



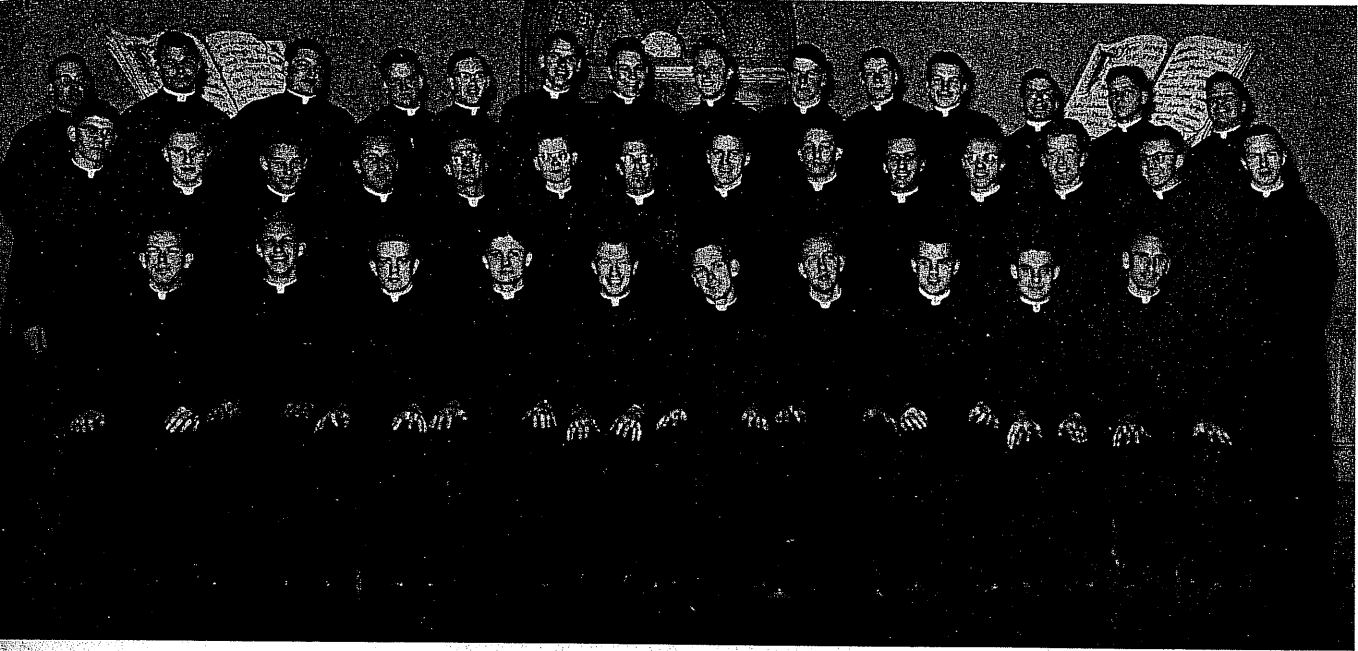
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Reception group, left to right, first row: Brothers Richard Poche, Berkley, Mich., Edward Dailey, Indianapolis, Ind., Edwin Knochelmann, Lexington, Ky., Robert Hormann, St. Cloud, Minn., Leo Rathbun, Grand Rapids, Mich., John Craven, Providence, R. I., William Mewes, St. Louis, Mo., Joseph Hogan, Albany, N. Y., Gerald Nettesheim, Richfield, Wis., John Antle, Atchison, Kans.; second row, Robert Lundergan, Louisville, Ky., John Perron, Redmond, Wash., Richard Weber, Cleveland, O., John Wardein, Alton, Ill., Patrick Oliver, Kingston, Pa., Gene Phillipp, Cleveland, O., Francis Markey, Indianola, Ia., Lawrence Stewart, Lakewood, O., Peter Blaauboer, Albany, N. Y., Arthur Connaway, Durham, Conn., Michael Becker, Indianapolis, Ind., Gerald McKenna, Hubbardston, Mich., Richard Hillis, Grand Rapids, Mich., John Houlihan, Loudonville, N. Y.; third row, Leo Rossignol, Waterville, Me., Bernard Brissette, Providence, R. I., Edward Overstreet, Davenport, Ia., John Fisch, LeMars, Ia., Donald McIntyre, Lakewood, O., James Gulnac, Bradford, Pa., Kenneth Allen, Green Bay, Wis., Vincent Stroessner, Brooklyn, N. Y., Francis Kjeldgaard, Lyons, Neb., Vincent Masterson, Lakewood, O., Anthony Papen, Sheridan, W. Va., Ronald Rusnak, Cleveland, O., Paul Dittmer, Appleton, Wis., and Paschal Pesce, Portland, Me.

Father General Confers Habit

January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Very Reverend



The Very Reverend Christopher J. O'Toole, Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, congratulates a Novice after the Reception Ceremony.

Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C., presided at the Reception Ceremonies and then celebrated High Mass in the chapel of St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. Thirty-eight young men received the habit as Brothers of Holy Cross and began their year of canonical novitiate. Many friends and relatives witnessed the ceremonies and afterwards visited with the young Brothers.

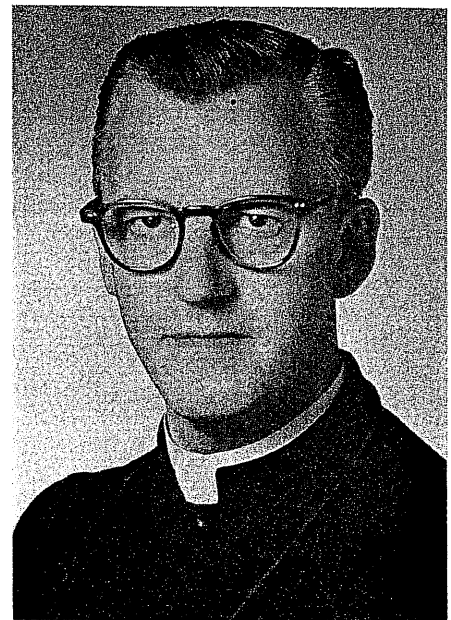
Father John Schultz, C.S.S.R., of Washington, D. C., who had conducted an eight-day retreat to prepare the candidates for their first step in the religious life, addressed the Brothers and their guests on the significance of following God's call to the religious life.

Silver Jubilees

As long as you make sure that the *Andersen* is spelled with an *en* and not *on*, you are well on your way to identifying one of our silver jubilarians this February, 1956.

Brother Charles Andersen, was born in Madison, Wisconsin, June 12, 1911. According to the information on his Form 52MD, he was baptized in the same

city at St. Patrick's Church. It is interesting to note that his confirmation took place in a St. Patrick's Church, too;



Brother Charles Andersen

however, this time the location is Fort Wayne, Indiana. Obviously, there was an early Irish influence in the life of Brother Charles Andersen.

Brother Charles first came to know the Brothers of Holy Cross in Old Library Hall, former site of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne. Among his early teachers were the venerable Brothers Daniel, Engelbert, Harold, Stanislaus, and Owen. The tutelage and example of these men and encouraging nudge of Brother Justin were among the many meaningful influences which made Brother Charles receptive to the grace of a religious vocation in Holy Cross.

Brother Charles completed his novitiate and took his first vows in 1931; he was finally professed in 1934. At the University of Notre Dame, he took his A.B. and M.S.Ed. degrees; and, in the summer of 1936, he completed a course in library science at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

This Holy Cross Brother has been a principal most of his teaching life. His first regular teaching assignment was at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. Evansville was the next Indiana city to enjoy the influence of this Brother—both as teacher and principal for fourteen years. In 1952, Brother Charles was sent to Sherman Oaks, California, to head Notre Dame High School in San Fernando Valley.

30 is the accepted printers' sign for the finished; but, in this brief sketch of Brother Charles' 30 years in the family of Holy Cross, it is only a mark for the beginning of a long, long list of friends and influences.

Brother Kenneth Hopkinson

February 2, 1956, the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or Candlemas Day, marks for Brother Kenneth Hopkinson, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his religious profession.

Brother has never said much about himself, so the data on the first half of his life is meager. He was born December 29, 1902, raised and educated in Alpena, Michigan and worked for Ford.

The years that he has spent working in the Community seem to have been highlighted by the Blessed Virgin since he pronounced his vows on her feast day. After a year spent studying and doing maintenance work at Dujarie Hall Brother was assigned to the printing plant at Notre Dame. For a year he was occupied getting the mail off on schedule. 'Twas then that Brother was given an obedience to canvass for the *Ave Maria*, work that seemed made to order for him. His record shows that year after year he has been one of the most successful representatives in ob-



taining subscriptions for this progressive Catholic family magazine.

Each summer the canvassers spend the greater part of July and August at home, that is at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana.

During that rest period it is Brother Kenneth's delight to serve one Mass after another in Sacred Heart Church.

Last summer when he received an inheritance from a non-Catholic uncle who died in England, Brother Kenneth furnished the chapel of Columba Hall with an air conditioning unit.



Father W. P. Corcoran, chaplain of Columba Hall, with Brother Bernard DeRocher attending, blesses Brother Kenneth's gift, a new air conditioning unit for the chapel.

Thanks

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Obituary

Please pray for the souls of Brother Ernest Heller, C.S.C.; the fathers of Brothers Nilus and Roderick Grix, Raymond Gunzel, and Eli Pelchat; the mothers of Brothers Myron Bachenheimer and Robert Ludwig; a brother of Brother Malachy O'Brien; an aunt of Brother Harold Ruplinger; an uncle of Brother Francis Fitzpatrick; two uncles and an aunt of Brother Richard Dailey; a cousin of Brother Edward Konieczny.

A Pool Was the Goal

As chairman, Mr. Lewis C. Curran sparked the committee that solicited \$40,000 from parents of the students and friends of the school for a swimming pool at Gilmour Academy. Until a similar amount can be raised to house the pool, it will be an open air affair, but it will be located near the new gymnasium and will be constructed of steel. It will measure 35 by 75 feet and will have diving boards and other accessories.

What a benefit the pool, which is to be completed June 1, will be to the boys attending Gilmour's summer day camp. May another fifty grand be raised within a few months to house the pool so that it will be available to Gilmour students during the entire school year.

For attaining another of their objectives, congratulations to all those associated with Gilmour Academy, Gaffney Mills, Ohio.

January 22, N.B.C.'s Monitor radio program tuned in for five minutes of the sports mixer sponsored by the Gilmour Men's Club. Sports celebrities invited to this affair were interviewed by the students of Gilmour Academy.

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Brother Eymard Salzman was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Vocation Recruiters Group at the December meeting. The Group is composed of representatives of the secular clergy and of the forty-one religious communities of men active in vocational work in the Archdiocese of Chicago. It operates under the patronage of His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, and the supervision of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel F. Cunningham, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools.

On the evening of January 16, Brothers Columba Curran and Thaddeus Gottenmoller attended a dinner sponsored by the St. Joseph Valley Section of the American Chemical Society. Following the dinner, the business portion of the meeting was held in Nieuwland Science Hall at Notre Dame which featured

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Best-speaker Mr. Eugene Johnson of Eastman Kodak Co., who gave a very informative slide-illustrated lecture on how to know how of color photography.

Burse Started

Brother Theophane Schmitt, the General Steward and Treasurer of the Congregation of Holy Cross, writes from the Generalate in Rome that some of his friends have given him four hundred dollars to start a burse in memory of Brother Nicholas Ochs.

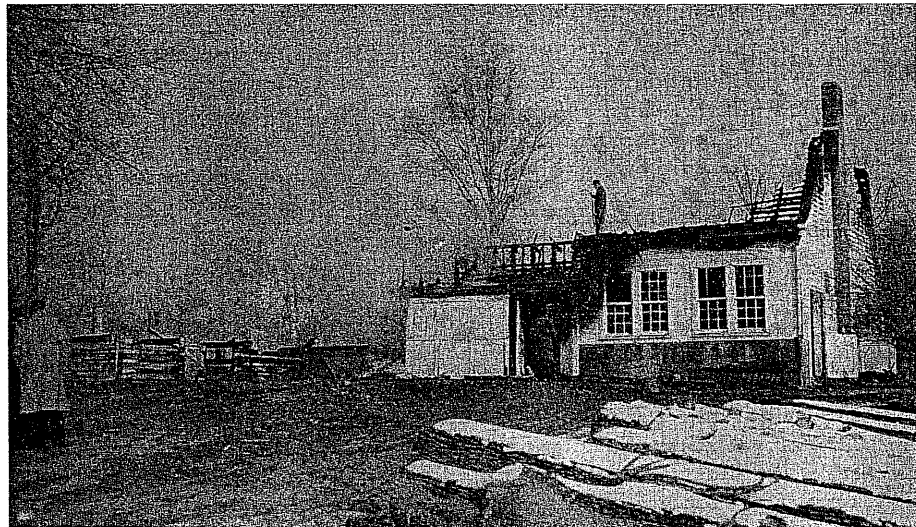
A burse is similar to a scholarship. The principal, five thousand or more, is safely invested and only the income is used for the training of a Brother. It is fitting that a burse in memory of Brother Nicholas should be started at this time. It will be a year ago on March 28, that he died a most edifying



...ath in Rome after serving God and the Church for almost fifty years as a Brother of Holy Cross. For six of those years he was Master of Novices and by his precepts and example formed many of the young Brothers. All who knew him revere him as a holy man and many claim that they have obtained favors in his name. Surely he who was devoted to recruiting and forming Brothers of Holy Cross will be honored by having a burse for such purposes established in his honor. We invite his friends to keep his memory alive by helping to complete the burse. Contributions should be addressed to the

Brother Nicholas Ochs Burse
Columba Hall
Notre Dame, Indiana

...to the editor. What a relief it would be to the Provincial Administration if there were a completed burse to help finance each of the hundred or more Brothers in formation!



Visitors view the smoldering ruins of the fire that caused \$30,000 damage to the stock barn at St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, January 25, 1956.

Fire!

At 4:40 reception morning, January 25, a novice rapped excitedly on the superior's door and told him that the hog barn was on fire. Before any Brothers were able to reach the burning building, the north wing, a 20 by 60 foot structure, had begun to collapse. By the time the fire trucks from Rolling Prairie and New Carlisle arrived, the flames had eaten their way well into the south wing of the building which was 30 by 50 feet.

The building was completely destroyed except for the southern extremity which is shown in the accompanying picture. The total loss by the fire has been estimated at \$30,000.00. Besides the barn, the flames destroyed 2,500 bushels of grain, several hundred dollars worth of hog feed, four sows and ten little pigs. The fire spread so rapidly that very few articles could be removed from the building. A new tractor, however, was saved.

The structure and contents were partially covered by insurance.

Austin, Texas

St. Edward High, has two seniors, Timothy Daly and Clyde Reedy, who are winners in the nationwide National Merit Scholarship semi-finals. They will compete with other top-ranking students from over the nation in a contest to select 400 for four-year college scholarships.

During the holidays the scholastics of Vincent Hall presented Natalie White's comedy, *The Billion Dollar Saint*, for the entertainment of the University faculty and several groups of religious. Those who participated in the stage production furnished their guests with an hour or two of relaxation and learned by experience some of the tech-

niques of play directing. Later on the Brothers who were actors may be called upon to direct a high school play.

Chatsworth, California

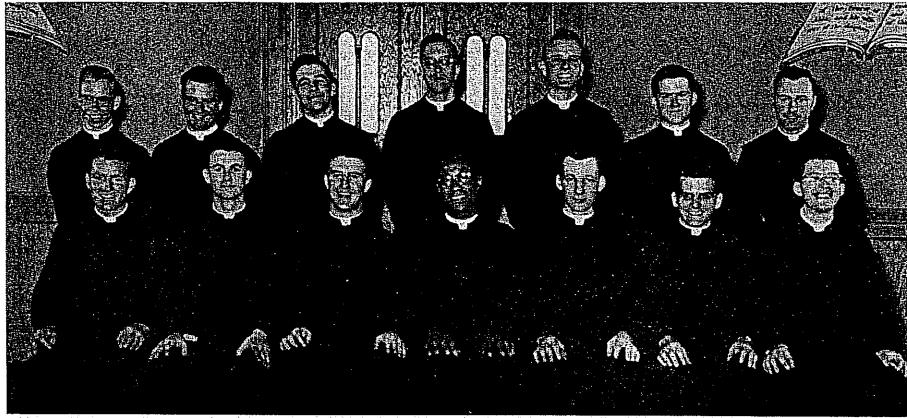
Two years ago the Brothers of Holy Cross took over the Rancho San Antonio, a home for underprivileged boys. Today the Rancho staff consists of eight Brothers and two Holy Cross Priests, chaplains, who, along with Brother volunteers from our two other California schools and the generous work of many laymen, have transformed the character of the Rancho. Moreover, "God has been good to us through many benefactors," the Director, Brother Carlos Dolan, writes. The 77 boys now at the Rancho, he said, "pray daily for the graces and help that we need."

Strangers to prayer or formal religious instruction when they come to the school, the boys are taught there to pray and to live according to the law of God. "So many helps have come our way," Brother Carlos said, "that I believe God never heard from these boys before, so He gives us much help."

New Orleans, Louisiana

In an Assembly held at the Grotto Brother Reinald Duran consecrated the Holy Cross Student Body to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Brother Vincent de Paul Hujar, has organized a new co-curricular organization at Holy Cross. It is the Opera Study Organization with cultivation of an appreciation of opera as a prime incentive. Members have an unusual opportunity of seeing the mechanics of opera by attending rehearsals of a local Professional Opera Group. Members have already attended rehearsals for four operas.



Profession group, left to right, front row: Brothers Francis Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth, N. J.; David Callahan, Long Beach, Calif., Thomas O'Linn, Lakewood, O., Gerard Mason, Mobile, Ala., Julian Przybyla, Rogers City, Mich., Charles Kociolek, Jersey City, N. J., Edward Giebutowski, Chicago, Ill.; back row, James Weston, Portland, Ore., Joseph Dunne, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Norbert Allerton, Cleveland, O., Elmer Berta, South Bend, Ind., Thomas Brune, Detroit, Mich., Theodore John, Browerville, Minn., and Reginald Jacques, Woonsocket, R. I.

Fourteen Take First Vows

Thursday, January 26, 1956, after completing their year of novitiate, fourteen senior novices advanced to the rank of professed Brothers of Holy Cross by kneeling before Mass at the feet of the Superior General, Father Christopher J. O'Toole, and taking for one year the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Three of the group also took the fourth or foreign mission vow.

After a buffet dinner for the guests and an afternoon of happy family reunions, the newly professed journeyed by bus to Dujarie Hall, the Brothers' Scholasticate at Notre Dame, Indiana, for a few days respite before beginning their second year of religious formation.

Saturday morning the group began to dissolve when one of the Brothers set out for his assignment at Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin. Sunday morning, six left for Vincent Hall, the Brothers' Scholasticate in Austin, Texas. Sunday evening another returned to the Novitiate for a new assignment there. The six who remain at Dujarie as well as those who have gone to Vincent Hall will pursue their studies along with their religious formation.

Return to Brazil

It happened rather quickly. Suddenly our conversation was interrupted by a head in the stateroom door saying, "All ashore that's going ashore," and my visitors got up from the bunks and two chairs and filed out into the cold and down the gangplank. Then the gangplank itself, that last connection with pier 16, Brooklyn, was pulled up, and a little tug began to heave and push the big cargo ship out into the harbor. The last I remember of my visitors was their refrain from the end of the pier—

"Should Auld Acquaintance be forgot," and then two drawn out shouts of "Merry Christmas" as the waters separated us. The shouts seemed to stick in the cold night air, and they reminded me in the darkness that I would be experiencing my first Christmas without Holy Mass. There would be no priest aboard.

My thoughts were now varied. My visit home had passed all too quickly, and now it seemed that the millions of lights in the skyline of New York were unable to make contact with the ship. We were alone. I began to dream a little of home and of the many friends and acquaintances who had contributed in one form or another to help us Brothers on the Amazon. There were those people in California whom I hardly knew, who donated the Ford truck. There were those old friends at home—so cooperative. And above all there was that tireless and constant help of the Boysville-South American Mission Club, organized by Gerard Becker of South Orange, N. J. With their dollar-a-month contributions, the members of this Club were able to present me with a check for \$1,000.00. This brought the pump that will supply us with water, and helped buy the Electric Generator that will give electricity to the house and school.

My reverie was suddenly broken by a loud honk from my ship. It must have been a salute to the illuminated statue of liberty which had crept up so very close. Suddenly the lights on that grand old lady were turned off and there was only dark water between me and New York. I became aware that I was cold and shivering, and that the warehouse and pier had well disappeared. I turned resolutely toward the cabins, feeling as though some cold curtain were being

drawn in front of me and around me. My cabin felt warm—the bed was soft, a pillow for my head—memories fading—old acquaintances passing.

A Caribbean cruise "over the holidays" is for many a glorious vacation. The blue waters and the balmy weather make one forget the cold of winter and the worries of occupations. For one like myself the tropical sunshine was symbolic. I belong to the tropics; to Sautarem on the Amazon. There my Brazilian boys and those Brothers who are my fellow workers, are awaiting my return. I'm going back to where I belong and to where my heart and my work are. And the Christ Who was born an infant while I sailed, is all strength with a force that will help me.

Monroe, Michigan

Brother Josaphat Chmielewski, athletic director of Catholic Central High, was elected president of the Southeastern Michigan Conference. Formerly he was secretary-treasurer of this high school athletic organization.

How is this for an exchange? At a recent meeting of the Ladies Auxiliaries each freshman instructor gave a short talk explaining how the parents can cooperate in seeing to it that "Junior" succeeds in his classes. And the Auxiliary presented the Brothers with a dishwashing machine for the kitchen of the faculty house.

The Michigan Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the \$250,000 heating plant and tunnels that are being constructed by Boysville, Clinton, Mich.

Chicago, Illinois

Holy Trinity High of Chicago is on the State Department's list of recommended schools for exchange students from foreign countries. Brothers teaching at Holy Trinity need not be surprised if they are saluted by a student in one or more of the following languages: Polish, Italian, German, Persian, Arabic, Yugoslavian, Slovenian, Spanish, or French.

Bruce Zawacki, a '53 graduate of Coyle High in Taunton, and a junior at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., has the highest scholastic average in his class. He is majoring in Biology.

School in San Antonio

The Brothers of Holy Cross have accepted an invitation of the Most Reverend Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, to conduct a diocesan high school for boys which is to open in September 1957.

Three Hail Marys a day for Vocations