

# Brothers of

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# Missionary Tells of Papal Audience

Dear Brother Gerard:

It was a great moment in the lives of ten Holy Cross missionaries. An audience with the Holy Father in Rome! For nine of us it was our first. Father Joseph Voorde, a veteran of nineteen years in India, had had the pleasure before. With Father Voorde in Rome now were six brand new missionaries—Fathers Richard Timm, Albert Croce, and Adrien Ste. Marie, and Brothers Richard Cunningham, John O'Laughlin and Charles Hill—all enroute to our missions in Bengal, East Pakistan. The other three, Father Gerald McMahon, Brother Brian Lyon, and myself, were returning for a sabbatical leave after seven years in the field. Front line soldiers in Christ's army, we were all deeply thrilled by this meeting with our Commander-in-Chief. That warm hand shake, that encouraging smile, those inspiring words, that fire of Christ's own charity glowing in his eyes! What missionary would not agree that it was a great moment?

Great moments such as this one are not easily forgotten. But with a snapshot they are never forgotten. And so we were hoping and praying that the Holy Father would crown our joy that day by posing with us for a picture. We had seen many pictures of the Pope kindly posing in the midst of both large and small groups, and Father Heston, our Procurator General in Rome, had assured us that a picture would not be too difficult to obtain. As it turned out, obtain it we did—but it was not exactly easy!

We had all agreed beforehand that Father Croce would be our spokesman. The Holy Father speaks English well enough, but we schemingly thought that if Father Croce, who speaks Italian fluently, would address him in Italian we would have a better chance. And so, when Father Croce's turn came to kiss the Holy Father's ring, he asked His Holiness if he would kindly pose with us for a picture. The Pope most graciously assented.

After each one of the two hundred or so people in the audience individually met the Holy Father, he spoke a few words, blessed us and all our relatives and friends, and then posed for a picture



Brothers John, Brian, and Richard; Fathers McMahon, Croce and Meyer; the Holy Father; Fathers St. Marie, Voorde, and Timm; and Brother Charles

with all the lay men and women present. Next, we twenty or so religious and priests had a group picture with him. His Holiness then started to leave the room. He did not get very far, however. Several individuals begged for and obtained a pose with him and their small group. Then another couple did the same. Meanwhile Father Croce was inching his way forward. The Pope was not far from the door when Father reached him. "Holy Father, you promised . . ." The Pope stopped and with a kind and gracious smile turned to the photographer and said: "One more, the Holy Cross missionaries." The photographer politely answered, "I am very sorry, Your Holiness, but I can take no more pictures. I have no more bulbs." But the Holy Father had given his word! Smiling pleasantly again, he said, "Perhaps you can find another."

Surprise registered on the faces of all present. They wondered how? Why? As he was leaving to get another bulb, the photographer himself gave the answer loud enough for all to hear, "Holy Cross missionaries." The words echoed around

the room, and we could hear them repeated by many in the crowd, "Holy Cross, Holy Cross."

Yes, it was indeed a great day for us. Thank you, Holy Father. Thank you very much for your beautiful, thoughtful kindness to us. Thank you too, for blessing us. And a thousand thanks for giving your blessing also to our work and to our people in the missions. For blessing our relatives, our friends, and all the benefactors of Holy Cross—our sincere, filial thanks!

Brother, it was a great day.

Sincerely yours in Holy Cross, (Rev.) Louis Meyer, C.S.C.

Nov. 27, 1952.

Father Meyer received his secondary education from our Brothers at Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana. Ed.

Recently the Patrons Club of Central Catholic High School surprised Brother Edwin Mattingly by presenting him with a Bulova wrist watch in appreciation for his years of service in the South Bend high school.

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#### Give a Rosary

Have you ever thought of giving a non-Catholic friend or relative a rosary? Try it sometime and you'll be surprised to learn how it will be treasured. Along with the beads you might give an illustrated leaflet, *How to Say the Rosary*, published by The Grail, St. Meinrad, Indiana.

When you recite the rosary, say a Hail Mary for your non-Catholic friend who has the beads. Leave the rest to the Blessed Virgin. She'll do her part to obtain blessings or even the grace of conversion for your friend.

If the beads are not blessed, suggest that your friend call on a priest to have them blessed. It'll take only a minute and may be the first of a series of visits that will end in your friend's taking instructions.

Here's a word of appreciation written by a non-Catholic couple in Cleveland after each had received a pair of beads. "They are physically beautiful but of much more importance is the spiritual significance which accompanies them. By this significance we are deeply impressed."

A friend remarked: "The sterling silver rosary you made with beads shaped like little wedding bells served as a very appropriate present to a non-Catholic girl in our office. She is taking instructions, will be received into the Church, and married shortly after Christmas."

The beads you give may serve as the key to heaven for the one dear to you.

# **Obituary**

Please pray for the souls of the following: Mother and cousin of Brother William Doherty; Sister Mary Irmina, C.S.C.; father of Brother Isaac Jogues; uncle of Brother Francis Fitzpatrick; brother of Brother Finbarr Buckley; father of Mr. Wm. Clark, C.S.C.; Sister M. Rosamunda, C.S.C.; Sister M. Elena Irene, C.S.C.; Sister Mary Vida, C.S.C.; uncle of Brothers Timothy and Fernand; uncle of Brothers Stephen and John Baptist.

# Report on the Burses for the Educational Fund

Brother Daniel Schott Memorial Burse	\$4,478.20
Brother Engelbert Leisse Memorial Burse	573.90
Holy Trinity Burse of Chicago	1,714.44
Brother Marcian Karsky Memorial Burse	2,939.23
Our Lady of Seven Dolors Burse	703.44
Poor Souls Burse	834.12
Sacred Heart Burse-Memory of Brother Columba.	788.50
St. Joseph Burse	1.698 98
Father James Dujarie Burse	4.500.00
Holy Cross Brothers Burse	2.815.79
Msgr. Ludecke Memorial Burse	2,000.00
Rev. Jeremiah J. King (Educational) Burse	2,000.00

With approximately two hundred young men in training to become Brothers of Holy Cross in the United States Province, the Congregation must depend upon its friends to help meet the expenses of these long years of formation and education. In addition there are about a hundred members requiring our support because of age, sickness, or their work on the missions. The community constantly needs financial help if it is to prosper in doing God's work.

Many who have appreciated this situation have given money to establish Burses for the Brothers' Educational Fund. A Burse is an accumulated fund of \$5,000 placed on interest to help support a member in one of the houses of formation. Only the income of a Burse is used. In this way the investment stays at work helping one young man after another to receive the training necessary to become a Brother.

Some of the incomplete burses are named in honor of pastors who have been closely associated with the Brothers and in memory of Brothers who have passed to their reward. Brother Daniel spent most of his life teaching in Fort Wayne and Evansville, Indiana; Brother Engelbert in New Orleans and at Notre Dame; Brother Marcian in Taunton, Mass., and Indianapolis; and Brother Columba working in the shoe shop at Notre Dame.

Since the gainful employment of the Brothers is not sufficient to carry the expenses of those in houses of formation, we hope that one of the burses listed above will appeal to you and that you'll send a contribution to round-out its figure.

#### **Thanks**

It was a pleasure for the editor of *Brothers of Holy Cross* to write a note of thanks for contributions to:

St. Francis Auxiliary, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. C. H. Schroeder, Valparaiso, Ind.; Mrs. Wm. Bransby, Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs. Adam Winiger, Evansville, Ind.; Mr. Eugene McGinnis, Danville, Ill.; Mrs. Henry Titzer, Evansville, Ind.; Mrs. Mary F. Campbell, Taunton, Mass.; Mr. William L. Shea, Chicago, Ill.; Lavelle Family, Indianapolis, Ind.; K Rymarowicz, East Chicago, Ind.; Mrs. Martin Sullivan, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Josephine Repucci, Mansfield, Mass.; Mrs. Mary Attea, Buffalo, N. Y.; L. R. Porter, S.K.S.N., U.S.N., F.P.O. San Francisco; Mr. Charles E. Roberts, St. Louis, Mo.; Dujarie Gift Shoppe, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. C. Reggio, New Orleans, La.; Brother John Berchmans, Notre Dame, Ind.; Mrs. E. E. Chady, Watertown, Wis.

The Patrons' Club of Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California, is sponsoring a yearly scholarship in honor of Brother Rupert Poudrier, who is now convalescing at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. Brother was the first principal of Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks.

#### Here and There

Brothers Cyprian Milke and Marius Wittner, members of the Central Catholic High School faculty in South Bend, spent their Christmas holidays in Terre Haute assisting the Brothers there in charge of Gibault School for Boys.

Four of the *Ave Maria* canvassers, Brothers Vitus Schwartz, Otto Hayden, Frederick Choquette and John Haggerty, were near enough to Notre Dame to come back to the Community House for the holidays.

Brother Celestis Mueller, Mission Moderator at Saint Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, has been named a member of the Board of High School Mission Moderators for the Diocese of Cleveland as announced by the Rev. James McIntyre, Director of the Propagation of the Faith.

Brother Ralph, the principal of Monsignor Coyle High School, Taunton, Mass., reports that seventy-two of the 109 who graduated from Coyle last June are now in college. That's almost two thirds of the class.

The Monsignor Coyle High School Band has recently been equipped with fifty-eight new Navy Blue uniforms with gold trim and citation cords, and white buck shoes. Brother Eldred is Director of the Coyle Band.

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Brother Donard, Brother Edmund, Msgr. Doheny, Father General, the Cardinal Vicar, Brother Ellis, the Hon. Ellsworth Bunker, Father Heston, and Brother Loyola.

# Cardinal Vicar of Rome Dedicates Brothers' School

Rome, Dec. 8—(NC)—The Notre Dame International School for Boys has been formally blessed and dedicated here by His Eminence Clement Cardinal Micara, Cardinal Vicar of Rome.

The school, which opened its doors for the first time for the current scholastic year, is in charge of the Brothers of Holy Cross and trains boys from the sixth grade through high school. All classes are in the English language and boarding as well as day students are enrolled from among the families of diplomatic, military and business people in Europe.

After the brief ceremony of the blessing a reception was held at which Father Edward Heston, Procurator General for the Congregation of Holy Cross, presented Cardinal Micara. He welcomed the new school among the institutions in the Eternal City as another evidence of the Church's continuing interest in all peoples and their true Christian education.

Brother Ellis Green, C.S.C., headmaster, in welcoming the guests and new students declared that the very existence of the school was evidence of the vitality of the tradition and ideal of Catholic education. He promised that it would be the single aim and purpose of the institution to serve that ideal and tradition.

Among the guests for the occasion were the Superior General of Holy Cross Congregation, Father Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C., and the U. S. Ambassador to Italy, Ellsworth Bunker. Others included U. S. prelates and priests stationed in Rome, and members of U. S. teaching Sisterhoods, Brothers of Christian Schools, and the Irish Christian Brothers.

Among those present were: Msgr. Joseph F. McGeough of the Vatican Secretariate of State; Msgrs. Francis J. Brennan and William J. Doheny, C.S.C., Judges of the Sacred Roman Rota; Msgr. Ernest R. Primeau, Rector of St. Mary of the Lake House of Studies; and Msgrs. Richard K. Burns, Robert Sennott, and Joseph R. Lacy of the North American College.

Fathers Joseph A. Hickey, Superior General of the Augustinians, and John S. Mix, Superior General of the Resurrectionists, also were present. Others were Fathers Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General of the Dominicans, Frederick G. Heinzmann, M. M., Procurator General of Maryknoll, James F. Cunningham, C.S.P., Procurator General of the Paulists, Vincent A. McCormick, S. J., Assistant General of the Jesuits, and Edward Bates, Councillor of the Resurrectionist Fathers.

Father O'Toole, C.S.C., had timed his visit for this occasion of the dedication of the new school to coincide with his trip to Pakistan where he will take part in the celebration marking the first centenary of the Congregation in E. Bengal.

# Cathedral Excels in Football

Cathedral's Fighting Irish, coached by Joe Dezelan, had an undefeated season in football this year. It is the third consecutive season that the Brothers' boys are city champions of Indianapolis. This year there is another distinction worth noting. Cathedral is rated by the sports writers as the second best high school football team in Indiana.

Brother Regis, the principal of Cathedral High, writes:

"We finished the season with a record of ten victories. Add the eight consecutive games we won last year after dropping our opening encounter and you have a total of eighteen consecutive victories for the two seasons. Many of our boys were named as outstanding players on the All-City selections by the local newspapers, and several were placed on All-State teams. Everybody in the state recognized Cathedral as a truly great team and as a team that possessed the best spirit. The boys really loved to scrimmage and to play football with a will to win by teamwork, not by individuals singled out as star performers."

Other schools taught by the Brothers that were tops in their vicinities are Vincentian Institute, Albany, New York; and Monsignor Coyle High School, Taunton, Mass. Central Catholic High School in South Bend enjoyed its best season: five victories, one tie, and one defeat.

#### Brother Leonard Is Honored

Brother Leonard Leary, the director of the department of music at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, was the recipient, December 10, of the C.Y.O. award for distinguished service in the Music Department of the Catholic Youth Organization. Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Director General of the C.Y.O. for the archdiocese, presented the medal at the Christmas Program held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sherman Hotel where Brother Leonard served as Guest Conductor.

December 6 and 7, the department of music at Holy Trinity High School presented SCORED FOR THREE, a musical in three parts, in the Holy Trinity Auditorium. At least a hundred boys and girls, some of whom were talented guests from Holy Family Academy and St. Stanislaus Kostka, participated in the performances.

# St. Charles Boys' Home Finds Favor

Individuals as well as social and civic organizations seem to have vied with one another during the past month in befriending the boys and Brothers at St. Charles. A chronological review of the activities of the faculty and boys and of the benefits conferred by friends assures us of the School's continued popularity in the Milwaukee area.

December 6 and 7, Brother Augustus Patin represented St. Charles Boys Home at the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Guidance Clinic. The meetings of the clinic were devoted to talks on guidance and child care by noted speakers and to group discussions.

December 10, a group of Amvets (American Veterans of World War II) dined at St. Charles and then presented the boys with a new seventeen-inch television set for their recreation room. The guests also brought individual gifts and a supply of soft drinks.

December 12, the A.F. of L. Musicians Union presented their third in a series of evening entertainments for the boys at St. Charles. The program consisted of Christmas carols, diversified jazz and German folk tunes—Wisconsin style.

December 13, the faculty and boys were the guests of Marquette University at the Notre Dame-Marquette basketball game. Some cheered for the home team, others for the visitors.

December 15, ten representatives of the American Legion's Cudworth Post of Milwaukee dined at St. Charles and presented the boys with roller skates and candy.

December 18, the West-Allis Lions Club and his Honor, the Mayor, came for dinner with a gift for each one and a supply of groceries and ice cream for all.

The Sophomore Class of the Milwaukee University School presented St. Charles with a three-speed record player. The set is being put to good use by the boys of Brother Hugh's "Notre Dame Hall" with the records they have been accumulating.

The Weyenburg Shoe Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee made their annual presentation of new shoes to both the faculty and boys of St. Charles Home. Sizes had been obtained by a company representative visiting the school earlier in the month.

December 20, the Women's Unit of St. Charles Boys Home were entertained at a supper. In return the Women's Unit had personal gifts for the staff and boys as well as a generous supply of sports equipment for general use.

Grant, O Lord, eternal life to all who do us good.

### Collegians Help Blind

Thailand Governor Visits Campus

What next? The students of St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, are gathering the red cellophane ribbon used to package several popular brands of cigarettes. It seems that a Lone Star State organization will donate a seeing eye dog in exchange for a pound of such red ribbon. Mr. Dan Cronin, the promoter of the cellophane campaign, has set up a collection box and asked his fellow students to use this method of helping him get a seeing eye dog for a blind man.

Brother Peter Vukmanic of the Chemistry Department at St. Ed's has counted and weighed a number of the red ribbons that have already been donated. He estimates that it will take the red ribbons from 9,000 packages of cigarettes to weigh a pound.

Mr. Puang Suwanrath, a governor of Thailand (formerly Siam), visited St. Edward's campus the week before Christmas.

In a conversation with Brother Kieran Ryan, vice president of the University, Mr. Suwanrath explained the religious conditions in Thailand. Buddhism is the state religion, but Catholics have equal rights. The governor's wife who is also the daughter of the king attended a Catholic college at Bangkok.

All of St. Edward's University's speech contestants placed high in the speech festival held at Southwest Texas State College recently. Six contestants represented St. Edward's and all six were awarded proficiency certificates showing that they received ratings of superior and excellent.

# From Tongue and Pen

A G.I. remarks: "It is a marvel to me that all the men who have helped me to shape my life have been Brothers of Holy Cross."

Isn't there a notable exception in that wonderful Dad of yours?—Ed.

An alumnus of Monsignor Coyle High School, Taunton, Mass., writes:

"I appreciate your kindness in sending me your community paper. Several of the Brothers mentioned in it were at school during my time. Coyle is well represented here (St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore 10, Maryland) with eight men in theology."

There are about eight more Coyle alumni in other major seminaries. May the number of our alumni in seminaries be ever on the increase.— Ed.

Has Uncle Sam ever surprised you by a delivery of mail that was not properly addressed? During the Christmas rush Brother Columba received a

# Scholastics Have a Busy Holiday

Dujarie Scholasticate bustled with its traditional activities during the Christmas holidays. In between housecleaning, decorating, and the setting up of the chapel creche were sandwiched practices by the Dujarie Choir, the Glee Club, and the cast of a three-act play, Flight of the Gull, by Thomas V. Liske. Brother John Chrysostom, cook at the Scholasticate, with smooth efficiency prepared festive banquets and treats for soirees for the members of the house and their numerous guests.

Christmas Eve, most of the Brothers went to Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart Church, where the Dujarie Choir sang under the direction of Brother William Engel. The others assisted at a High Mass offered by Rev. Cornelius Hagerty, C.S.C., in the Dujarie chapel, then helped to make ready an elaborate Christmas breakfast, served in the transformed refectory. Simulated stained-glass windows, portraying Bethlehem scenes, and illuminated from the outside by floodlights, emphasized the religious character of the occasion.

The end-of-the-year retreat was advanced to the last Sunday of the month to coincide with the national observance of a day of prayer for those living in areas of persecution.

December 29 and 30, the Scholasticate played host to thirty boys from Central Catholic High School, Monroe, Michigan, and its principal, Brother Gerontius McCarthy. In the evening, the visitors were entertained by the Glee Club, under the direction of Brother Andrew Sukenik, and by the first presentation of the play, directed by Brother Clarence Podgorski. Brother Gerontius and sixteen of the boys were quartered at the Scholasticate. The others spent the night at the Community House, returning the next morning. Following a full schedule of activities, the guests left for Monroe in the early afternoon. Later that same day the Scholastics went by bus to St. Joseph Novitiate, where they enjoyed an original program, "Dear Folks," presented by the Novices under Brother Peter Damian, who arranged the entertainment.

The priests and seminarians of Moreau Seminary were invited for December 31. They were entertained by the Glee Club before supper, after which the play was given in the gym. The program was presented January 2 to Brothers from the Community House, St. Joseph Farm, and the Novitiate A soirce followed.

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