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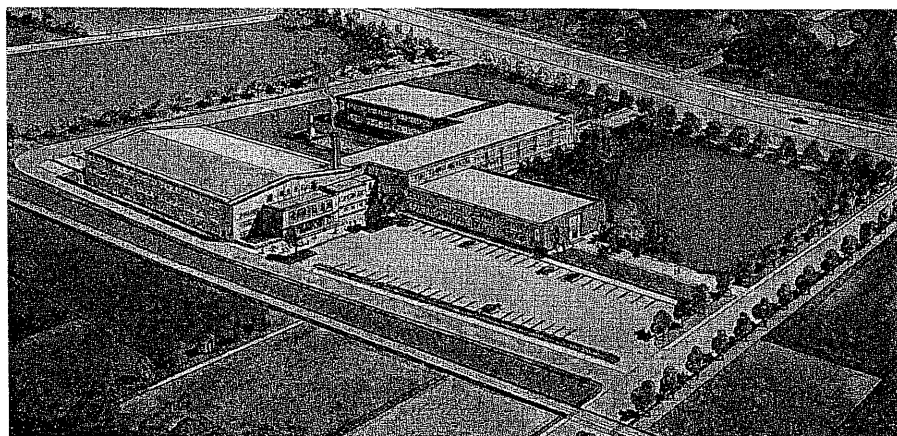
Brothers Teach in New School

In September, 1953, the Brothers conducted their first classes in the new St. Joseph's High School in South Bend. Although the Brothers began teaching in the new high school this year, they are not newcomers to the city. At the request of Bishop John Francis Noll, now archbishop, the Brothers opened Central Catholic High School in 1934, occupying two unplastered rooms on the second floor of St. Matthew's grade school building. For nineteen years the Brothers held classes under this arrangement, until in 1952, because of increased enrollment, more classrooms had to be secured. The old St. Marien Schule on Taylor Street provided five classrooms for the freshmen and sophomores, while the juniors and seniors continued at St. Matthew's.

When it became apparent that Catholic secondary education must have greater facilities for the youth of the South Bend area, a diocesan fund drive was held. On October 26, 1952, Bishop Leo A. Pursley, Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne, turned the first clump of earth for a new school building on the corner of Michigan Street and Angela Boulevard. The ground upon which the school is built was donated by the Brothers of Holy Cross.

On September 20, 1953, Archbishop John Francis Noll blessed the partly-completed classroom unit and promised that a gymnasium would soon be added. Half days of class were held until late October when the girls were able to move into their own wing. The middle section, containing offices, laboratories, the library and a little theatre, is now completed and in use. In late November, work on the gym was begun and is now progressing steadily.

Father Michael Vichuras, whose apartment is in the middle section of the building, is the school superintendent. Brother Reginald Justak, principal of the Boys' Department, is assisted by eleven Brothers. Sister M. des Victoires with a staff of eleven Sis-



The new St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, Ind., with Boys' Department at top center.

ters of Holy Cross conduct the Girls' department.

Mr. Francis Curran and Mr. George Kelly successfully coached the varsity football team to an undefeated season. They also teach in the Boys' department.

The total enrollment of the new school is 741, 374 girls and 367 boys.

Holy Father Is Pleased

In October, 1952, the Brothers of Holy Cross opened in Rome the Notre Dame International School for boys desiring a high school education based on American standards.

November 11, 1953, Monsignor J. B. Montini, pro-Secretary of State for His Holiness, addressed the following note to the Reverend Edward L. Heston, C.S.C., Procurator General of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Rome:

"I have pleasure in acknowledging, in the name of the Holy Father, the first annual report of the Notre Dame International School for Boys which you forwarded to me recently.

"His Holiness is comforted by the edifying evidence of the progress made, as is manifest from the notable increase both in enrollment and in faculty staff. I am happy to reaffirm at this time the Supreme Pontiff's gratitude for the generous zeal and co-operation of the Superiors of the Con-

gregation of Holy Cross and its teaching Brothers in corresponding so generously and expeditiously to the appeal of the Vicar of Christ and the Bishop of Rome in satisfying this important educational need.

"In pledge of an ever greater effective apostolate of Catholic education in the Eternal City, the Holy Father cordially imparts to the members of the Faculty, the student body and all those collaborating in the successful administration of the Notre Dame International School for Boys His paternal Apostolic Blessing."

Farm Director Receives Award

Brother Joachim Reiniche, Superior of the St. Joseph Farm, Notre Dame, Indiana, received a Bronze Certificate of Merit awarded to the St. Joseph Farm whose Holstein dairy herd of seventy-six cows has completed a yearly production test in a Dairy Herd Improvement Association during the last year. Each cow on test 270 days or more during the year produced at least 300 pounds of butterfat. The butterfat average for the cattle at St. Joseph Farm during the past year has been 480 pounds, which is at least 100 pounds above the state average. The award was given at the sixty-fourth annual meeting of the Indiana State Dairy Association.

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Church Unity Octave

"There is no other unity possible in the divine economy save that which is built upon the same foundation as the one on which Christ Jesus, the Lord and Master, founded His Church." These are the words of the founder of the Chair of Unity Octave. Strangely enough, this founder was not a Roman Catholic at the time he initiated this devotion. He was an Episcopalian minister and founder of a small religious community, the Society of the Atonement. He and his fellow community members, however, entered the Catholic fold in 1909, a year after he had begun this devotion. His name—the Very Rev. Paul James Wattson, S.A. Who can not say, then, that the ways of God are strange!

Today this devotion has spread throughout the entire world. From January 18th to the 25th, Catholics the world over will be praying that all those who, down through the centuries, have been separated from the Chair of Peter at Rome, may return to Catholic communion, that is to say, communion with the Apostolic See.

This is a special year for the Church Unity Octave, because it is Mary's Year. And who in heaven has more influential intercessory powers than the Mother of God? In his Marian Year prayer, His Holiness, Pope Pius XII begs Mary to "make all men feel the attraction of Christian goodness. In your name, resounding harmoniously in heaven, may they recognize that they are brothers, and that the nations are members of one family." Let his sentiments be ours as we enter into this Church Unity Octave. Let each of us first thank God for our own faith. Then, let us ask Him and His Immaculate Mother to guide back with a gentle hand those straying sheep who have wandered so far from their true fold.

This issue of *The Brothers of Holy Cross* was edited by Brother Lawrence Fitch, C.S.C.

To Jesus, Through Mary

This secret of the spiritual life has deep significance during the present season, when the liturgy of the Church celebrates that "radiant crown" of mysteries surrounding the Incarnation. This secret underlies, as well, the Marian Year we are now celebrating, for Christ and His Mother cannot be separated: where the Mother is, there is the Son; where the Son is, there is the Mother. Our observance of the Marian Year, therefore, might well spring, as a flower from its roots, from our taking to heart these words of Pope Pius IX: there is nothing "more sweet, nothing dearer than to worship, venerate, invoke and praise with ardent affection the Mother of God conceived without stain of original sin."



The dedication of 1954 to Mary serves to emphasize the fact that we today live, indeed, in an Age of Mary. This dedicated year is a kind of culmination, set apart as it is for Mary's honor, and marking as it does the centennial of the infallibly defined dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

The tremendous surge of devotion to Our Lady of Fatima adumbrates a new Marian Age. Devout people the world over heed her message. Wherever the famous "Pilgrim Virgin" statue appeared, multitudes gathered to honor their heavenly Mother.

This Mary's Year all of us should strive for greater devotion to Our Mother, and following inevitably therefrom, deeper love and conformity to her Son. This is her wish. It should be ours.

Laborers in the Vineyard

Archbishop Richard Cushing of Boston has written a beautiful prayer for Brothers. In it he prays: "Bend Thou, O Lord, over the hospital cot with the Brothers who nurse bodies to win souls; be Thou and Thy Mother present in the kitchen and in the laundry and in the workshop with those Brothers who form the strong right arm of the great religious bodies that are the glory of Thy Church." This is exactly what the Brothers engaged in manual labor are, the strong right arm of religious communities. These Brothers, daily doing their humble tasks, never make the headlines, but they count as precious in God's sight. These men, who in the world, could have become successful printers, clerical workers, cooks, carpenters or electricians, to name a few, have forsaken worldly ambitions to become "laborers in the vineyard." Like cloistered religious, their daily work rises like a sweet perfume to the throne of God. God has always chosen the humble and simple of heart to be His closest friends—shy Bernadette, three unlettered children of Fatima, twelve fishermen Apostles, an unknown carpenter and his humble spouse, the Maid of Nazareth.

Does He not continue to choose as His most intimate friends, these self-sacrificing laborers in His own workshop?

In Monroe, Michigan

The second floor of Catholic Central's building was completed last month. Facilities now include ten classrooms, two science laboratories, offices, and a library. The cafeteria is being equipped and hot meals will be available to the students after the holidays.

Four public schools of the Monroe area and Catholic Central have formed the Southeastern Michigan High School League. At the fall meeting of the league's delegates, Brother Josaphat Chmielewski, C.S.C., was elected secretary-treasurer of the organization.

November 22 and 23, Brother Pascal Tomaszewski, C.S.C., staged John Cecil Holm's three-act comedy, *Best Foot Forward*. The cast was composed of girls from St. Mary's Academy and boys from Catholic Central.

Obituary

Please pray for the souls of Rev. Alphonse de Montigny, C.S.C., Sister Felicia Marie, C.S.C., Sister M. Monita, C.S.C., mother of Brother Firmin Mandeville, C.S.C., uncle of Brother Andrew Trimble, C.S.C.



Father Hill, Desi Arnaz, Lucille Ball and Brother Carlos at Charity Ball in Los Angeles.

Stars Guests at Charity Ball

Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, co-stars of the top-ranking *I Love Lucy* television program, took time out from their heavy rehearsal schedule recently to participate as guests of honor at the annual Butterfly Ball, a Catholic Charities affair.

All proceeds from the Ball, held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, are directed to the Rancho San Antonio, a boys' home administered along non-sectarian lines under Catholic supervision. At present, 43 boys ranging in age from 12 to 16 years of age, are being cared for at the home where they raise beef cattle and alfalfa.

Rancho San Antonio is located in Chatsworth, California, in the San Fernando Valley on a 36-acre tract not far from the home of Lucy and Desi.

In the photo, the Philip Morris stars are flanked by Father Hill, administrator of the Immaculate Heart Parish and former director of the Rancho (left); and Brother Carlos, current director of the home and member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Brothers Armand Amman, Crispin Reeb, and Raymond Gunzel are also stationed at the Rancho.

From the Mail

"Thanks a million for the beautiful rosary. I immediately substituted it for the one I was using and said the first five decades for you."

While making rosaries, a hobby of ours, it's a pleasure to think of those who will use them. No doubt some of our beads will be told long after we are dead and forgotten.

"Thanks for the prayers the Brothers in the Community House said for my intention. I didn't realize that one request would be answered by seventy or more Brothers telling their beads for me."

Every day the Brothers pray for their benefactors. Those who request prayers for a particular intention are remembered during the public recitation of the rosary.

From Dacca, December 14. "We are enjoying cool dry weather. It will continue until February. The crows are noisier than usual. Maybe they are protesting against the short winter days since they do not have enough time to pick up a crop full of food. It must be a trial to go to roost hungry. They sure do squawk, as only crows can, about their plight."

"I'm enclosing a donation for two Masses in honor of St. Joseph in thanksgiving for favors received, and for another Mass in memory of my father. Thank you."

It's good to know that our monthly novena to St. Joseph is catching on. May you find his patronage as beneficial as we do.

Thanks

The Christmas mail brought several puzzles, contributions from people whom we were not able to thank directly because they gave no address.

Someone mailed a five-spot from Chicago to the editor. We hope our friend reads this note and regards it as an expression of our gratitude.

A Pennsylvanian without giving any street address directed a crisp five to Brother Columbanus, Carroll Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana. No doubt the sender

is the mother of a boy whom Brother helped when he was prefecting in Carroll Hall about twenty years ago. Brother Columbanus died last April, so the money will be used as Mass offerings for the repose of his soul.

Listed by states, our benefactors are: *California*, Mr. and Mrs. M. Meichtry; *Connecticut*, Mrs. R. R. Gaudreau; *Illinois*, Anon, J. S., Mr. and Mrs. M. Sullivan; *Indiana*, Mrs. C. Beutter, B. V. Dillon, B. N. Grix, Mr. J. Groben, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Haering, Mr. and Mrs. C. VanRenterghem, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wolf; *Louisiana*, Mr. E. Ledet, Mrs. B. Winters; *Maine*, Brother Albertus, C.F.X.; *Massachusetts*, Mr. W. H. Cleary, Mr. J. Harrington, Mrs. F. G. Murphy, Pius X Seminary; *Michigan*, Mr. and Mrs. F. Huizenga, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. L. Nowak; *New Jersey*, Mrs. A. McHenry; *New York*, Mrs. S. DeRocher, The Nilan Family; *Ohio*, Mrs. S. Mange, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McMerriman; *Pennsylvania*, Mrs. J. Beldin, Mrs. W. Bransby, Mrs. D. A. Reinhardt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rimlinger, Mrs. M. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ruane; *Wisconsin*, Mrs. M. T. Gengler, Mrs. B. McNellis, N. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rink, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ruplinger.

From Evansville, Indiana

The Most Reverend Henry Joseph Grimmelsman, Bishop of Evansville, honored the Brothers at Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, by celebrating Mass in their new chapel and by having breakfast with them on November 21, 1953. For thirty years the Brothers have been living in the 1500 Lincoln Avenue residence. The faculty's first cook, Miss Rose Brenner, is still with them.

On December 6, 1953, five hundred guests attended Memorial's football banquet and cheered the guest speaker, Mr. Leonard Will, who is an alumnus of Memorial and coach of Mater Dei, Evansville's second Catholic High School.

Brothers James Derrig and Thomas Corcoran promoted a two-bits-a-week campaign among the boys at Reitz Memorial in Evansville during the four weeks preceding the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The contributions amounted to \$335, almost a dollar per pupil, and will be used to help finance the filming of the Fifth Sorrowful Mystery of the Most Holy Rosary, which is being sponsored by Father Peyton's Family Rosary Crusade.

Congratulations, boys! That was an excellent way to begin the Marian Year.

Directors Attend Meetings

Brother Eymard Salzman, C.S.C., represented the Brothers of Holy Cross at the National Vocation Seminar for Teaching Brothers, held at the Christian Brothers' College, St. Louis, Mo., on Dec. 28, 1953. Brother delivered a talk, *Our Activities in Vocation Work*, and was chairman for a panel discussion on how to increase vocations for teaching Brothers. Eight other Brothers' Societies were represented at the convention.

During the Christmas recess, the vocational directors of the various high schools attended vocation meetings in their sections. Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, and St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, were represented at the meeting held at the Community House, Notre Dame.

The vocation director of St. Thomas School, Brooklyn, was host to the representatives from St. Francis School, Brooklyn, and Mt. Carmel School, Bronx.

Directors from St. Edward's High School, Lakewood, Catholic Central High School, Monroe, Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, and Boysville, Clinton, met at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio.

At the meeting at Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Vincentian Institute, Albany, and Coyle High School, Taunton, were represented.

At St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, the University High School and the Scholasticate were represented.

New Orleans played host to the directors from Notre Dame High School, Biloxi, Miss., while the representatives from St. Anthony's High School, Long Beach, were guests of Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California.

Gilmour on TV

The Gilmour Academy thespians' presentation of Richard Sullivan's one-act play, *Our Lady's Tumbler*, was produced on WEWS-TV on the program called *Inside Your Catholic Schools* on December 19. This program marked the third time Gilmour students had appeared on this series. The production was directed by Brother Ivo Regan, C.S.C., and the musical accompaniment was furnished by Brother Albertus Smith, C.S.C., and a chorus of students from the Glee Club.

This same play had been presented twice previously on the Gilmour stage, once four years ago and as part of last year's Christmas program.

Pioneer Missionary Returns

A few weeks ago Brother Genard Greene, C.S.C., one of the pioneers at the Holy Cross Brothers' new mission in Brazil, returned to the States for rest and vacation.

From Santarem, three hundred miles up the Amazon River, he flew via Panair do Brazil to Belem where he boarded a Pan Am DC-6 Clipper for the trip to New York, then at La Guardia took an American Airlines plane to Chicago.

Outward bound, the missionaries spent two weeks traveling by steamer from Brooklyn to Belem; the return journey by air, Brother Genard pointed out, took only twenty-six hours—from the steaming jungles of the Amazon to snow in New York in little more than a day. As a sort of orientation course on the Brazilian mission for Community



Brother Genard Greene, C.S.C.

members, Brother Genard gave during his brief stay at Notre Dame two lectures at the Community House, one at Dujarie Scholasticate, and another at the novitiate at Rolling Prairie, Indiana. After this "Tour Up the Amazon," some enthusiastic novices tried the native Brazilian soft drink, called guarana, made from dust filings mixed with sugar and water. The filings are obtained by sawing the bony tongue of the piraracu fish against a hardened, cigar-shaped plant that Brother Genard brought from Santarem.

Aside from teaching duties during his past two years at the Ginasio Dom Amando, Brother Genard began collecting artifacts left in the Santarem area by Indian tribes living there even before Columbus arrived in the New World. He exhibited these curios and other ex-

amples of contemporary Brazilian handicraft during his lectures.

During the three months assigned him for rest and recuperation, Brother Genard intends writing for the Dujarie Press a life of St. Catherine of Siena. This will be his sixth such biography to be published in the past three years.

Until February, when he hopes—"se Deus quiser" (God-willing)—to return to the Brazil he has grown to love, Brother Genard will reside at his family home, the Rancho Verde, at Downey, California.

Here and There

Under the direction of Brother Francisco Drury, C.S.C., the members of the Art Department at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, painted an original giant size Christmas card. During the holidays it was displayed on one of the three billboards in the Cleveland Public Square. Much commendation has been given to Brother and his art students for their contributions to Cleveland's Christmas decorations.

Brother Paulus McGory, C.S.C., principal of Boysville, was recently appointed to the Executive Board of the Central Unit of Catholic Business Education Association. On November 26, he attended a meeting of the board at the College of Mt. St. Joseph, Cincinnati, Ohio. Plans were made for the Regional Meeting of the Central Unit to be held in Cleveland sometime in February.

At the fifty-eighth meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools held in Memphis, Tenn., in December, Brother Alfonso Comeau, C.S.C., principal of Holy Cross High School, New Orleans, was elected to membership on the Central Reviewing Committee and on the Louisiana Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

This is a signal honor, because it is the first time that a Brother was elected to membership in these committees. Membership in these committees involves the review of all applications to membership in the Southern Association and the maintenance of standards among schools already members of the Southern Association.

On December 15, the Parents' clubs of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, at their annual Christmas buffet supper, presented the Brothers with 30 sets of silverware to replace their broken wooden spoons of gay ninety vintage. The Faculty was most appreciative for this gift.

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