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## Chapter Meets in Rome

The accompanying picture shows one of the groups of the General Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross which had the extraordinary privilege of a private audience with His Holiness, Pope Pius the Twelfth. The Very Rev. Christopher J. O'Toole (left of the Pope) succeeds the Very Reverend Albert F. Cousineau of Canada as Superior General. Father O'Toole was born in Alpena, Michigan, and entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1920. Ordained in 1933, he has been Master of Novices at North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, Superior of Holy Cross Seminary, Washington D. C., and Vice Provincial of the Indiana Province of the priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Father received his Doctorate in Philosophy from the Catholic University of America in 1944. Quiet, intellectual, priestly and sincerely devoted to the highest ideals of the Congregation of Holy Cross as he is, the choice of Father O'Toole is a very popular one and it augurs a spiritual prosperity through devotion to the Rule for all the members, priests and Brothers.

Reverend Howard Kenna, (right of His Holiness) former Superior of Moreau Seminary and Director of Studies at the University of Notre Dame becomes an Assistant General.

Brother William Mang (right of Father Kenna), former Assistant Provincial and Supervisor of Schools for the United States Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, was elected an Assistant General. Brother William, who holds a Doctorate in Education from the University of Chicago, has spent many years in administrative work. In 1946 he was made a member of the pioneer provincial council which set up the American province of the Brothers.

The Chapter, which meets every six years, held their deliberations in Rome this year for the second time in the history of the Congregation.

The officers of the General Council are as follows: Very Reverend Christopher J. O'Toole, Superior General; Reverend Richard Vincelette, Reverend Howard Kenna, Brother William Mang and Brother Gervais Leduc, Assistants General.



Father General introduces a group of his confreres to His Holiness, Pius Twelfth. Left to right: Brother Cosmas, Brother Gervais, Very Reverend Christopher O'Toole, His Holiness, Pius Twelfth, Father Kenna, Brother William, Father Joseph Harrington and Brother Dacien.

The officers of the Provincial Council for the Brothers are: Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, Provincial; Brother John Baptist Titzer, Brother Bonaventure Foley, Brother Chrysostom Schaefer and Brother Columba Curran, Councillors.

Brother Theophane Schmitt, Headmaster at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, replaces Brother Bernard Gervais as General Steward and Treasurer. Brother Bernard will reside at St. Joseph's Novitiate.

The Generalate of the Congregation of Holy Cross is at 4 East 80th Street, New York. Father Richard Vincelette and Brother Gervais Leduc are members from the Canadian Provinces.

## Archbishop Lawrence Graner, C.S.C.

The Brothers of Holy Cross extend congratulations to their fellow member of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Archbishop Lawrence L. Graner, C.S.C., who was recently elevated to the archiepiscopal dignity.

His Excellency was consecrated Bishop of Dacca (East Pakistan) at the University of Notre Dame in April, 1947.

## New Superiors

The annual summer assignments of Brothers to the various houses reveal that ten of the Brothers' foundations have new Superiors or Directors.

Brother Bonaventure Foley becomes Director of Dujarie Hall, Notre Dame, and Brother Elmo Bransby assumes direction of the Scholasticate at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. Brother Columba Curran is in charge of St. Vincent's, Notre Dame.

Brother Charles Andersen is the Superior at Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana, and Brother Christian Stinnett at Vincentian Institute, Albany, New York.

The Juniorate at Watertown, Wisconsin, will have Brother Francis Borgia Woehler as Superior. His predecessor there, Brother Donatus Schmitz, goes to Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Connecticut.

Brother Edwin Mattingly is Director of Central Catholic, South Bend, Indiana, and Brother Gerontius McCarthy is the new Superior at Catholic Central, Monroe, Michigan. Brother Joachim Reiniche succeeds Brother Florian Gill as Superior at St. Joseph's Farm.

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### A Call to Action

The word *vocation* comes originally from the Latin verb, *vocare*, which means *to call* or *to summons*. In everyday English a vocation is understood as some profession or state of life to which an individual is appropriately fitted. We say he has an aptitude or perhaps even a predilection for certain work. He seems "cut-out" to follow a particular line of endeavor.

A religious vocation is just as simple. God calls, without respect for good looks or social position or even special intelligence. Usually, He calls very quietly and it may be someone whom we would least expect. St. Paul was on his way to do violence to Christians when he heard the irresistible voice of God. Hundreds of famous saints have "felt" the urge and taken up the life of religious. By far the greater percentage of them heard no voice or saw no beckoning vision. In their humility, they simply followed an unmistakable feeling that their vocation was to the religious life.

But so many young people ask: "How can I know?" "How can I be sure?" The best answer is this: If you have the desire, normal health, normal intelligence and are accepted by a religious institute then it is possible that you have a vocation. The next step is to try it. Enter the life, live it to the hilt, and you will soon know whether you belong or not.

Although the gift of a religious vocation is certainly a mark of very special favor toward an individual, God does not compel its acceptance. Each one is free to correspond with the grace or not, but only the faint-hearted will turn away.

The Brothers of Holy Cross were founded as the Brothers of St. Joseph in France in 1820 by the Reverend James Francis Dujarie.

### Council Reorganization

The work accomplished by the Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross at Rome last summer of most immediate interest to the Brothers was the election of Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer to his second term as Provincial Superior and the appointment of the two new Provincial Councillors, Brother John Baptist Titzer and Brother Bonaventure Foley. In addition, the former is Assistant Provincial, Steward and Director of Studies, and the latter is Archivist, Secretary to the Council and Director of Dujarie Hall.

Brother John Baptist was born in Evansville, Indiana, in 1907. Later, as a member of the first graduating class of Reitz Memorial High School, he was winner of the gold medal for public



Brother John Baptist, C.S.C.  
Assistant Provincial

speaking, president of his class and valedictorian. The principal of the school at the time was Brother Ephrem who is now Brother John Baptist's immediate superior.

Upon finishing high school Brother determined to follow his older brother in the religious life. Accordingly, in September of 1925, he entered the Juniorate at Watertown as his brother Francis, now Brother Stephen, had done in 1921.

Up to 1943, the new Assistant Provincial was occupied principally in getting a degree from the University of Notre Dame, *cum laude*, and fulfilling teaching assignments at Holy Cross High School, New Orleans, Louisiana, and at Coyle Memorial High School, Taunton, Massachusetts. A part of the time was spent as Director of Vocations

at Watertown, Wisconsin. Then came the important assignment as Superior and Principal at Vincentian Institute, Albany, New York.

In 1943 Brother John Baptist was given the opportunity to pursue graduate study at Fordham University, New York, and that school conferred a Doctorate in Education upon him, *cum laude*, in 1948.

One of the personally most satisfying jobs was his appointment in 1946 to be the Superior and Principal at Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Connecticut. This actually meant founding the school and seeing to all the details of the erection of the beautiful new building and the conversion of the old one to an attractive residence. It meant literally the introducing of the work of the Brothers of Holy Cross to the people of the Nutmeg State. With the assistance of a hard working faculty, all will agree that this was ably done. After four years in Connecticut Brother John was chosen to return to the Provincial House as Assistant Provincial.

The best wishes and prayers of the Brothers and his many friends among the students and their parents are with the new Assistant. He is everywhere admired for his enthusiasm and friendliness and his ability to get work done. He is especially esteemed for those mature traits of mind which have brought him up the ladder so quickly.

(The next issue of the *Brothers of Holy Cross* will introduce Brother Bonaventure.)

### Personals

Brother Kieran Ryan, C.S.C., member of the faculty of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, shared the directorship of a "College Workshop on the Teaching of Catholic Economic and Social Principles" with Sister Mary Gregoria, B.V.M., Mundelein College, Chicago. The Workshop was held at the University of Notre Dame during the summer and was attended by most of the well known writers and lecturers in the field.

There are sixty-four novices at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. One hundred and eleven Brothers are living and studying in the Scholasticates. Dujarie Hall has sixty-nine, St. Vincent's has eighteen, and the Scholasticate at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, enrolled twenty-four. Both Dujarie and St. Vincent's are at Notre Dame University.

## Novitiate Year Begins

Thirty candidates received the habit of the Brothers of Holy Cross in the beautiful chapel of St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, on August 5. They represent young men from the Central and Eastern States. Eleven of them came from St. Joseph's Juniorate, Valatie, New York, and nineteen came from Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin.

The reception was preceded by an eight-day retreat conducted by a priest of the Capuchin Order. After the investiture, the new novices visited with their relatives and friends. A buffet luncheon was served for the convenience and comfort of the guests.



The young men pictured here entered the novitiate of the Brothers of Holy Cross last August. ROW ONE, left to right: Brothers Donald Allen, William Doherty, Harold Thielen, Rene Guertin, Francis Boyes, Chester Baran and John St. Amand. ROW TWO: Brothers Joseph Spencer, William Denton, August Sosa, Lawrence Marshall, Robert Leamson, Kevin Barey, Rudolph Talaga and Raphael De Gennaro. ROW THREE: Brothers Charles Van Winkle, Robert Bergen, Paul Enk, William Engel, Edward Cole, Philip Armstrong, Ambrose Murtagh and Victor McGee. ROW FOUR: Brothers Thomas Lacombe, John Dunham, Thomas Dillman, John Terlisner, Gerald Hickey, Paul McKee and John Shapker.

## Brothers Receive Degrees

At the summer Commencement Exercises at the University of Notre Dame, ten Brothers of Holy Cross received their Masters' Degree. Brothers Reinald Duran, Pacificus Halpin and Paschal Tomaszewski majored in English. Brothers Theodosius Flynn, Eudes Hartnett and Ralph Jaworsky took degrees in History. Brothers Ellis Greene, Bertram Madden and Eldred Reisenweber completed their work in Education, and Brother Marius Wittner received his degree in Biology.

In the undergraduate school, Brothers Thomas Corcoran, Francisco Drury and James Worl were graduated with Bachelor of Arts degrees.

At the June Commencement at Notre Dame, Brothers James Madigan, Roberto Muller and James Walter received the Bachelor of Arts degree. Brother Roberto gained the *magna cum laude* distinction.

Butler University, Indianapolis, conferred the degree, Master of Science in Business Administration, on Brother La Salle Woelfel in June.

At St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, Brothers Lorenzo Powers, Thomas Keefe, Francis Solano Barrett, Malcolm O'Neil and John O'Laughlin received their Bachelors' degrees at the June commencement.

Of the twenty-nine seniors in the first graduating class at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, fifteen have been accepted at the University of Notre Dame. Others will attend Georgetown University, Holy Cross College, University of Detroit, John Carroll University and other schools.

## Personals

Brother Norman Head, C.S.C., Field Director at the Gibault School for Boys, Terre Haute, Indiana, lectured to the Education and Sociology classes at Indiana State Teachers' College, Terre Haute, during the summer session. His topic was juvenile delinquency with special reference to the methods used at Gibault. Thirty student-teachers from the college visited the school and were given a very thorough tour of the buildings and grounds by Brothers Norbert Henske, Maynard Rabidoux and Thomas Keefe.

Brother Jude Costello, C.S.C., Religious Superior of the Brothers of Holy Cross engaged in missionary work at Pakistan, East Bengal, is visiting the United States at the present time. Brother Jude was one of the representatives of the missions at the General Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross held in Rome in July. He will spend most of his time as a guest of his brother, Brother Simeon, at St. Joseph's Farm, Granger, Indiana.

The students and the faculties of all the houses under the direction of the Brothers of Holy Cross were the recipients of a special Papal Blessing brought back from Rome through the thoughtfulness of Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, Provincial. The blessing is printed on excellent paper and carries an attractive color picture of His Holiness. They will be framed and displayed

in prominent places in all the schools and residences.

Brother Columba Curran, C.S.C., member of the faculty of the University of Notre Dame, attended the sessions of the American Chemical Society in Chicago recently. While there he read a paper entitled: "The Effect of Interaction Between Some Donor and Some Acceptor Molecules on Ultraviolet Absorption Spectra." His special attention was centered on the Physical and Inorganic Chemistry section of the ACS.

The Very Reverend Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C., Superior General, was a dinner guest of the Brothers of the Community House, Notre Dame, Indiana, September 6. In closing a short but inspiring talk, Father General asked for the prayers of the Province.

## Brothers as Craftsmen

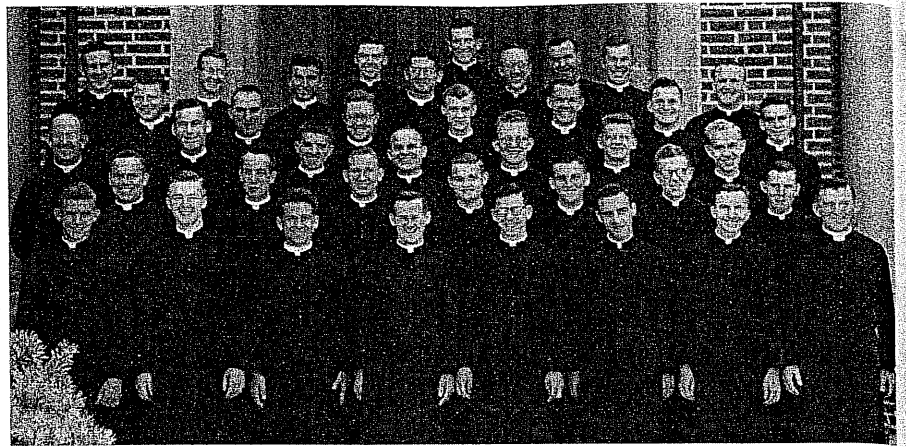
Brother Alcuin Nuss, C.S.C., Business Manager, and Brother Sabinus Herbert, C.S.C., Plant Superintendent of Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, are charter members of the recently founded Michiana Club of the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen, Inc. The club's membership is composed of technicians among Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan employers and employees of the allied crafts of the printing industry. Brother Sabinus gave the invocation to open the charter dinner meeting held recently at a hotel in downtown South Bend.

## Profession at St. Joseph's Novitiate

On August 16, thirty-nine novices finished their year of novitiate and publicly pronounced their temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The ceremony took place in the chapel of St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. They had completed a retreat of eight days with the incoming novices.

Most of the group entered Dujarie Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame for study. Brothers John Fos, Walton Mallerich and Harold Naudet entered the scholasticate at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. Brothers Robert Young, John O'Flaherty, Richard Duplantier and Melvin Endres reside at St. Vincent's, Notre Dame.

The feast of St. Joachim also brought final vows to eighteen Brothers. The profession ceremonies were held in Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame.



These Brothers made their first profession at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, in August. ROW ONE, left to right: Brothers Bernard Allore, Hugh Haggerty, Richard Seagroves, Richard Duplantier, James Clay, Theodore Oliveira, Joseph Zutelis and Melvin Endres. ROW TWO: Brothers Vincent Will, Walton Mallerich, Harold Naudet, Jerome Bursch, Frederick McGlynn, John O'Flaherty, and Gerald Kraeger. ROW THREE: Brothers Jonas Moran, Joseph Popma, John Martin, Harold Young, Marcel Doleac, Charles Lewis and John Harris. ROW FOUR: Brothers Ronald Christenson, Kenneth Hayward, Merle McGrane, Clarence Podgorski, Thomas Daugherty, Eugene Palinski, Robert Young and Joseph Chvala. ROW FIVE: Brothers William Ross, James Sullivan, Andrew Sukenik, John Fos, George Hansen, John Shaw and John Benesh. ROW SIX: Brothers Paul Burns and Jerome Chandler.

## Summer School Teachers

The faculty of the Education Department at the University of Notre Dame was augmented by seven Brothers of Holy Cross for the summer session. Brother Magella Hegarty came from St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, to lecture on the technique of teaching. Brother Francis Borgia Woehler, Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin, taught the principles of Secondary Education. Materials and Methods of instruction in the various fields of the arts and sciences were taught by Brothers Noel Romanak of Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Connecticut; Paul Schwoyer of St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio; Kenan Judge, Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Remigius Bullinger, Catholic Central, Monroe, Michigan. Brother Elmo Bransby, Director of the Brothers' Scholasticate, Austin, Texas, gave instruction in Educational Psychology. Brother Adalbert Mrowca, a member of the faculty of the Physics Department for the regular sessions, also taught during the session.

## CSMC at Notre Dame

The Brothers of Holy Cross were represented at the national convention of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade held at the University of Notre Dame from August 24-27. Student Brothers from Dujarie Hall at Notre Dame sponsored an exhibit which was among the displays of the various religious communities represented. Brother Paul Schaefer directed the project which aim-

ed to highlight the activities of the Brothers of Holy Cross in their home and foreign missions. Brothers John Kuhn and Harold Ruplinger provided the art work for the exhibit assisted by Brothers Leo Geiger, Peter Goodman and Harold Miller who constructed the display. Brother Edward Kaniecki, president of the Dujarie Foreign Mission Society, and Brother Jerome Chandler attended the convention and introduced the delegates to Brothers Jude and Bernardine, veterans of the Holy Cross missions in India.

## Jubilee Conference

The twenty-fifth annual Educational Conference of the Brothers of Holy Cross was held at the University of Notre Dame on July 14 and 16, with Brother Kieran Ryan, Dean of the College of Commerce, St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, presiding. Brother Hyacinth Sniatecki, Director of Studies at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, addressed the first meeting on "The Integration of the Catholic High School Curriculum." Brother Hyacinth attended a Workshop on integration at the Catholic University of America earlier in the summer.

The second session of the Conference listed an interesting paper on "An Objective Marking System" by Brother Majella Hegarty, member of the faculty of St. Edward's University. Lively discussion followed both papers.

The meeting closed with the election of Brother Elmo Bransby, Director of the Scholasticate at St. Edward's University, as president for the coming year.

## Prize Cattle at St. Joseph's Farm

Recently seven head of Holstein-Friesian cattle from St. Joseph's Farm, Granger, Indiana, won a total of eight ribbons, four of them for first place, at a stock show in South Bend. Last year the farm entered only two head, but they came away with four ribbons.

St. Joseph's Farm, owned and operated by the Brothers of Holy Cross since 1867, maintains a dairy of purebred cows besides raising crops of hay, corn, fruit and other products.

## Obituary

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of the following who died recently:

Brother of Brother Leo Gilman, C.S.C.  
Sister of Brother Garnier Morin, C.S.C.  
Brother of Brother Maximus Czyzewski, C.S.C.

Father of Brother Majella Hegarty, C.S.C.

Father of Brother Laurian La Forest, C.S.C.

Father of Brother Augustus Patin, C.S.C.

Brother of Brothers Fernand and Timothy Hickey, C.S.C.

Brother of Brother Mark Siedler, C.S.C.

Father of Brother Michael Jackman, C.S.C.

Father of Brother Francis Englert, C.S.C.

Sister of Brother Hugh Kalaugher, C.S.C.

Mother of Brother Alfonso Comeau, C.S.C.