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## Brother Nicholas Dies

On March 28 Brother Nicholas Ochs, seventy-five, died at Salvator Mundi hospital in Rome, Italy, after an illness of two months. Burial took place in the congregation's vault at Campo Verano, the city cemetery, after funeral services in the College Chapel of the Generalate, which Father General officiated.

The deceased was born in Fremont, Ohio, March 2, 1880, and before entering the Congregation in 1906, worked as a telegrapher. He was among the first Oblates to live at Dujarie Hall. While studying at Notre Dame, he taught geography part time at the University until he was transferred in 1911 to Central Catholic High in Fort Wayne. From 1919 to 1928 he taught in New Orleans, then became Superior at Sacred Heart College, Watertown, Wisconsin—now a military school for grade school boys, where he inaugurated the Association of Saint Joseph. After six years there, he was sent to St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, taught there for ten years, then, when in 1946 the Brothers became a separate Province, was appointed Master of Novices. He returned to Texas after four years in this office, and in 1953 went to Notre Dame International School in Rome.

Slight in stature and slim, aristocratic and reserved in manner, Brother Nicholas was spiritually a giant, a man devoted to St. Joseph, to poverty, and to intellectual life. More than coincidentally, perhaps, St. Joseph dominated his career: he was born, received the religious habit, took his final vows, and died—each in March, St. Joseph's month. His unworldly spirit cringed from banal pursuits; good talk, ideas, books, meditation and prayer—these occupied his hours. Philosopher, mathematician, writer, poet, all these names apply to him. Though soft-spoken and physically unimposing, he proved to be a most remarkable disciplinarian and teacher. He had mastered Latin and German, knew mathematics and music, all of which he taught, had traveled widely and read much.

To live in the Eternal City he deemed the climax of his life in Holy Cross. Though he is the first Holy Cross Oblate to die there in many years, he does not lie alone: two Priests, another Brother, and a seminarian occupy the community vault.



Boys at St. Joseph High in South Bend gather around the statue of their patron to pray for vocations.

## New Schools

Through the kindness of the Most Rev. John Joseph Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, the Brothers of Holy Cross have acquired a 20-acre tract of land in Mountain View, Santa Clara County, California, as a site for a new high school. Located on the property are the old St. Joseph's grammar school and a residence building. These facilities will be used for a freshman class in September, 1955. Plans for new buildings will be considered after school opens. The new school will be known as St. Francis High School, named in honor of the patron saint of the Archdiocese. The address is 2565 Miramonte Avenue, Mountain View.

The Brothers have also accepted an invitation from the Most Reverend Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, Texas, to conduct a diocesan high school in San Antonio. The architects are now working on plans for this school, but it is not probable that the school will be completed before September, 1957.

## Tests Win Recognition

Four series of *Catholic Book Tests*, written by various teachers and librarians of the Brothers of Holy Cross and edited by Brother John of the Cross Federowicz, are recommended as "standard equipment" in *The Standard Catalog for High School Libraries*. The series was published by Bruce of Milwaukee in November, 1954, and can be obtained from that company.

The tests, 120 in number and grouped according to grade, cover titles listed in *The Standard Catalog* and apply, therefore, to books usually found in school libraries. Before publication they were used experimentally at St. Edward

High, Lakewood, Ohio, where they proved their purpose: to evaluate how well students had read the books assigned.

Published by H. W. Wilson Company, as are many other library reference books, *The Standard Catalog* lists the *Catholic Book Tests* on page 93 of the 1955 Supplement. Since few State Departments of Education issue their own lists of recommended books and all of them recognize *The Standard Catalog* as the guide in buying school library books, the Brother's series of book tests should receive wider notice than would otherwise obtain.

It is the wish of Bruce Publishing Company that Brother John of the Cross continue the series with tests on new Catholic books as they appear.

## Brothers to Have Busy Summer

Heading the roster of summer activities will be the Provincial Chapter, a triennial event, which begins this year on June 26 at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana. The Chapter studies and makes recommendations about membership, discipline, and finances of the Province.

After the regular school term ends and the annual eight-day retreat is over, Brothers at our schools either remain to teach summer school or leave for other assignments: this summer 55 Brothers will study at Notre Dame; 15 at St. Edward's and 10 at Texas University—both in Austin, Texas; 12 at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles; 4 at Chicago's Vandercook School of Music, 2 at the Art Institute, and 2 at DePaul; 3 at Indiana State Teachers College in Terre Haute, 3 at Fairfield University in Connecticut, 14 at St. John's University, Brooklyn, 2 at Michigan State, 2 at Loyola of the South, and 8 at Fordham. Most of these Brothers will be doing graduate work.

To staff the three boys' camps, 36 Brothers will go to Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio, for the day-camp held there; 35 to Notre Dame Camp in Lawton, Michigan; and 18 to Holy Cross Camp in Waveland, Mississippi. These camps are open for six weeks. Eight Brothers will compose the faculty of the Music Camp held at St. Edward's High School in Lakewood, Ohio. At St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, a workshop in teaching Religion

will be held to which six Brothers have been assigned.

Other Brothers teach at summer sessions in the various schools; man various offices, shops, and farms; report for duty at one of the four homes for boys operated by the Brothers; work at a juniorate, or a scholasticate, or go wherever else obedience directs.

### Biographical

A smattering of biographical facts about a few young Brothers shows that young men join Holy Cross from all walks of life.

There is, for instance, Brother Daniel, a Detroit man, who, rumor says, must have been raised in a green house because of his penchant for growing things. His pursuit of the floral led him first to the University of Detroit and an A.B. in English, then to Michigan State, where he earned a B.S. in Botany, and afterwards to Washington State, where he tucked a Ph.D. degree alongside the others and made ready to face the rosy world. God intervened, however, suggesting that Brother Daniel use his talents in the Brothers of Holy Cross. And thus it has come about.

Then consider Brother Thomas, a Gloucesterman from Massachusetts, who enjoys recalling his experiences in the Korean War, where from his post in the General Supply Division of the Army he handled "top-secret" information about the next camp movie, the annual talent show, and such. After three years and eight months as a GI, Brother Thomas entered the Brothers of Holy Cross, becoming thereupon a soldier of Christ whose versatility in fitting pipes, cement-block making, and in other maintenance work has been a boon.

Or take Brother William, born at an early age, he says, in Springfield, Illinois, where, as a kind of predecessor to Dennis the Menace, he gave the Sisters at school good reason for their prayer and mortification. When he became a Brother, his companions discovered that except for football, baseball, softball, volleyball, basketball, tennis, and swimming, he excelled in few sports—he cannot ski and never shot a rifle! His batting average not only topped that of other Scholastic baseballers, but he also starred recently in "Brother Orchid." He is studying Commerce and will soon be teaching, adding zest to the classroom as he does elsewhere.

### Thanks

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### Obituary

Please pray for the souls of Rev. William H. Condon, C.S.C., Brother Auguste A. Dolbec, C.S.C., Brother Joseph Roberge, C.S.C., Brother Lucien DeSerres, C.S.C., brother of Brother Stanislaus Rusilowski, brother of Brother Sigismund Danielski, uncle of Brother Albert Babeu, grandfather of Brother Benignus Beutter, grandmother of Brother Ronald Christenson.

### Our Schools

#### Akron, Ohio

Recently the premiere performance in the spanking new gymnasium-auditorium was given by The Players of Hoban High, a production of *The First Legion*, by Emmett Lavery. Making its first appearance in public competition, the Concert Band vied with other bands from schools in the Cleveland diocese in the first Music Festival the school has entered. A Swing Band, long a dream of Brother Jerome Schwabe, has now materialized and will appear in Hoban's Spring Musical. The Mite Box Drive, sponsored by the Religious Committee for the benefit of Holy Cross Missions, had, up to midway in Lent, accumulated a total of \$160.59.

Hoban Hill, on which the school stands, is currently being assaulted by bulldozers and other monstrous machines for a new super-highway that will bisect it.

Statistics regarding the new gymnasium-auditorium may interest our readers: The dimensions are 100' x 86'. Folding bleachers, including those in the balcony, seat 1760 people. The floor is wood on a cork base, the stage size 46' x 26', the gymnasium has six bas-

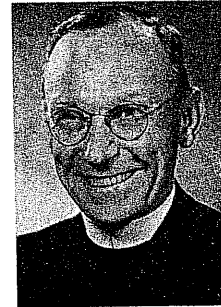
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### Three to Mark Jubilees

On July 2 three more Brothers will observe their twenty-fifth anniversaries in Holy Cross—Brothers Otto Hayden, Claude Hartman, and Clarence LeMire.

#### BROTHER OTTO HAYDEN

One of the *Ave Maria* magazine's prize canvassers, Brother Otto has for



years covered the Detroit-Cincinnati area, acquiring new subscribers of graciously urging that subscriptions be renewed. In his twenties when he entered the Community from Owensboro, Kentucky, Brother Otto did farm

work as a postulant, then after his novitiate at Notre Dame, was assigned to cook, first at Dujarie Hall and later at the Juniorate in Watertown. Then he became one of Our Lady's "Knights of the Road," and in the more than ten years he has spent canvassing, has brought his message to thousands of Catholic homes. Canvassing for the *Ave* means he usually works alone, lives for most of the year outside Community houses, and must keep to the regimen of the Brother's life strictly on his own. But Brother Otto accepts all this with good grace, keeps his affairs as exactly as he maintains the car he uses, and remains one of the finest representatives of the Community anyone could wish for. Quiet, self-contained, neat and precise, he goes his way working "in the world" but not of it. A friend recalls that Brother Otto's companions in an earlier day used to address him in a jocosse vein occasionally as "M'lord"—a designation he would more than likely decry, yet, as this religious gentleman earns it, who would deny it?

#### BROTHER CLAUDE HARTMAN

From Dayton, Ohio, Brother Claude Hartman seems to have shuttled during most of his quarter century in Holy Cross between the Juniorate in Valatie

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New York and St. Joseph's Farm, some from Notre Dame. As a postulant at Watertown, the job of chauffeur fell to him at once, and he remembers transporting the late Brother Gilbert, whom no one will ever forget weighed 375 pounds, in the old Buick the house then had. As a scholastic at Du-

ie, Brother Claude was assistant superior and also in charge of the farm operations there, of maintenance, and the side managed to do a great deal of canning for that institution as well. Here, too, he excelled in sports, and his interest in these has remained. During one of his stays at Valatie he built from an old Ford and other odds and ends a tractor that served nobly for years afterwards, a construction feat that many were at Valatie then still remember with awe. Need it be said, therefore, that Brother Claude excels as a mechanic, that he is one of the handsomest of handymen, and that he is left behind a long way of improvements in whatever use of the Community he's been?

A few years ago Brother Claude had an unfortunate accident with a buzz saw and seriously injured one of his hands, but although he worried that he would never be able to operate a tractor again or do those things in which he had been so dextrous, he took his injury resignedly, overcame it completely, and today goes about his work as if it never occurred.

**BROTHER CLARENCE Le MIRE** Few of us knew that Brother Clarence LeMire, the third of the jubilarians, spent his boyhood in Saskatchewan, where from the family's homestead he constantly roamed the unfenced, wide-open prairies on horseback, rounding up cows. He spoke only French until the family moved to Minneapolis when he was 10, went to a French school here, and after a year of high school, entered the Congregation. The years of

formation and study over, Brother Clarence taught in New Orleans for a time, canvassed for the *Ave Maria* for a year, and on All Souls Day, 1936, received a telephone call at 11 p.m. summoning him to Notre Dame and work at the printing plant, where one of the Brothers had that day fallen seriously ill. Thus he came to the addressograph department, where he has worked ever since, and the head of which he became in 1942.

Brother Clarence, too, is versed in sports, likes serious music, plays expert bridge, and assumes the role of "fill-in man" for pinochle, canasta, or anagram games whenever occasion demands. At Columba Hall he has through the years had extra-curricular stints as waiter, librarian, infirmarian, regulator, and stock-room keeper, and in these, as in his regular work, he has always been most faithful. To his religious observances, too, Brother Clarence has brought during the quarter century a full measure of faithfulness and exactitude.

On each of these silver jubilarians we wish the continued blessings of God. *Ad multos annos.*

**Our Schools**

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kets, and the whole area is lit by mercury lamps.

**Albany, New York**

Brother Francois Gilbert reports that the annual Mite Box Drive among students at Vincentian Institute brought in \$1,871.00, to be sent to the Albany office of the Propagation of the Faith.

Thirteen of the boys who will graduate from Vincentian Institute in June will be awarded scholarships whose total value is over \$50,000. All of these scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, and many of them permit the recipient to attend the college of his choice.

**Austin, Texas**

Biographies of Brothers Romard Barthel and Raphael Wilson are included in the ninth edition of *American Men of Science*, a two-volume collection listing U. S. scientists who have made important contributions in their field.

Brother Romard has conducted research in physics on the properties of sound. Brother Raphael, a medical bacteriologist, has undertaken investigations in the control of virus and rickettsial diseases. Both men team at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas.

**Biloxi, Mississippi**

At Notre Dame High School in Biloxi, Miss., the athletic banquet sponsored recently by the Fathers Club honored Coach Hegwood's Gulf Coast Conference Champions of 1954.

Brother Victor McGee has been giving a series of lectures and book reviews for local literary groups.

**Brazil**

When school opened in March down in Brazil, 55 freshmen, twice last year's number, were enrolled at the Brothers' school in Santarem, and last year's 30 boarders swelled to 56.

From Ginasio Dom Amando Brother John Boyle reports the following: "We celebrated the Feast of Saint Joseph in grand fashion. It was a school holiday, for Saturdays are class days here. At the morning Mass all our boys assisted. In the afternoon all the students in the city marched in procession, honoring St. Joseph as well as preparing for the coming International Eucharistic Congress in Rio de Janeiro. One of our students spoke to the assembly on St. Joseph as a model of the working man. In the evening there was a fine dinner at which all the priests of the city were our guests; the students celebrated with much singing and dancing, activities for which they have a special gift."

Before the end of the year the Brothers in Santarem hope to begin building an industrial school as an adjunct to the day and boarding school they conduct in that city. Writing to Father Wendell Corcoran, the chaplain at Columba Hall who has been most generous to the Santarem mission, Brother Paul Schaefer, the Superior there, made the following request: "If you hear of any large paper cutting machines or printing presses that we could get our hands on, please let me know. Likewise we will be looking for tools for a carpenter shop." Perhaps some readers of the *Newsette* may be able to help.

The Santarem school has many needs but lacks the money to meet them. This summer on his return to the States Brother Paul will try to raise necessary funds by giving a series of film-lectures. We would be glad to hear from any clubs, church groups, or other organizations that might wish to engage him.

**Clinton, Michigan**

From August 16 through 26 the National Catholic Bandmasters Association will hold a summer camp at Notre Dame University. Boys and girls attending will be prefected by Brothers and Sisters of Holy Cross. Information and applications for the session may be obtained from Brother Roy Nash, Boysville, Clinton, Michigan.



### Evansville, Indiana

In accordance with recent diocesan regulations for athletic contests, Reitz Memorial High School is curtailing its night games, competing only with schools within a radius of 70 miles, and scheduling for the most part only afternoon games.

### Flushing, New York

As contractors hurry to complete the Brothers' new Holy Cross High School in Flushing, Long Island, for its September opening, many interested Catholic parents in the area make Sunday morning excursions after Mass to view progress of the building.

Meanwhile, the Holy Cross Guild, seeking to swell the cafeteria fund, sponsored a monster card party in Flushing Armory on April 22. General chairman was Mrs. Leo A. Bieger. Mrs. Frank E. Cerrow, Mrs. George Paront, and Mrs. Elias Schwalb were co-chairmen; Mrs. Joseph Agius and Mrs. Anthony De Phillips served as vice-chairmen.

The Guild, formed to help the school and the Brothers of Holy Cross, has grown to 1050 members even though it is little more than a year old.

### Gates Mills, Ohio

Led by Brothers Albertus Smith and Vincentius Balog, thirty-one seniors of Gilmour Academy made a three-day retreat at the Trappist Monastery, Our Lady of Gethsemani, near Bardstown, Kentucky, at the end of March. The rest of the student body, meanwhile, had their annual retreat at Gilmour.

Gilmour's Entertainment Club held its third, final, and most extravagant production of the year in the Little Theater Off Academy Square, the Shakespearean comedy, *Twelfth Night*. Brother Albertus was the director.

### Indianapolis, Indiana

The Most Rev. Jerome Fernandez, D.D., Bishop of Quilon, India, visited the Brothers at Cathedral High one evening during his recent stay in the Hoosier Capital.

Seven Cathedral boys qualified for the finals in the Mathematics sections of Regional Scholastic Achievement Tests.

### Lakewood, Ohio

At St. Edward's High in Lakewood there are boys hammering and banging away in shop classes at all periods of the day. Few people who have never had shop courses realize their great importance and far-reaching values.

Under the skilled guidance of Brothers George Tilley and Jean Kirt, the shop instructors, students acquire deftness in the use of machines, tools, and their own hands, and are introduced to the type

of work which may later be their avocation. In woodshop the boys make tables, lamp bases, bookcases, chairs, and do inlay work. Current projects in the metal shop include making tools, hammers, tap wrenches, screw drivers and items like wrought iron furniture, model steam engines, aquaria, and lamps. A few students are making such tools as wood lathes, drill presses and bench vises from wrought iron castings.

The many thousands of dollars spent on equipment and on training Brothers who teach the shop courses make St. Edward's shops superior to many and equal to the best in the Cleveland area.

The third annual Senior Day at St. Edward's High on March 29 meant that senior boys ran the school and taught the classes for one day. The class president became acting Principal and was faced at once with the problem of filling the always difficult post of Prefect of Discipline. Committees of faculty members observed the student teachers and chose the top man in each field, and the day concluded with a special activity awards assembly.

The recently elected officers of the Cleveland Club at Notre Dame are all graduates of St. Edward's High.

### Monroe, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. La Hood gave a four-foot statue of the Immaculate Conception to Catholic Central High in Monroe, Michigan.

### New Orleans, Louisiana

An original marble sculpture of St. Joseph, done in Carrara, Italy, under Brother Loyola Christoph's supervision, now graces the main foyer of Holy Cross High's new classroom building. Donors included Brother Canisius Mooney's religion classes of last year, the cafeteria ladies, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin LeCompte, and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Robin.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Swan donated \$50 for the pedestal of another statue of St. Joseph outside the main entrance.

### Sherman Oaks, California

On April 3 Brother Charles Andersen, Principal of Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks, California, spoke to members of the 50-50 Club of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hollywood on "The Brothers of Holy Cross." The 50-50 Club consists of unmarried young people. On April 18, annual Universal Notre Dame night, he spoke to the Notre Dame Club of San Diego on the topic, "The Growing Crisis in Private Higher Education."

Two thousand adults and teen-agers attending Los Angeles' Archdiocesan Vocation Rally heard Brother Just Paczesny speak on behalf of religious

Brotherhoods. Each religious community had a vocation display of the communities' work; that for the Brothers of Holy Cross was designed and executed by Brother Eagan Hunter.

The following item appeared in "The Science Capsule": "Introducing Brother William Buschatz, your recording secretary on the executive board of the California Science Teachers Association Southern Section. Besides doing an outstanding job as recording secretary, Brother teaches algebra and biology. Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks."

At present Brother Jeffrey Michel conducts a weekly class of adults in the principles and techniques of teaching religion to Catholic boys and girls attending public high schools. The series of classes are sponsored by the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Confraternity and are taught at Notre Dame High School. Parents from various parishes in the San Fernando Valley attend.

Most Reverend Louis B. Kucera, Bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska, has announced that the Holy Father, Pius XII has granted the cross, "*Pro Ecclesia Pontifice*," to Mr. and Mrs. George Helmann, Sr., of Hastings, Nebraska, who are the parents of Brother Ricard Helmann of the Sherman Oaks faculty.

### Taunton, Massachusetts

Besides a full teaching schedule at Coyle High, Brother Victoriano Florowski concentrates on the "A's" extra-curricular work, as shown by the Art Club, the Astronomy Club, and the Archery Club he has organized.

### Valatie, New York

An attractive oak *sedilla* made by Mr. John Sinon of Albany, New York, was given by him and installed, with Mr. John Neidl's help, in the chapel of the Brothers' Juniorate in Valatie. Another contribution was four linen surplices the gift of Mrs. O'Connell, President of the Brooklyn Women's Auxiliary of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

### Notre Dame, Indiana

Brothers at St. Joseph's Farm have set aside a small room adjoining the recreation rooms as their library. Brothers Ronan Koenigsknecht and Stephen Carter did the remodeling and building of book cabinets. The University Library donated many fine books to help swell the Farm's collection.

Brother Alcuin Nuss, Business Manager of The Ave Maria Press, will attend the Forty-Fifth Annual National Catholic Press Association convention May 25-26-27, Buffalo, New York.

Three Hail Marys a day for Vocations