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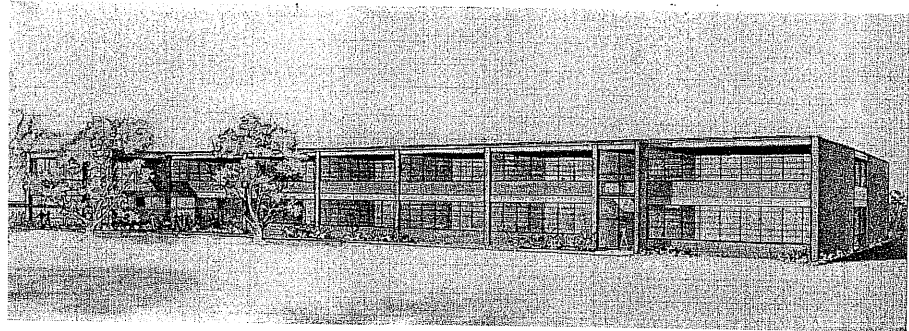
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Bandura Welcomes Brother Ephrem

Holy Cross High School, Bandura, Hashnabad P. O., Dacca District, East Pakistan, received its most distinguished visitor in years when, on January 10, Brother Ephrem, Provincial Superior of the Brothers of Holy Cross, arrived. By plane he reached Dacca on the 8th of January to be present at the celebrations commemorating the first hundred years of Holy Cross missionary work in Bengal.

In spite of the inconveniences of travel at this time of the year, Brother Ephrem, soon after his arrival in Dacca, headed for Bandura, a journey of twenty-five miles, but one that requires some eight or more hours: six by motor launch, a formidable stretch on foot, and the remainder by small river boat. The Brothers at Bandura were doubly appreciative of Brother Ephrem's consideration and kindness because of the personal inconvenience which he was willing to undergo to be with them and to see their work at first hand.

The school boys, too, felt honored in welcoming Brother Ephrem to their school and presented a program which they had worked on long and hard under the direction of Brother Martinian Wilson. There was the traditional garlanding ceremony during which a garland of fresh flowers was bestowed upon the guest and an address of welcome was read. Other parts of the program included several English and Bengali recitations, a one-act drama, and the singing of the school song, the Notre Dame *Victory March*, in the native Bengali language. The program was closed with a short address by the Headmaster, Brother Fulgence Dougherty, in which he mentioned that the pleasure of the Brothers was particularly great in having Brother Ephrem in their midst, not only because of his position as their Provincial Superior, but also because he had taught many of the present faculty members during their



Plans Approved for New Orleans Building

Plans for the construction of a \$400,000 two-story classroom building on the grounds of Holy Cross High School, 4950 Dauphine Street, New Orleans 17, Louisiana, have been approved by the Provincial and General Administrations.

The new building, of contemporary design, will furnish nearly 30,000 square feet of floor space and will accommodate 500 students. There will be fifteen classrooms, science laboratories, a library, cafeteria, and several offices.

The building will serve as an addition to present facilities at Holy Cross, relieving the crowded conditions and allowing for several hundred more students.

Construction details call for reinforced concrete foundations; reinforced concrete and structural steel frame; face brick with hollow unit backup exterior walls; and composition tile and terrazzo floors. Large window areas and ample circulation will be afforded by the building's contemporary design.

The new unit will be equipped with a public address system, recessed lockers in the corridors, incandescent and fluorescent lighting, stainless steel kitchen fixtures, metal window frames, metal exterior doors, and wood doors inside.

Construction is expected to begin early in spring.

student life at Notre Dame. The Headmaster's closing remarks included those words which every boy in the audience was eagerly awaiting, the proclamation of a two-day vacation,

Gilmour Takes to TV

In a panel discussion of the "Decline or Growth of the United Nations" presented over TV January 24 by twelve students of the Cleveland Diocese, Gilmour Academy of Gates Mills was represented by Paul A. Fanning, a senior from Shadyside, Maryland, as chairman of the discussion, and Toby G. Daniels of Dearborn, Michigan.

January 25, the Men's Club sponsored their Third Annual Mixer for the students of the Academy. There were no speeches but an evening of talk. Ed Bang, dean of the Cleveland Sports Writers, was Master of Ceremonies. He introduced fifty noted guests to the students and then suggested that each boy present himself to and visit with the guests of his choice. The young men enjoyed chatting for a couple of hours with men prominent in college sports, and business.

Brother Laurian La Forest, Headmaster of Gilmour, announced that the Men's Club had recently donated \$7,500 to the Academy's Athletic Fund. This sum was realized from a Drive in which a new Cadillac was the attraction.

Brother Albertus Smith, head of the Mathematics Department, has been scheduled by WEWS of Cleveland to present a TV program in April. Brother will use a group of six students to demonstrate his attempt to bridge the gap between the traditional high school and college mathematics programs.

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Courtesy

Conspicuously lacking in modern education is success in teaching kindness and courtesy. Long ago the poet said, "The grace of God is in courtesy."

If the material qualities of etiquette and respectability in any way lead to the observance of the golden rule, they should be incorporated into a system of education that aims to inculcate moral principles.

It is no exaggeration to say that discourtesy is synonymous with disobedience, and, being so, it is sinful—a violation of the fourth commandment.

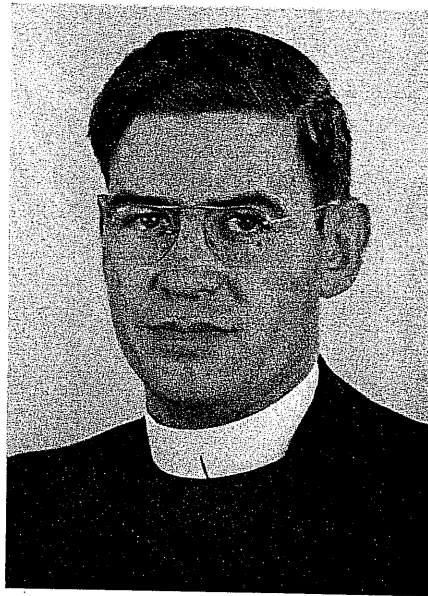
Vast sums are annually donated to the SPCA to prevent cruelty to dumb animals, but little time or money is devoted to prevention of cruelty—lack of kindness and courtesy—to people. Which comes first?

The importance of courtesy should be stressed from the cradle, and at no time during the process of reaching three-score-and-ten or beyond should it be lost sight of as part of everyone's daily Christian duty—to be in evidence not only towards strangers but with even greater intensity towards those of one's own household.

Have You Thought About . . . ? is the title of a well illustrated thirty-two page booklet about the training and activities of the Holy Cross Brothers. You may have a copy for the asking. Write to Brother Eymard, C.S.C., Notre Dame, Ind., or to Brother Hyacinth, C.S.C., St. Joseph's Juniorate, Valatie, N. Y.

Obituary

Please pray for the souls of the following: Sister M. Lelia, C.S.C.; uncle of Brother William Doherty; Brother Bruno Dube, C.S.C.; Brother Sebastian Provencal, C.S.C.; brother of Rev. John A. Devers, Chaplain of Community House.



Brother John Boyle

Brother John Boyle is a native of Queen Anne, Maryland. After attending grade and high schools in Maryland he helped out on the family farm for a number of years before journeying north to St. Joseph's Juniorate, Valatie, New York. He received the habit in August, 1947, and a year later entered Dujarie and the University of Notre Dame.

In September, 1950, Brother John moved across the lake to Saint Vincent's, where his quarters, the present archives room, conditioned him better for Alaska than for Brazil. At the University he gained the esteem of his professors for his proficiency as a French scholar. Summer vacations at Bankson Lake brought to light his aptitude for cooking. Much of his free time at the scholasticates was spent in the tailor shops; a set of vestments at Dujarie is a reminder of his skill in sewing. His confreres will not soon forget his impersonations in the amateur-night theatricals.

Brother John's formation at the scholasticates terminated with his final profession in August, 1951. A year and a half of teaching followed, divided equally among the students at Gilmour, Memorial in Evansville and Coyle in Taunton, and interrupted by a final summer session at the University of Notre Dame, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1952.

Along with his many talents Brother John brings to Santarem his appreciation of good music, shared particularly by Brother Genard. He will find the Amazon more of a problem for swimming than Saint Mary's Lake, but the surrounding jungles should hold few

Native Enters Novitiate

The fervent prayers and patient efforts of many years are at last beginning to bear fruit as the Brothers of Holy Cross in the Dacca Mission of Eastern Bengal prepare to send their second native aspirant to the novitiate. A youth with all the characteristics of the Bengali boy at his best, John Rozario of Mathbari Mission gives promise of being a fine religious and a leader among boys of his native country, for whose sake he will soon begin his spiritual and scholastic training. He was born in the tiny village of Bashbari, a few miles to the north of Dacca city, and pursued his studies at the Brothers' high school at nearby Nagari until January, 1952. At that time he applied for admission as a postulant among the Brothers and, on being accepted by the superiors, went to Holy Cross High School at Bandura to pass a year in training as a postulant.

John will receive the habit of the Brothers of Holy Cross on February 2, at the community novitiate in Barisal, where he will receive intensive training in the fundamentals of the spiritual and religious life. During his year as a postulant he has shown himself to be not only an excellent student, among the first five in his class, but also a boy of many wholesome interests. His love for sports makes him a welcome member of any team and much in demand. Adept with tools and especially interested in carpentry and other trades of a practical nature, he has spent many hours at work with Brother Andrew Steffes, learning more and at the same time contributing some worthwhile projects for the betterment of the school. A more willing worker is not to be found.

The Brothers expect much from this latest candidate and feel that their expectations will not be disappointed. The need for native recruits to the Brothers' life is very great in a mission country such as East Pakistan, where the work is ever growing and the possibilities for good are unlimited.

Brother Joachim Reiniche, Superior of the St. Joseph Farm, Notre Dame, Indiana, was elected vice-president of the St. Joseph County Dairy Herd Improvement Association at a meeting held in South Bend on January 7. The purpose of the association is to help its members improve dairy cattle through proper feeding, breeding, and testing.

terrors for him after surviving a year at St. Vincent's with Brother Gerald Fitzgerald's menagerie.

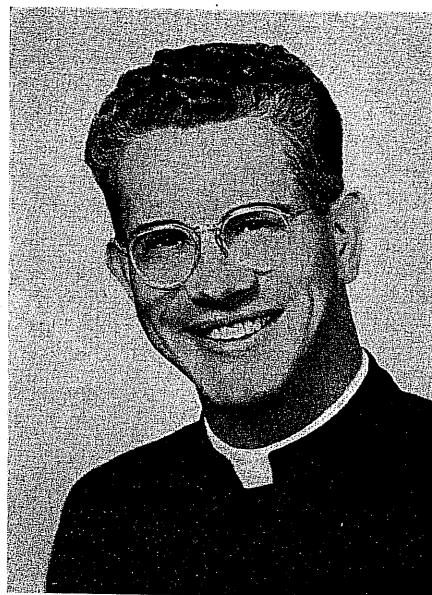
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During January it was a pleasure for the editor of *Brothers of Holy Cross* to receive financial support from readers in this order: St. Francis Auxiliary, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss Helen M. Nilan, White Plains, N. Y.; Mr. Lloyd Gag, New Ulm, Minn.; Brother Reginald, C.S.C., Notre Dame, Ind.; Lt. (jg) James R. Winburn, U.S.N., c/o F.P.O., New York, N. Y.; Andrew and Nora Teske, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. Calix F. Bauer, St. Cloud, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Roos, Albany, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Henning, Evansville, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Thomas, Wellsville, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burkhard, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Laughlin, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Mrs. John Lacombe, Fort Covington, N. Y.; Mr. A. W. Shea, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Milke, Muskegon Heights, Mich.; Mrs. H. P. Haering, Evansville, Ind.; Mrs. Alvin Muller, Hillsboro, N. D.; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Donnelly, Troy, N. Y.; Mr. Gerald Becker, South Orange, N. J.; Mrs. George Warren, Princeton, N. J.; Anonymous, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Richard B. Halligan, Troy, N. Y.; Mr. Edwin A. Young, Houston, Texas.

News From Rome

Italy has little oil of her own and depends upon imports for her supply. Consequently, gasoline is sky high—95 cents a gallon, or some such ridiculous price. Most people over here do not use a car too much, if they have one at all. The common man rides a motor scooter which gives him 40 or 50 miles on a gallon of fuel. The driving habits of the Romans are something to behold. It's every man for himself, over here. Imagine a city full of New York cabbies and you have some idea of how reckless people are. It must be the blessing of the good Lord on the Eternal City that keeps the motorist alive, for he certainly does not have any conception of safety precautions. It takes a newcomer a good month to catch on to the signals of these graceful, yet ludicrous, guardians of traffic laws.

There is no TV in Italy as yet. There are some experimental stations in Milan and some other northern cities, but so far no operating station. It is rumored that Rome will have a station sometime in March, but that remains to be seen. Judging from the average financial status of most families here, it is doubtful if many people can afford it. Most families consider themselves lucky to own a radio, so how are they going to pay for a TV set!



Brother Leo Gilman

Brother Leo Gilman, the fifth of a family of thirteen children, was born at Tacoma, Washington. Upon his graduation from Bellarmine High School in Tacoma, he joined the United States Navy in 1944 and spent two years in the Pacific and Asiatic areas aboard the destroyer *U.S.S. Huntington*.

Following his discharge from the Navy, Brother Leo spent the academic year of 1946-47 as a freshman at the University of Seattle and then came east to join the Brothers of Holy Cross. As a novice he spent 1947-48 at St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and the following year entered Dujarie Scholasticate to continue studies at the University of Notre Dame.

When the new House of Studies for student Brothers was opened in 1949 on the campus of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, Brother Leo was one of the twelve student Brothers sent from Notre Dame to open the new foundation. Here he spent the next two scholastic years majoring in Latin and Social Studies. During the pioneering days of the newly established scholasticate, Brother Leo with his guitar and repertoire of Folk Music aided greatly in getting his Yankee associates acclimated to the country of the great open spaces.

Following his graduation Cum Laude from St. Edward's University, Brother Leo was assigned to St. Anthony's High School, Long Beach. It was in the summer of 1951 after making his way with his guitar from Texas to Long Beach that Brother Leo made his Final Profession on August 16 at

Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California.

Brother Leo's assignment to Brazil comes as no surprise but rather as a great joy, for in this assignment he sees a partial fulfillment of his desire to spend his life on the Foreign Missions saving souls for Christ.

Father Raymond Writes

Father Raymond Crone, O.F.M., is home (Memphis, Tenn.) from Fordlandia, a Franciscan mission station about 140 miles south of the Brothers' school in Santarem. On account of his duties, the distance, and the slow methods of travel in that part of Brazil, Father has been able to visit the Brothers only twice. Those contacts were sufficient to give him an appreciation of the difficulties our Brothers have and of the mission work they are accomplishing. But read Father Raymond's letter of January 2, 1953.

Dear Brother Gerard:

One of the main difficulties in the whole of Brazil, and we might say of South America, is the lack of good Catholic schools. In this day and age it is rather impossible to have a solid Catholic tradition and culture without our own schools, and Brazil is, practically speaking, devoid of such. Your Brothers' school in Santarem is the only boys' high school within a radius of at least 500 miles. That fact in itself shows how the Brothers' teaching can assist the missionary priests.

Our Franciscan mission takes in about 300 miles of the Tapajos River and starts with the junction of the Tapajos and Amazon at Santarem. In this whole extent we haven't more than a number of small schools taught by inefficient native girls. The highest grade is about the fourth and usually doesn't go beyond the third. Even though this might be claimed as sufficient for the needs of our class of people, I'm sure you'll note the fallacy.

The point I really want to make is that in all of South America there is a very definite need for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, and this is due, to a great extent, to the lack of Catholic tradition and background, even though you hear much about the "Latin Catholic Culture" of South America. As far as I can see this is just a myth. What is needed, is good sound teaching of solid Catechism, which won't be supplied without religious Sisters and Brothers. Once the Brothers start putting out their finished products at Santarem, we'll have definite proof of the good they are doing. I expect to see some vocations come from there, and most of all, a class of young men strictly and

intelligently Catholic in all their affairs and lives.

The greater percentage of the youngsters in the school are from the richer class, merchants' sons or the like, and as far as I am concerned, it is most important to start with them. They have a great influence over the majority of the poor people and are, in a large measure, molders of public opinion and morals.

Santarem is strictly a frontier town. It is very old and the wild jungle is quite far off because settlers live behind and around the place in the jungle, making their living by supplying produce in town. However, if the Brothers have any desire for big game hunting, they haven't far to go, for quite a few of our parishioners make their living by killing wild pigs, jaguars, panthers, and the like.

Undoubtedly, you have heard stories about the man eating fish called piranhas; well, if the Brothers ever care for a fish fry of those cute little monsters, it wouldn't take much skill to land a potful right in front of their school in Santarem. People shiver when you mention these fish, but I haven't known them to bother anyone.

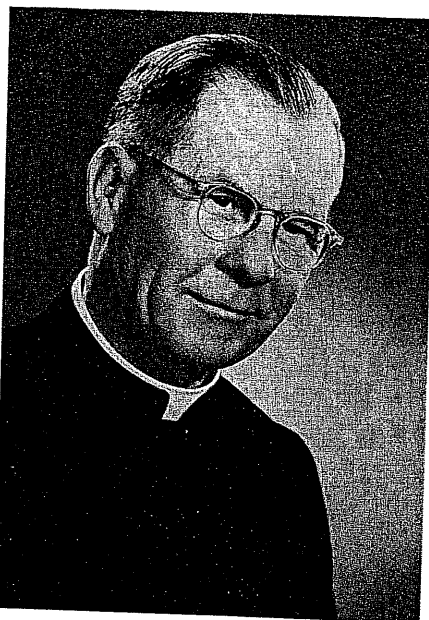
Brother Richard had told me to look you up if I wanted to see the Irish in action, but I didn't have the time. Many thanks for writing, Brother.

Fraternally,

Fr. Raymond Crone, O.F.M.

Several of the Brothers' schools are promoting Century Clubs. In keeping with the hundred years of service that the Brothers have given to the mission in Bengal, each boy is asked to contribute several coins. The aim is to have the contributions average a dollar per student. At Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, Calif., Brother Gabriel reports, "So far the swag amounts to sixteen cents per student, which isn't exactly killing anyone." Each class at Central Catholic in South Bend registers its take on a thermometer. So far the Juniors are in the lead with an average of eighty cents. We haven't heard of a piggy bank, but no missionary would be shocked if a plump one came his way.

Brother Sabinus Herbert, Superintendent of Printing at the AVE MARIA PRESS, gave the invocation that opened the observance of National Printing Week in the South Bend area at a dinner celebration in the Morris Inn on the University of Notre Dame campus, January 13. The invocation will be included in a forthcoming issue of the *Inland Printer* magazine as part of a resume of Craftsmen's Club activities in the United States.



Brother Simeon Costello

"Is Brother Simeon still here? May we see him?"

These were the first and familiar questions that would be addressed to the Director of St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee whenever former students would chance to drop in for a visit.

Soon the stocky, little Brother would appear, beaming from ear to ear with his inimitable smile.

"Hi, Brother! How are you?"

"Fine. And how are you?"

"Okay. Say, are you still teaching shop and coaching the teams?"

"Oh, yes, and cutting hair too."

The conversation would always be sprinkled with the unique humor of Brother "Sim," one of the qualities that made him so popular with the boys at St. Charles for eighteen years of his religious life.

In September of 1929, Brother Simeon Costello was assigned to St. Charles Boys Home. Two years before he had made his first profession of vows. Born and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Brother entered St. Joseph's Novitiate at Notre Dame in February, 1927. His perpetual profession was made in July, 1931.

After eighteen years of faithful and devoted service at St. Charles, Brother was assigned to Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wis., for a year. From there he went to St. Joseph Farm, Notre Dame, Indiana, where he has been employed in various jobs for the past four years.

He says he liked his years at the Home in Milwaukee, but now that he is older he enjoys the quiet but busy days on the farm. The old saying that good things come in small packages is true in his case. One hardly knows

Here and There

Brothers Francis O'Donnell, Richard Hartling, John Hart, and Edward Wauchter, from Mt. Carmel School in the Bronx, spent the last of their Christmas holidays visiting St. Joseph's Juniorate at Valatie, N. Y. They enjoyed the excellent skating on Knickerbocker Lake, the country style meals, and the evening recreation in front of the open fireplace.

The Brothers and their boys in the "metropolitan area" were basketball happy during the holidays. Ken MacGregor, an eighth grader from St. Thomas School, Brooklyn, and a protégé of Brother August Dilley, was so much of a standout on the hardwood in a tournament conducted by St. Francis Prep that he has been offered a scholarship to that school.

Eighteen schools competed in another tournament for Bantam teams held in St. Thomas Gymnasium. Brother Ralph Legath's youngsters from the Bronx took home to Mt. Carmel the trophy for third place.

Another tournament of interest is that held among the three New York grade schools taught by the Brothers of Holy Cross. St. Thomas students will extend every effort to win this contest because another victory will mean permanent possession of the traveling trophy.

Brother Roy Nash, Band and Glee Club Director of Catholic Central, Monroe, Mich., attended the Eighth Annual Midwestern Conference on School Vocal and Instrumental Music sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 9 and 10.

Brother Gerontius McCarthy, the principal of Catholic Central in Monroe, Mich., took a group of twenty-eight students by bus on a four-day vocation trip. The Saturday and Sunday before New Years were spent with the young men enrolled at Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin. Monday the party moved on to Rolling Prairie, Indiana, where they were taken on a tour of the Novitiate and to lunch by the Brother novices. Another day was spent at Notre Dame visiting the Brothers' Scholasticate and seeing the University. A special treat for the boys from Monroe was an hour of swimming in the beautiful pool of the Rockne Memorial.

he's around, but from the amount of work that gets done, it's clear to see that, as has been the case for twenty-five years, Brother Simeon has been of the job.

Congratulations and best wishes to Brother Simeon, our silver jubilarian, who's scarcely streaked with grey.