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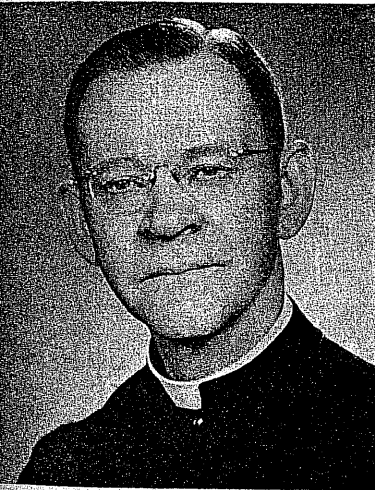
March, 1956

## Golden Jubilarians

### Brother Maximus Czyzewski

Every Religious visiting the Brothers Holy Cross at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago is captivated by the hospitality and cordial greetings accorded them by Brother Maximus Czyzewski. On March 19, 1956, he is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his final Religious Profession.

Though the mildest Brother that has ever taught in this school, Brother Maximus has exerted a predominant influence on the lives of every student who has come under his influence. He rarely leaves the confines of his house or school; he never reaches out for any but the simplest and most legitimate things of life; still, perhaps no one gets more



out of this life. The strictest observance of all Community prescriptions is channeled and husbanded his natural supernatural energies to flower into a full measure of Christian and religious life.

While teaching a full day in the classroom, Brother Maximus acquired all his academic and professional education by attending late afternoon and evening classes at Loyola and De Paul Universities, and spending one summer school year another in study and classroom work at Notre Dame. By dint of unflinching self-discipline and perseverance he acquired a mental training to become a superior student of life, a very thorough and effective teacher, writer, speaker, a much-sought counselor, and a searching mind which has not suffered any loss of its acuity even at advanced age.

Brother Maximus was born in Poland and came to this country at the age of

fourteen. Shortly after his arrival he applied for admission to the Brotherhood of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Indiana, receiving the habit August 15, 1897. The first three years after his Novitiate he studied at Notre Dame, after which time he was appointed to teach at St. Hedwig's grade school, South Bend, Indiana. The following two years he assisted in the University Book Store, and then from 1905 to 1906 he taught at Sacred Heart College, Watertown, Wisconsin, where he was finally professed, March 19, 1906. In 1907 he was assigned to teach at the Holy Trinity parish grade school, Chicago. With the opening of Holy Trinity High in 1910, he was transferred to teach on the secondary level, at which station he remained uninterruptedly to this day. Twice he was Principal of Holy Trinity High and Superior of the Brothers, from 1917 to 1921, and from 1928 to 1934.

The many former students, and all the priests and Brothers associated with him in teaching during these many years, will be happy to hear of this unique blessing bestowed by God upon Brother Maximus of reaching this happy anniversary of his Golden Jubilee of his final Religious Profession. AD MULTOS ANNOS!

### Brother Victor Czerwinski

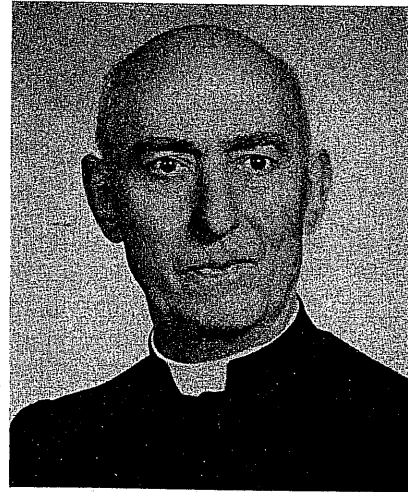
Another Golden Jubilee among the Brothers at Holy Trinity is that of Brother Victor, who is celebrating the 50th anniversary of receiving the habit, March 19, 1956.

Unswerving fidelity to duty and an unusual degree of self-effacement are the admirable virtues around which the entire life of this excellent Religious is built. The great endowment which Brother Victor brought to the Religious Life as a Brother were a strong Spirit of Faith and a deep sense of God. These two gifts which he assiduously cultivated produced in him that perseverance which carried him through all the difficulties of his teaching life and through all the trials necessary in the formation of a good Religious.

While engaged in teaching first in the grade school and later in the high school department of Holy Trinity, he was obliged to acquire all the high school and college credits necessary for graduation. He even did more, for thanks to his uncommon assiduity he fulfilled all the requirements for and was graduated with the degree of Master of Science. Therefore, despite the long hours of elemen-

tary school teaching of classes with as many as sixty to seventy boys, and a school day that began at 7:30 A.M. and ended only at 3:30 P.M., Brother Victor attended late afternoon and evening classes year after year. Then every summer he spent in the college classroom and in the laboratory in strenuous and exhausting work until he finally reached his goal. To us who today rarely leave the scholasticate without our degrees and educational requirements, such perseverance is indeed inspiring.

The esteem for Brother Victor's chief qualities dates even from the time of his Novitiate, for shortly after this period of religious formation the Provincial assigned him to the position of Assistant Master of Novices, and this office he held for several years.



This spirit of devotion to duty and perseverance Brother Victor manifests in his daily work in the classroom and in his work as treasurer of the school. In all these services of obedience he has proved himself unflinchingly responsible and devoted.

Such fidelity brings the reward of peace and deep supernatural contentment in the autumn of the life of a Religious. This peace and contentment Brother Victor enjoys manifestly in a marked degree. And his sense of God to which such indomitable fidelity must be attributed makes his life one of confident awaiting the sight of this Ineffable Reality of his Faith.

Brother Charles Lewis of Detroit, who has been assigned to the staff at the Generalate in Rome, sails on the *Independence* March 2, from New York to Naples.

## Go to Joseph

The Brothers of Holy Cross have St. Joseph as their model and patron. Each month from the 11th through the 19th, Brothers and their friends are urged to say a daily prayer or to practice some other devotion in honor of St. Joseph for vocations.

March is the month of St. Joseph, so we invite all of our readers to join in the novena for vocations. At Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin, High Mass will be offered daily from the 10th to the 19th for the intentions of those making the novena. The Mass on the 19th will be in thanksgiving for all of the favors granted in response to the novena.

Let one of your intentions be that of thanksgiving for the vocations with which the Brothers of Holy Cross are being blessed. May we prove worthy of these and even greater blessings.

It is encouraging to see that the editors of Catholic newspapers and magazines are giving more and more space to the religious life and are frequently mentioning the Brothers. Bishops too are sponsoring novenas to St. Joseph for vocations and are recommending that during Lent Religious Vocations be the subject of parish sermons. May those who steadfastly foster worthy vocations be blessed with an abundant supply of religious for their own needs.

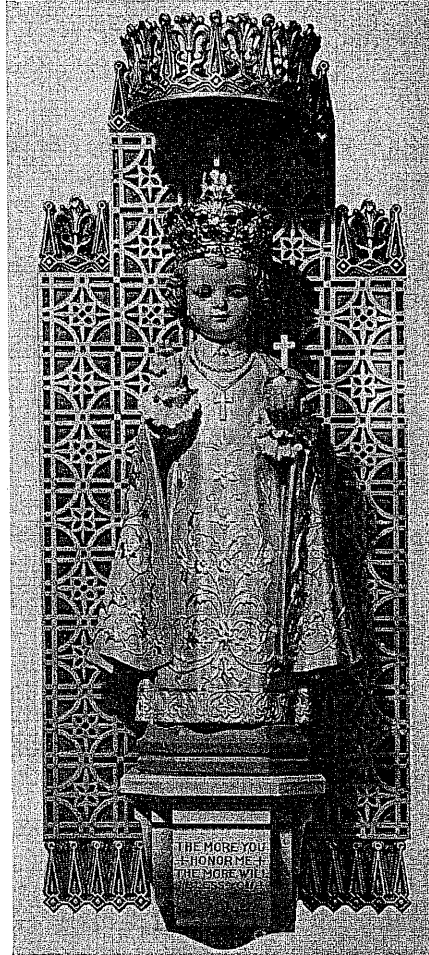
## Thanks

Although receipts for January and February have been only half enough to cover the cost of printing and mailing during these two months, we are grateful for the \$144.00 we received in February from: *Florida*, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker; *Illinois*, Mrs. A. Grejczyk, Mr. W. T. Lechtenberg, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sullivan; *Indiana*, Mrs. B. Wertzberger; *Maine*, Mr. and Mrs. P. Walsh; *Michigan*, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bleau, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clemente, Sr., Miss H. Donoghue, Mr. D. M. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. D. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Platte, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Quigley, Mr. S. C. Turner; *Minnesota*, Mr. C. F. Bauer, Miss H. Gervais; *Missouri*, Mrs. M. Bonen; *Nebraska*, Mrs. S. Proskovec; *New Jersey*, Mrs. C. Obaytek, Mr. P. A. Walsh; *New York*, Sister M. Berchmans, Mrs. R. P. Charles, Mrs. M. E. Davies, Mrs. M. Ginter, H.C.W.G. of Q., Mr. and Mrs. J. Mullett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Redmond, Mrs. A. Reisenweber, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Roos; *Ohio*, Mr. and Mrs. M. Beriswill, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Foos, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fox, Mrs. C. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lusher, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mittendorf; *Pennsylvania*, Mr. and Mrs. D. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kiniry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin; *Rhode Island*, Mr. L. Brissette, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jacques; *Wisconsin*, Mr. and

(Mrs. C. Dobrogowski, Mr. J. G. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. E. Papenfuss.

## Shrine Erected

Thanks to a generous benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous, a shrine to the Infant Jesus of Prague has been erected near the entrance to the chapel in St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. It is fitting that the youngest members of the Community should have this beautiful shrine, a product of the Daprato Studios in Chicago, to inspire



their devotion. May the Infant Jesus bless all the Brothers and their benefactors.

From Christmas until Candlemas it is a daily practice for the Brothers of Holy Cross to recite in common an Act of Consecration to the Infant Jesus. This year the shrine of the Infant Jesus was erected in the Novitiate on Candlemas Day, February 2.

Brother Charles Andersen, who last month celebrated the silver jubilee of his religious profession, is president of the California-Arizona section of the National Catholic Education Association. Brother was selected for this position while he was attending the San Francisco convention of the N.C.E.A., during the Christmas holidays.

## Biloxi, Mississippi

Brother Walton Mallerich, assistant principal of Notre Dame High, has accepted an appointment to the Advisory Council for Judge L. Maples in the county youth court.

Brother Walton is conducting a survey to determine the current status of law enforcement personnel dealing with juvenile problems. He hopes that the data will enable him to picture graphically the total number employed in such work, their training and qualifications; and what geographical sectors present the greatest needs for youth counselors and psychological testing.

The data analyzed will serve as a reference work for the seven major civilian committees composed of about thirty members each. The members of the Advisory Council serve as technical consultants to these civilian committees.

## Evansville, Indiana

Brother Ambrose Nowak, principal of Reitz Memorial, served on a diocesan panel that discussed the Needs of High School Students.

Nine boys in Memorial's senior class have passed the mental phase of the N.R.O.T.C.'s requirements and at least three of them have passed their physicals.

## Terre Haute, Indiana

In the local Golden Gloves contest the Gibault boys won eight championships: three in the sub-novice division, four in the novice division, and one in the open division. Besides individual trophies for the boys winning these titles, the school received a trophy for having the most winners in the sub-novice division, and another trophy for having the most winners in the combined novice and open division. The open division winner, Gene Fluhr of DuBuque, won a handsome trophy as the most promising boxer in the tournament. He will fight in the National Golden Gloves tournament in Chicago. Brother William Gates is the moderator of Gibault's boxing team.

A \$40,000 gymnasium for the junior boys at Gibault is under construction. It should be finished about the first of May.

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Taunton, Massachusetts

Brothers who taught at Coyle about a decade ago are pleased to that the Most Reverend James L. ... D.D., has ordained one member of the class of 1948 and will soon ordain her. Both priests belong to the ... diocese, Fall River, Mass. ... recently ordained is Father Gerald ... of Fall River. He has two ... brothers who are also graduates ... and priests in the home diocese. ... Rev. Bento Fraga of Taunton will ... March 17.

Fathers Fraga and Shovelton our congratulations and prayerful wishes for ... and fruitful apostolate.

New Orleans, Louisiana

After participating in several of the ... Gras parades, the Holy Cross band ... the direction of Brother Roberto ... is practicing for the statewide ... contest to be held this month and ... the annual spring concert. The ... Glee Club and Orchestra will ... take part in the concert.

Laurent, Holy Cross sophomore, ... named to a first string backfield ... on the 1955 All-American midget ... team selected by the Pop War- ... Midget Football Foundation. Leo ... 104 points as fullback on the ... Friend team in the New Orleans ... recreation Department's Bantam ... . Leo also received four other ... during the past season: the ... R.D.'s "Outstanding Player" trophy, ... Maison Blanche's "Player of the ... " trophy, the Royal Crown Cola's ... "Points Scored" trophy, and the ... R.D.'s silver football award.

Brother Melchior Polowy has his ... training squad in training for the state ... . Since Brother became coach ... grapplers in 1945, Holy Cross has ... the Louisiana state title every year.

Indianapolis, Indiana

Donald Trauner, a senior at Cathedral ... has received a principal appoint- ... to the United States Military Acad- ... at West Point. Trauner's appoint- ... was sponsored by Congressman ... B. Brownson, a Republican of ... . ... Wickens, the news editor of ... High's Megaphone, has re- ... an appointment as first alternate ... United States Naval Academy at ... .

Brother Pedro Haering, Cathedral's ... has found an experiment, Col- ... Night, so successful that it may ... an annual event. Two nights, ... ary 10 and 26, representatives from ... Catholic colleges and universities ... in a radius of 300 miles of Indi- ... were present to answer ques- ... concerning their respective colleges. ... and juniors expecting to attend

college were urged to bring their parents to learn about the college of their choice.

Mountain View, California

February 10, the drama department of St. Francis High presented its first play, "Brother Orchid," under the direc- tion of Brother Fisher Wasko.

A declamation contest will be held this month with medals for the three best participants.

Columba Hall Enriched

Columba Hall was enriched during the past month by a five-foot statue of the Sacred Heart delicately decorated. The statue, mounted on a forty inch pedestal, stands in the main corridor and faces the front entrance. Both the statue and



the pedestal are from the Daprato Stud- ios.

Columba Hall is not only a residence for about seventy Brothers who have assignments at Notre Dame, but also the headquarters of the Brother Columba Apostolate established to spread devo- tion to the Sacred Heart.

During most of his life as a religious, Brother Columba O'Neill (b. 1848—d. 1923) lived in this building. By dis- tributing badges of the Sacred Heart he fostered his favorite devotion and obtained many favors for his clients. The statue of the Sacred Heart will help to perpetuate the memory of Brother Columba and to encourage devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Farm Wins Award

February 18, 1956, St. Joseph Farm, Notre Dame, Indiana, owned and oper- ated by the Brothers of Holy Cross, became the 296th farm in the United States to receive a Progressive Breeder's Registry Award from the Holstein- Friesian Association of America. This association dates back to 1885 and has its headquarters in Brattleboro, Vermont.

In obtaining the award, St. Joseph Farm's 85 milk cows qualified with 13,548 pounds of milk and 533 pounds of butterfat per cow. To qualify for this rare award the required average per cow is 11,600 pounds of milk and 440 pounds of butterfat. The Brothers' cows produced a sixth more milk and a fifth more butterfat than the amount required.

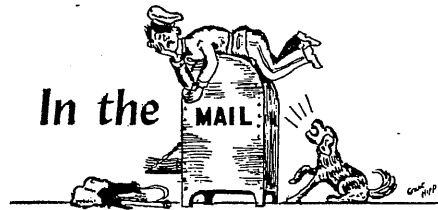
Dacca, East Pakistan

January 4 proved to be a red-letter day in the long history of St. Gregory High, for on that day the Honorable Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Minister of the Interior and Education in the Central Government of Pakistan, and Dr. M. Ahmed, Director of Public Instruction, paid a visit to the school. Mr. Huq, "the Lion of Bengal," is well over 80, having been a prominent figure in Indian politics for many years, and at one time Prime-Minister of Undivided Bengal when it formed part of British India. Brother Martinian conducted them on a tour of the school, during which they paid short visits to the various classes. Inspection of the school was followed by tea in the office. Upon a petition pre- sented by the students, Mr. Huq granted the remainder of that day and the whole of the following day as holidays in his honor. As the distinguished visitors were leaving, Brother Martinian expressed his pleasure at the honor accorded to the school by their visit and invited them to return whenever they are in the prov- ince. A compliment even greater than their visit is the fact that both officials have sons among the 980 students at St. Gregory's.

During the holidays Brother Donald Allen made a trip to Chittagong to col- lect specimens of flora and fauna for his science room.

+ Requiescant in Pace +

Please pray for the souls of: the father of Brother Norman Head, the mother of Brother Harold Miller, a brother of Brother Finbarr Buckley, a brother of Brother Xavier Donoghue, a sister of Brother Peter Goodman, a grandmother of Brother Harold Ruplinger, an aunt of Brother Bonaventure Foley, a cousin of Brother John Shea, and a great aunt of Brother John Davies.



Dear Brother Gerard:

First off, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the members of the various clubs who have in the past year sent donations to help keep the Missions running over here. (In particular I would like to thank Jerry Becker and the members of his club in South Orange. They sent a very generous donation at Christmas. It came just in the nick of time.

Last July, August, and September we had the worst floods in the history of Bengal. For six weeks we were under water. I was thinking of investing in a snorkel tube. Since there were more fish than students in the classrooms, I dismissed school. Our house, a two storied affair, looked like Noah's ark. We even had to move the chapel from its own building to the second floor, but it was comforting to have the Blessed Sacrament with us during those weeks. To get back to the ark, with the rising of the water all the wild life of Bengal began to converge on us. There were snakes, rats, cats, and ants. The white ants caused the most damage. As the water came up, so did they, hollowing out almost every piece of wood. Not only did they eat away the woodwork in the buildings, they even went after the desks, benches, and blackboards. Several days after we reopened school one of the teachers was writing on the blackboard when there was a crash and he went sprawling into the next room. There was nothing left of the blackboard and partition but a pile of dust.

With 1,200 boys in school and the furniture collapsing, repairs and replacements had to be made. In desperation I have cut down a big tree in the yard and have had it cut up into planks. As soon as these are somewhat dried out and cured, I'll have them made into benches and desks. All this costs money. That is where Jerry Becker and his club came to the rescue. I had nothing when I started to cut the tree but trusted that St. Joseph would prompt someone to come to our rescue. With what Jerry's club has since donated, I'll be able to make all of the benches that are needed. We're also grateful for help that has come from "Mary's Workers, Circle No. 5," Shreveport, La., and from Miss Rose Marie Dolan, Waterloo, Iowa.

Here is a bit of good news. In the government examinations our school ranked one of the highest in the country

when more than four-fifths of our students passed the Matriculation Exam. Only two boys in all of East Bengal received Junior Scholarships for Minority Classes, and one of them was a Catholic boy from our school. He is now attending Notre Dame College in Dacca.

Brothers Lorenzo Powers, Hobart Pieper, James Tallarovic, Daniel Rozario, John Harris, and Joseph Popma send greetings. The last two are devoting most of their time to the study of Bengali.

As ever,

Brother Ivan Dolan, C.S.C.  
Holy Cross High School, Hashnabad  
P. O., Dacca District, East Pakistan.

## What's a Tapir?

February 13, Brother Julius Wadekamper wrote from Brazil:

Dear Brother Gerard,

Brothers Genard Greene, Francis Boyes and I went for a vacation up the Tapajos River into the very heart of the jungle. On the way we stopped at the houses of the American Franciscan Fathers who have all the missions in that direction. Their boat and helpers were at our service traveling the 250 odd miles up the river to Maloquinha. The first day there I went hunting with a native guide. That day we got nothing but four large turtles and a small animal about the size of a large rabbit.

The next day Brother Francis and four large hunting dogs came with us. We started early and walked very fast because we wanted to get miles back into the jungle. The guide practically ran and when he got a few feet ahead of us we couldn't see him. Then Brother Francis in his descriptive English pictured how it would be for the two of us to be lost there. I never realized that the jungle could be so deep, dark, damp, and quiet. After walking for more than four hours we had given up hope of wild game when suddenly the guide stopped short and listened carefully. Brother Francis and I didn't hear anything but by the way the guide took off we knew that he did. We had no choice but to run after him, and did he go through that tanglement of brush, vines, and trees. When we were completely exhausted, he stopped and listened again. This time we could faintly hear the barking of the dogs. Off he went again and we after him. We went through swamp with water over our knees and the splashing got us soaking wet. We were dead tired but the barking of the dogs and the growing excitement spurred us on. Soon the barking of the dogs seemed very near and we changed directions to go around them and approach from the other side. Next we saw a little pond of muddy water

with the dogs on the edges barking furiously. They had driven a tapir into the middle of the pond. In a flash our guide was up on a mound of dirt and aiming his old single shot shotgun at the head of the tapir. He aimed, pulled the trigger, and nothing happened. He had a faulty shell. I jumped to the mound, aimed at the head of the tapir and the next instant he dropped dead into the water. The dogs immediately swam to the prey and started nipping at his flanks. The guide looked somewhat discouraged, but I was thrilled with having killed this big game beast. In a moment the guide had slipped off his sandals and was in the water with the dogs dragging the tapir to shore. We skinned it and cut off the choicest pieces of meat. With the ingenuity found only in these native Brazilians the guide made harnesses and straps out of leaves and vines so that all of us could help carry the meat back to the village.

If you like I may tell you later about a day spent fishing and our return trip to Santarem.

Brother Paul Schaefer, our superior has returned safe and sound from the States but all his freight is held up at the warehouse in Belem. Pray that it may be released and delivered to us for he has many things in the shipment that we need for the school year.

So long for now. Keep us in your prayers and God love you.

Sincerely in Holy Cross,

Brother Julius Wadekamper, C.S.C.  
Ginasio Dom Amando, Santarem,  
Para, Brazil.

## Appreciation

The following paragraphs, copied with permission from Letters to the Editor in the *Ave Maria* for March 3, 1955, give a good slant on Brother Kenneth Hopkinson, one of last month's silver jubilarians.

EDITOR:

I have been a convert to Catholicism for almost a year now, through the example of my husband and oldest son who is nine.

I want to take this opportunity to let you know how much I appreciate reading THE AVE MARIA magazine. That is where I first gained an insight on the meaning of the Catholic Church. One of the good Brothers, Brother Kenneth, told me if I loved the magazine so much, I should look further into the religion behind it. Which I did immediately. I was one of your Brothers, around renewing subscriptions. I wonder if they realize just how much thought can be put into motion with a chance remark? I will always remember Brother for it.

A SUBSCRIBER