



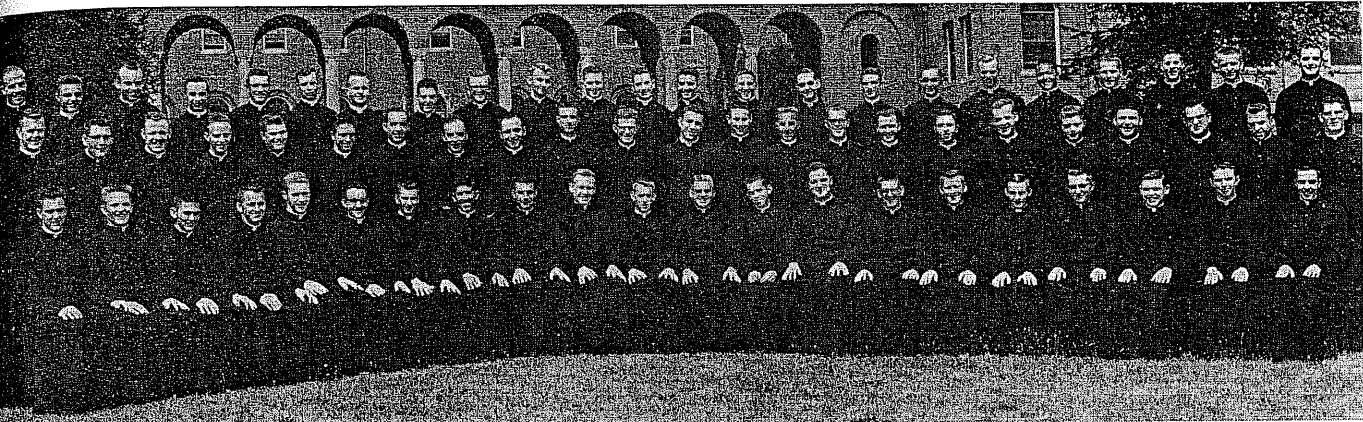
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Sixty-Eight Novices Receive the Habit, August 15, 1957



Left to right, front row: Brothers David Murray, Albany, N. Y.; Donald Tremer, Northridge, Calif.; Joseph Keller, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; John Schuszler, Cleveland, Ohio; William Wickham, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rolland Bissonnette, Danielson, Conn.; John Nicpon, Albany, N. Y.; Severino Sanchez, La Feria, Texas; Francis Servadio, Encino, Calif.; Denis Munson, Eddy, Mont.; William Herman, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; Richard Warth, Canton, Ohio; William Sheehan, Detroit, Mich.; John Reiher, Newark, N. J.; Earl Chandler, Evansville, Ind.; Richard Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Michael Roper, West Haven, Conn.; Joseph Meyer, Sidney, Ohio; Brennan Dinan, Flushing, N. Y.; Thomas Cunningham, Geneva, Minn.; and John Donague, Taunton, Mass.

Second row: Brothers David Reedy, Westminster, Md.; John May, Maybee,

Mich.; John Judge, Hollywood, Calif.; Richard Schroeck, Erie, Pa.; Robert Nebus, South Amboy, N. J.; Daniel Zerfas, Northridge, Calif.; Edward Heller, South Orange, N. J.; Michael Socash, Valencia, Pa.; Anthony Deliberti, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles Martinez, North Hollywood, Calif.; Richard Probst, Wyandotte, Mich.; David Spillane, New Haven, Conn.; Norman West, Van Nuys, Calif.; James Bluma, Green Bay, Wis.; Michael Adams, Burbank, Calif.; Collyn Missey, St. Louis, Mo.; Richard Kliniski, Meriden, Conn.; Thomas Buckley, Bronx, N. Y.; Thomas Scheurer, Mankato, Minn.; Anthony Fadale, North Hollywood, Calif.; Harold La Chapelle, Turner Falls, Mass.; Michael Dudley, Newhall, Calif., and Joseph Jordan, Conway, Ark.

Top row: Brothers Donald Bailer, Chicago, Ill.; Joseph Graziano, Albany, N. Y.; Frederick Dunn, Sherman Oaks, Calif.;

Lawrence Lussier, Cohoes, N. Y.; John Lenaway, Creve Coeur, Ill.; Paul Coats, Downey, Calif.; John Kukora, Weehawken, N. J.; Gilbert Pretto, New York, N. Y.; Donald Moose, Carlisle, Pa.; Richard Daly, Los Angeles, Calif.; Robert Reilly, Albany, N. Y.; Francis Feeley, New York, N. Y.; Robert Lomupo, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Walter Gluhm, Hamilton, Ohio; Stanley Arbach, Scranton, Pa.; John Carington, Kansas City, Kans.; Jerome Meyer, Cleveland, Ohio; Michael Medley, New Haven, Conn.; Herbert Perkins, Los Angeles, Calif.; Donald Fleischhacker, Chicago, Ill.; Gerald McCormick, Detroit, Mich.; Donald Schapker, Evansville, Ind.; and George Yuska, Sayre, Pa.

Absent from picture: Brother Nickolas Piano, Erie, Pa.

Novices Enter and Advance

St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, was the scene of a double ceremony, August 15 and 16. Father William J. McAuliffe, C.S.C., presided and celebrated a High Mass at both exercises: conferring the religious habit, August 15, on those who were beginning their novitiate; and receiving the temporary vows, August 16, of those who had just finished their first year of formal training in the religious life. Father Richard H. Sullivan, C.S.C., who had conducted an eight day retreat for both groups, also preached during the two High Masses.

After each ceremony there was a luncheon for visiting friends and relatives.

In the group entering the Novitiate, twenty of the Brothers are from the Midwest Province, twenty from the

South-West Vice-Province, and twenty-eight from the Eastern Vice-Province.

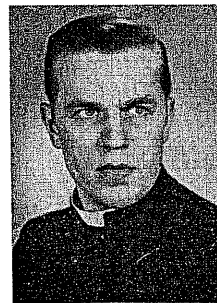
In the class which left the Novitiate after pronouncing for one year their vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience in the Congregation of Holy Cross, sixteen of the Brothers are members of the Midwest Province, six of the South-West Vice-Province, and twenty-five of the Eastern Vice-Province.

After spending a few days at Notre Dame, twenty-nine of the newly professed Brothers went to Vincent Hall in Austin, Texas, to continue their studies at St. Edward's University. The remaining eighteen are now residents of Dujarie Hall and are attending the University of Notre Dame.

Brother Receives Doctorate

Brother La Salle Woelfel, Chairman of the Division of Business Administra-

tion of St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy last June.

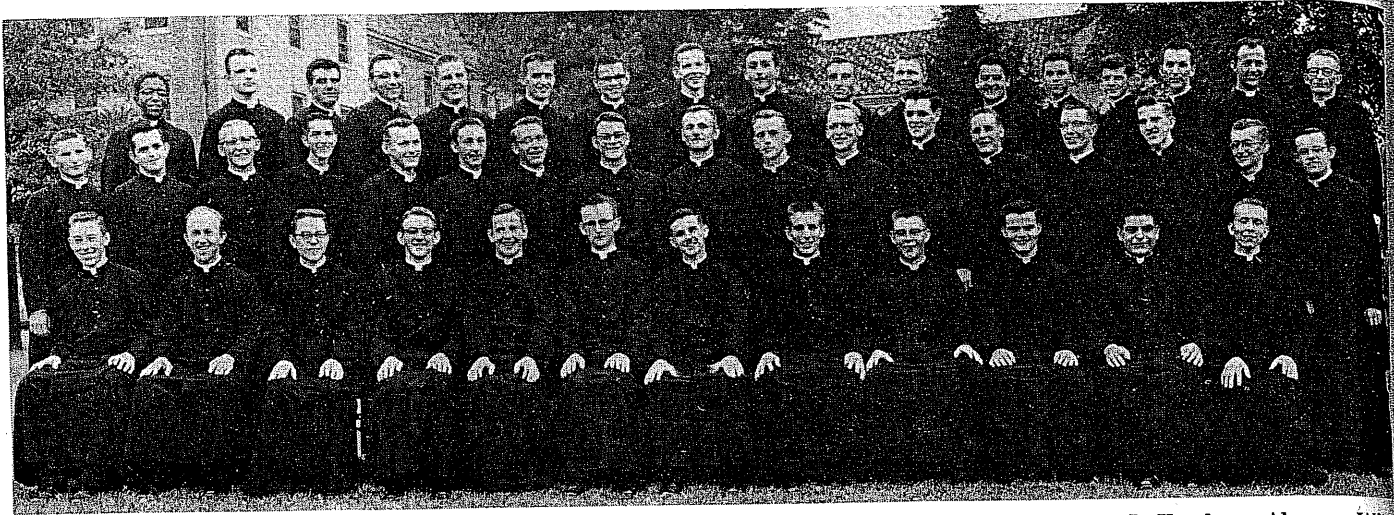


The degree was won at the University of Texas in accounting, finance and marketing, and his dissertation on "A Comparative Study of Certain Accounting Insti-

tutions and Practices in England and the United States" is soon to be published in "Dissertation Abstracts."

Brother La Salle holds a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame, an M.A. from Butler University, and had earned a CPA rating from the University of Texas three years ago.

Forty-Seven Brothers Pronounce Their First Vows, August 16, 1957



Left to right, front row: Brothers Harold L. Qualters, Mansfield, Mass.; Alexander T. Stroz, Philadelphia, Pa.; John W. Aubry, Ottawa, Ill.; Peter A. Martin, Rochester, N. Y.; Robert W. Anderson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Edward C. Fogarty, University City, Mo.; John F. Birch, Attleboro, Mass.; Ralph B. Baird, Detroit, Mich.; James M. Taylor, Menands, N. Y.; Kenneth A. Lippincott, Menands, N. Y.; Paul F. Rahaim, Quincy, Mass.; and Walter M. Kramar, Jr., New Haven, Conn.

Second row: Brothers George B. Mitchell, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Timothy J. Kelly, Worcester, Mass.; Anthony L. Perowitz, Flint, Mich.; Joseph L. Fellman, Ottumwa,

Iowa; Thomas M. Shaughnessy, Rocky River, O.; James L. Trudell, Detroit, Mich.; Joseph W. Harris, Hartford, Conn.; James E. Guswiler, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Robert J. Pluta, Trenton, N. J.; Michael M. Hauser, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Donald J. Lavey, Syracuse, N. Y.; Timothy J. O'Connell, Chicago, Ill.; Edward P. Schenk, Chicago, Ill.; Leo D. Rathbun, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Gerald D. Meyer, Eau Claire, Wis.; Francis J. Ensign, Albany, N. Y.; and Francis L. Leary, Fall River, Mass.

Top row: Brothers Frederick J. Williams, Charleston, S. C.; Robert J. Kolinski, Chicago, Ill.; Robert T. Herbst, Jersey City, N. J.; Francis J. Killoy, New Haven,

Conn.; Joseph J. Kumhera, Almena, Wis.; John R. Skoda, Brownsville, Pa.; Robert M. Keyler, Indianapolis, Ind.; Hugh J. McCabe, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Francis P. Roosaert, Cleveland, Ohio; Richard L. Kowalkowski, San Francisco, Calif.; John F. Nownes, Jr., Van Nuys, Calif.; Chester A. Chrusciel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joseph J. Miles, St. Francis, Ky.; Joseph R. Zilinski, Little Amboy, N. J.; Robert V. Rexroth, Littleton, Pa.; Timothy J. Knightly, Somerville, Mass.; and Richard L. Eckhardt, Beaver Falls, Pa.

Absent from picture: Brother Timothy J. Coyle, Lebanon, Pa.

Brother Ralph Legath Dies in Albany

On May 31, 1957, the Holy Cross Brothers lost one of their most active and promising young men when Brother



Ralph Legath died of acute leukemia. Brother Ralph was stricken at the age of 28 while preparing to leave as a missionary for Pakistan, where he longed to devote his energy to the service of God's poor. When it became clear that God was not

going to allow him to fulfill his desire to be a missionary, Brother Ralph, in a spirit of complete detachment, accepted the will of God. As he lay on the hospital bed, he said, "If this is where God wants me, it's all right with me."

In his three years of teaching at Vincentian Institute in Albany, Brother Ralph attracted a host of friends. To his fellow-religious, he was an example of boundless energy, a willing helper in any endeavor and an endless source of mirth and merriment. Everyone who

shared his company had his heart lightened and his spirits lifted. He literally chased gloom by his very presence and his flow of wit became legendary. To the students in his classes, he was a fascinating and appealing personality. He stirred them to greater efforts and was a constant delight with his unpredictable and unorthodox approach to the usually dull business of teaching. To the priests, Sisters and parents, Brother Ralph was a man to remember. Having met him once, they never forgot his cheerful greeting and bubbling spirit.

Having shown so often that he knew the right way to live, Brother Ralph also showed he knew the right way to die. From the moment he was called from the classroom and told to go to the hospital until he drew his final breath four weeks later, he accepted the will of God with cheerful resignation. His attitude was a constant inspiration to those around him. He remained calm and content to the very end, perfectly satisfied that he was in God's hands and that God knew what was best for him. He died quietly and peacefully, with his parents at his bedside, giving their son to God once more, as they did when Brother Ralph pronounced his vows as a religious.

Say three Hail Marys a day for vocations.

Father Wendell P. Corcoran, C.S.C., Dies

Father Wendell P. Corcoran, C.S.C., the beloved chaplain of Columba Hall, died August 22, in St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, Ind. He had undergone a major operation, apparently successful a few days previously and seemed to be on the road to recovery. Although Father was well prepared, death came as a surprise to those who knew him well.

Father Corcoran's life as a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross extended over half a century and was very active. During the twenty-two years he served on the Notre Dame Mission Band, he preached and administered the Sacraments in numerous parishes throughout

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the United States. In 1934 he started Christ the King parish in Roseland. Three years later he was transferred to South Bend, to St. Joseph's parish, then heavily in debt. From 1946 until 1949, he was pastor of St. Patrick's. As pastor of these South Bend parishes, he managed not only to wipe out all debts but also to keep the church property in good repair and to make improvements. He also encouraged his friends and parishioners to take an active interest in every project that was for the public welfare. Frequently and generously his aid was extended to our Brothers teaching in Central Catholic, now St. Joseph's High, in South Bend.

Since 1950 Father Corcoran has been chaplain at Columba Hall. By his services and kindness he endeared himself to every member of the house. Our memory of him extends over forty years. As a young priest he more than once gave us a hard time playing baseball against us. In recent years he seemed to get just as much a kick out of sending something to our Brothers on foreign missions, or of blessing some article for



Our picture shows him a year ago blessing the air conditioner in the chapel.

To Select Prize Book

The High School section of the Catholic Library Association has appointed Brother John of the Cross Federowicz, librarian at Holy Trinity High, Chicago, one of the three high school librarians to survey this year's books for young people, and to select therefrom one book to receive the Christopher Award. This award is intended to be an annual honor conferred for the book of the year, Catholic or not, which best exemplifies the Christopher ideal, as outlined by Father James Keller, M.M., national director of the Christophers. Heretofore the Christopher Award has been given to adult books only. By extending the appraisal to young people's books, the best efforts of those authors and publishers will be stimulated. Because the prize is not restricted to Catholic publications, the Christopher Award may become as significant in the junior literary world as the Newbery and Alderott medals.

Publishers who wish to submit specimen copies will obtain complete details in the *Publisher's Weekly* and from the national office of the Catholic Library Association.

Before coming to Trinity this fall, Brother John served five years as Librarian at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, where he was active in the unique Diocesan Library Association of Cleveland, initially as its first president and more recently as editor of its *Book Review Bulletin*, which in its four years has become widely accepted in the profession.

Farm Discontinues Dairying

After sixty or more years spent in the dairy business, the Brothers at St. Joseph's Farm, Notre Dame, Indiana, will auction off 150 head of pure-bred Holstein cattle on October 17. After that date, the Brothers will make whatever changes necessary to get into the beef cattle business.

The reason that prompts the Brothers to discontinue the dairy business at St. Joseph's Farm is the difficulty of managing the dairy with little or no prospects of help in the future. The problem of labor on the farm has become acute in recent years.

St. Joseph Farm has existed since July 3, 1867. It consists of 1,500 acres of rich muck soil. The land is ideal for raising grain and hay, hogs and cattle. The Brothers have received high recognition for their fine dairy cattle in recent years, especially the Progressive Breeders' Registry Award, a highly coveted honor among members of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

In the Mail

From one of the Brooklyn Auxiliaries: "I asked the former president if we couldn't spare some money out of the treasury for *The Newsette*. She said that we couldn't right now because Valatie is our project. So we thought of another plan and this is it. Each meeting the box is passed around and we ask the women to empty their pennies into it. One month I collected two dollars, and another three. As time goes on it will be more and more. One woman went so far as to tell me her husband is saving his pennies now for Brother Gerard. Pennies don't sound like much, but when the idea catches on—gosh, you'll be wealthy, I hope!"

Your president is right. We wouldn't want to cut in on the Valatie project. Thanks for pitching your pennies to us for "The Newsette." Our last printing was seven thousand copies.

Thanks

During the summer we received \$336.00, enough to pay for this issue, from the following: *Arkansas*, Mr. R. E. Philbin; *California*, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Atall, Mrs. J. Brunk, Mr. and Mrs. L. Callahan, Mrs. L. D. Hampton, Mrs. T. Kesemann, Mrs. M. Martin, Mrs. F. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Tate; *Colorado*, Mr. E. A. Tomko; *Connecticut*, Mrs. E. G. Brown, V. Rev. L. J. Corbett, S.S.E., Mr. and Mrs. J. Klinski, Mrs. G. Santa Lucia; *Florida*, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker, Mrs. M. Rebholz; *Illinois*, Mrs. A. Grezczyk, Mrs. G. J. Kelly, Mrs. P. Kelly, Mr. E. Lee, Sr., Mr. J. Newberry, Mr. and Mrs. A. Shea; *Indiana*, B. R. Bullinger, Mr. and Mrs. P. Cheany, Mrs. Z. DeVliegher, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gottmoller, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Haering, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hannel, Mr. A. J. Migala, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Paczesny, Mrs. G. C. Tilley; *Iowa*, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dolan, Mr. and Mrs. F. Drahozal, Mr. M. Endres; *Kentucky*, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bright; *Massachusetts*, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bosek, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Clarke, Mr. W. Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hines, Mrs. T. J. Kelly, Mrs. E. M. Leary, Mr. H. Pelchat; *Michigan*, Mr. and Mrs. N. Foley, Mr. and Mrs. L. La Forge, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Leik, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. D. Titzer; *Missouri*, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Krus; *New Jersey*, Mrs. A. J. Berchtold, Miss E. M. Brown, Mr. E. P. Heller, Mrs. A. McHenry, Mrs. A. Petrucci; *New York*, Mrs. E. Agramonte, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Chruscial, Mrs. C. V. Franke, H.C.W.G. of Q., Mrs. G. Jaworsky, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kaufold, Mr. B. Kelly, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lippincott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nilan, Mrs. L. Porfidio, Mrs. D. J. Redmond, St. Thomas Auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. F. Schuck, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tracey; *Ohio*, Mr. J. F. Beasley, Mr. R. M. Boutton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Braun, Mr. F. A. Bruno, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Clarke, Mr. R. De Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. English, Mr. T. Faber, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fitz, Mr. F. Flaherty, Mr. E. S. Hancock, Mr. J. Hempel, Mr. M. Horrigan, Mrs. E. McGory, Mr. L. N. Nudo, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rusnak; *Pennsylvania*, Mr. and Mrs. D. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. C. Coyle, Mrs. C. Loeffler, Mr. and Mrs. M. Purzycki, Mrs. M. Romanak; *Texas*, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McGannon; *Washington*, Mr. R. Schoenfield, *Wisconsin*, Mr. and Mrs. W. Benesh, Mrs. E. E. Chady, Mrs. S. Lyons, and Mrs. D. Warnke.

Thanks again. It's a relief to be able to start a new year without running in debt.

Father Moreau, Founder of Holy Cross

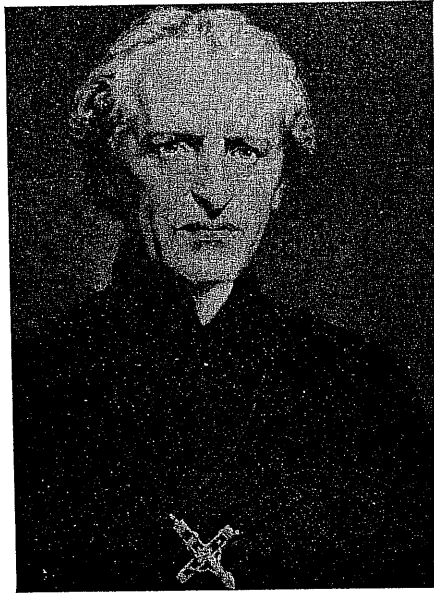
Two thick volumes totaling 2,124 pages in the English translation make up the definitive biography written by eminent French historians of the Founder of Holy Cross. The glimpse of the story given here will serve to introduce to students taught by Holy Cross Religious this great priest who was, is, and remains the outstanding figure in the Congregation.

Ninth in a family of fourteen children, Basil Anthony Mary Moreau was born on February 11, 1799, and lived in a hamlet near Le Mans, a town in north-central France. His father, a wine merchant, and his mother—whose tasks included working the fields, kept their household staunchly Catholic even as the Faith elsewhere in France weakened. Poor, loving, close-knit were the Moreaus, but rich in Catholic life. Basil's qualities of mind and spirit quickly singled him out, the parish priest put him to studying Latin and the classics even as the boy tended his father's cows, and when the lad was fifteen, sent him to a preparatory seminary sixty miles away. Following other years in the major seminary in Le Mans, Basil Moreau was ordained priest on August 21, 1821, by dispensation a year before he reached the canonical age—commentary enough on his character and ever-deepening virtue. That very night—the parish priest being indisposed—the young priest of twenty-three was roused from bed to make a sick call nine miles away, forshadowing in this first pastoral act of his priesthood his future mission as Founder of the Auxiliary Priests of Le Mans. (Fifty years later, incidentally, his last pastoral ministrations was once again to take a sick priest's place.)

Because the Bishop wanted Abbe Moreau to teach future priests, he was sent to study with the Sulpicians in Paris, and there he discovered his lifetime spiritual guide, M. Mollevaut. After two years of study, prayer, and the solitude he always longed for, Father Moreau became professor of philosophy in a seminary at Tesse; later, in the Le Mans seminary, he taught dogmatic theology and Holy Scripture, became an honorary canon of the cathedral and eventually the busy assistant of the seminary's rector. Destined to teach, the young Abbe felt strong and constant attraction for preaching and work in poor country places. As always, he continued to discipline himself severely, strove to root out every fault, and used every moment to increase his union with God. His eloquent preaching soon earned him a national reputation, his skill in the classroom earned respect and attention, and his talent for organiza-

tion proved more than valuable. Early in his career came the first of his foundations—a monastery of Good Shepherd nuns for Le Mans (an affair that drew upon his head the ire of a presently canonized saint in the course of events worthy of a novel, involving letters written in France, buried in New Orleans, and unearthed at Notre Dame University a century later that providentially clear much clouded air). Growing all the while in Father Moreau's mind was a plan for Auxiliary Priests to assist the parish clergy, and even as the project began taking shape, he became the welcome mentor of a community called the Brothers of St. Joseph that had been founded twenty years earlier by Father James Dujarie in the nearby town of Ruillé.

Early in his career Abbe Moreau had recognized the value of thorough intellectual training for priests, not only



in theology, but in the sciences. He introduced, for example, a course in physics for the Le Mans seminarians, and the Auxiliary Priests he planned were to have good teaching as one of their aims; giving retreats and missions were others. By August, 1835, Father Moreau had gathered about him six young ecclesiastics and organized the society known as the Auxiliary Priests of Le Mans. The first outline of their Rule was drawn up during a retreat the Abbe and his little band made at La Grande Trappe of Mortagne (Father Moreau loved and often made retreats at Trappist monasteries), and he later liked reminding the Abbot of La Trappe: "Holy Cross began in your monastery."

Meanwhile, the Brothers of St. Joseph under the aging and ailing Father Dujarie turned to Father Moreau for help in reorganizing and reforming their community, which threatened to fall apart

under serious strains. Unable to continue as Superior, Father Dujarie signed at a moving ceremony pre- over by the Bishop, and Father Moreau became the Superior of the Brothers. Thus, on August 31, 1835, the Brothers came fully into Father Moreau's care, and no less saintly hands, the same as did the Auxiliary Priests.

Now enters a name—taken whole in its parts—that looms so large in Holy Cross history: Notre Dame de Sainte-Croix. Ten years after Father Moreau was ordained, a certain Canon de gave him a house on property known familiarly for centuries as Notre-Dame and located in a suburb of Le Mans called Sainte-Croix. From the beginning "Our Lady of Holy Cross," thus came the official title of the community. Father Moreau was about to form the Congregation of Holy Cross.

(To be continued)

Father Simmons, who has a Ph.D. in Latin and teaches at Holy Cross Seminary, Notre Dame, Indiana, tells: "For the past several years we have found that boys entering the seminary from schools taught by the Brothers of Holy Cross are well instructed in the sciences. None of them have to repeat courses which the Brothers have given them credit. A few of your boys, especially those from the Los Angeles area, are superior students."

Thanks. Unsolicited comments like these are encouraging. Brothers are pleased to have their students in our seminaries.

Mrs. Martin, a member of the Holy Cross parial parish in Indianapolis was beyond reckoning. One morning she was coming into the church and I was going out of it, I held the door open for her. As she passed me she bowed and was whispering, "May Saints Peter and Paul open the gates of heaven for ye!"

+ Requiescant in Pa

Please pray for the souls of the late Paul E. Beaudoin, C.S.C.; Rev. Fr. Charron, C.S.C.; Rev. Wendell J. Coran, C.S.C.; Rev. Michael J. Jedynski, C.S.C.; Brother Ralph J. C.S.C.; Brother Rosaire Simard, C.S.C.; the fathers of Brother Leo Hogarty, Brother Donan Johnroe, and Brother Andrew Trimble; a brother and a sister, Brother Clarence LeMire; a brother, Brother Reginald Justak, and of Brother Thomas Sweet; a sister of Brother barr Buckley; a grandfather of Brother James Burke; a grandmother of Brother Jerome Quella; an aunt of Brother Capistran Bylancik, and of Brother George Duffy.