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## Archbishop Hoban Presides at Akron Ceremonies



Archbishop Hoban laying the cornerstone, and blessing the interior of Hoban High. The band under the direction of Brother Jerome Schwabe provides entertainment.

### Catholic Knights and Ladies Serve as Guard of Honor

In Akron, Ohio, Sunday afternoon, April 8, Archbishop Hoban presided at the laying of the cornerstone and the dedication of the Brothers' new high school that bears his name.

The ceremony began at 3:00 o'clock with the playing of the National Anthem by the school band. The Archbishop blessed the chapel, the cornerstone, the crucifix hanging outside the main office, and finally the building itself. Later, His Grace, who had received part of his early education from the Brothers of Holy Cross in Chicago, praised the Brothers for the work they are doing in Akron and elsewhere.

After the blessing of the building, the visitors assembled in the auditorium where the Rev. John E. Walsh, C.S.C., of the University of Notre Dame delivered the principal address.

The Most Rev. Floyd L. Begin, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, concluded the formal services by officiating at Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. The Glee Club, under the direction of Brother Andrew Sukenik, supplied the choral accompaniment for the ceremony; the Band, under the direction of Brother Jerome Schwabe, the instrumental music.

Following the dedication the Mothers Club served a banquet in the school cafeteria for the clergy and distinguished guests.

The students acted as guides to the thousands of visitors touring the building during the open house period.

The Knights of Columbus, the Knights of St. John, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John acted as honor guards to the dignitaries.

### Terre Haute, Indiana

Brother Leo Geiger, shop instructor at Gibault, submitted eighteen vocational projects made by thirteen of his students for display during the last week of March at the State Convention of the Indiana Industrial Education Association held at French Lick, Indiana. Six of the boys received Outstanding Project Awards for their entries.

A mounted display of twelve common projects from Brother's wood shop class was judged to be the third best teaching

aid submitted, and a cash prize was awarded to the members of the class.

*Indiana Farm Journal* recognizes Brother Merle McGrane, the farm supervisor at Gibault, for consistently having the highest test herd in milk quantity and in average butter fat in Vigo and Clay Counties.

Reitz Memorial High of Evansville was host to the Southern Indiana Musical Association's 1955-56 Contest. Memorial's Band and Glee Club were rated First Class.

### A Century Ago

The *Decree of Praise* approving the Congregation of Holy Cross as an Institute was formulated by the General Congregation of the Propaganda on May 19, 1856, and confirmed and approved by His Holiness, Pope Pius IX, on May 25, 1856. The Decree approving the Rules and Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross was given at Rome, in the Palace of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda, May 13, 1857.

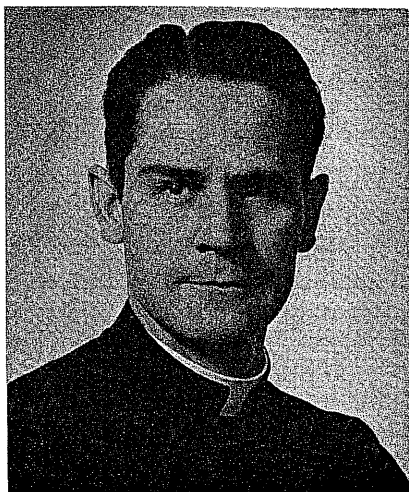
### Silver Jubilees

July 2, three Brothers of Holy Cross will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of taking their religious vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

#### Brother Thaddeus Gottemoller

At Columba Hall if you hear strains of classical music and find near the record player a monk checking a bundle of class papers, you've found Brother Thaddeus. Interest in his classes has always been tempered by an appreciation of music, flowers, stars, and the wonders of nature.

Brother Thaddeus may be said to have grown up with the Brothers because he had almost daily contact with them in Indianapolis from the time he entered Cathedral grade school. As an altar boy he knew by name all the Brothers



who taught at Cathedral High and was delighted to take part in various games with them. Handball seemed to be his favorite sport. Afterwards in high school it was Brother Stanislaus and his English class that aroused in young Gottemoller, a freshie, a serious but unexpressed esteem of a Brother's vocation. Although he never lost his admiration for Brother Stanislaus, the boy's search for facts soon centered his attention on science and mathematics.

In January 1930, six months after his graduation from high school, Karl Gottemoller entered Sacred Heart Juniorate at Watertown, Wisconsin. As was the custom in those days he was given a religious name, Brother Thaddeus, when he received the habit. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1935, he entered upon a teaching career which has taken him to schools in Evansville, Albany, Valatie, Taunton, Lakewood, and South Bend. Besides teaching Chemistry and Mathematics, Brother Thaddeus has served as assistant superior and principal; moderator of

Catholic Youth Organization, Mission Club, Mothers Club, and Concessions Club; and a coach of Archery. Twice at Albany (1942 and 1943) and twice at Lakewood (1954 and 1955) he inspired enough of the Robin Hood spirit in his proteges to rank first in National Interscholastic Archery Tournaments.

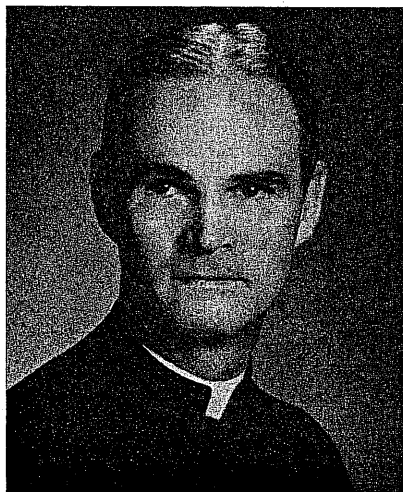
#### Brother Giles Martin

"Brother, will you paint my turtle?"

Such a request made by a young camper to Brother Giles is always regarded by him as a compliment. Children know whom to go to when they want a favor. With a smile Brother Giles sets to work remembering the words, "Suffer the little ones to come to Me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven". It's comforting to Brother to have heaven watch while with harmless colors he decorates the turtle's back.

At Notre Dame, John Martin of Youngstown, Ohio, became Brother Giles and besides the training necessary to become a religious, he followed the college courses that would prepare him to teach science in any of the Brothers' high schools. He received both his Bachelor's and Master's degree in Science from the University of Notre Dame, and has attended several summer sessions at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Physics is his specialty. Teaching assignments have taken him to Albany, Fort Wayne, Watertown, Indianapolis, Biloxi, and Evansville. He is now the superior of the Brothers and the vice-principal of the school in which he started teaching, Vincentian Institute of Albany, N. Y.

For the past eight summers, Brother Giles has proved himself all things to all of the boys coming to Notre Dame Camp at Lawton, Mich. Youngsters don't get homesick while he chats with them about their chances of winning an award in some camp event or shows them how to make useful souvenirs to give their parents on Visitors' Day. Is it any wonder that parents calling for their chil-

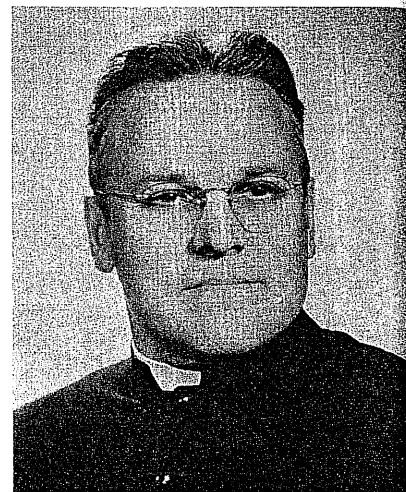


dren at the close of the season always express heartfelt thanks to Brother Giles Martin?

Although this is Brother's Silver Jubilee and he is entitled to a better vacation than usual, we expect that by choice he will spend part of it as a guest at one of the summer camps conducted by the Brothers of Holy Cross.

#### Brother Romanus Ringwelski

As steward of the Chicago house of the Brothers of Holy Cross connected with Holy Trinity High School, Brother Romanus watches over the temporal necessities of his fellow religious with anxious care. In appreciation of his services, we offer him our congratulations on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his Religious Profession and wish him God's graces and guidance in the



way to the fullest realization of his consecrated life.

From the very entrance into the Congregation of Holy Cross on June 20, 1930, Brother Romanus showed a marked capacity for taking pains in fulfilling the requirements of his various assignments. Nor is it an easy disposition to maintain; teaching life seems especially calculated to test and develop this quality, and Community life brings peace in the very depths of one's being only to those who dispose themselves to

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great patience. In the disposition of Divine Providence all events in life, and particularly all the demands of the religious state, offer inexhaustible occasions for the practice of patience, which St. Catherine of Siena calls the nursemaid of all virtues. Therefore, whether Brother Romanus taught at Holy Trinity where he was first stationed from 1935 to 1939, and where he has now been librarian for the past eleven years, or as a teacher at Cathedral High of Indianapolis, at Vincentian Institute of Albany, or at Central Catholic of South Bend, he realized everywhere the truth of the words of the Imitation: "Here men are tried as gold in a furnace." That he persevered to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of his Religious Profession attests to the fidelity with which he cooperated in God's plans.

May the coming years of his religious life bring him an increasing harvest of virtue, merit and inner peace.

### Austin, Texas

Brother Joseph Heisler of Vincent Hall writes about the annual Easter Monday trip that the student Brothers took to San Antonio to visit the Oblates of Mary.

"The bus trip was replete with a little singing, much talking, and spontaneous 'oh's' and 'ah's' concerning the beautiful Texas countryside. We arrived at San Antonio about 10:30, and spent the rest of the morning visiting a few of the historic sites of interest there: the Alamo, the Cathedral, and the site of the future school of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

"By 11:30 we had made our way to the edge of the city to the De Mazened Scholasticate. After renewing old acquaintances and making a few new ones, the Brothers spent the rest of the morning touring the buildings, mission exhibit, retreat house, swimming pool and school. At dinner we were officially welcomed by the Father Superior, who quite graciously pointed out the mutual advantages of our goodwill relations.

"The highlight event of the afternoon was the softball game. It was a real pitcher's 'jewel'. That is to say, it was a gem. Our Brothers took an early lead, but succumbed in the later innings to the spirited Oblate team, and were defeated by a score of 13-10. Others took advantage of the swimming, tennis, and handball facilities.

"We all returned to Austin that evening convinced of being better friends because of days such as these."

### Gates Mills, Ohio

The calendar for Gilmour Academy shows that the students there are hav-

ing a number of activities as the scholastic year draws to a close.

Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, the Dramatic Club under the direction of Brother Ellis Greene presented a three act comedy, *You Can't Take It With You*, in the gymnasium-auditorium.

Tuesday, May 15, Hotel Cleveland will be the scene of the annual student banquet when recognition will be given Gilmour students for scholastic, athletic, and extra-curricular achievements. The guest speaker will be Mr. C. J. Doyle, general sales manager of the Ford Motor Company.

The Gilmour student body will attend performances of *Much Ado About Nothing* on May 17 and 18, at the Cleveland Playhouse Shakespearian Festival.

June 2, Mr. B. M. Houserman, vice president of the E. F. Houserman Co., will speak at the dedication of the new gymnasium and swimming pool.

Sunday, June 3, Mass and Communion Breakfast at nine-thirty o'clock.

Monday, June 4, Baccalaureate Mass at ten o'clock and Commencement Exercises at two o'clock.

Preparations are under way for the Gilmour Day Camp which opens for six weeks on June 25. Brother Ivo Regan, the director, will have a staff of over thirty Brothers from Gilmour Academy and other schools conducted by the Brothers of Holy Cross.

### South Bend, Indiana

St. Joseph's High School is receiving much favorable publicity locally because of the activities of one of its juniors. John Kromkowski, an honor roll student, recently won a national championship in table tennis in New York and has appeared on TV in South Bend several times as a result. Having won local and regional contests previously, on April 22, he won first place in the statewide K. of C. speech contest in Indianapolis. Continuing his winning streak, he was awarded a gold medal for first place in the nationwide essay contest sponsored by the Notre Dame History Teachers' Club. John was a member of the school's undefeated tennis team last year and is captain of that organization this year. For John, the adage: "Nothing succeeds like success," is very true.

Brother Marcian O'Donnell of St. Joseph's High will take part in the annual summer meeting of the Notre Dame History Teachers' Club to be held on the campus of the University July 6, 7, and 8. John Kromkowski is the third pupil whom Brother Kenan Judge has had to win first place in the Club's annual essay contest.

Brother Kenan served as the leader of a group discussing the "Evaluation of the Student Teacher" when the Indiana Unit of the Association for Student

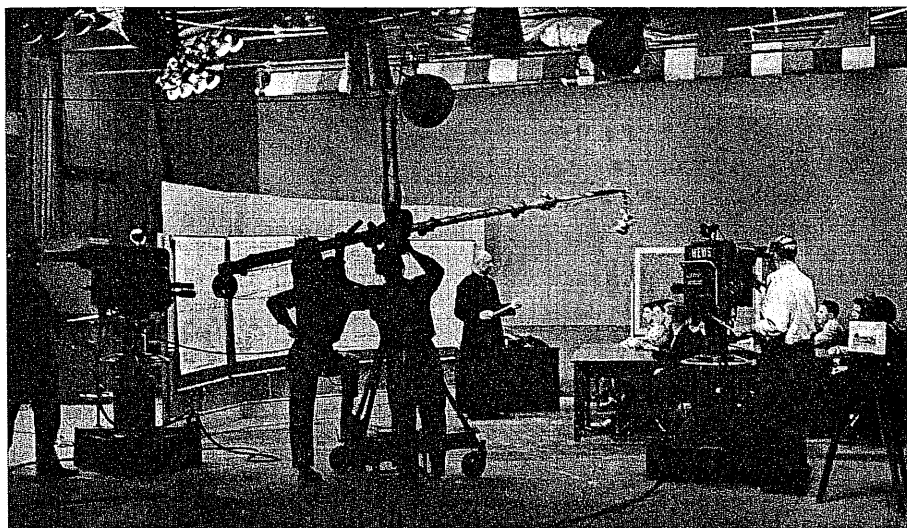
Teaching met Thursday, May 10, on the campus of the University of Notre Dame for its second regional conference.

### Thanks

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### † Requiescant in Pace †

Please pray for the souls of Brother Henri Picot, C.S.C., the father of Brother James MacDonald, the mother of Brother Kieran Ryan, a brother of Brother Kenan Judge, a brother of Brother Valarian McEwan, an aunt of Brother Lionel Light, an uncle of Brother Chrysostom Schaefer, and a nephew of Brother Joachim Reiniche.



April 19, 1956 — Behind the TV scene — WEWS' program, Inside the Catholic Schools

## Class Televised

Brother Stephen Titzer, head of the Commercial Department, at St. Edward High in Lakewood, and a group of his first year bookkeeping students gave a classroom demonstration over Cleveland's WEWS-TV facilities at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 19. During the telecast Brother called attention to bookkeeping errors, their prevention and detection by a practical discussion and demonstration of the checks and precautions that a bookkeeper must exercise at the end of a fiscal period before taking his trial balance and completing the work sheet.

The weekly telecast, Inside the Catholic Schools, is increasing good will toward and appreciation of our Catholic educational system.

### Brooklyn, New York

Friday, April 13, Vincent Murphy, one of Brother Armel Latterell's seventh grade pupils at St. Thomas Aquinas School, won first place in the annual American History Quiz Contest held in the auditorium of Brooklyn College and sponsored by the Flatlands Post 391 of the American Legion. Twenty top-notch youngsters from Brooklyn's public and parochial schools competed for the honor.

The same evening Brother Daniel Redmond's C.Y.O. team took first place in the diocesan division of a swimming meet that was held in Erasmus High School's pool.

The Aquinas Glee Club under the direction of Brother William Babbitt is in demand for parish entertainments.

### Lakewood, Ohio

Brother John C. Federowicz, the librarian at St. Edward High, attended the 25th annual convention of the Catholic Library Association held in Boston, April 2-6. He presented a paper, *Read-*

*ing in the Home—First Aid to Schools*, in which he pointed out some of the causes of poor reading habits and suggested remedies. "Best results," Brother maintains, "are achieved when the school shares its knowledge with the parents, so that their help can be enlisted in improving students' reading habits and abilities."

The convention expressed its appreciation of Brother John's views by electing him for a three year term, 1956-1959, to the Advisory Board.

### Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Tuesday night, April 10, the Notre Dame Club of Milwaukee honored Brother Lawrence Miller, the director of St. Charles Home for Boys, at a testimonial dinner in the Astor Hotel and presented him with a scroll naming him the Notre Dame Man of the Year. *The Milwaukee Sentinel* for April 11, published a picture of Brother Lawrence receiving the award from the Club's officers.

### Long Beach, California

St. Anthony's High enjoyed a year of unprecedented intramural activity following the adoption of the Student Council's five-point program early last fall. The athletic, social, intellectual, cultural, and spiritual activities were particularly successful in engaging the talent of boys not members of the regular school organizations and teams.

Complete round-robin schedules of homeroom teams for upper and lower divisions in volleyball and basketball produced lively competition for the championship trophies and plaques awarded at the end of the season. A track and field day will be the final event on the athletic calendar.

Two variety shows furnished top-rate entertainment for the entire student

body, and a "Pumpkin Prom" was the highlight of the fall social season.

The Student Council with Brother James McDonnell as moderator is considering a monthly Mass for the students, the granting of a scholarship to a needy boy, and the conducting of student court.

### Flushing, New York

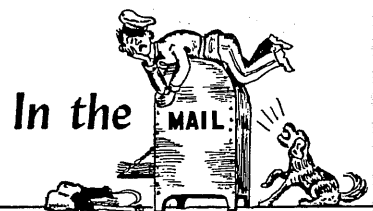
April 18, 19, and 20, the Diocese of Brooklyn used the facilities of Holy Cross High to hold a Vocational Exhibit.

The Holy Cross Women's Guild of Queens is holding its annual card party in the school May 4. The door prizes alone, over 400, are enough to attract capacity attendance. The proceeds of this event will be applied to the furnishings of the school cafeteria, a place dear to healthy hungry youngsters.

At the request of about forty fathers of boys attending Holy Cross High Brother Bertram Madden has invited all the men interested in the school to form a Fathers' Club. Organization meetings were held April 5 and 24.

### Indianapolis, Indiana

Brother Celestis Mueller of the English Department at Cathedral High has accepted an invitation to be one of three judges in a Spelling Bee sponsored by *The Indianapolis Times*.



"Since there were no Catholic schools in C——, I had to go to a public high where only the principal was a man. I envied schoolmates that had him for a teacher. How much better it is now where boys have Catholic high schools of their own and are taught by Brothers, men dedicated to saving their own souls and serving God by teaching awkward adolescents!"

"Just as the Sisters are the most capable of making young ladies out of the girls, so I believe are the Brothers of making Catholic young men out of the boys."

"Received a copy of *The Newsette* and found it interesting. I am eager to receive further issues.

"Being stationed on the Marshall Islands, I find it difficult to obtain much Catholic literature save a few standards that are made available thru the Catholic Chaplain, so I appreciate receiving your publication as well as any other good Catholic literature."

Say three Hail Marys a day for vocation