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Fulfillment of a century-long dream came on November 3, 1954, when the new General Administration headquarters of the Congregation of Holy Cross was dedicated in Rome.

A week of impressive ceremonies inaugurated the opening of the Generalate, formerly located in New York City. On November 1, Very Rev. Christopher J. O'Toole, Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, dedicated a beautiful mosaic of Our Lady of Sorrows which stands at the entrance to the property.

The high altar of the main chapel had been consecrated some days previously by His Excellency Bishop Martin O'Connor, Rector of the North American College; Bishop Smit, a Vatican resident and long-time friend of Holy Cross, consecrated the other ten altars.

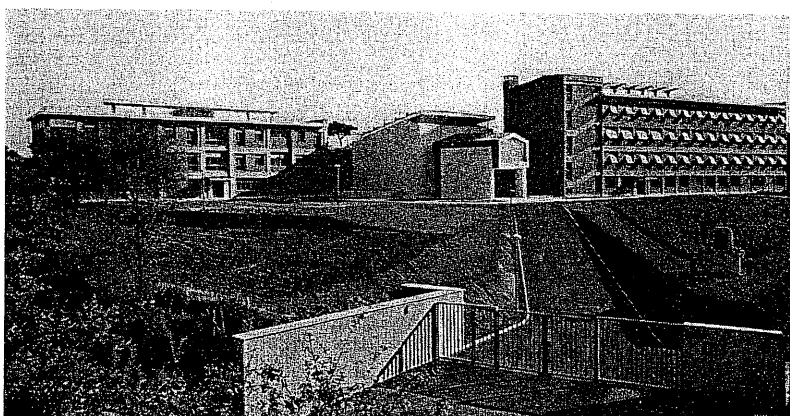
On November 3, official dedication Mass was celebrated in the main chapel, and at five in the afternoon, the formal dedication ceremonies and blessings took place. His Eminence, Cardinal Micara, Vicar General of the Holy Father, presided. Cardinal Valeri, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Religious, and Cardinal Léger, Arch-

**Brother Louis Gazagne Observes Golden Jubilee**  
Sunday, December 12, was a memorable day for Brother Louis Gazagne, and for all who attended his Golden Jubilee at St. Edward High in Lakewood, Ohio.

Although the celebration was not confined to the chapel, it began and ended there. Father Joseph Rogusz, C.S.C., the school chaplain, sang the Jubilee Mass at ten o'clock. The choir was composed of Brothers of Holy Cross. A special sermon for the occasion was delivered by Very Reverend Father Leonard, F.M., guardian of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery.

The banquet was held in the cafeteria which was decorated with golden favors and flowers. Among the after dinner speakers were Father Leon Boarman, S.C., who had worked with Brother Louis in India; Brother John William,

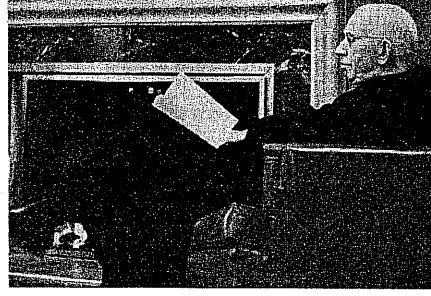
## GENERALATE IN ROME DEDICATED



New Curia and House of Studies of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Rome

bishop of Montreal, attended. Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, who was unable to come for the dedication, was the Superior General's guest at dinner on November 10. Several American and Canadian Bishops were present at the dedication, as well as members of the Roman Curia, Superiors General and other representatives of institutions in Rome, along with a large number of Priests, Religious, and lay people. Architects for the Generalate buildings were the Pasarelli brothers. The entire project was supervised by the Procurator General of the Congregation, Father Edward L. Heston and the

principal of St. Edward High; and Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, the Provincial. Brother Ephrem gave a brief sketch



of Brother Louis' life as a Brother of Holy Cross telling how the jubilarian had begun his novitiate in France and completed it in the United States, how he has served with satisfaction in our American and Indian schools, and how he has continued to develop his usefulness to the Church, his pupils, and the

General Treasurer and Steward, Brother Theophane. Furniture designs, as well as kitchen and laundry installations are largely the work of Brother Theophane. The chapels in the Generalate and Sisters' Convent, much of the stained glass, and reredos and altar in the main chapel, are the work of Brother Loyola. Holy Cross seminarians in Rome and Brothers at the International School cut short their summer holiday to prepare the buildings for occupancy.

Principal buildings on the property, located at Via Aurelia Antica, 19, are the General Administration building, the seminary, and a large chapel between them; there is, as well, a Sisters' Convent and a porter's lodge. The buildings, of austere, modern lines, are set among carefully planned lawns and roads.

Removal of the General Administration to Rome is a milestone in the history of the Congregation. Now, side by side with other great Orders and Congregations in the Church, Holy Cross, too, has its own establishment in the heart of Christendom, near the Spiritual Father of us all.

Community by constant study and service. "I have never heard," said Brother Ephrem, "an unkind word spoken by or about Brother Louis."

In his response to the speeches, Brother Louis reminisced: "When I was a boy I was confirmed in the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Before the ceremony one of my godparents had given me a small silver coin. Perhaps it was equivalent to only a dime but it meant much to me as it was the only money I had. At the altar rail shortly after we were confirmed we were asked to make a contribution to the missions. I gave what I had, the small silver piece. It wasn't much but it was a great sacrifice for me at that age. But that first sacrifice has brought me many blessings. I beg you to give your students opportunities of making small sacrifices for the missions so that they too may reap some of the rewards."

The celebration closed with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Club Formed in Detroit

Brothers' relatives and friends in the Detroit area met in St. Luke's Assembly Hall on Sunday, November 14, to establish a unit devoted to assisting the Brothers of Holy Cross in their work.



The officers of the Detroit Club are: Mrs. Charles J. Martin, treasurer; Dr. Harold J. Roach, vice president; Mr. Daniel M. Lynch, Sr., president; and Mrs. Theodore LaTour, secretary.

Vocations and material assistance are to be emphasized. There are at present thirty-five Brothers of Holy Cross from the Detroit area.

Mr. D. M. Lynch, Sr., whose son Daniel is a Brother in the Congregation, was elected president; Dr. Harold J. Roach, father of Brother Douglas Roach, was named vice-president; Mrs. Theodore LaTour, mother of Brother Theodore LaTour, is secretary; and Mrs. Charles J. Martin, whose two sons, John and Raymond, are Brothers, was chosen treasurer. The members of the group will meet quarterly; the next meeting is scheduled for February 13. The inaugural meeting was followed by a social hour, the refreshments served by Mrs. Thomas A. Ryan, Sr., and her committee.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit the Brothers of Holy Cross conduct two institutions—Boysville, at Clinton, and Catholic Central High School, Monroe, Michigan.

## Thanks

We are grateful to those who played Santa Claus to *The Newsette*. Listed by states they are: *Illinois*, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gaseor, Mr. G. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sullivan; *Indiana*, Mrs. L. F. Beuter, Mrs. S. Brosk, Mrs. Z. DeVliegher, Mr. and Mrs. C. Van Renterghem; *Maine*, Mr. P. C. Walsh; *Massachusetts*, Mr. H. G. Bostrom, Mrs. H. F. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lahiff, Mr. and Mrs. F. Powers, Mrs. J. Repucci; *Michigan*, Mr. and Mrs. D. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Platte, Mr. R. Reaune, Sisters of St. Joseph; *Minnesota*, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hanzel; *Mississippi*, Mrs. M. S. Wilson; *New Jersey*, Mr. G. Becker, Mr. P. Trimble; *New York*, Mrs. E. Agramonte, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. G. DeGennaro, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mullett, the Nilan Family, Wom-

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## Brazil

The 1954 school term closed at the Ginasio Dom Amando on Sunday, December 5, with eleven seniors graduated from the high school, and the students in grammar school taking entrance examinations to enter the Curso Ginasial.

Some extra-curricular highlights during the year, according to the Brothers in Santarem were a Vocation Week, the ordination of a local boy, city-wide missions preached by American Redemptorists, the Feast and novena of the Immaculate Conception and the closing of the *Ano Mariano*.

The annual retreat for the six Brothers of Holy Cross in Brazil began on December 12.

## East Pakistan

After seven years spent teaching in East Pakistan, Brothers Hobart Pieper and Martinian Wilson returned to the United States for the customary year's leave. Apart from a few weeks with their families, the missionaries will spend most of their time publicizing the activities and needs of the Brothers' missions in schools, clubs, and parishes.

During Brother Hobart's absence, Brother Thomas More Beere replaces him as Headmaster of St. Nicholas Institution in Nagori, a country town in the Dacca District.

St. Nicholas' is a neat, small brick school, with extensive fields for playgrounds, and a welcome change, Brother Thomas pointed out, after five years in Dacca and the rush and dirt inevitable in any big city. The school has nine teachers: four Christians, three Hindus, and two Moslems. Of the 170 boys enrolled there, about half are Christians. Although the parish of Nagari has 3,000 souls, it is a striking fact that only two or three boys finish high school yearly.

As Brother Thomas pointed out also, there is in Pakistan, as elsewhere, a pressing need for native vocations. At present the Brothers of Holy Cross have only two professed Brothers who are natives of India, and one novice. Places for fifty additional Brothers could easily be found in the six schools they presently conduct in East Pakistan, not to mention possible new ones. "We'll have to work and pray harder for native vo-

cations," Brother Thomas said, "because we'll never get so many from home." To this urging at least, every one of us can comply.

## Brother Adopted

Only a few years ago a youngster named Donald Allen sat in class listening to his teacher, Sister M. Carmel, O.S.I., discuss, among other things, the missionary work of the Church. Today that young man is a Brother of Holy Cross and teaching in East Pakistan, and the class Sister Carmel presently teaches has elected him as its missionary. "You can readily see why we have singled him out," Sister said.

The financial aid these boys and girls can give their adopted missionary will not, of course, be spectacular; it is their prayers that count and the fact that they are learning to be mission-minded.

Until the class hears from Brother himself, we say for him a hearty "Thank you."

## Albany

Vincentian Institute is celebrating its first undefeated football season in the school's history. The Lions produced a scoring record totaling 235 points, while holding their opponents to a total of 40. . . . A Debate Club has been organized at Vincentian by Brother August Sosa. . . . Proceeds of the 700 boxes of Christmas cards sold in the Boys' Department will go to the foreign missions; Brother Franco headed the drive.

Brothers Ferrer McHenry and Jogue Walsh have completed the requirement for a Master of Science degree in Education and will receive their diplomas from Fordham University at the commencement exercises in February.

## Austin

Brother Elmo Bransby, president of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, and Brother Silvan Mellett, registrar, recently attended meetings for regional college associations in Louisville, Ky.

A grant of \$1,500 has been made to St. Edward's University by the Research Corp., of New York, a non-profit organ-

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ion for the furtherance of research in small colleges.

Announcement of the award was made by Charles H. Schauer of the Research Department on behalf of the board of directors. The project will be conducted by Brother Raymond Fleck, Ph.D., instructor in chemistry at St. Edward's, and advanced students in the department of chemistry may be invited to participate. To be known as the Frederick Gardner Cottrell grant, it will be used for a project entitled, "Specificity in the Meyer-Rust Rearrangement and the Rupe Reaction." Mr. Cottrell founded the Corporation.

**New Orleans**

The Bookmen, at Holy Cross High School, is one of the best and most diverse honor societies at any of the Brothers' schools. Organized several years ago by Brother Reinald Duran, the Bookmen have been led by him ever since. Under his aegis young students of outstanding scholastic abilities have not only achieved the recognition too often reserved in schools generally for athletic stars, but they have been stimulated to academic attainments which any teacher could be proud of.

Open to sophomores and upper-classmen only, membership in the Bookmen is limited to thirty students. Applicants are chosen twice a year according to their loyalty, scholarship, character, and unselfish devotion to the school.

The Holy Cross Honor Society is a chapter of the National Honor Society. It can be accepted in the Bookmen for honor and recognition of the highest order among Holy Cross students.

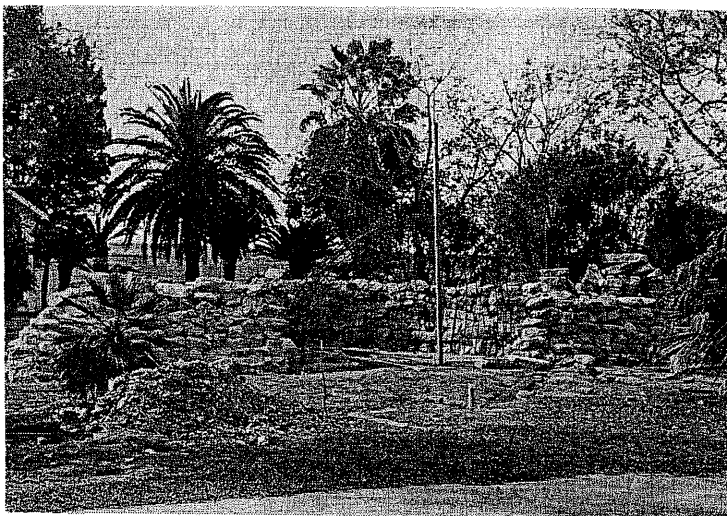
One of the most ardent groups supporting the work of the Brothers of Holy Cross is the Holy Cross Parents Club of New Orleans. Every year the Club gives card parties given by the Club which contributes a great deal to the social life at Holy Cross as well as to the school's financial needs. These parties bring together the citizens of Holy Cross—teachers, parents, and students—where members acquaint themselves with progress in all phases of the school's program.

For the Parents' annual Christmas Party, the Holy Cross Glee Club, directed by Mr. Richard Crosby, and the Mask and Wig Society, directed by Brother Vincent de Paul Hujar, presented the inspiring "Song of Christ-

mas," an ensemble of word, music, and song, ably supported by Brother Alfred Grilli's band.

Led by Brother Vincent de Paul Hujar and Brother M. Joseph Siok, students at Holy Cross High are building a Lourdes Grotto on the campus quadrangle. A project inspired by the Marian Year, the Grotto will be dedicated, according to present plans, on the Feast of the Purification, February 2.

The grotto will be sixty feet wide and seventeen feet high at the front, with a slope of thirty-five feet to the rear. A five-foot statue of Our Lady of Lourdes will stand in the niche and a three-foot statue of St. Bernadette in kneeling position will be placed before it. A stream will run from the rocks near the Virgin's statue, and a drinking fountain will stand at the left. In the landscaped area fronting the grotto



The Grotto at Holy Cross is nearing completion.

stone benches will be placed, inviting Our Lady's devotees to relaxation, prayer, and meditation.

As a small effort to interest European nations in American democracy, the Junior Red Cross at Holy Cross, made a fifteen minute recording illustrating a day in the life of an ordinary American boy. The recording is to be sent to the International School in Rome, conducted by the Brothers of Holy Cross.

With the same purpose in mind, the group's photographic staff is editing a series of pictures to be mounted and sent to Geneva, Switzerland.

For the eighth time, Holy Cross High School captured the City Football Championship, a title the school last earned in 1951. In the South Louisiana regional play-off, however, Holy Cross was edged by Baton Rouge High, 27 to 21. . . . Brother James Premont coached the 110-pound-average bantam team to an undefeated season of nine scheduled

games. They were scored on only once during the season—in the last two minutes of the final game.

Brother Alfonso Comeau, the Principal at Holy Cross, and Brother Fisher Iwasko, attended the Education Convention of the Southern Association at Louisville in December. The former serves on the Association's Central Reviewing Committee. At one of the general discussions Brother Fisher read a paper on "Helping Youth Achieve Sound Moral and Spiritual Values."

Brother Robert Brown has reactivated the Holy Cross chapter of the Catholic Student Mission Crusade. Under his zealous leadership the unit realized four hundred dollars from the sale of Christmas cards and contributed this sum to the Brothers' mission in Santarem, Brazil.

**Evansville**

Bernie Crimmins, head football coach at Indiana University, was guest speaker at the twenty-fifth annual football banquet at Reitz Memorial High School. . . . The Memorial Patrons' Club sponsored an interesting panel discussion on "Social Life at Memorial," with the panel composed of four parents, and four boys and four girls from the high school. . . . During the fall the high school building was sandblasted and tuckpointed.

. . . Brother Francis Regis Crowley, with the Alumni, staged a most successful Christmas Dance, the first since 1948. More than 250 couples attended. . . . Brother John Hanon attended a musician's convention in Chicago from December 15 to 18. . . . An auxiliary recreation room in the faculty house was redecorated by Brothers Marcian, James Derrig, and James Worl. . . . The twenty-five Memorial boys who took the N.R.O.T.C. exams in December outnumbered the total from all other schools in the area.

**Obituary**

Please pray for the souls of Sister M. Archangel, C.S.C.; Sister M. Edwardine, C.S.C.; father of Brother Bede Stadler; father of Brother Joseph E. Zutelis; mother of Brother Bertram Madden; mother of Brother Crispin Reeb; mother of Brother Leo Gilman; mother of Brother Robert Daggett; uncle of Brother Eli Pelchat; uncle of Brother Gregoire Bleau; uncle of Brother James McLaughlin; uncle of Brother Just Paczesny.

### Brooklyn

Newly-elected officers for the Brooklyn Women's Auxiliary of St. Francis of Assisi School are: Mrs. Joseph O'Connell, president; Mrs. Austin Daily, vice-president; Mrs. John Reynolds, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas Cavanaugh, secretary. Each holds office for two years.

The annual card party sponsored by the Auxiliary cleared enough money to complete the Msgr. Ludecke Burse, totaling \$5000.00. Proceeds from the card party were over \$1300.00. Our congratulations to Mrs. Thomas Bisculco, chairman of the event, and to the various committees, for their interest in and sacrifices for the work of the Brothers.

Mrs. Austin Daily, one of the first members to join the Auxiliary when it was formed six years ago, and recently elected vice-president of the group, died on December 1. All Auxiliary members and Holy Cross Brothers in Brooklyn will greatly miss this cheerful and generous benefactor. Her constant devotion and help to the Brothers in their work will be remembered in the Community for long years to come.

A letter to the editor of *The Newsette* from Mrs. Irene Sawyer, expresses her pleasure in finding news of Queens Guild in our pages for December. We are only too happy to acknowledge in this way the splendid work of the Long Island Guild, and will do so for any of the other organizations devoted to supporting the work of the Brothers of Holy Cross anywhere in the country, work on our behalf for which we are boundlessly grateful.

Mrs. Sawyer pointed out that the dance recently conducted by the Guild at the local Armory turned out to be beautiful as well as successful. The two highlights of the evening, she said, were these: "the opportunity for parents to see and meet those fine young Brothers—it's a good thought to realize that our sons will be in the hands of these men—and secondly, when the orchestra leader invited the group to join in singing the Notre Dame Victory March. I imagine," Mrs. Sawyer said, "that not many parents' throats lacked a lump, as they associated their male handfuls at home with the glory of Notre Dame."

At the Guild's Christmas meeting, seven Brothers, led by Brother Daniel, entertained with a program of songs; Brother Hyacinth followed with a rendition of "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" that was, according to one hearer, a real treat.

### Indianapolis

The Series of Iowa Tests of Educational Development given the entire student body of Cathedral High School dur-

ing the fall showed that Cathedral ranks high among the nation's schools.

The freshmen rated the seventy-fifth percentile—that is, better than freshmen in 75% of all high schools. Sophomores and seniors ranked in the eightieth percentile, and juniors in the eighty-fifth.

The tests indicate general academic abilities rather than knowledge of specific facts. Counselors find them especially valuable in assessing the individual student's capabilities.

The Mothers' Club of Cathedral sponsored a presentation of Moliere's *The Would-be Gentleman*, by Players, Inc., an itinerant troupe of former Catholic University drama students.

Brother Eugene Weisenberger was appointed National Chairman of the Constitutions Committee of the National Catholic Bandmasters Association. . . . More than two thousand people attended Cathedral's "Hodge Podge of 1954," a musical revue presented by the Student Theater and directed by Brother Eugene. The cast included 110 Cathedral boys and 54 girls from neighboring academies. Many faculty members helped produce the show. . . . The Irish, Cathedral's football team, won their fourth city title in five seasons, and during half-time ceremonies at the final game, the coach, Joe Dezelan, was acclaimed the winningest coach in Indianapolis football history.

For ten years Brother Damian Daele has been organizing chess clubs for the boys of Cathedral High School. This year's flourishing group numbers twenty-four avid fans. In addition to collecting ornate but empty perfume bottles with which he assembles glass chess sets, Brother Damian has hand-carved many other sets from broom stick handles; many of his pieces have high artistic merit.

To spark enthusiasm among club members, Brother Damian conducts annually a gold medal tourney, an exciting event for young fanciers of chess.

### Monroe

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Catholic Central High have glowing memories of their rousingly successful Christmas party, of the pleasant exchange of gifts, and of the entertainment provided them by the school swingband and glee club, the latter one of the best in years, which sang thirteen songs from its repertory.

The Brothers of Holy Cross at Monroe wish to thank the Ladies for remembering them with substantial yuletide gifts, thanks we are sure will be repeated at the Auxiliary's next monthly meeting.

The Faculty House during the vacation has been enlarged and now provides additional rooms for the Brothers.

### Milwaukee

The new school bus acquired by Charles Boys Home was solemnly blessed by the chaplain, Father George Do C.S.C., and a St. Christopher medal installed. . . . Early in the school year Brother Lawrence Miller attended Institute of Parents of Children in Institutions, at Western Reserve University, Cleveland. . . . In November the Charles Boys Home Women's Unit assisted at Mass on the Feast of Charles Borromeo, the school patron at the annual memorial for deceased members. Mass was followed by a break and business meeting.

### Sherman Oaks

Brother Francis Assisi Davis is giving a series of eight lectures on church history to adult parishioners of Cyril's Church in Sherman Oaks.

To date, he has dealt with the Bible as an historical sourcebook and the history of Monasticism. Future lectures will treat of the great schisms, contributions of the Church to mediaeval culture, the Inquisition, some ecclesiastical scandals, famous "divorce" cases involving the Church, and the Church meeting the challenge of the modern world.

In the All-Western Band review at Long Beach the Notre Dame High School band, in competition with seventy-five other bands, brought home a trophy for the "most improved in musicianship in the past year." The band earned a total of 949 of a possible 1000 points. Brother Eugenio Cassano is director.

The Patrons Club of Notre Dame High plans to erect several handball courts for the school. Two or three sections of double courts will be adjacent to the volleyball courts.

Another project for 1955 sponsored by the Club will be a vocational guidance program.

The Club meets monthly; current chairmen are Mr. Emmet Casey and Mr. Leo Raffaelli.

Another original play "Without Light," by Brother Dunstan Bowles, on the boards for Los Angeles' sixth annual Archdiocesan Play Festival last month. Brother Dunstan has written over a dozen plays suitable for teen-agers' productions, among them a few hilarious "farctaculars" with casts of two hundred or more. His three-act comedy, "The American Living Room," has been staged many times in recent years in various high schools.

Since the Sherman Oaks school is in Hollywood, many professional productions have seen Brother Dunstan's productions and for them they had not but acclaim.

Three Hail Marys a day for Vocational