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## Brother Bernard Observes Sixtieth Year of Vows

### Veteran Teacher Marks Golden Jubilee

#### Gates Mills

At Ohio's Gilmour Academy the outstanding Jesuit writer and critic, Rev. Harold C. Gardiner, S.J., addressed the students on the subject, "Art and Prudence."

Father Gardiner, who is literary editor of *America* magazine, is widely known for his independent views on censorship. In an interview at Gilmour, he said that legislation and law enforcement must be based on the 1957 Supreme Court decision which made "community standards of morality" the basis for determining obscenity in publications.

For that reason, he is opposed to such "overzealous methods" as boycotts and to "imposition of censorship from above."

He also said that juries who reflect community standards should decide on obscenity charges, and not the judges or the experts advising judges. Though he does not favor pre-publication censorship, Father Gardiner said that individuals and groups ought to be free to work for it if they choose.

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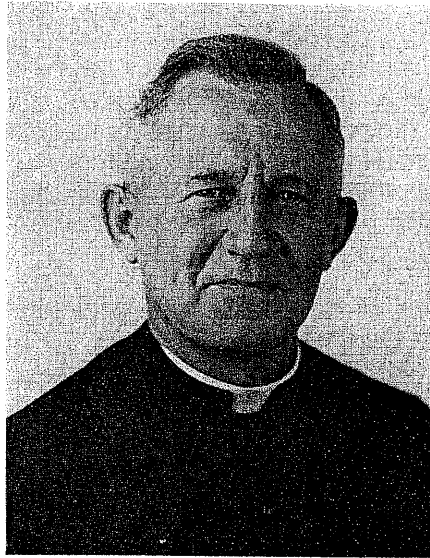
#### Senator To Address Students

On March 14 Senator Eugene J. McCarthy (Minn.) will speak at Gilmour Academy on the topic, "The Role of the Citizen in Government."

A leader in education and government and a man of integrity, Senator McCarthy is a devout family man and a contender for the Democratic nomination for President.

His talk, which is open to the public at an admission charge, is being sponsored by the Junior Class of Gilmour Academy.

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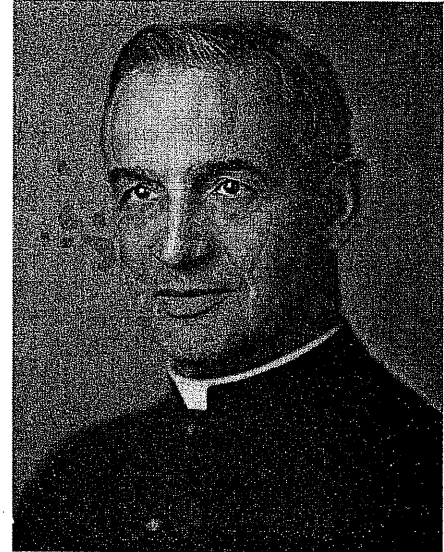


Brother Gregory Rozczynialski, C.S.C.

At St. Edward High School in Austin, Texas, where he is now teaching Brother Gregory Rozczynialski will celebrate the golden jubilee of his religious profession on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph. Born in Chicago on February 21, 1892, he went through the grades at his home parish school, Holy Trinity, and four years after he left the eighth grade he was back there as a Brother, teaching. When he was fourteen, Brother Gregory entered the Community as an aspirant, living at the venerable little "Old College" building and taking high school subjects at Notre Dame. In 1924 he completed his college work there and was granted the bachelor of science degree, and after a series of summer schools at Loyola and DePaul Universities, he obtained his master's degree in science in 1932.

Brother Gregory has taught in Community schools for forty-nine years, at Holy Trinity in Chicago; at Evansville's Reitz Memorial, Fort Wayne's Central Catholic, and Terre Haute's

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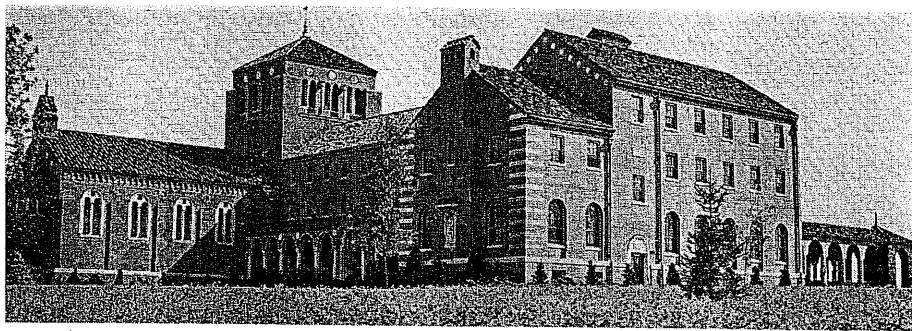
Brother Bernard Gervais, C.C.C.

On March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph, Brother Bernard Gervais marks his sixtieth anniversary of religious profession. Though he is seventy-eight years old, Brother Bernard looks after the province's Marticule (personal data record for all members), takes long walks on the Notre Dame campus, and can often be found outdoors, busy with a hoe or rake. Except for Brother Eugene LeFeuvre, who is a missionary in Pakistan, Brother Bernard is the eldest Brother in the province. All of us join in wishing him well on the occasion of his sixtieth jubilee as a Holy Cross religious.

Born in Moline, Illinois, on January 12, 1881, a parishioner of St. Patrick's Mission, he came to Holy Cross and received the religious habit when he was only sixteen years old, made his novitiate at what is now the Community Infirmary at Notre Dame, then entered the house of studies for Brothers, located in those days in an annex of the present Columba Hall. After some three years studying such subjects as algebra, geometry, rhetoric, and literature, he was sent to teach the grades for a year in Fort Wayne, then went to Holy Cross school in New

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Religious Training Center for Brothers of Holy Cross



A monastic-looking structure, St. Joseph Novitiate stands on a slight rise of ground, overlooking a small lake in the rear and a nicely green and beshrubbed landscape at the front. From the tower the chapel wing juts out on the left; one arm of the right-angled cloister appears on the right. The building accommodates about a hundred novices, each with a private room, plus a staff of ten.

All Priests, Brothers, and Sisters belonging to religious orders have to make a novitiate before they can take vows.

Holy Cross Brothers of the Midwest and South-West provinces make their novitiate at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, where they spend at least one year in the canonical training required by canon law.

What is the novices' day like?

Except for slight variations of schedule on Sundays and holydays, they rise at five o'clock, then assemble in chapel for morning prayers, meditation, and Holy Mass, following which they spend ten minutes in thanksgiving. After straightening beds and rooms, the novices file into the refectory for breakfast. Housework or other small chores follow this meal. Twenty minutes later the novices gather in chapel to sing the Little Hours of the abbreviated Divine Office, which they chant in English. Following, comes a conference or a religion class, on alternate days. The conferences are on the constitutions, vows, and various aspects of the religious and ascetical life. There are special classes on the life of grace, the Mystical Body of Christ, the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, and Gregorian Chant. After a period of calisthenics for the junior group, all attend another spiritual conference, after which the senior novices have their calisthenics period. Forty-five minutes before dinner there is public spiritual reading, and fifteen minutes before the noon meal, the religious exercise of Particular Examen. After dinner the novices have an hour-long period of recreation, then they report to chapel for Visit to the Blessed Sacrament and the chanting of Vespers and Compline. A work period follows, some being assigned to farm chores, others to duties about the grounds and house. With the end of work, the novices retire to their rooms to do private spiritual reading, then assemble in chapel for Rosary, following which they sing Matins and Lauds of the Office. After supper and rec-

reation, there is another period of public spiritual reading, a short period of mediation, and recitation of Night Prayers. Retiring is at nine o'clock.

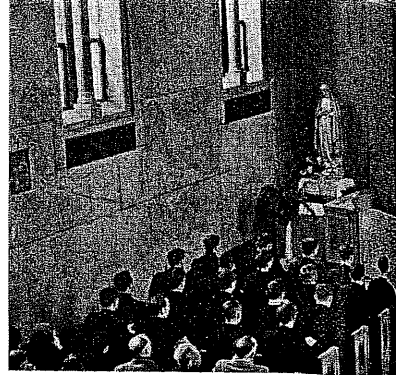
Variations in this schedule occur on Sundays and holydays, and mean usually extended periods for hikes, sports, and other games. Thursday is the so-called "work day" when the conferences are not held and the more time-consuming chores are performed.

Brother Gerontius McCarthy, C.S.C., is the Superior and Novice-Master, a post he assumed in 1955 after serving as assistant for two years previously. A native of Newport, Rhode Island, he earned his A.B. and M.S. degrees at the University of Notre Dame.

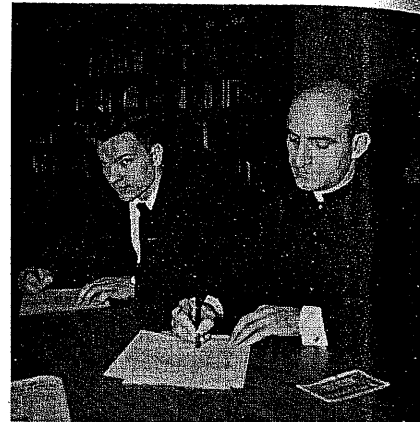
The assistant Novice Master is Brother Isaac Jogues, and the assistant superior of the house is Brother Florian Gill. Rev. Felix D. Duffy, C.S.C., is Chaplain.

Silence is observed at all times other than recreation periods. The novices have choir practice several times weekly, for all requirements of the liturgy are observed strictly.

The novitiate is the training ground where all Holy Cross religious lay the foundation for their spiritual lives.



With the altar prepared for Holy Mass ceremonies conclude. Newly received novices, parents and other relatives in the other room in Jan.



The Assistant Novice Master signs a document written by a candidate soon to be received. Beside him, another candidate looks up pensively from an official paper he is preparing for signature. Canon Law specifies certain legalities that must be cleared before novices begin their formal training.

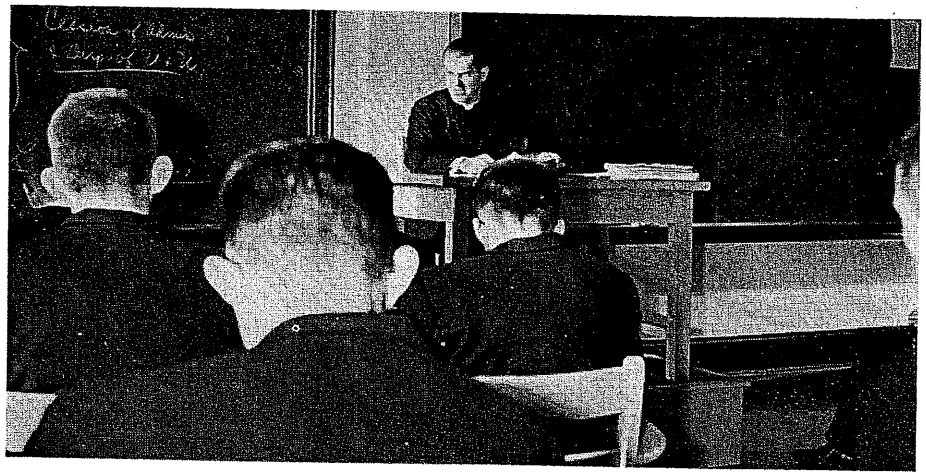
Blessing

Hear, O Lord, our prayers, and deign to bless and sanctify Thy servants who, renouncing the world and trusting in the power of Thy name under the patronage of Saint Joseph, have been deemed worthy to receive the habit of our Congregation. Be pleased to bless them and to sanctify them, so that, vested in this habit, they will serve Thee faithfully, will ever remain constant, will live soberly, piously and holily, awaiting a blessed eternity and Thy coming. Who livest and reignest, God forever and ever. Amen.

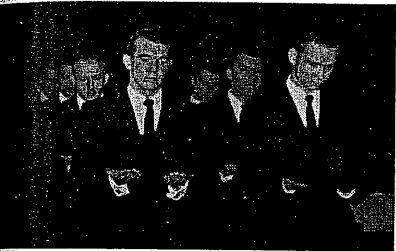
A Brother makes a Holy Hour every week. The Holy Hours are arranged according to schedule so that somewhere in the world a Holy Cross Priest or Brother is representing the Congregation before the Blessed Sacrament at all times. In the picture, a Brother-novice, his beads in hand, kneels in the sanctuary to beg the blessing of God on the Church, the Congregation and the world.



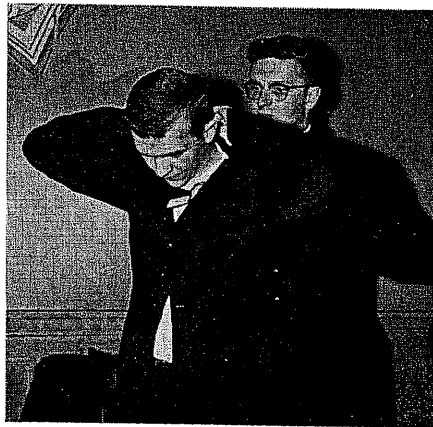
...nt and acolytes kneel as the reception  
...es occupy the front pews, with their  
...ter St. Joseph Novitiate twice a year,  
...ust.



The Brother Novice Master talks to a group of black-suited candidates who are on an eight-day retreat prior to their formal reception into the novitiate. The note on the blackboard indicates he is explaining something about the canonical requirements concerning property or funds the novices-to-be may possess.



...group of young candidates files out of  
...chapel, carrying the religious habit each  
...just received from the priest celebrant.  
...a few minutes they will return clad in  
...garb of the Brother of Holy Cross each  
...has now become.



A senior novice, so-called because a half-year of his training is completed helps a new Brother adjust the habit he is putting on for the first time. In a few minutes he will join others of his group for the concluding ceremonies of reception, and his year of novitiate starts.



Brother Donatus Schmitz, the Midwest Provincial, congratulates the newly-received Brothers after the rites are over. Parents and guests wait in the chapter room to do the same. Soon all will file in to dinner.

...one of the novitiate's outdoor courts  
...e avid novices anticipate what looks like  
...are shot. Since the religious life requires  
...sical fitness, there must be recreation  
...ods wherein novices can relax. To  
...ts and games they bring their pent-up  
...gies, which, by the very nature of no-  
...ate life, cannot be expended otherwise,  
...k period excepted. Recreation times are  
...only periods of the day when silence  
...d not, indeed should not, be observed  
...pt in places where silence is always  
...observed.

The novitiate tries to be as self-sustaining as possible so that the solitude and separation from the world characterizing this important formation period of the novices can be thoroughly maintained. Assigned to barbering duties, a Brother-novice cuts another's hair, but there is no barber-shop talk! Chances are the barber will, in the years ahead, keep on performing his task, wherever he may be assigned, during his free time.

In work clothes two Brother-novices go silently about their chores. To keep the novitiate spotless, the novices spend an hour or so each day dusting, washing, waxing, or in outdoor work on the farm and in the fields. Many of the staple foods at the novitiate come from its large farm.



**BROTHER BERNARD**

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Orleans, where he taught for the next four years. In the summer of 1906 he took his perpetual vows in the Congregation, then, when school opened, went to St. Joseph Commercial College in Cincinnati. He taught there for two years and was then changed to the Fort Wayne school, where he remained for another two-year period.

A year's teaching at Fort Wayne's newly opened Catholic high school, staffed by Holy Cross Brothers, followed, whereupon Brother Bernard became the first superior of the juniorate he was to establish at Sacred Heart College, Watertown, Wisconsin, for aspirants to the Brothers' Society. The pattern of training he drew up there for young men entering the Brotherhood still endures today. When his term as superior expired in 1918, he was assigned to the newly opened Cathedral High School in Indianapolis as superior and principal, where his pioneering work again laid firm foundations. In 1925 he left Indianapolis to become superior of Dujarie Hall, the Brothers' house of studies at Notre Dame, and he held this post until 1931. Just a year after his Dujarie Hall appointment, he was selected as one of the General Councilors for the whole Congregation, a post in which he served for the next twelve years. Since the Generalate was then at Notre Dame, it was possible for Brother Bernard to work in both posts.

From 1931 to 1934 he was superior of St. Joseph Farm, near Notre Dame, and then went to Indianapolis to reorganize Cathedral High School from a free school to one charging tuition,

a job requiring him to commute between that city and Notre Dame, where he had General Council meetings to attend regularly. In 1935 he moved into the Community House (now Columba Hall) at Notre Dame with other members of the General Administration, spending much of the next three years working on the General Archives, as well as teaching plane geometry to Holy Cross minor seminarians who lived just across the road.

In 1938 the General Chapter of the Congregation elected Brother Bernard to be General Steward and Treasurer, and since he held this position for the next twelve years, he compiled a record of twenty-four continuous years of service in the Generalate of the Congregation, a length of time few religious of Holy Cross expect the Founder and Father Sorin have rivaled in such a post.

With the transfer of the general headquarters of the Congregation to Rome in 1950 and the expiration of his term as steward and treasurer, Brother Bernard spent six months at the novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, to begin work on the Matricule, and then took up residence at Dujarie Hall, where he now lives and continues in this work.

Brother Bernard's first contact with Holy Cross came through his uncle, John Roy, who was a seminarian at Notre Dame. When Brother first arrived on campus as a lad of fifteen, he came on a horse-drawn hack. The first religious he asked directions of sent him to Father Corby, the provincial, who in turn sent the young man to see his uncle at the seminary

**BROTHER GREGORY**

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Father Gibault School, in Indiana; at Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin; at Holy Cross in New Orleans; at Portland University in Oregon; and at St. Edward University in Austin, Texas, where he is now stationed.

During summers at Notre Dame and during his regular semesters of study there, Brother Gregory often worked with Father Nieuwland, the famous chemist and botanist, both in the laboratory and on field trips. He remembers these latter scientific excursions with great pleasure, along with the several canoe trips he took with his good friend, Father Cornelius Haggerty, another of Notre Dame's eminent professors.

Brother Gregory said he received invaluable help for his teaching career from the Priests and Brothers he met at Notre Dame during summer schools, and that he has taught during his long years in the classroom almost all the academic and commerial subjects the Community's secondary schools offered. One of his very first pupils, he said, happened to be a forty-year-old man.

Outside the classroom Brother Gregory had charge of sports in almost every school to which he was assigned. He particularly enjoys fishing and heads for the waters whenever time allows.

and then assigned the newcomer to the novitiate.

Brother Bernard has a younger brother in the Community, Brother Benedict Gervais.

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