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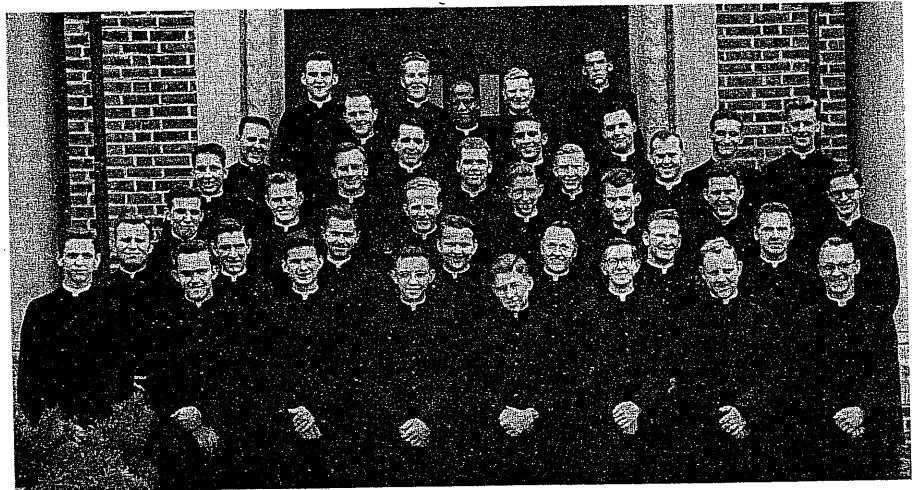
## Thirty-Nine Young Men Enter Novitiate

Saturday morning, August 15, 1953, thirty-nine candidates were admitted after a week's retreat as Brothers into the Congregation of Holy Cross in reception ceremonies held in the chapel of St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. Rev. Andrew Henze, O.F.M., the retreat master, presided at the reception which was followed by a High Mass with Rev. Harry Pelous as celebrant. Brother Francis Jerome was the master of ceremonies. Relatives and friends of the candidates filled the chapel.

Following the ceremonies, the new novices went into the chapter room where they were congratulated by Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, Provincial; the members of his council; Brother Dominic Elder, Novice Master; and other members of the community. After signing the register, the new Brothers visited with their families and friends.

The guests were served a buffet luncheon in the chapter room while the visiting Brothers and novices had their dinner in the refectory. In a short after dinner speech, Brother Ephrem welcomed the young men into the Community and assured them that in years to come they would have pleasant memories of their novitiate days. For the remainder of the afternoon, the new Brothers visited with their guests.

The new novices and their homes are: Brothers Kenneth Ahrendt, Monroe, Mich.; Philip Allesandro, Lorain, Ohio; Michael Ardoin, New Orleans, La.; Jerome Aschenbrenner, West De Pere, Wis.; Joseph Brand, Owensboro, Ky.; Francis Bond, Portland, Ore.; James Carey, Sommerville, Mass.; Robert Daggett, North Garden, Va.; Richard Delaney, Peoria, Ill.; Thomas Dirnberger, Kirkwood, Mo.; Richard Duffey, Stanford, Conn.; Donald Dunleavy, Harvard, Neb.; Carl Englert, Barberton, Ohio; Joseph Everett, Kansas City, Mo.; Edward Finlay, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Gerald Gates, Sun Valley, Calif.; Robert Gilroy, North Attleboro, Mass.; Stanley Guthrie, North Hollywood, Calif.; Donald Hanzel, Belt, Mont.; James



FRONT ROW—Brothers Kenneth Ahrendt, John Reynar, John Hudak, Donald Lapointe, Jerome Aschenbrenner, Michael Ardoin, Joseph Brand, and Donald Hanzel. SECOND ROW—Brothers Thomas Dirnberger, John Shepard, Robert Daggett, Robert Gilroy, Daniel Lenihan, Philip Allesandro, and James Carey. THIRD ROW—Brothers Chester Rachel, James Hartnett, Richard Duffey, Harold Somerville, Donald McCoy, and Carl Englert. FOURTH ROW—Brothers Daniel Sullivan, Francis Prist, Richard Delaney, Eugene Piddock, Anthony Migala, and Edward Finlay. FIFTH ROW—Brothers Donald Dunleavy and Joseph Everett. LAST ROW—Brothers Joseph Tetlak, James Thornton, John Niemietz, and Francis Powers.

Hartnett, Bayonne, N. J.; James Heap, Fall River, Mass.; John Hudak, Milford, Conn.; Donald Lapointe, Chester, Vt.; Daniel Lenihan, Baraboo, Wis.; Anthony Migala, Chicago, Ill.; Donald McCoy, Evansville, Ind.; John Niemietz, Old Forge, Pa.; Eugene Piddock, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Francis Powers, Fall River, Mass.; Francis Prist, Chicago Heights, Ill.; Chester Rachel, Chicago, Ill.; John Reynar, North Hollywood, Calif.; James Roth, Buffalo, N. Y.; John Shepard, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harold Somerville, Hamilton, Ont.; Daniel Sullivan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joseph Tetlak, Monroe, Mich.; James Thornton, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert Williams, Scranton, Pa.

## Committees Meet At Gilmour

A symposium of eight Brothers of Holy Cross from all parts of the nation was held at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, for six weeks during the summer. The purpose of the meeting was to establish a syllabus for the teaching of English in the secondary schools conducted by the Brothers of Holy Cross.

The group, headed by Brother Rei-

nald Duran, recorded the results of the discussions in a one hundred-fifty page booklet which is to serve as a guide in all Holy Cross schools. It emphasizes fundamentals and includes the necessary approaches to oral and written expression.

Other academic activities at Gilmour during the summer included an athletic workshop directed by Brother Ambrose Nowak to establish physical education programs, a committee on Catholic Action with Brother Jeffrey Michels as chairman, a group in Arts and Crafts with Brother James Madigan in charge, and a research and study committee on writing conducted by Brother Leon Gnewuch. Brothers from various schools in New Orleans, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, and other cities attended the sessions.

Summer Workshops on Vocations, Catholic Action, and the Apostolate of the Press were also held at the following places by Brothers living in the area: St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas; St. Francis School, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, Ill.; Notre Dame Camp, Lawton, Mich.; Dujarie Scholasticate, Notre

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## Join Our Novenas

Each month, beginning on the eleventh and ending on the nineteenth, we have a novena to our great patron, Saint Joseph. During that time we have special vigil lights and flowers on the Patriarch's altar to remind him of our affection and desires even when our work hinders us from being there in person to pray to him.

Our chief intention during these monthly novenas is for vocations to our Community, so badly in need of recruits to carry out the great work of the Church in the salvation of souls.

We would like to have you join us in these novenas, and if you would like to have a vigil light burning also, we will be glad to take care of it for you. A dollar sent to: St. Joseph's Novena, Community House, Notre Dame, Indiana, will assure you of a nine day remembrance before our great patron who is also the patron of the Universal Church.

## We Are Grateful

In our May issue we asked all of our readers to help us build up our missionary libraries by sending us those extra books which will not fit into your bookcases, or for which you have no further use.

We are happy to say that some of our readers did remember us. So far we received almost two hundred books. These have been sorted out carefully to be sent where they will do the most good. We will be very happy to hear from many more of our friends, and we know that our missionaries will be delighted with your gifts to them.

Our thanks at this time are due to Mrs. M. Martin of Vallejo, California; Mrs. Catherine Hinds of Syracuse, New York; and to Brother Finbarr.

Please continue to address the books you give to Mission Books, Community House, Notre Dame, Indiana.

## Come to Hollywood

The Rosary is coming to Hollywood.

The Church uses every medium to spread Christ's kingdom. A rush of wind brought a congregation together on Pentecost Sunday to hear and be converted by St. Peter's first sermon. Missionaries accompanied Columbus and the early explorers of our country. Bishop Sheen's radio and TV programs have brought Catholic truths to millions. Our own Father Peyton's Rosary Crusade and Family Theater have become world-wide in their scope.

Since Father Peyton began as chaplain to the Brothers of Holy Cross teaching at Vincentian Institute in Albany, New York, to promote the Family Rosary, our Brothers have lent a hand in sponsoring and promoting his work. Now we are being called upon to do even greater things: to attain a new goal in honor of the Blessed Virgin, to help finance a Hollywood dramatization of the fifteen decades of the Rosary that can be used either as a motion picture or as a TV presentation. Each of the fifteen mysteries will be the subject of a half-hour play featuring drama, music, and prayer.

The aim of C.S.C., is to raise twenty-five thousand dollars for the project. (We didn't want to put the amount in figures for fear that it would scare you.) Father thinks that since many of the Hollywood stars donate their services, that amount will be sufficient to cover the cost of producing one half-hour film.

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery of the Most Holy Rosary, the Crucifixion, has been assigned to our Community. It is most appropriate that religious of Holy Cross and their friends should finance the filming of the Crucifixion since "Crux, spes unica", the Cross, our only hope, is the motto of "Congregatio a Sancta Cruce," the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Father Peyton's venture has the approval of our Father General, the Very Reverend Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C., and this appeal has the sanction of our Provincial, Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, C.S.C.

With these permissions or clearance papers what is needed? Nothing but a generous supply of Uncle Sam's little green papers. If Washington's picture is engraved on it, we'll need a roll about two and a half miles long; Jefferson's could do the trick in half that distance; Lincoln's would put us across in half a mile; Alexander Hamilton's in a quarter; Andrew Jackson's in a furlong; and Grant's in less than the length of a football field. We hope that our mail is filled with pictures of these boys. If they would bring Ben Franklin, Bill

McKinley, Grover Cleveland, James Madison and Sam Chase with them, we'd have a team that would really be in the money.

Enough of such dream chatter. We trust that with your help and that of the Blessed Virgin, in whose honor we have named several of our schools *Notre Dame*, and of St. Joseph, her spouse and the Brothers' heavenly patron, our dream will come true.

## Thanks

Greetings. After the summer months it's good to be back to the newspaper. Since the May issue our readers have been very generous to us. Besides cash donations, there's been a variety of gifts including two lace and a pair of linen tablecloths and a set of large and small glasses for the guests' dining room at the Community House, a couple of table radios, confections that have gone the way of all good goodies, tobacco in different forms that's vanished in smoke, a restaurant sized deep fryer, a four spindle malt mixer, a hospital bed, and an electrically operated addressograph machine. All of these contributions have proved enjoyable and useful. Our sincere thanks to: *Connecticut*, Mrs. R. R. Gaudreau; *Illinois*, Mr. Joseph Heisler, Mrs. Edward Lee, Sr.; *Indiana*, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leamson, Mrs. Frances C. Voors; *Iowa*, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Connolly; *Kentucky*, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bright; *Massachusetts*, Mr. George Carey, Mrs. Fred G. Murphy, Mrs. T. Oliveira, Mr. Leo D. Sullivan; *Michigan*, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Balog, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bleau, Mrs. Louis Bogan, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chmielewski, Mrs. Paul Graf, Mrs. Fred Huizenga, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nowak, Mrs. John B. Simon, Mrs. Thomas Stundon, Andrew and Nora Teske, Mrs. Theresa Wittner; *New Jersey*, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Berchtold; *New York*, Brooklyn Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Anna Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Roos; *Ohio*, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McMerriman; *Pennsylvania*, Mrs. Wm. Bransby; *West Virginia*, Mr. Frank Las, Mrs. Ramigio Petrucci, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Woelfel.

We are also grateful to those who have placed our name and address on the mailing list for their own publications: school papers, magazines and yearbooks, and trade or business bulletins. All of them help to keep us on our toes, in contact with our friends.

**COMMITTEES** (from Page, 1, Col. 3)  
Dame, Ind.; Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, Calif.; Gibault School for Boys, Terre Haute, Ind.; and Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Conn.

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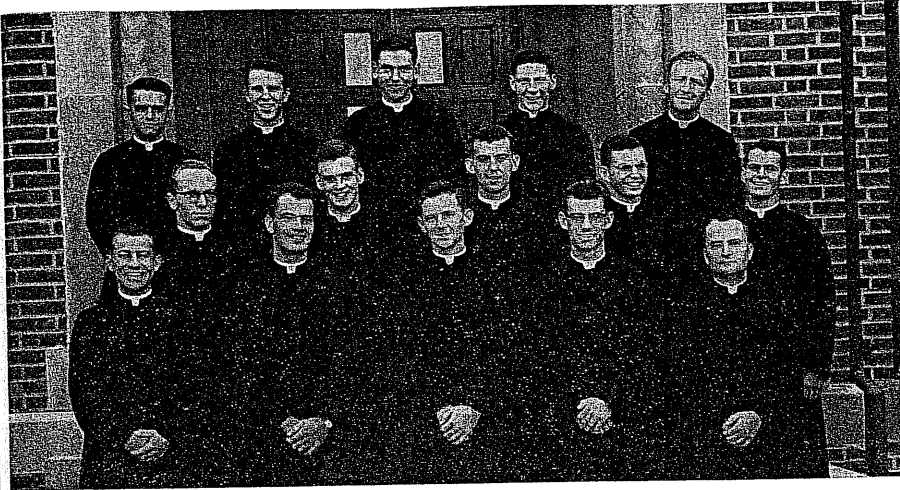
**News From Rome**

September 9, 1953, Brother Ellis Greene wrote from Notre Dame International School, Via Aurelia 287, Rome, Italy:

"We had a very interesting summer. Brothers Loyola, Donard, and Gonzaga travelled by station wagon for the month of July. Their itinerary took them to Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Southeastern France, and back to Italy. Stopping at religious houses and eating their meals camp style on the road to save expenses, these three managed to see just about everything worth while visiting. Perhaps the most interesting feature, from the present-day standpoint, was their stay in Germany where, at the home of a relative of Brother Loyola, they were just a few hundred feet from the border of the Iron-curtain (Czechoslovakia). They could look out of the windows and see the Communist guards in their watch towers across the border. None of the Germans seemed to pay much attention to the ever-present menace, but the Brothers said the prospect of living under such tension was not at all pleasing to them.

"Brother Edmund spent six weeks in Paris studying French and taking a few summer classes at the Sorbonne. When it came time for him to return to Rome the strike hit France with a bang and he was more or less stranded. Every morning he would take whatever bus was running to the south and travel as far as it went. Then he would try to get a room for the night in a hotel or hostel. Many nights he had to sit in a chair in the lobby and catch what sleep he could. It took him six days to get from Paris to the Italian border in this fashion. It was a pretty wilted and disgruntled Brother Edmund that finally got back to 287 Via Aurelia.

"For three weeks in August I enjoyed the peace and beauty of the Italian Alpine regions at Colico, a little town on Lake Como. Father Heston and the seminarians had gone to a school unused in the summer time and I joined them there on August 4. The priests who operated the school treated us extremely well. Once each week we Americans and Canadians would hike some place to get closer views of the rugged beauties that surrounded us. On two occasions we motored into Switzerland, a trip of some 70 or 80 miles all told. At one point we climbed over the highest auto pass in the whole of Europe, 9050 feet above sea level. The panoramic views and the majestic grandeur of the Alps are breath-taking. Nothing makes us more aware of the puniness of man and the immensity of God than a good long look at mountains. Going over some of the mountain roads provided



FRONT ROW—Brothers: William Croutcher, Ronald Stinson, Joseph Heisler, Ronald Belanger, and John Quigley. SECOND ROW—Brothers: Marvin Pille, Maurice Healy, Raymond Papenfuss, William McNamara, Albert Ciri. THIRD ROW—Brothers: Donald Pelous, Philip Bunting, Bernard Platte, Martin Donohue, James Nilan.

**Fifteen Take Temporary Vows**

Sunday, August 16, 1953, fifteen professuri took their first temporary vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience; seven of this group took the foreign mission vow. These were taken in the presence of Rev. Harry Pelous, brother of the newly professed Brother Donald Pelous. In attendance, too, was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alphonse Bertman of Springfield, Illinois, his area being represented by the newly professed Brothers William Croutcher and Joseph Heisler. Father Andrew Henze, O.F.M., gave the address.

Immediately following the ceremonies, the newly professed were congratulated by the members of the Community and by their relatives and friends.

At four o'clock the newly professed departed to Dujarie Scholasticate, Notre Dame, with the exception of Brother Bernard Platte, whose assignment for the year is St. Joseph's Novitiate. Brothers Ronald Belanger, Philip Bunting, Albert Ciri, William Croutcher, Joseph Heisler, Donald Pelous, Marvin Pille, John Quigley, and Ronald Stinson are now living at Vincent Scholasticate and attending St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. The others, Brothers Martin Donohue, Maurice Healy, William McNamara, James Nilan, and Raymond Papenfuss will remain at Dujarie to attend the University of Notre Dame.

Brother Roman Witoski, a member of the Polish American Historical Association, attended the annual convention of the American Council of Polish Cultural Clubs held at the University of Notre Dame from July 29 to August 2, and read a message of greetings from the Historical Association.

**43 Take Final Vows**

After Mass Sunday morning, August 16, forty-three Brothers of Holy Cross pronounced their final vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. This solemn ceremony took place in four different institutions where the Brothers are engaged.

In the chapel of St. Joseph's Juniorate, Valatie, N. Y., Brothers Philip Joseph Cistone, Joseph Michael Zaccardo, Edward Walter Wauchter, and John Christian Kuchenbrod were admitted to final profession.

In Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame, Indiana, Brothers Charles Joseph Bibeau, William Thomas Babbitt, Francis Peter Johnson, Paul August Scherman, Gilbert Michael Burke, Leo Joseph Hogan, John Thomas McLaughlin, Thomas John Frey, James Alexander Moroney, Eugene Leo Weisenberger, Theodore Joseph LaTour, Leo Francis Gallagher, Joseph Earl Pompa, Hugh Aloysius Haggerty, Andrew Dennis Sukenik, John Peter Martin, Merle Vincent McGrane, Kenneth James Hayward, George Joseph Hansen, Harold Sterling Young, Ronald Louis Christenson, Jonas Patrick Moran, Gerald Francis Kraeger, Charles Michael Lewis, John Andrew O'Flaherty, Eugene Donald Palinski, James Paul Clay, John James Benesh, Frederick James McGlynn, Harold Glen Naudet, Vincent Paul Will, Clarence John Podgorski, Jerome Raymond Chandler, and Theodore Carrelas Oliveira pronounced their final vows.

In the chapel of Holy Cross High School, New Orleans, La., Brothers Louis William Coe, Marcel Alvin Do- leac, and Walton James Mallerich took their perpetual vows. Brother Albert George Martin pronounced his final vows in the chapel of Notre Dame High school, Sherman Oaks, California.

us with many thrills as we rounded hair-pin turns and brushed fenders with cars and busses going in the opposite direction."

## Brothers Receive Honorary Membership

Four Brothers of Holy Cross have been given Honorary Membership in the International Mark Twain Society in recognition of their recent publications. Brother Raymond Fleck received his for *An Angel in the Streets*, A Story of Blessed Martin de Porres; Brother Franklin Cullen for *Song of the Sword*, A Story of St. Martin of Tours; Brother Francisus Willett for *The Merry Music Maker*, A Story of Joseph Haydn; and Brother Genard Greene for *A Cry in the Wilderness*, A Story of St. John the Baptist.

All of these books are published by *Dujarie Press*, Notre Dame, Indiana.

"The International Mark Twain Society has been called the League of Nations in Literature, and its membership the world's 'Who's Who.' . . . The Honorary Membership is conferred upon those entitled to recognition in the various fields of endeavor. Thus when it is awarded an author, it is conferred in public recognition of his contribution to literature."

Brother Robert Brown, a scholastic at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, forwarded a check for fifty-three dollars from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Brown. It was the proceeds of a card party which they had given at their home in Waterbury, Connecticut, for the benefit of the Brothers at Santarem in Brazil.

## Obituary

Please pray for the souls of Rev. Joseph Chauvin, C.S.C., Rev. Patrick F. Durcan, C.S.C., Rev. Matthias J. Oswald, C.S.C., Brother Irenaeus Stackhouse, C.S.C., Sister M. Joseph Alenie, C.S.C., Sister M. Alodia, C.S.C., Sister Maria Antonia, C.S.C., Sister M. Francis Assisi, C.S.C., Sister M. Genevra, C.S.C., Sister M. Helanus, C.S.C., Sister M. Moira, C.S.C., Sister M. Natalia, C.S.C., Sister M. Rudolpha, C.S.C., Sister M. Wilfrid, C.S.C., father of Brother Neville Phillips, brother of Brother Edgar Plas, brother of Brother Gregory Rozczynski, brother of Brother Marcus Coogan, brother of Brother William Doherty, grandmother of Brother Paul Bray, uncle of Brother Jonas Moran, aunt of Brother Eymard Salzman, aunt of Brother Maurice Wertzberger, cousin of Brother Albert Babeu, Mrs. Antoinette Wergaz, grandmother of Brother Hugh Wray, and the mother of Brother Antoninus Schloemer.

## 38 Brothers Receive Degrees

Brother Raphael Wilson received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Texas at the August Commencement Exercises. From the same University Brother Walter Foken received a Master's degree in Business Administration, and Brother Wendel Adam a Master of Science degree at the February commencement.

Last August Brother Donald Allen received a Master of Science degree from Michigan State, and Brothers Edwin Mattingly and Mel Keil received the same degree from the University of Notre Dame. At the same time Brothers Cyrinus Martin, Eugene Tracey, John Doran, Michel Miller, Vincent de Paul Hujar, Florentius Schu, and Bennet Nettleton were awarded the Master of Arts degree by Notre Dame University.

Brothers Thomas Frey and Louis Coe received the Bachelor of Science, and Brother Thomas Dillman the Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree from St. Edward's University last February. From the same university Brothers Leo Gallagher, Gilbert Burke, Thomas Lacombe, and Philip Cistone received the Bachelor of Arts, and Tadeus Las the Bachelor of Science degree in June; and Brothers Edward Boyle, Marcel Doleac, Joseph Zutelis, Leo Kowalski, Donald Schmitz, and William Geenen the Bachelor of Arts, and Brothers Rosaire Foos and Leo Geiger the Bachelor of Science degrees in August.

Brothers Christoph Taraska and Francis O'Donnell received their Bachelor of Arts degrees from St. John's University in Brooklyn last June.

The University of Notre Dame awarded the Bachelor of Arts degrees to Brothers Lewis James and Paul Potter in June; and to Brothers James Clay, John Harrington, and John McLaughlin in August. Brothers John Benesh and Joseph Dudek also received their Bachelor of Science degrees from Notre Dame in August.

## Brother Godfrey Gives Lectures

The young scholastics in both *Dujarie Hall*, Notre Dame, Indiana, and Vincent Hall, Austin, Texas, had an opportunity to learn from the knowledge and experience of Brother Godfrey Vassallo, C.S.C., Head of the Department of Physics in the University of Portland, Portland, Oregon.

From the very first days of its inception, Brother Godfrey was a radio enthusiast, and ever since he has been specializing in radar and micro-radiation. For the past several summers he has spent some time in Oak Ridge, learning whatever is new in his field.

Because of his vast knowledge and experience he was invited to give a series of talks to the young scientists of the Community, and the interest and enthusiasm he stirred up was indeed a tribute to himself and his listeners.

## This Is It

Here is a letter which may explain better than any theological or vocational treatise the inner workings of grace in prompting a vocation. It is a letter from an ex-G.I. to his high school buddy. It shows that men's ways are not God's ways and that the ways of God are strange.

DEAR JIM,

I guess you'd never expected a letter from me as a Brother. And frankly I never expected to write one 'cause I know I was the last one in the world to think I'd end up in a monastery. But anyway, here's how it all happened.

Remember when Brother John was talking to us one day after school about the religious life? Well, I didn't catch everything he said, but I did remember one remark he used: "Boy, this is it!" I never forgot that. In fact, it seemed as though I couldn't forget our chat with Brother and his expression. Every time anyone used that phrase, the thought of my vocation and of being a Brother popped up in my mind. And I didn't want to think about being a religious either, because I was pretty contented the way I was.

One day our outfit made a big attack and someone said, "This is it." There it was again. Even under fire I couldn't get away from it. I had fought it, but I guess God won.

Remember how we used to talk about 'cracking big time'? Well, I'm really in for big loot now . . . my own soul and lots of other people's too. Believe me, Jim, this is really it! So long. Let me hear from you.

BROTHER X (Dick)

More and more the large book dealers are becoming aware of the attraction and value of the publications of *Dujarie Press*. This fall, all of our books are listed in an attractive booklet, *CATHOLIC BOOKS FOR CATHOLIC CHILDREN*, published by The Thomas More Association of Chicago; and an entire page is given to them in the large folder sent out by The Catholic Book and Supply Co., South Milwaukee, Wis.

*The Catholic Journalist*, the official organ of the Catholic Press Association in the United States, in its August issue announced that "The Maid of Corinaldo," a life of St. Maria Goretti written by Brother Sabinus, C.S.C., is scheduled for August release by the *Dujarie Press*. Brother Sabinus is production manager of the *Ave Maria* and a member of the CPA.