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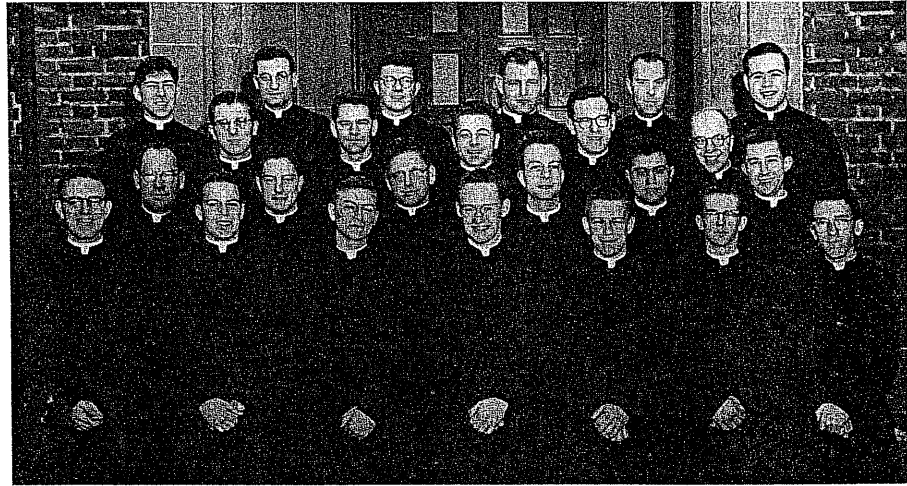
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Twenty-Four Enter Novitiate

On January 25, twenty-four candidates for the Brothers of Holy Cross received their religious habits. Presiding at this reception ceremony was the Rev. Edwin Ronan, C.P. Reception of the habit for Brothers of Holy Cross culminates an eight day retreat and officially begins the canonically-required one year of Novitiate training.

Of the candidates received at this time, five were former students of high schools conducted by the Brothers of Holy Cross. Brother Thomas McQuillan of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, is a graduate of Sacred Heart Juniorate, Water-town, Wisconsin; Brother Jerome Ziliak of Evansville, Indiana, is a graduate of Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana; Brother Daniel Kane of Lakewood, Ohio, is a graduate of St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio; Brother Joseph Meyer of Speedway, Indiana, is a graduate of Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Brother Stephen Davis of Chicago, Illinois, is a graduate of Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, Illinois.

The remaining candidates were: Brothers Richard Emge, Evansville, Indiana; Edward Olszowka, Chicago, Illinois; Sylvester Krus, St. Louis, Missouri; Peter Baltrinic, Uniontown, Ohio; James Greteman, Carroll, Iowa; Joseph Ballard, Loretto, Kentucky; Joseph Fox, Sugar Grove, Ohio; Lawrence Reeside, East Detroit, Michigan; Joseph Guadagni, West Allis, Wisconsin; Thomas McGannon, Chicago, Illinois; Charles Johnston, Seattle, Washington; Leo Legendre, Waterbury, Connecticut; Roger Berg, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; William Redmond, Buffalo, New York; Charles Blavat, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Thomas Murtha, New Kensington, Pennsylvania; John Moore, Freeport, Illinois; Norbert Lengerich, Chicago, Illinois; and Andrew Doherty, Bass River, Massachusetts.



First row (left to right): Brothers Charles Blavat, Jerome Ziliak, Joseph Fox, Thomas McGannon, Joseph Meyer, Thomas McQuillan, William Redmond; second row: Brothers Andrew Doherty, Joseph Ballard, Richard Emge, Charles Johnston, Joseph Guadagni, Roger Berg; third row: Brothers James Greteman, Leo Legendre, Sylvester Krus, Peter Baltrinic, Edward Olszowki; fourth row: Brothers Lawrence Reeside, Thomas Murtha, Daniel Kane, Norbert Lengerich, John Moore and Stephen Davis.

area. Armed with binoculars and pad and pencil, he studied bird life in a two-square mile tract of woods and open country to record the various species of birds spending the winter here in northern Indiana. Every year on a specified day during the Christmas holidays, bird lovers all over the United States take a bird census and send their reports for publication to the National Audubon Society, which has been conducting these studies since 1885. Brother Edwin has been taking the census here for the past ten years. On his recent field trip he was accompanied by Brother Marius Wittner.

An expert in bird lore, Brother Edwin continues today the tradition begun by Brother Alphonsus Sweet, who twenty-five years ago gained fame as one of the Midwest's leading ornithologists. Like him, Brother Edwin has acquired a masterful knowledge of birds, their songs and their habits, by pursuing a part-time hobby with zealous interest.

Hawks, especially, bring a light to his eyes. The last of his falcons, however, a lordly, yellow-eyed creature of magnificent promise to a lover of falconry, died. Unfortunately, to Brother Edwin's great chagrin, some well-meaning but unknowledgeable friend gave the abstemious bird too much food.

In Evansville

During the Christmas holidays Brother Rudolph Lacas came out with an invention of his own, an electric football game. It is so clever that a sports goods dealer has become interested in it. Brother has also built a Scrabble Board.

Brother John Hannon entered twenty-one members of the Reitz Memorial Band in the Regional Musical Tournament held at Evansville College, February 6. The boys qualified for the state finals which is to be held at the Butler Field House in Indianapolis later in February.

Eight of the seniors at Reitz Memorial passed the N.R.O.T.C. examinations in January.

That is a remarkable record when we consider that there are only fifty-nine boys in the senior class and that usually not a fourth of a class is interested in taking the examination for the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. Congratulations to the members of the faculty for the thorough preparation given these boys.

Brother Leonardo Bebetu is putting the finishing touches on a three act comedy, "Do Not Take My Penny," which is to be presented February 28 and March 1.

Birds Studied as Hobby

During an all-day field trip on the last Sunday of December, Brother Edwin Mattingly made his annual census of birds populating the Notre Dame

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The Brother Columba Apostolate

We feel that our older readers and friends will be especially interested to learn that there is to be a resumption of the Brother Columba Apostolate of Devotion to the Sacred Heart. And our younger readers who did not know about this Apostolate will, we are sure, be delighted to learn about it. It is due to the zeal of Brother Sabinus who, with the full permission of his superiors, will be in charge of this very interesting project, formerly promoted by the late Brother Columbanus.

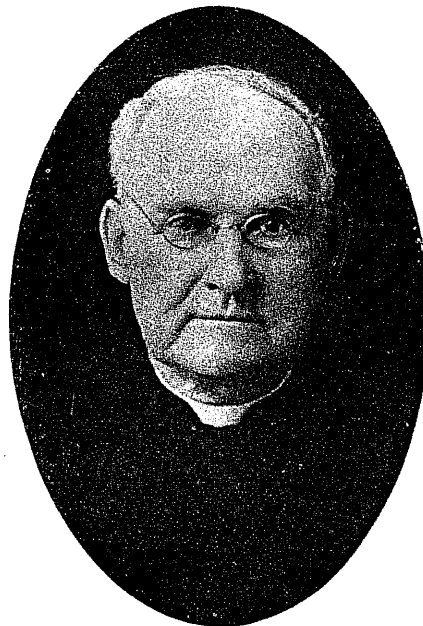
Shortly after the turn of the century, Brother Columba, C.S.C., then cobbler at Notre Dame, began to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart among the students at Notre Dame. He did this by giving out the little red Sacred Heart badges and asking those who received them to say the prayer that is printed thereon. Soon other than students came to get the little badge for, it was reported, favors and even cures seemed to have come through the use of the badge the good Brother gave.

Before long, people came from all over, asking for the badge and for Brother to bless them with it, especially over aching and painful parts of their bodies. In all simplicity and faith, the good Brother did this, and marvelous cures seemed to have taken place. As a result hundreds of letters began pouring

in to the Cobbler who had to get secretarial help to answer the mail. All of this pleased him very much for it was a sure sign of increased faith and devotion to the Sacred Heart, the very end he desired.

By the time Brother Columba died in 1923 he had distributed many thousands of badges of both the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Many of these he had made himself. Brother Sabinus is now continuing this work, and it is fitting that the headquarters of the revived Apostolate should be in the same house where Brother Columba spent so many of his fruitful years.

The work of the Brother Columba Apostolate of Devotion to the Sacred Heart will be carried on through the generosity of all those who wish to see



it grow. All who would like a badge of the Sacred Heart are requested to write to:

The Brother Columba Apostolate
Community House,
Notre Dame, Indiana

Obituary

Please pray for the souls of the following: Sister M. Annunciata, C.S.C., Sister M. Bonifacia, C.S.C., mother of Brother Pierre Schu, mother of Brother Francis de Paul Huizenga, mother of Brother Dacian Renner, father of Brother Thomas Chady, uncle of Brother William Denton, aunt of Brother Gonzaga Day, uncle and aunt of Brother Mary Joseph Siok, grandmother of Brother Ralph Kuder, Mr. Van R. Bomer, and Mr. Thomas E. Ledger.

In a letter to Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, C.S.C., Provincial, Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., was happy to relate that three different societies of Sisters in Australia volunteered to sponsor the filming of a mystery of the Most Holy Rosary. This means that each separate group of nuns would raise \$25,000 to assist Father Peyton in his ambitious and worthy cause. Congratulations to Father Peyton and these generous Sisters in helping to spread the glory and goodness of the Mother of God.



Brother Sylvanus, C.S.C.

Brother Sylvanus Nichols, who celebrated his silver jubilee of first profession of vows this month, believes that Notre Dame's football team can not beat Iowa. Naturally, he's rather unpopular at the Community House when this annual grid contest comes around. His devotion for the Hawkeyes, however, springs from happy memories of the time he spent as a young man in this his adopted home state. He arrived in the Corn State after working for some time on a farm in Canada. (He recalls that he received \$3.00 a week there—a modest salary for 1908.) But Canada was not his native country. No, he was born in West Grinstead, Sussex, England in 1892. At the age of 16, he came to Canada and from thence to this country.

When Brother Sylvanus arrived at the Postulate in Watertown, Wisc., his baptismal papers could not be located, so he had the rare distinction of being one of the few Brothers conditionally baptised as a postulant. He also was confirmed here with his fellow jubilarian, Brother Angelo Trettel, as his godparent.

Although diminutive in stature, Broth-



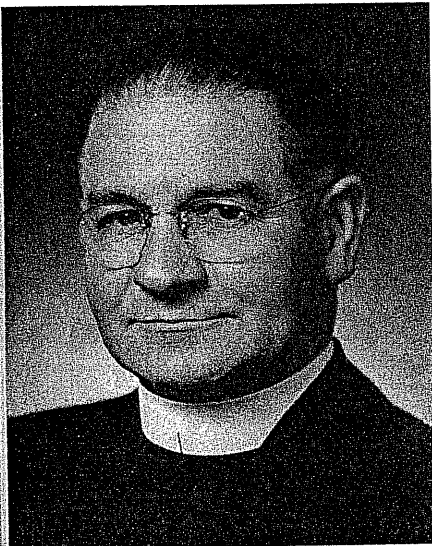
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er Sylvanus has a big heart and a cheerful smile for everyone. To celebrate his jubilee, his fellow cooks surprised him with a cake that was almost bigger than he was. His frequent pastime is relaxing with a good cigar (El Producto is his favorite brand).

For the past twenty-six years he has worked in the kitchen and is well known for his famous knife which is tied to his belt with a long piece of string and which he uses to cut about anything—vegetables, fruit, string, paper or what have you. He goes about his daily tasks cheerfully and conscientiously, serving God and his community in his humble but important occupation. To him, then, go our congratulations for twenty-five years well spent. *Ad multos annos* to Brother "Sly"—and his knife.



Brother Angelo, C.S.C.

Before entering the Congregation, Brother Angelo Trettel was an automotive mechanic in Morrison County, Minnesota. After making his first profession of vows, twenty-five years ago, Brother put his trade to good use. His entire religious life has been spent at St. Joseph Farm, Notre Dame, where he is the delivery man and chief mechanic. Each morning he sets out from the farm to deliver some 535 gallons of milk, 400 to the Mishawaka Dairy and 135 to community houses. In his twenty-four years of driving, Brother has the enviable record of never having an accident. Nor has he ever taken his truck in for repair during all this time, since if anything goes wrong, Brother fixes it himself. But these repairs are few, because no truck receives such excellent care as does Brother Angelo's.

When Brother arrived at the farm in 1930, there was only one truck, a 1928 International SF 36. He drove this one for eight years until it became too old for service. This truck, quite an antique



now, has been assigned to light duty on the farm property. Brother's next truck was another International. This one was a D 30 model and Brother drove it for thirteen years. His present truck is a 1951 model and he hopes to keep his record as he has with his other trucks by driving it for more than 100,000 miles.

Brother Angelo is a familiar figure along his route as he emerges from his shiny truck in his neat, blue-striped overalls and black leather cap. He has made many friends in his work because of his gentle and pleasant personality. Besides enjoying classical music, Brother likes nothing better than driving. He's a man who really enjoys his work as his record will convincingly attest. To a hard worker and good religious, congratulations on your silver jubilee!

By Tongue or Pen

That was a good picture of Brother Carlos and his movie friends.

Brother knows how to interest his friends in works of charity.

Am sending a small donation for your paper. I am interested in all the activities of the schools taught by the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Your cash and comments are like the breath of fresh air that's necessary to keep us going.

I am the mother of a Brother in the Novitiate at Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary in Brooklyn. Will you please put my name and address on the mailing list for your paper?

Gladly, for we like to see our circulation grow.

Enclosed you will find a donation from a little box that I have in my bedroom. When I come home from school I put all my loose change in the box. When it gets to be a good sum, I send it to the Brothers of Holy Cross. I realize that two dollars will not help much to educate a Brother, but it will buy him a book or some other useful object. As I am thinking very seriously of becoming

In Milwaukee

Three members of the faculty of Holy Trinity High in Chicago, Brothers John Capistran, James Kiniry, and Thomas Frey, spent their holidays helping the Brothers at St. Charles Boys Home.

Brother Lawrence Miller made his first appearance on TV at 12:30 Wednesday afternoon, January 13. The Bob Heiss Program over station WTMJ-TV featured Brother Lawrence and Judge Kenney of Milwaukee Juvenile Court in an informal discussion about the work of the Brothers at St. Charles Boys Home.

Brother Lawrence has been chosen as a member of two committees for child care: The Children's Institution Rate Study Committee and The Committee on the Revision of Wisconsin Statutes Relating to Children.

Brother Warren Shea is preparing for a Hobby Show at St. Charles Home, Sunday, February 28. He has all the boys occupied with one project or another.

Thanks

We're grateful to our friends for remembering us with books for the missions and with cash contributions. Listed by states they are:

Arizona, Mr. J. G. Wambach; *Illinois*, Mr. and Mrs. M. Burkhard, Sister Mary Clarice, S.L., Mr. D. M. Costello, Mr. and Mrs. I. Grzeskowiak; *Indiana*, Mrs. L. F. Beutter, Mrs. S. Brosk, Mrs. T. J. Dever, Mr. B. Eisminski, Gibault School for Boys, Mr. E. J. Heckelman, Mrs. E. L. Hoffer, Mr. K. J. Mattingly, Mr. C. F. Willet; *Iowa*, Mr. and Mrs. O. Dolan, *Kentucky*, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Head; *Louisiana*, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Pellegri, Mr. and Mrs. E. Reggio; *Massachusetts*, Mr. G. M. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Flood; *Michigan*, Mr. and Mrs. Crosson, Mrs. A. Grattan, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hurley, Mr. J. Nagy; *New Jersey*, Alice M. DeBros, Mrs. S. Wilson; *New York*, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sundholm, Mrs. J. Thornton; *Ohio*, Mr. F. F. Chaste, Mrs. F. J. Klein, Mr. L. W. Moorman; *Washington*, Mr. R. D. Gilman; *Wisconsin*, Mrs. F. Beere, and Mrs. M. Geiger.

a Brother of Holy Cross myself, I like to help some Brother.

The daily sacrifices which you are making will not only strengthen your own vocation, but will also help some young Brother in his studies, or may even serve as a good example to many of our readers. Only God can measure the good you are doing.

Since there's no charge for your paper, why don't you enclose a "gimme gimmick" now and then?

How's a business reply envelope?

Novices Take First Vows

Twenty-two Brother novices of Holy Cross made their temporary religious profession on February 2, at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. The Very Reverend Alphonse J. Bertman was delegated to preside. Following the ceremony, the Rev. Joseph Haley, C.S.C., offered the High Mass and also preached the sermon.

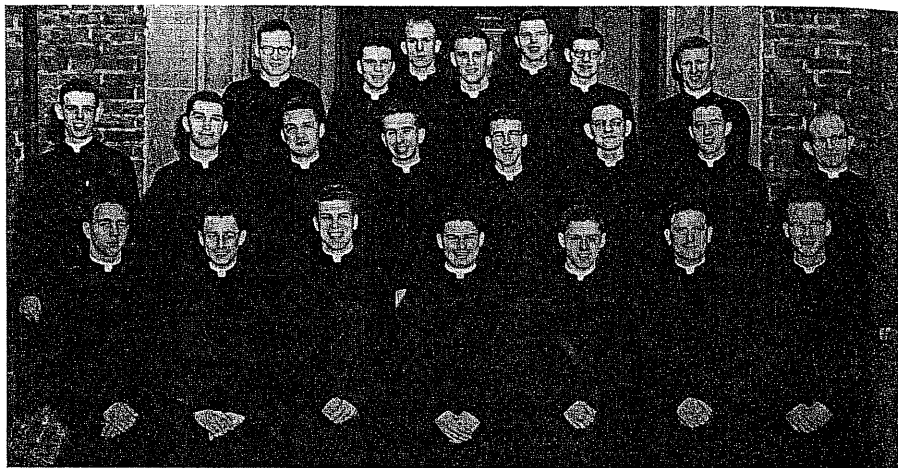
In the class professed were five Brothers who were former students of high schools conducted by the Brothers of Holy Cross. Brother James Ryan of Detroit, Michigan, is a graduate of Catholic Central High School, Monroe, Michigan; Brother James Everett of South Bend, Indiana, is a graduate of Central Catholic High School, South Bend, Indiana; Brother John Ptaszek of Chicago, Illinois, is a graduate of Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, Illinois; Brother Richard Wirth of University Heights, Ohio, is a graduate of Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio; and Brother Francis Sullivan of Somerset, Massachusetts, is a graduate of Msgr. Coyle High School, Taunton, Massachusetts.

The other Brothers professed were: Brothers George Carr, Covington, Kentucky; Thomas Burns, Gloucester, Massachusetts; Daniel Lynch, Detroit, Michigan; Austin Maley, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Carl Shonk, Lancaster, Ohio; William Connolly, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Paul Rosonke, Carroll, Iowa; Richard Reichert, St. Louis, Missouri; Peter Huber, Marion, Ohio; Thomas Rock, Duluth, Minnesota; Douglas Roach, Detroit, Michigan; William Hold, Los Angeles, California; James McLaughlin, Ozone Park, Long Island, New York; Richard Albright, Yeagertown, Pennsylvania; Francis Michaud, West Enfield, Massachusetts; John Davies, Utica, New York; and Donald Mroscak, Springfield, Illinois.

Brooklyn's Busy

In September the Brooklyn Womens' Auxiliary conducted a very successful Card Party for the benefit of the Monsignor Ludecke Memorial Burse, the proceeds of which go toward supporting candidates for the Holy Cross Brotherhood. The various committees worked under the leadership of the President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Van R. Bomer.

In December the Auxiliary played host to all of the Brothers of Holy Cross resident in Brooklyn. Even Santa Claus was there to assist in the distribution of gifts. Brother Kilian O'Beirne, superior of St. Joseph of Holy Cross, Valatie, N. Y., was in attendance as was the Eastern Vocational Director, Brother Hyacinth, C.S.C. Brother Kilian thanked the women of the Auxiliary for their



First row (left to right): Brothers George Carr, Thomas Burns, Thomas Rock, William Hold, John Ptaszek, Francis Michaud, Francis Sullivan; second row: Brothers William Connolly, James Everett, Douglas Roach, Donald Mroscak, Richard Albright, John Davies, James Ryan, Daniel Lynch; third row: Brothers Austin Maley, James McLaughlin, Carl Shonk, Paul Rosonke, Richard Reichert; fourth row: Brothers Richard Wirth and Peter Huber.

ceaseless efforts in behalf of his house and hoped that they would continue their material and spiritual assistance for the success of the work of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Brother Hyacinth also thanked the women and asked that they continue to remember the intention of Vocations in their daily prayers.

In January the Womens' Auxiliary donated the trophies for the Brother Venard Memorial Declamation Contest held in St. Francis of Assisi Auditorium January 26. This contest is conducted twice annually to commemorate the memory of Brother Venard Gorman, C.S.C., first superior of St. Thomas Aquinas School and a former Diocesan Supervisor of Schools. Holy Cross Girl's School was the recipient of the beautiful first place trophy while St. Francis of Assisi Boys' School won the second place trophy.

Attendance at the Auxiliary meetings has been excellent, showing a marvelous spirit of co-operation and interest by the group.

The Polish American Historical Association held its tenth annual meeting at Madonna College, Livonia, Mich., and for the third time reelected Brother Roman Witowski, C.S.C., of Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, to the advisory council of the Association. He was also selected as the assistant editor of its publication, *Polish American Studies*.

Brother Marius Wittner of St. Joseph High School in South Bend recently made two trips to Chicago to speak on Aids in Teaching Plane Geometry. January 9, he spoke at the Academy of Our Lady to the Mathematics Section of the Chicago Catholic Science Teachers Association, and February 6, at Mandel's Tea Room to the Women's Mathematics Club of Chicago and Vicinity.

Brother Heads Library

Acting upon the suggestion of Msgr. Clarence E. Elwell, Superintendent of Cleveland Catholic schools, librarians of the thirty high schools in the Cleveland area met December 12 and formed the Diocesan Library Association.

The purpose of the Association is to serve as an exchange forum where secondary school librarians can consider and solve their mutual problems concerning budgeting, book selection, new processes and techniques, and other matters of administration deserving librarians' attention. An especially valuable function of the Association will be to evaluate cooperatively as many as possible of the new books being published for teen age readers. Since well over 11,000 new books are being published annually in the United States, the problem of sifting through this abundance of printed matter and determining what is of value for high school students can be accomplished adequately only by the cooperative action on the part of many librarians.

Heading this newly-organized Association is Brother John of the Cross, C.S.C., librarian of St. Edward's High School, Lakewood, Ohio. Brother John brings with him to this post the benefit of seventeen years' library experience. Along with his library work Brother has contributed articles and reviews to such professional journals as *The Library Journal*, *Wilson Library Bulletin*, *Catholic School Journal*, and *The English Journal*. His latest article on the testing of supplementary reading was published in the November, 1953, issue of the *Wilson Library Bulletin*.

As a consultant, Brother George Tilley regularly attends the executive meetings of the Indiana Industrial Arts Association.