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Brooklyn Leads League

Brooklyn seems to fascinate most Americans, perhaps because of the Dodgers. Last year, however, the Dodgers failed to lead the League, but among groups formed to assist our Community, the Brooklyn Women's Auxiliary of the Brothers of Holy Cross probably did. The zeal and devotion of these women—eighty strong—for Holy Cross would be an inspiration in any league.

Over the past three years the Brooklyn Auxiliary has provided (1) a new reredos for the Brothers' chapel in St. Francis of Assisi School, Brooklyn, (2) curtains and drapes for the eastern Juniorate, (3) \$700 for Brothers' travel and vacation expenses, (4) support of the Brother Venard Memorial Declamation Contest, (5) a complete dish service for the eastern Juniorate.

But more: At their January meeting the Brooklyn Auxiliary voted to furnish St. Joseph Juniorate, Valatie, New York, with new laundry equipment—washing machine, extractor, and mangle. They willingly tackled this project even though they have just completed the \$5000 Monsignor Ludecke Memorial Burse—a fund to help meet the high cost of educating Brothers. Moreover, the Auxiliary raised this amount without any interruption whatsoever of its other current projects benefiting the Juniorate and the Brothers generally.

The Brooklyn Auxiliary was formed six years ago by Mrs. Marie Inciardi at the request of Brother Maurus O'Malley, then principal at St. Francis School, who serves as Moderator. To Mrs. Inciardi goes credit for establishing the Burse and expanding Auxiliary membership from an original four to nearly fifty.

Under the second president, Mrs. Mary Bomer, many of the projects begun during Mrs. Inciardi's office were successfully concluded. Devoted assistance came, too, from Mrs. Austin Daly, who died recently, Mrs. Catherine Sulli-

van, Mrs. Mary Hoff, Mrs. Ellen Brogan, and Mrs. F. Honan.

President of the Auxiliary today is Mrs. Mary O'Connell, who hopes for further accomplishments through expanded membership and ever greater cooperation.

The Brooklyn Women's Auxiliary of the Brothers of Holy Cross extends good wishes to their confreres in other such auxiliaries around the country. They are, we are sure, quite willing to lead

walls in the sanctuary of the school chapel, installing laboratory equipment, painting stripes on the gym floor, or laying a floor on the stage.

Apart from building activities, other recent events would have shown the visitor that this new school is off to a jet-propelled start. The students' drive for the poor netted 2400 items of canned food; the Mothers' Club entertained the Sisters in Akron at an Annual Yuletide Tea, and at its January meeting planned a card party for February; Monsignor Elwell, diocesan superintendent of schools, made an official visit; the band department acquired new uniforms; and the glee club entertained at various parish and school functions.

Pakistan

Included in the list of public holidays set for 1955 by the East Pakistan government, and one certain to be observed by Priests and Brothers in East Pakistan is April 8—Good Friday. Zealous Americans, please note!

Albany, New York

Guest of the evening at the January meeting of the Albany Auxiliary Unit of the Brothers of Holy Cross was Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, Provincial of Brothers of Holy Cross in the United States. He told the parents how pleased their work, generosity, and enthusiasm made him and how good it is that regional auxiliaries bring the Congregations and families together. After his talk Brother Ephrem personally visited each group of parents at the meeting.

The Unit met at the Family Rosary offices in Albany on the invitation of Rev. John J. Murphy, C.S.C., Secretary of the Family Rosary Crusade, who also addressed the members on the Congregation's Rosary apostolate. Rev. Jeremiah Buttomer, C.S.C., also spoke and showed films about the work of the Priests of Holy Cross in Chile.

Recently, the Albany Auxiliary gave the Brothers' eastern Juniorate a sanctuary lamp, and a slide projector for the Vocations Department.



Left to right the officers of the Brooklyn Auxiliary are: seated, Mrs. Helen Reynolds, treasurer; Mrs. Mary O'Connell, president; and Mrs. Thomas Cavanaugh, secretary. Standing, Mrs. Marie Inciardi, the first president of the Auxiliary; and Mrs. Mary Bomer, the second president.

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The Brothers are grateful for their help and will always remember these kind women of storied Brooklyn as benefactors of the Community.

Akron, Ohio

With construction nearly completed and day-to-day installation of new equipment, Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, is a more than busy place for its Brothers and boys.

Sightseeing, one would find workers setting up gym lockers, planting trees, putting in the marble altar and side

Brother Felix Schoen

Two of the seven Brothers celebrating silver jubilees this February are missionaries in Pakistan. Both went to Bengal in 1937.

The first, Brother Felix Schoen, has become one of the best linguists among the Brothers. His classroom specialty is science — moral and physical; the answers he elicits from Pakistani youngsters who have never before had catechism would make many a stateside teacher envious.

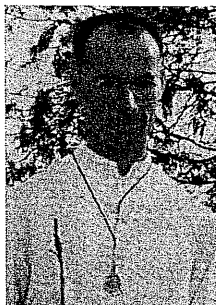
Brother Felix has trained generations of hobbyists. Projects of all sorts quickly appear wherever he is among boys. His charges find skill in sleight-of-hand intriguing, too. Convinced of Brother's magic powers, one little tot once handed him an eight anna bit and asked that it be changed into a rupee. The feat accomplished, the happy child took the rupee and ran off with it.

Before his assignment to Bengal, Brother Felix taught at Evansville and at Indianapolis. His work since then in the Garo Hills at Balukapara, at Ranikong, and at schools in Bandhura and Dacca, has added to the lustre of his accomplishments. A year of rest in 1947, spent in the States, has been the only interruption thus far in his missionary career.

Brother Liguori Denier

Brother Liguori Denier, another missionary with a silver jubilee, spent most of the last eighteen years teaching at St. Gregory's High in Dacca, East Pakistan, where his training of students in English has proved most successful. The results his boys achieve in public entrance examinations for higher schools are marvelous tributes to Brother Liguori's knack for teaching Indian students this difficult language.

His belief that boys should read only good material led him to organize "reading sprees" in St. Gregory's library for those who before had read little in English outside their textbooks, and he does the same today at Holy Cross High School, Hashnabad, Dacca District, his present assignment. That boys appreciate his work was exemplified a few weeks ago when five of them



now attending college cycled twenty-five miles to visit him.

He loves baseball, and before encroaching years forced him to slow down, got his exercise every day playing softball with the students. His teams played other schools and were, like his English students, winners.

Brother Francis Assisi Davis

The spotlight falls now on Brother Francis Assisi Davis, whose repertory of stories and witty rejoinders have been delighting his fellows for twenty-five years. With him around, there is no dull moment, accounting for the fact, perhaps, that boys have always liked his classes and many friends have sought his company. Blessed with understanding of teen age boys, he wields the good rod of discipline without rousing their ire.

A somewhat battered wooden statue of the Madonna, by a sixteenth century Spanish artist, that Brother Francis discovered in Tiajuana, Mexico, accompanies him wherever he goes. He loves also to unearth discarded furniture, worn but worthy chairs, for example, which he rejuvenates so skilfully that they become conversation pieces. Clouds of fragrant pipesmoke accompany these forays.

Brother Francis' contact with the Community came early: he was a Minim at Notre Dame for the fourth and fifth grammar school grades. (The Minims Department, where Holy Cross Sisters taught and Brothers of Holy Cross supervised, no longer exists.) A native of Cincinnati, he was graduated, however, from Cathedral High, the Brothers' school in Indianapolis. He holds an A.B. degree from Notre Dame and an M.A. from Catholic University.

Over the years Brother Francis taught in New Orleans, Fort Wayne, Watertown, Wisconsin, at Long Beach, and now at Sherman Oaks. He was Superior at Long Beach from 1947 to 1953.

Student-made models and illustrations of historical items have made his classroom at Sherman Oaks a quasi-museum. Outside it, one frequently finds him, paint bucket or tack hammer in hand, heading for this paint-peeled wall or that stripped-down chair.

How?

Are religious vocations fostered? "By good example of teachers," say many Brother scholastics at Dujarie Hall. One had this to tell of a teacher's good in-



fluence: "Brother was quiet, unassuming, friendly, and always ready to give a helping hand to those who needed it. He not only knew his material, but could teach it and make us want to learn it. It seemed to us that he respected his calling and thus we respected him. Religion was not just something for the young; it was for all, and he made it part of himself. Brother did his job and more, and in his quiet way influenced me to think of such a vocation as my life's work."

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More Children's Books Published

Brother Ernest Ryan, director of Dujarie Press, has issued the first of the Press' 1955 catalogues. New books listed are: *The Schoolboy Saint*, a life of St. Dominic Savio, by Brother Theodore LaTour; *The Thundering Silence*, a life of Beethoven and an addition to the Press' Catholic Heritage Series, by Brother Roy Nash; *Music From the Hunger Pit*, Brother Roberto's story of famed Father Maximilian Kolbe; another of Brother Ernest's appealing accounts of Our Lady's apparitions, this one, *Our Lady Comes to Pontmain*; *Behold This Heart*, the story of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, by Brother John Boyle; and *The Martyr Laughed*, by Brother Roberto, the story of the Mexican martyr, Father Pro.

Dujarie Press publishes books for boys and girls, ages nine and up. Each has a frontispiece and four or more other lively illustrations to attract the juvenile reader. Standard price for Dujarie Press children's books is \$2.00. Requests for catalogues or book orders should be addressed to Dujarie Press, Notre Dame, Indiana.

The latest issue of *Books on Trial* magazine lists the ten leading publishers of Catholic books for 1954, and it may surprise many readers to discover that Dujarie Press occupies sixth place in this listing, with 13 new books published. Of new Catholic titles in 1954 Newman Press issued 53, Sheed and Ward 34, Bruce 33, P. J. Kenedy 26, B Herder 14, and Dujarie Press 13.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. Calvin J. Le Compte, a long-time benefactor of Holy Cross High, has given Brother Canisius Mooney \$1,000 for a *Pieta* statue for the classroom building now under construction.

For the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes being erected on the campus a group of Holy Cross students, led by Brother Salvator Esposito, sponsored a dance, the proceeds of which will help meet construction costs. The dance sponsors constitute Holy Cross' chapter of the National Future Business Leaders of America.

Notre Dame, Indiana

For two years Brother Ramon Purzycki has striven to acquire new statues for Columba Hall's crib, and on the Epiphany he unveiled the completed set.

The statues, with wire framework bodies and wax heads and limbs, can be made to assume any pose or gesture and are clothed in garments of real cloth. The translucent wax faces, the arms extended gracefully in flowing sleeves—these make the total effect extraordinarily lifelike and touching.

Made exclusively by the Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus in Belgium, such manger sets are rare and quite costly, but Brother Ramon diligently worked making rosaries during his spare time until they could be bought. (It is interesting to know that the life of the founder of these nuns is the only book published by Dujarie Press not written by a Brother of Holy Cross.)

To a special graphic arts section of the *South Bend Tribune* for Sunday, January 16, Brother Sabinus Herbert contributed a long article on the art of printing and its importance among Michiana industries. Photographs of several Brothers and a layman working at the Ave Maria's rotary press and of two Sisters of Holy Cross reading proofs accompanied the signed column.

Brother Sabinus is production manager of the Ave Maria Press and a charter member of the Michiana Club of Printing House Craftsmen.

On January 22, Brother Roy Nash attended an executive board meeting of the National Catholic Bandmasters' Association in Chicago's Morrison Hotel. Brother Roy is chairman and director of the Association's Band Camp, scheduled for this summer at the University of Notre Dame.

The latest issue of *The School Musician* notes that Brother Eugene Weisenberger has been named chairman of the Constitutional Revision Committee of the National Catholic Bandmasters' Association.

Three Hail Marys a day for Vocations.

West Haven, Connecticut

Brother Donatus Schmitz, Principal of Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Connecticut, has announced that construction of a new wing to the school will begin immediately.

It will be a combined gymnasium and auditorium connecting at all floor levels to the west side of the present classroom unit and will accommodate 1100 persons. Folding bleachers will adjoin the playing court, with others on the stage. Interior walls will be of exposed waylite masonry, the floor of vinyl plastic.

The area below the stage will contain rooms for coaches, lockers and showers for home and visiting teams, the laundry, first aid, and whirlpool massage rooms. Classrooms will occupy the lower level of the front section.

It is expected that the building will be ready for use in September, 1955.

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Indianapolis, Indiana

Too late for last month's issue, record of faculty doings over the Christmas holidays at Cathedral High School must be made. To enhance certain quarters of the Brothers' house, Brothers Celestis Mueller and Joseph Ruane, along with some volunteers, wielded paint brushes and laid tile. Brothers Thomas Dillman and Leo Kowalski built oak shelves for the statues of the Virgin and of St. Joseph flanking the chapel altar.

From the student body and lay faculty members, the Brothers at Cathedral received as Christmas presents needed items for a dozen private rooms and several pieces of furniture for the recreation room.

Not All Study

Recent projects among Brothers studying at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, include the planting of an extensive vegetable garden, landscaping the scholastic grounds with Texas Cedar and Chinaberry trees, and attending the greenhouse that supplies flowers for the chapel and terrace.

Gates Mills, Ohio

An unusually interesting column, called "Academic Review," has been inaugurated in Gilmour Academy's paper, *The Tower*. The first of the columns dealt with academic work among the Seniors; subsequent issues will cover the scholastic activities of the other three classes.

What, for example, have Seniors been studying recently in Brother Albertus' Religion class? Catholic Action in the United States. Or in Brother Ivo's English 4? Poe and Whitman, among others. In Brother Laurian's French class? A French translation of the English "Inspector Hornleigh." Or in Brother Francis Englert's class in literary criticism? At the moment, Graham Greene and five authors of war fiction.

Through facts of this kind the "Academic Review" emphasizes the foremost role of the school—education, not in sports or social extra-curriculars, but of the mind. The series may be, perhaps, an incentive to other school papers to give the ordinary round of scholastic affairs its own bit of publicity.

Although Gilmour Academy is little more than eight years old, it has acquired a roster of parents' organizations and a schedule of social and religious events that any other school might envy.

Over the past few months, for instance, the school was host for the Gilmour Women's Club seventh annual Day of Recollection, for the third annual Alumni Gathering in Tudor House Lounge, for the annual Men's Club Car Raffle (at which a lucky ticket holder won a 1955 Cadillac), and for the Men's Club Sports Mixer—at which Gilmour students encounter many notables of the sports world. Among these affairs must be included, too, the luncheon given by the Women's Club after the students' Christmas program.

The Radio Club at Gilmour Academy, which is put through its paces very capably by Brother Adrian, has its new members building crystal sets and is also working on a German tank radio transmitter. Brother Adrian plans to have the club establish a campus ham radio station with a 50-watt transmitter.

Brother John Lavelle has formed a Stamp and Coin Club at Gilmour Academy for boys with this hobby. Members have already held their first coin display and plan to have a stamp exhibit later.

Obituary

In your prayers please remember the souls of: Rev. James J. Quinlan, C.S.C., Rev. William M. Robinson, C.S.C., Sister M. Borromeo, C.S.C., uncle of Brother Ives Kilroy, cousin of Brother John O'Flaherty.

Rancho Erects Marian Shrine

A shrine titled *Reina del Rancho* (Queen of the Rancho) now graces the campus of Rancho San Antonio.



Mounted on an elaborate base of Santa Maria stone, the white statue of the Virgin dominates the area before the Rancho chapel; six tons of Vermont slate cover the walks.

The Marian shrine, a gift from an anonymous donor in Beverly Hills, was dedicated upon the recommendation of Brother Carlos Dolan to Brothers of St. John of God, who directed the Rancho from 1943 to 1950.

The beautiful name, *Reina del Rancho*, was proposed by Joe King, a resident at the school.

In an inspiring ceremony before the shrine a week after the dedication, all boys at the Rancho were enrolled in the Five Scapulars and consecrated to Mary by Father Robinson, the chaplain.

Evansville, Indiana

At its January meeting the Evansville Auxiliary of the Brothers of Holy Cross approved its newly-drawn Constitution and discussed future projects. Members seemed to favor working on a burse to help finance the education of new Brothers.

The Band Club is planning its second Chicken Dinner of the year, slated for March 20.

It's full speed ahead for the Patrons Club, students' parents, whose second card party of the season is set for February 15, the proceeds of both to pay for sound-proofing the cafeteria ceiling. The men Patrons will install it.

The Boosters Club (for school athletics) plans a Spring Social for May 15, to include a dinner, bingo, and various raffles, one for a '55 Plymouth. Members hope to raise \$5000 for needed sports equipment.

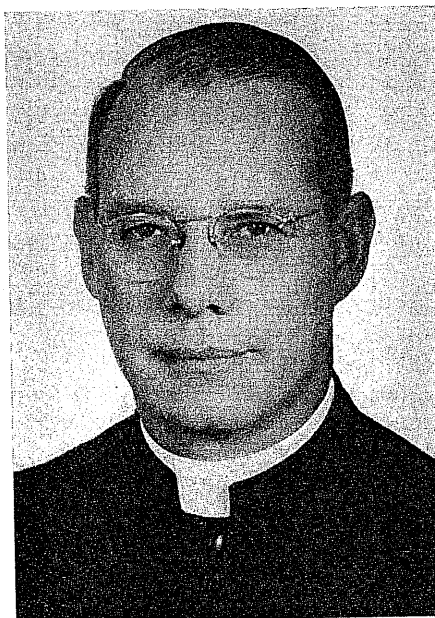
The midnight oil burns as Brother James Worl works to produce *Strangers in Our Midst*, the latest effort of Community playwright Brother Dunstan to

hit the boards. Brother Etienne's Poster Club made playbills for strategic spots in the city.

Brother Pierre Schu

Some light taps with a baton on a music stand, and a magical silence descends in the band-room where Brother Pierre, music man par excellence, faces sixty or eighty boys who sit clutching their instruments, eager to play. No small feat, as any teacher knows, but Brother Pierre has been accomplishing it without fuss or fume thousands of times during his twenty-five years as a Brother of Holy Cross.

Wherever he has taught—Indianapolis, Albany (for eleven years), or West Haven (four years, to date), the marching bands, concert bands, swing bands,



dance troupes, glee clubs, musicals, operettas, soloists and songsters whipped into being by Brother Pierre from various student bodies, have verged on the marvelous. The format for Spring Concerts he evolved at Albany not only drew packed houses, but has been widely imitated. In sports columns, where such get brief notice, and in feature articles, his marching bands have often been hailed for their half-time shows and playing skill.

A native of Evansville, Indiana, Brother Pierre has an A.B. degree from Notre Dame and has done graduate work at Vandercook School of Music in Chicago.

The many friends he has acquired during the years find that Brother Pierre has lost none of his youthful vision and vitality. His boundless energy, brought to teaching history as well as the musical score, has stimulated hundreds of boys to unsuspected enthu-

siams and roundly successful accomplishments.

Flushing, New York

More than 1600 boys have applied for entrance into the Holy Cross High School now under construction in Queens, New York, which the Brothers of Holy Cross will open in September.

Entrance examinations will be given February 19, in the Dominican Commercial High School, the Dominican Sisters having graciously loaned their building to the Brothers for this purpose. Mother Rose Gertrude, O.P., Principal, made the necessary arrangements with Brother Maurus O'Malley.

Applicants from 75 parochial schools and 29 public schools will take the examinations.

The parents' auxiliary has nearly 1000 members, even though word that such a group exists is only now reaching some quarters. The group is complementing the Civic Association's efforts to secure a bus line that will benefit the school.

Terre Haute, Indiana

Guided by Brother Leo Geiger, boys in Gibault's woodshop classes spent two weeks renovating used toys that the local Marine Unit had gathered for distribution among Terre Haute's poor.

Forty boys, now in training under Brother William Gates, will enter Terre Haute's Golden Gloves Tourney in February. They hope to keep Gibault's penchant for being the "winningest" team in the locality undimmed.

Brother Bernardine Mosier's freshman football team won the Terre Haute Deanery Cadet CYO Championship.

The three-day annual retreat, for many years a fixture in Gibault's program, was given this term by Monsignor Raymond O'Brien, from Blessed Sacrament Parish in Chicago. Monsignor is an old and esteemed friend of all Gibault residents.

Working with a young construction gang, Brother Norman Head covered the bottom of Gibault's muddy old swimming hole with concrete.

The Sisters of St. Mary-of-the-Wood College gave the School recently five lockers, a generous and needed gift.

With assists from Jerry Haugh, a Gibault Director, and the management of the Indianapolis Coliseum, some boys attended the Holiday on Ice show after which the Indianapolis Knights of Columbus treated the entire brood to excellent lunch.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity of the Indiana State Teachers' College spent a Sunday afternoon entertaining 20 Gibault boys at a Christmas party in Terre Haute.