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Novitiate Observes 25th Anniversary



Louis J. Putz, C.S.C.; Most Rev. Andrew G. Grutka, D.D., Bishop of Gary; Rev. Frederick F. Barr, C.S.C., Superior of St. Joseph Hall, Notre Dame; and Rev. Felix Duffey, C.S.C., Novitiate Chaplain

On September 15 St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of its dedication. His Excellency, Most Reverend Andrew G. Grutka, D.D., Bishop of Gary, offered a Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving at 4:30 P.M. in the novitiate chapel. Rev. Felix D. Duffey, C.S.C., novitiate chaplain, preached the sermon. The choir of Brother-Novices was under the direction of Brother Daniel Kane.

Prominent among those invited to the ceremonies were the Right Rev. Msgr. Stanley Zjawinski, Vicar General of the Gary diocese; Msgr. E. H. Vurpillat, Ecclesiastical Dean of Michigan City; and Brother Donatus Schmitz, Provincial of the Holy Cross Brothers' Midwest Province.

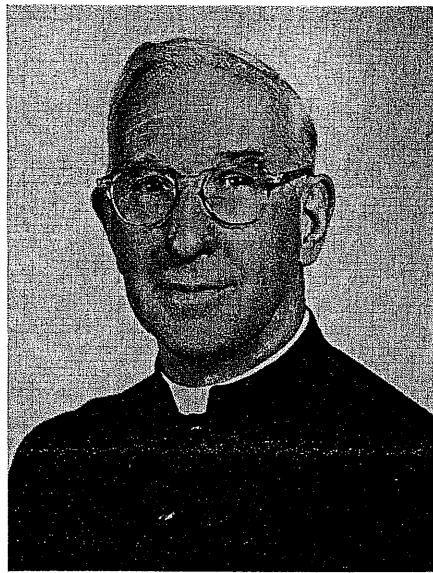
Though only a quarter-century old, the novitiate building is currently being repaired by the Schumacher Construction Co., of South Bend. These repairs over the next two years or so will cost \$150,000. The original brick-work was defective, and as time went on leakage and damages have grown so serious that renovation had to be started before the mortar disintegrated and walls collapsed.

The novitiate building consists of four wings of three stories radiating from a square tower at center. Exterior facing is red brick, and a cloister walk connects two of the wings.

An extensive farm operation has always been a feature of the novitiate at Rolling Prairie.

Since the erection of separate provinces for Holy Cross Priests and Brothers, novices of the Brothers' Society, the Midwest and South-West Provinces, take their novitiate training at St. Joseph's. Last year the Brothers' Eastern Province opened its own novitiate near Valatie, New York. Brother Gerontius McCarthy, C.S.C., is the Superior and Master of Novices.

RECENT DEATHS IN THE PROVINCE



Brother Xavier, C.S.C.

Brother Xavier Donoghue, age 69, died suddenly while at work with several students in Holy Trinity High School's bookstore, the Chicago school he taught in for 23 years. His life in the Community spanned nearly a half-century, all of it spent in the classroom — ten years in New Orleans, seven in Albany, and twenty-three in Chicago. Mathematics was his major field, the boys learning from him everything from plain arithmetic to calculus and trigonometry. Always popular with the schoolboys and no less in the Community, he had commanding presence but a most genial disposition. Increasing age hardly dampened Brother Xavier's efforts to popularize square dancing with the teenage set, an extracurricular at school to which he gave much of his free time. He died "with his boots on" — a way he probably would have chosen.

On July 22 Brother Sylvanus Nichols died at the Community Infirmary at Notre Dame, after a three years' illness. He was 68, was born and orphaned in Sussex, England, and spent nearly all his thirty-one years as a Brother cooking in various houses. None of his friends have forgotten his shorter-than-short little figure bustling about among the pots and pans, or the ubiquitous paring knife hanging from his belt and always ready for a variety of uses. Quiet men like Brother Sylvanus appear on the scene and vanish, strangers to applause, leaving no mark except in heaven.

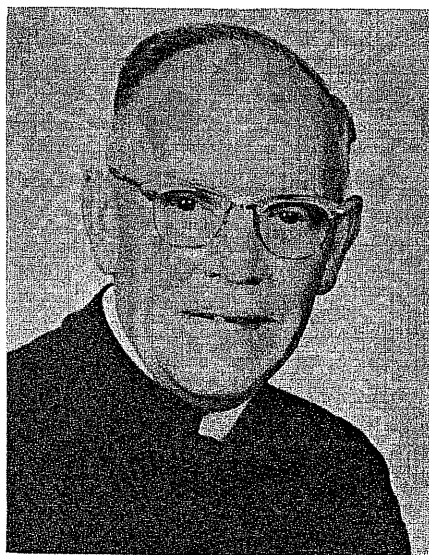
Third to die was Brother Firmin Mandeville, on August 8, in a St. Louis



Brother Silvanus, C.S.C.

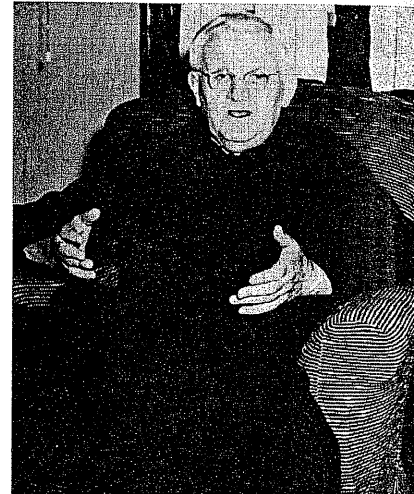
hospital where he had been under special care for the past five years. Forty-two years ago he donned the Brothers' habit and then spent the ensuing decades in a variety of jobs indoors and out. Few of us will forget how kindly and skillfully Father Michael Mulcaire dealt with this Brother during a difficult invalid year. Brother Firmin was another of those who work quietly and obscurely away until death cuts them off and eternal reward evens the score.

A heart condition of ten years' standing proved fatal for Brother Ignatius Boyd on September 27 in Terre Haute, Indiana. Born in Georgetown in the nation's capital, he was 59 at death



Brother Ignatius, C.S.C.

and had been a Brother for forty-two years. He spent twenty-two consecutive years teaching at Holy Cross School in New Orleans, then began a kind of second-career working with wayward boys at our corrective homes in Milwaukee and Terre Haute. Prefecting and teaching and directing those lads with a problem — these were his life works. He belonged to the "old school" of Holy Cross men who could and would teach any subject in the curriculum yet whose education came largely through private study and experience in a day before fixed license requirements and stress on specialization. A nervously energetic man, Brother Ignatius did not let the decade-long threat of heart failure push him to the sidelines. He came to his end calmly prepared, and smiling. Those who knew him then miss him now.



Brother Alan, C.S.C.

The death of Brother Alan McNeely, age 81, came on October 4 in South Bend. His last few years he spent in the Community Infirmary, much of the time in chapel. In a year or two he could have celebrated his fiftieth jubilee in Holy Cross. In his youth he helped Brother Alphonsus prefect in Notre Dame's Brownson Hall, and then carried nearly thirty years "on the road" canvassing for subscriptions to the *A Maria* magazine, a work he handled with characteristic neatness, proficiency and grace. People often made him their confidante and advisor, and few people he came in contact with inside or outside the Community will forgive his good nature, his white-haired robust figure, and his ready smile. The day before he died he remarked to the

r of the *Ave Maria*, Father Reedy:
 w's the *Ave Maria* coming along,
 er?" In his editorial of obituary
 w days later Father Reedy wrote:
 spite of the fresh grave in the com-
 munity cemetery, I'm sure of one
 thing: Brother Alan is still working
 on the *Ave Maria*."

ROLLMENT IN MW PROVINCE SCHOOLS

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lasticate (Tex.)	31	30
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ago	751	762
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ton	149	175
nsville	477	432
es Mills	211	213
anapolis	781	851
waukee	42	45
nroe	406	425
ondi	300	271
th Bend	764	753
re Haute	125	125
tertown	82	98

Gibault Forms CSMC Unit

Boys at Father Gibault School in
 re Haute, Indiana, have formed a
 al unit of the Catholic Students
 ssion Crusade with the help of
 other Columkille, the mission mod-
 tor there, and Brother Robert Lun-
 gan. In the short time it has ex-
 d, the Gibault unit of the CSMC
 done a great deal of good work.
 o four-foot statues have been re-
 nated by the boys and sent away for
 tribution to the home missions. Ten
 kes of clothes and eight boxes of
 oks have been collected as well for
 e home or foreign missions. Right
 w the boys are selling a small statue
 Our Lady and giving the proceeds
 the missions. They are also saving
 l rosary beads, medals, and eye
 asses for the same purpose, as well
 ending spiritual bouquets, includ-
 g prayers and sacrifices, to mission-
 es abroad.

Gibault School is an institution oper-
 ed by the Brothers of Holy Cross and
 pported by the Indiana Knights of
 Columbus for underprivileged boys.

Requiescant in Pace

Sister M. Hugetta, C.S.C.
 Rev. Eugene Daoust, C.S.C.
 Mother of Brother Donald Bailer,
 S.C.

PROVINCE NEWS

• **AKRON:** The faculty of Hoban High entertained the Akron clergy at a buffet supper on Oct. 8. . . . A new Honors Program assures college-bound students they'll have four years of foreign language and a calculus course by time they graduate from high school. . . . Bro. Pedro Haering spoke to the S. Akron K. of C. on Oct. 4 on Holy Cross Brothers and their work.

• **CHICAGO:** Bro. Maximus celebrated his 60th year as a Holy Cross religious on October 11. . . . A new remedial reading course, taught by Bro. Thomas Henning, was added at Holy Trinity High.

• **CLINTON:** Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit dedicated the new Cardinal Mooney Hall, a dormitory for 80 boys at Boyssville, a building financed by the Committee of 100 — a group of Michigan businessmen; an industrialist of Tecumseh donated a large portion of the funds. . . . Bushes and shrubs planted recently on campus were the gift of Mr. Gerry Becker's Fifty-Fifty Club; Gerry personally supervised the landscaping job.

• **EVANSVILLE:** Bro. John Stout spent a week at the Science Research Associates Reading Clinic in Chicago last summer. . . . Bro. John Hanon served on the instrumental committee of the National Catholic Music Educator conference at St. Pius X School of Music, Purchase, N. Y., also helped organize a music workshop to be held next year at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame.

• **GATES MILLS:** Gilmour Academy Women's Club held its second Home and School Forum on Oct. 1, Oct. 29, and Nov. 19, with an authoritative talk for each session, given respectively by Very Rev. Msgr. R. J. Gallagher, Director of Catholic Youth Services; Dr. Harvey Charles, Director of John Carroll University Reading Center; and Raymond N. Ferreri, M.D., a psychiatrist.

• **INDIANAPOLIS:** Bro. Giles, new principal at Cathedral High, spoke to the Serra Club on the history of Holy Cross in Indiana.

• **NOTRE DAME:** Bro. Alcuin Nuss and Bro. William Denton, executives at the Ave Maria Press, attended the International Graphic Arts Exposition in New York on Sept. 6. . . . Hand-carved wood Station of the Cross in bas-relief were installed in the Dujarie Hall chapel; these were given by the Association of St. Joseph. . . . Dujarie Hall's mission society will sell Christmas cards by mail again this year.

• **SOUTH BEND:** Bro. Kieran Ryan, Midwest province Steward and Treasurer, has gone to Dacca, East Pakistan, to set up an accounting system for C.S.C.'s Pakistan Vicariate. . . . Fourteen Brothers who are promoters of vocations in our various schools came to Dujarie Hall, Notre Dame, on October 9, to discuss recruitment problems. . . . Columba Hall's Mission Society begins its yearly projects under a new president, Bro. Francis Heitzman.

• **WATERTOWN:** 95 Cadets are attending Sacred Heart Military Academy this year; the school began in 1955 with 41 Cadets. The Academy has one boy each from Alaska, So. Dakota, Florida, Mexico and Guatemala. . . . All Academy drives are now paved, handball, volleyball, and basketball courts were built, and a new athletic field was laid out.

MISSION NOTE

Our Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, offers a decade of the rosary each day for each of the world's five continents. The mission intention he specified for October is: For the growth of the mission spirit among all Christians.

CHICAGO GROUP TO MEET

Chicago Associates of St. Joseph Brothers Auxiliary will meet on Sunday, Nov. 15, at Marillac House to make final plans for their January fund-raising project. A social hour follows the business meeting. All members, their families and friends, are invited to attend.

Members of the Chicago Associates have been reciting the rosary daily during October for Vocations and World Peace.

During the summer the Chicago and South Bend Auxiliary groups held a Day of Recollection at Dujarie Hall, Notre Dame.



In the above picture Mrs. John Paczesny, president of the South Bend Associates, is shown conferring with Brother Richard Shea, moderator, on plans for the year

SCIENCE TEACHERS FORM INFO POOL

Brothers who teach science will exchange "tricks of the trade" now that an information pool is being organized for MW province schools. Impetus for this came from Bro. William Fitch, who teaches at Holy Trinity High, Chicago. Brother Noel Romanak will head the group, which includes sectional chairmen for math, physics, biology, chemistry, and general science.

Science teachers will submit effective classroom techniques, requests for information, and the like to the chairman of the particular field and he will disseminate these among other science teachers in the province.

Early this school year the first issue of the science teachers' bulletin appeared. It included a question and answer column, reviews, some teaching techniques, notes on forming science clubs, etc. Future issues will cover lab demonstrations, grading, club projects. With each mailing also goes a list of audio-visual and printed matter available free or at small cost to science teachers.

Terre Haute, Indiana

Father George Powers told the eighteen lads who were graduated from the eighth grade at Father Gibault School for Boys that they would need two qualities when they left Gibault: patience to put up with what they cannot change in themselves and in others; and courage to correct what they can correct in themselves. . . . Father Thomas Culhane, C.S.C., chaplain at Gibault since 1951, has been reassigned to the Congregation's Mexican missions in Texas. All the Brothers and boys were sorry to see him go. . . . The Lions' Club of Terre Haute provided Gibault School with a fine handball court, in the construction of which members of the Club and of the KC had a generous hand. . . . Brother Martin Donohue and a crew of four Gibault boys look after campus repairs, the care of boilers in the various buildings, and the filling of coal hoppers. . . . Senior Division boys and Brother Bernardine Mosier are building a log cabin on the banks of Honey Creek for use by small groups for cookouts and such. "Boy power" was behind the cutting and trimming of the logs and their half-mile haul to the site. Brother Francis Fitzpatrick notched them, the foundation and floor were put in, the roof was put on, then the logs were lifted into position on the sides and secured. Gibault boys claim the cabin has two unique features. One is that the roof was put on before the sides; the other, that there is a living tree in one corner — left to give support and shade.

Letter From Brazil

We lift a few interesting facts from a letter of Brother Julius Wadekamper, one of two Midwest Province men at the South-West Province's school in Santarem, a town five hundred miles up the Amazon River:

"On my two weeks' vacation I went by riverboat up the Amazon with some of our students to Oriximina, which is on the Trombetas River. We stopped at various homes, had some very delicious meals, but my favorite is still *tartaruga* — a tub-sized turtle. In September these turtles all head for a certain beach called a *tabuleira* to lay their eggs, and people say there are thousands on the beach at any one time. Government guards protect them during the season from hunters, but even so many are taken. These turtles grow so large that a man can ride on their backs, but newly hatched they are tiny. At hatching time the guards again appear to keep off the vultures. Millions of these small turtles then begin moving toward the water, looking as if a large pebble beach is shifting towards the river's edge. If they escape the vultures, then the turtles might readily fall to the crocodiles or the piranha fish waiting with slaving jaws in the river. . . . We spent four days in Juruti, a town farther up the Amazon. There were many priests there, plus Dom Floriano — formerly Bishop of Santarem, and later the Bishop of Obidos arrived. If you could only see the simple faith of the people at the time of the festa! They march in long processions, sing hymns, and come to church for Confession, Communion, baptism, Confirmation, and matrimony, to ask a blessing, and to have articles blessed. It is one of the few times of the year that many of these people are able to get to church.

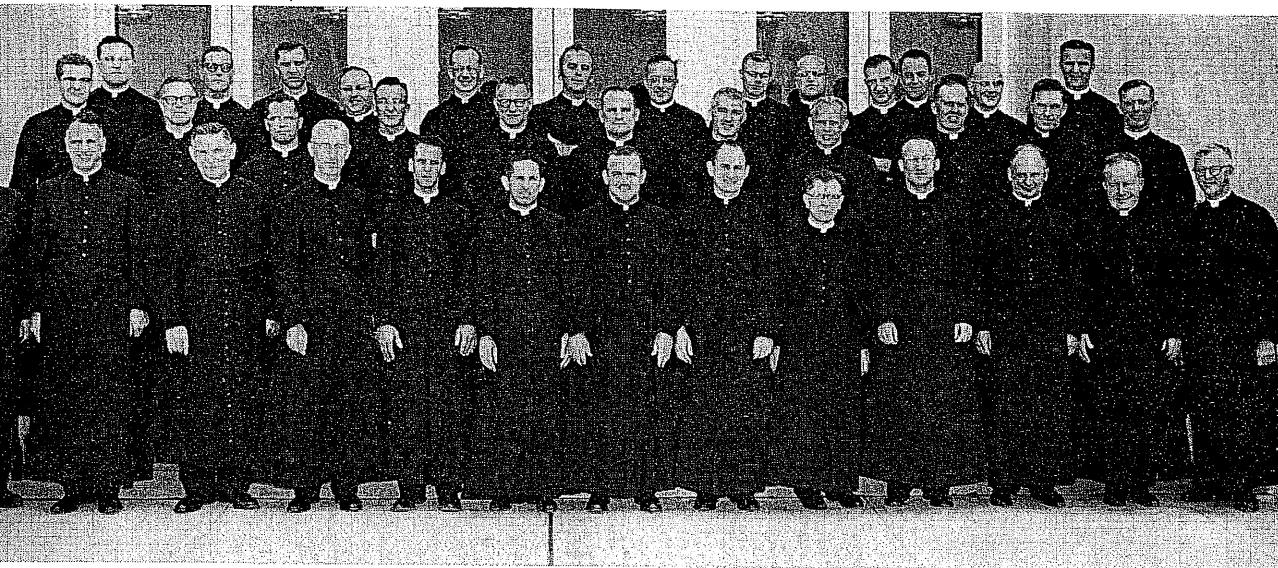
After the festa I went with Dom Floriano and Frei Rodolfo to Obidos, where Dom Floriano showed me the projects he's working on. He built a new wing on the Sisters' school, started a new technical school, opened a St. Vincent de Paul house, built a new church, and began a printing press. . . . On my return home, I found everything ready for the juniorate we're to build on our farm, a structure 40 x 12 meters, with a wing at the rear for refectory and kitchen. The site is a high plateau overlooking the Amazon; the view is marvelous. . . . Our greatest need is a chaplain; it will be almost impossible for the juniorate to function correctly without one. . . . As for vocations, we believe there are many and that it's simply a matter of forming those who come into good religious. The missionary Sisters from the States sent seven Sisters to Brazil

a few years ago and never sent another; though, they have 40 finally professed Sisters, and many temporarily professed. Their average increase has been 18 a year. . . . Last week seven Marist Brothers from Belem came up to the Ginasio to spend a few days. They were all Brazilians, except one, a Spaniard. . . . We have a new pet in the house, a little spotted leopard. I'm sure this one won't be so easy to kill as our former pet. The other day Brother Norbert came walking out of the food dispensary, looking like a big hero with a dead boa constrictor on the end of a stick. No one told him that it was Brother Raymond's pet snake and had been placed in the food cellar to catch rats and mice. . . . On our farm we're harvesting rice; there should be about 12 sacks this year. We also picked a five-gallon can of coffee — in short supply this year because of the drought last year. We had quite a few oranges and lemons, and also some cocoa. . . . The governor promised us one million cruzeiros for the college program, so Brother Paul is in Belem trying to collect. We hear it is almost useless to try. . . . The foundation on the postulate is completed. We will start the walls on the first of September if all goes well. . . . Brother John Boyle is studying Educational Orientation in Rio de Janeiro. He has to travel three hours a day by bus to get to school. . . . We had a parents' meeting last Sunday. They are finally beginning to participate in the school activities. Brother Jerome even has them making lunch for the meetings. Our situation is difficult because most of the parents have little or no education. A few have studied in Belem, and we'll work through these to get better cooperation at school.

Dacca, East Pakistan

St. Gregory High, where Brothers have been teaching since 1924, is the only boys' secondary school in Dacca that teaches in English. The city has a population of a half million. "We are being pushed and jammed and implored to take in boys," one Brother there said as the new school year opened. . . . The past year students at St. Gregory's got their usual high ratings in the government-required, country-wide Matriculation Exams. They took 1st, 7th, 9th, 17th, and 27th of the top thirty places — a fine record, considering that 35,000 East Pakistani boys took the exams. In the Dacca area 48% of the examinees passed; St. Gregory's average was 93% — by far the best record of all schools in East Pakistan.

THREE PROVINCES REPRESENTED IN SECOND NOVITIATE



f Holy Cross from three United States Provinces sent Brothers to the Second Novitiate at Akron, Ohio, from June 28 to 1959. In the picture, front row, left to right, are: Brothers George Tilley, John Shea, Rev. Leon Boarman, Chaplain, Brother Miller, Director, Brothers Richard Makley, William Parker, John Lahiff, Francis Englert, Canisius Mooney, Donald Rink, Frederick Richard Foley, and Brother Charles Andersen, Asst. Dir. Back rows, left to right: Brothers Thomas Corcoran, Walter Davenport, John Haggerty, Gerald Fitzgerald, Josaphat Chmielewski, Eugenio Cassano, Terence Haas, James Madigan, Richard Lester Ness, Just Paczesny, Edward Courtney, Joseph Tate, Basil Thomas, James Linscott, Francis Stroz, Peter Vukmanic, Albert Kern, Richard Hartling, Richardo Helmann, John Doran, Charles Varnak, and Lorenzo Powers.

Notes from Ghana

ng are some miscellaneous ed from the letters of Brother with four other HC Brothers, t St. John's School, P.O. Box na, West Africa: , December 1st, we reached of classes for the school year. w we begin the roundup and with the exams, which stretch next week—covering a week y, to be exact. . . . her Brothers and I drove the to a beach twenty-five miles ere, a place called Bushua. lf the distance the road was good as you'd find anywhere; stretch was dirt road, dry now very dusty. Villages we ong the way flanked the road- r rather depressing buildings common brownish-red mud ed with tin or, if the owner d it, corrugated aluminum. pace of village life strikes the everywhere. People lean e mud walls of the houses, sit es—the men dressed in shorts women wrapped in a long th some of the latter less y covered. At the beach is poor because of too surf; surfboard riding is We ambled along the shore ne the little tide pools and for sea animals and plants. erome spotted an orange-red one of these pools, which we

grabbed. We collected shells, scraped sea urchins off rocks, disengaged starfish from these same rocks, broke off or scraped up bits of coral—in general picked at this and pulled at that. . . .

Father Hesperburgh visited here for a while last summer during his long jaunt in Africa, the movie projector he promised us then having now arrived. Arrived, that is, at Accra, where I went to claim it at the airport customs. I got the import license from an official, who assured me I'd done everything necessary, then went to the airport for the machine. There I discovered I'd have to have more papers, it being suggested our agent handle the affair. Our agent is looking after this at the moment—a necessary intermediary here because he knows what's needed and how to manage such things.

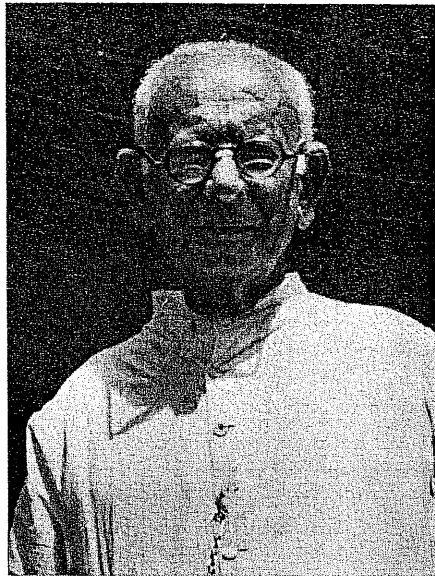
In interviewing boys planning to enroll at St. John's for the next school year, I traveled about eight hundred miles contacting applicants, whom I think are of a higher quality than those in the past. One thing is sure: these Ghana boys are anxious to go to school and learn—and that's something! We will accept about ninety new boys, but only about half will probably enroll because the tuition will be too steep for them. We dislike taking boys over fifteen years old because such are beyond the age to respond; work with the fifteen-year olds gets more response and something can be accomplished with them.

All Midwest Province Schools Organize Mission Clubs

The Congregation of Holy Cross has for one of its aims "the conversion of infidels in the foreign missions." To implement this work for the Midwest Province and in accord with last summer's provincial legislation, each mission unit in our schools is to affiliate with the nation-wide Catholic Students Mission Crusade—the CSMC.

The CSMC has a history of great service to the Church. It acts as a national clearing house for mission matters and provides liason between missionaries abroad and mission-aid societies at home. Thus, if certain parish ladies are sewing vestments for the missions or making white cassocks for altar boys or cutting bandages for lepers, and the like, chances are they send their offerings to addresses of missions given them by the CSMC office. Or, if some priest needs books, say, for a seminary in the Philippines, the national CSMC will put him in touch with a group here at home that has had a book drive.

Principal work of the CSMC, however, is educational—to formulate and provide study materials on mission areas for the nation's Catholic classrooms. Slides, films, maps, etc., are distributed at cost. The national headquarters thus offers a solid program of mission education aimed at forming Catholic youth and, ultimately, at the expansion of the Church.



Brother Eugene LeFeuvre

"Brother, if my leg were in better shape, I would start another school here."

So said Brother Eugene LeFeuvre, the oldest member of the Midwest Province and a still very active missionary in East Pakistan.

Brother Eugene is now past his eighty-sixth year, but he attributes his slowing down during the past few years to the rheumatic pains he suffers these days in the leg he broke thirty-five years ago.

He is stationed at Tejgaon mission, a scant five miles from Dacca, in which city there are sixteen Brothers teaching at St. Joseph's School and St. Gregory's High School. Many visitors cover the five miles on Sunday afternoons to visit the veteran missionary.

Brother Eugene does not consider himself old, infirm, or retired. As head-

master of the parish elementary school at Tejgaon, he is aided by the Associates of Mary, a group of East Pakistani Sisters who do the teaching. Brother himself teaches classes in religion and English and looks after the school discipline with, he claims, "a strong cane." He likes nothing better than to regale his Sunday afternoon visitors with stories of the past in Bengal. After all, he was born in Dacca more than three-quarters of a century ago of French parentage, and few others among the American Holy Cross missionaries have been eyewitness to so many bygone events in East Pakistan, formerly Bengal.

Nowadays Brother Eugene occasionally admits that he's beginning to grow old. Even though cataracts are dimming his eyes, his continuing vitality surprises all who know him. He still makes a practice of visiting the Brothers at St. Gregory's in Dacca, but when he mounts the stairs to their third-floor living quarters, he does welcome a helping hand and he does take a prolonged look out the window at the first landing. He no longer reads his Office — his eyesight won't allow, but every minute free of work he spends reciting rosaries, one after the other.

During the last annual retreat for the Holy Cross religious in East Pakistan, when forty Fathers and twenty-five Brothers came to town, Brother Eugene lived along with them in a temporary dormitory set up in a classroom. As usual, no one outdid him at being first up in the mornings, and after lunch when most others took the customary siesta, he could be spied in his easy chair, puffing on a long cheroot. Before the Holy Cross men dispersed after the retreat, there was a

song-fest in which Brother Eugene joined. "Now sing some military songs," he told the group. In his younger days he was active in training school military groups, a work for which he received the Kaiser Hind Medal. Not a man in the house had escaped being shown the medal and Brother Eugene's cherished gun.

"Visits to Brother Eugene will continue," said one of the missionaries recently, "not to console him, but to enjoy his company. It's a real thrill to know a Brother who has performed his duty faithfully for so many years and who is still working cheerfully for the Lord."

—Brother Thomas More (East Pakistan)

East Pakistan

Brother Ivan Dolan, the young energetic headmaster of Holy Cross Mission High School in Bandura, is immersed in a favorite job once more — building this time a brick and concrete structure to house shops, dining room, and other quarters. Soon as the rainy season ends the bricks, sand, and cement being delivered by boat and piled at the site will begin taking shape.

Brother Ivan has already done much building on the mission. Three years ago it was a new annex to the old school building — with seven spacious light, and airy classrooms. A year ago he completed an addition to the faculty house, doubling its capacity. His future plans include reroofing the chapel, putting a new ceiling in, and improving things generally whenever time and money allow.

He knows the Bengali language well and is experienced in directing building projects, and so has good insurance against being cheated.

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