treasurer,  
Director of Notre Dame Farm.

## Jubilee for Brothers

Three Brothers of Holy Cross this year celebrate the twenty-fifth year of their religious profession. The entire Community, as well as their friends and relatives, join in wishing them God's blessing for this special year and for all to follow.

Brother Michael Donovan was born at Boston in 1902, and came to the Brothers of Holy Cross in 1923. He was professed two years later. Brother attended the Alexian Brothers' Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, and was graduated in 1933. The following year he passed the Illinois State Board for his R.N. Since that time he has directed the nursing of the patients at the Community Infirmary, Notre Dame.

Brother Omer Bielawski came to the Brothers of Holy Cross in 1925, after having emigrated from Lithuania where he was born in 1885. Most of his religious life has been spent in farm work at St. Joseph's Farm and at the Community Infirmary.

Brother Rupert Poudrier entered the Congregation in 1923 and was professed two years later. He was born at Oconto, Wisconsin in 1900. Having been graduated from the University of Notre Dame, Brother Rupert entered upon a highly successful teaching career. He has taught in the Brothers' schools at Evansville, New Orleans, Watertown, Terre Haute, Long Beach and Sherman Oaks. At Gibault School for Boys, Terre Haute, he was Superior and Field Director, and at present he is Superior at Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California. Brother Rupert's stay at Gibault School started in 1934 and extended until 1945. In that time he was able to secure recognition from the Courts and other important groups, and to raise the enrollment of the school from about 30 boys to almost a hundred more than that. His success as an administrator there is widely recognized and applauded.

## Reports on Cancer

Brother Benedictus Secoy, c.s.c., Principal of Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana, has helped edit *March Against Cancer*, a textbook which is used by secondary schools in Indiana. It is published by the Indiana Cancer Society and already has gone through three printings. The Vanderburgh County unit of the Society recently enjoyed a review of the book by Brother Benedictus. The text is designed to teach students about cancer



Brother John Bylancik, C.S.C., Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin, gives friendly vocational advice to Harold Thielen, Portsmouth, Iowa, at the Brothers of Holy Cross booth, Tenth Annual Wisconsin Catholic Action Convention, Milwaukee.

## Display at Milwaukee

The Brothers of Holy Cross were well represented at the vocational exhibit of the 10th annual Wisconsin Catholic Action Convention held in Milwaukee Auditorium, March 10-12.

One of 40 religious communities in the display, the Holy Cross Brothers arranged a colorful vocational and literary booth. It was initiated by Brother Lawrence, c.s.c., Superior of St. Charles Boys' Home, Milwaukee, and presented in cooperation with Brother Donatus, c.s.c., Superior of Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wis., where the booth was planned and built.

All the art work, selecting of pictures, and construction of the very attractive booth was done by Brother Felician, c.s.c., teacher of science and craft at Sacred Heart, — and past mas-

ter of the art of decor. The makeup of the booth included all the Brothers' institutions set in pictures.

The Convention was sponsored by SUMA (Sodality Union of the Milwaukee Archdiocese). The convention theme was "Sodalists Alive."

Nearly 10,000 Catholic high school pupils and college students from throughout Wisconsin attended. During the three-day program, they worshipped, listened to nationally known Catholic leaders, and discussed such topics as marriage, vocations, the holy year, mental prayer, atomic war, Catholic Action, missionary work and the influence of television and radio.

Speakers included Rev. Patrick Peyton, c.s.c., originator of the Family Rosary Crusade, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. James Conroy, Associate Editor of *Our Sunday Visitor*; Rev. Walter Farrell, O.P., Catholic University of America, and many others.

in an effort to help eradicate the disease.

Brother Benedictus has also joined the principals of other high schools in the Evansville area in discussions with local industrialists for cooperative engineering scholarships at Evansville College.

## Personals

Brother Leonardo Bebetu, c.s.c., member of the English department of Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana, was elected temporary

chairman of the local Catholic Theatre Conference. The guild plans post-lenten stage productions and eventual membership in the national group.

Brother Ernest Ryan, c.s.c., author and Director of Dujarie Press, addressed the convention of the Catholic Library Association of Wisconsin at Green Bay recently. Brother Sabinus Herbert, c.s.c., Assistant Superior of the Community House, Notre Dame, represented Ave Maria Press at the meeting.