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Seventeen Pronounce Vows



Left to right. Seated: Brothers Paul Kelly, Robert Fillmore, Vincent Gross, Joseph Schulz, Brian Waldron, Anthony Reilly, Ronald Smith (Eastern Prov.), and William Bried (Eastern Prov.). Standing: Brothers John Kukora (Eastern Prov.), Thomas Jones, Bernard Wieseler (Southwest Prov.), Donald Guardiola, David Rice (Southwest Prov.), Richard Warth, John Kavanaugh, Robert Raible (Eastern Prov.), and William Farrell (Eastern Prov.).

Seventeen Brother-novices completed their novitiate training and pronounced their first, or temporary, religious vows on January 26, at St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. Ten of these newly professed belong to the Midwest province, four to the South-West, and two to the East. Celebrant for the profession ceremonies was Rev. Felix Duffey, C.S.C., the novitiate chaplain.

Ghana, West Africa

From a letter of Brother Rex Hennel, headmaster of St. John's School in Sekondi, Ghana, we lift the following excerpts:

"We understand you have been enjoying wonderful zero weather and snow. Over here it's been about 90° during the day, a cool 80° at night. . . . Rest assured that the intentions of all our friends and benefactors were remembered in the Novena of Masses we had said for them during Christmas time. . . . It's hard to realize that our first year in Ghana has passed. Now the things that seemed so strange when we first arrived are taken for granted. When I came to Ghana, it was no problem to find something interesting to write home about, but now it's a question of digging up newsworthy bits. . . ."

Brothers' Choir Ends Busy Season

After three months of rehearsals, the Dujarie Hall choir, composed of Brother-scholastics and directed by Brother Daniel Kane, gave a series of concerts during the Christmas holidays in the South Bend area. The program was in two parts, sacred and secular. Performances were given one Saturday afternoon for Sisters at Notre Dame Convent, Notre Dame, on the next Tuesday night for the patients and staff at St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend, at Dujarie Hall itself for Brothers at or near Notre Dame, and last, for the Moreau seminarians who came to Dujarie for a Christmas Carnival.

The Dujarie choir sang for Midnight Mass at St. Pius X parish, a few miles from Notre Dame.

The Chicago Auxiliary of the Brothers of Holy Cross will meet on March 15 at 3:00 P.M., at Marillac House, Chicago. A Day of Recollection will be planned, a vote on changing the name of the Auxiliary taken, and returns on the current fund-raising project made. Refreshments will be served after the business meeting.

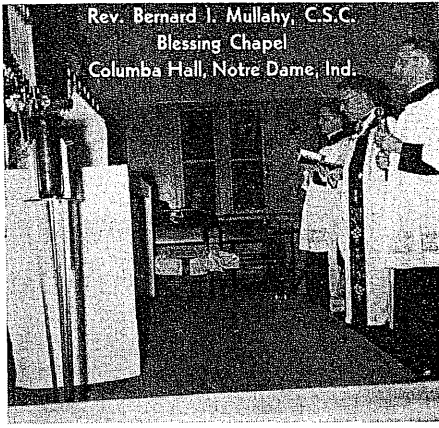
A Missionary Thanks You

Brother Jude Costello, superior of the Brothers in East Pakistan, writes to thank all of you who have sent gifts to our missionaries. "You would be repaid a thousand times," he said, "for your trouble if you could see the smiles of joy on the faces of the Brothers as they opened their Christmas packages. The books we're to send to Bandura will have to wait until the rains stop; the roads are too muddy to get anyplace right now."

Mrs. Arthur Enk, of Chicago, is a most active member of the Brothers' Chicago Auxiliary. We presume she will not mind if we quote an excerpt from her recent note to the Newsette:

"Enclosed you will find \$3.00 to help keep up the good work of the Newsette and its interesting stories about the Brothers and the work they do. I have kept every copy of the paper we have received since November, 1949, when the first one was sent us. They are very informative."

The Ladies Auxiliary of Central Catholic High, Monroe, Michigan, held a card party in January, laid plans for a "Fish Fry" on February 27, and raised \$100 to begin its Brother Stanislaus Memorial Fund.



The Blessing of the new Chapel at Columba Hall, took place on January 15, 1959, with the Rev. Bernard I. Mullahy, C.S.C., Assistant Provincial of the Indiana Province, officiating. Besides the regular house members, some thirty Priests and Brothers from various other houses at Notre Dame attended the dedication.

Lent Means Sacrifice

Just as athletes undergo training to develop their bodies, so Catholics observe the Lenten season to strengthen their souls. Neither athlete nor Christian find pure joy in self-denial, perhaps, because it means work and sacrifice, but the rewards are worth it.

One way to make Lenten sacrifice and penance doubly beneficial is to offer them for a special intention—for a personal need, or for those of the Church. The missions, for instance, need your prayers and sacrifices. Think of the leprosarium where poor lepers start lining up at four o'clock in the morning to have their bandages changed because the missionary Sister's daily supply runs out early. Or consider the Church in South America or the Philippines where there's only one priest for every ten thousand people, unlike the USA's one priest per thousand. 83% of the Philippines' Catholics die without the Last Sacraments because of the scarcity of priests. Think of Burma, where no new missionaries may now enter; or Pakistan, where the government is restricting the missionaries' import of supplies; or, indeed, of the entire Far East, where Communists hamper the Church, imprison and torture and kill the missionaries.

Yes, there is no lack of intentions for our Lenten sacrifices.

A Note

Use commemorative stamps on your letters whenever possible. Schools, convents, mission groups, etc., collect such stamps—more valuable than regular types—to sell for the missions. Cancelled commemorative stamps can be sold to dealers for about 40c a hundred.

Letter From Ghana

"During the closing months of 1958, we were visited by Brothers Donatus and Elmo, and by Father Mehling. The latter's visit occasioned a day at the beach and a swim in the surf for us. Brother Donatus' visit, among other things, gave us TNT—a tour of the Northern Territories, since he directed each of us to spend a week away from the house to rest. Brother Rex decided to go to Accra, Brother Jerome to Axim—the Prime Minister's birthplace, and Brothers William, Donald, and Eduardo to the Northern Territories. This last was an exploratory trip, so we expected hardships.

"Our trip in the northern area covered almost 2,000 miles, and we visited such strangely named places as Kumasi, Kokofu, Berekum, Techiman, Tamale, Ga, Wa, Nandom (where there was a Marian Congress a couple of months ago), Navrongo, and Bogatanga.

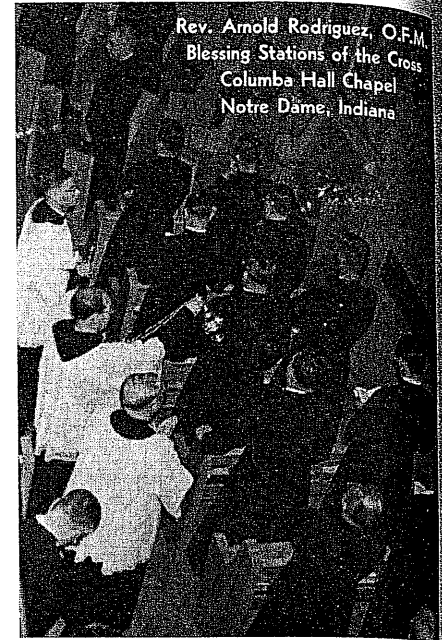
"The generosity of the missionaries we met was a wonderful tonic. We were guests of the S.M.A. Society, the Medical Missionary Sisters, and the White Fathers, in turn. One often hears that the Northern Territories of Ghana have a sub-standard economy, sterile soil, and women dressed in tree branches. What is not often mentioned is that thousands of Ghana's staunchest Catholics live there, spreading good influence among their pagan neighbors. The White Fathers are doing a wonderful work in this area; we visited nearly all their missions and were treated royally. What impressed us most was the White Fathers' efforts to establish a native brotherhood.

"Thanks from all of us to the generous friends of Holy Cross for the trunks packed with supplies sent us for Christmas."

Brother Eduardo Michalik, C.S.C.
St. John School,
Sekondi, Ghana, West Africa

- The Brother Scholastics at Dujarie Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, invite you to save cancelled stamps (commemoratives, foreign, any priced at five cents or up) for the missions, and to send them to Dujarie. The cancelled stamps are sold to dealers, and the profits go to our missions abroad.

- Shortly after Christmas Brother Dominic Elder met with other Holy Cross religious at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, all of whom serve on a committee drawing up a series of conferences based on ideals of the spiritual life as outlined by the Constitutions of the Congregation. The Priests and Brothers on the committee came to the



The Foreign Missions

Four Priests of Holy Cross recently took over a mission territory in western Uganda which has been accepted by the Congregation. Superior of the group is Father Vincent McCauley, and his associates are Fathers Francis D. Zagorc, Robert T. Hesse, both of the Indiana Province, and Father Burton E. Smith, from the Eastern Province.

Holy Cross and Foreign Missions

Browsing through the National Catholic Almanac one day, I came upon an almost forgotten historical fact about Holy Cross and the missions. The very first American missionaries to go to a foreign country were two diocesan priests and a lay catechist who went to Liberia in 1841. The first religious community in America to send missionaries to foreign lands was the young Congregation of Holy Cross, founded in 1837, and established in the U. S. in 1840. From Notre Dame, Indiana, a Priest, Brother, and Sister of Holy Cross were sent to Bengal in 1852 to join other Holy Cross religious from France already working there.

Foreign missions were dear to Father Moreau's heart and were one reason for his founding the Congregation. He longed to serve personally in the foreign missions, but his duties at home prevented it. Though his Priests and Brothers were sorely needed in France and Europe, he sent some of them to America in 1841 when this country was still mission territory.

Brother John of the Cross, C.S.C. Seminary at the invitation of the Superior there, Rev. Paul B. Rankin C.S.C.

Akron, Ohio

Though Christmas is past, the News- wants to note that the boys at Bishop Hoban High collected over 1000 cans of food which were given to the poor in Akron and Lorain during the holidays. . . . Brother Noel Manak, the principal, was a panelist at the NCCW's Akron deanery discussion of family life; Hoban High's Chess Club is a deanery affiliate.

Chicago, Illinois

Boys at Holy Trinity High have been urged to pledge their Lenten sacrifices and penances for the benefit of some common intention. Pledges may be a specified number of sacrifices, prayers, good works, or merely a pledge covering all one's Lenten penances. As far as possible these pledges will be accepted, then forwarded to the missionary concerned.

For the first time in the school's history a group of juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society, after which these boys and their parents were guests of the Brotherhood at a luncheon. . . . A fire inspection of 1100 Chicago schools revealed that fewer than 150 were in Class I standards for freedom from fire hazards. Holy Trinity is included among Class I schools. . . . Brothers from all regions are working in Chicago were invited to the Holy Cross Brothers in Chicago recently for a supper and the performance of the school play.

• Monroe, Michigan

At Catholic Central High recently, students' parents came one evening to follow their sons' schoolday schedule, devoted ten minutes to each class period. After the sessions, the parents met to talk with the respective teachers.

. . . A feature in the school library is a picture gallery of former principals, and CC alumni who are now Brothers of Holy Cross, major seminarians, or ordained priests. Pictures of Michigan bishops hang in the gallery as well. . . . Brothers at CC were hosts for a science workshop day for Monroe county's Catholic grade school teachers, the workshop consisting of five full-length classes, plus a discussion period. . . . Three one-day retreats are to replace the usual 3-day retreat for CC boys, the single day retreats to precede Christmas, Easter, and graduation, respectively.

• Thanks From East Pakistan

A note from Brother Jude, superior of Brothers in the East Pakistan missions, reads as follows: "A thank you note from all of us for the many things that were sent us without labels. We are not able to thank all the donors because their names were not on the articles sent. We want to thank the Ave Maria also for their part in the book campaign. The Brothers are especially pleased, too, with all the fine books sent us by Brothers John of the Cross and Bede."

• Terre Haute, Indiana

At Father Gibault School for Boys, Brother Merle McGrane's herd of Holstein cattle added to its laurels a gold certificate of merit for the herd sire, and a bronze certificate for the milking herd, both awarded by the Indiana Dairy Association. This is the third consecutive year Gibault's herd has been so honored. . . . Gibault boys and Brothers sent a spiritual bouquet to Chicago's Superintendent of Catholic Schools for all the parents, children, and Sisters involved in the tragic Our Lady of the Angels school fire. . . . Father Thomas Culhane, C.S.C., Gibault chaplain, addressed seniors at a Terre Haute public school on the subject, "Christmas customs among the Mexicans," a subject he knows well from his years of experience in the Texas missions.

• Brother Charles Hill and Brother Patrick Ruram are guiding the electrical work installation for the new Staff building being erected at Notre Dame College, Dacca, East Pakistan.

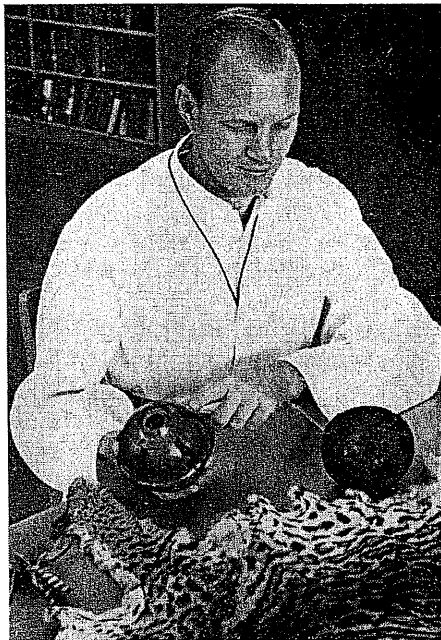
• During Brother Donatus' provincial visitation to Ghana, West Africa, he had the pleasure of attending the baptismal ceremony of eighteen Ghana boys from the Brothers' school in Sekondi. Brother William Gates prepared these boys for baptism, which took place in the Mission Church in Sekondi. In the afternoon Brother's Legion of Mary group held a party for the newly baptized youngsters, at which the Brother Provincial gave a short talk.

Nineteen Receive Religious Habit

At reception ceremonies on January 25, nineteen young men received the religious habit of the Brothers of Holy Cross and completed the canonical period of novitiate training in preparation for taking their first vows in the Congregation. The ceremonies took place at St. Joseph Novitiate for fourteen new novice-Brothers of the Midwest province, and five of the South- province.



From left to right. First row: Brothers Gregory Teodecki, David Baltrinic, Lawrence Unfried, Joseph Rode, James Gleeson, James Wirth, James Kumba, James Johnson. Second row: Brothers Thomas Moser, Thomas Queisser, Gerald Lowry (SW), James Berry, Thomas Friel, Donald Cox (SW), Richard Bergner (SW), David Boyington (SW), Gerald Liston, Robert Beyer (SW).



Missionary

Brother Julius Wadekamper, C.S.C.

In the picture above, Brother Julius Wadekamper holds two pods of Brazil nuts, the right one the original shell and the left, a shell whittled away to reveal the 18 to 20 nuts inside. The spotted leopard-like skin is the hide of a *maracaja*, a dog-sized wildcat.

Brother Julius is one of the nine Brothers teaching at the Ginasio Dom Amando, in Santarem, Brazil. After two months in the States, he flew back to Brazil on February 17. He pointed out that when he left Santarem two months ago the temperature was 90 degrees, but in Faribault, Minnesota, where he arrived for a home visit a

day or two later, it was 17 degrees below zero.

In all the schools of the Midwest he visited recently, Brother Julius trailed clouds of enthusiasm, as it were, for his Brazilian assignment. Santarem has only 20,000 people, not even the wealthiest of whom live in houses comparable to those on the most average American street. The students at the Ginasio, he explained, work hard, study eleven subjects in each term (the classes in each are held three or four times weekly), and maintain high standards.

Brother Julius has a keen interest in Brazilian artifacts and has personally picked up some ceramics of the Tapuiucas Indians who lived in the Santarem area about 500 years ago.

The school in Brazil is a project of the South-West Province of the Brothers; there are six Brothers there from that province, two from the Midwest, and one from the East.

Though it is a cliché to say it, Brother Julius is as happy with his Brazilian assignment as a child with a new toy. Everyone who met him during his Stateside visit felt some of this enthusiasm rub off, and as a Godspeed there was only one thing to say to the Brazil-bound missionary: Viva Ginasio! Viva Brazil! Viva *Irmaos de Santa Cruz!*

What About the Book Drive?

Our readers may recall our appeal for books for the missions. The response has been most generous, as the following excerpt from a letter written by Brother Fulgence Doherty, who is headmaster of St. Gregory's High School in Dacca, East Pakistan, shows:

"The Bengalese shipment arrived

just a few days before Christmas, and with it many boxes of books. Thank ever so much. The encyclopedias are already on the library shelves, and the 1888 edition we had has been sold to the old-book seller. Brother Donald reading through the set of Lowell Thomas' books sent us, and everyone else has taken something according to his taste. Another package of three books arrived in this afternoon's mail

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE DEAD

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