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## VENING WITH POPE JOHN XXIII

statue brought to the Vatican gardens that was to be personally blessed by His Holiness Pope John XXIII was the occasion this past summer for members of the General Administration of the congregation of the Holy Cross to have an informal and exclusively private audience with the reigning Pontiff.

The Knights of Columbus of Westchester County, New York, had in Italy a 30-ton bronze statue of Our Lady of Fatima which will have been blessed at the instigation of the Holy England and Connecticut Thruways, near White Plains. Their request to have the statue blessed was channeled through His Excellency Bishop Alfred Cousineau, of Haiti, who as Superior General of the congregation of the Holy Cross, and in turn left negotiations to the incumbent Superior General, the Very Reverend Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C., on his staff. In the course of his business graciously presented to bless the statue for the rights.

was brought from Carrara on special trucks and moved over the roads only by special government sanction. To get the statue through the Vati-

can gates required that a hand and foot be temporarily removed. All arrangements for the blessing ceremonies were made by Holy Cross, and when the Pope arrived in his car,

he stepped out and the formal ceremonies began. They ended with the recitation of the Memorare, the Hail Mary, and other prayers to Our Lady.

Afterwards, Bishop Cousineau presented the seven religious of Holy Cross who were in attendance. His Holiness asked about the congregation, its works, and its scope. At one point the Pope remarked: "That little Brother in Canada who did so much to spread devotion to St. Joseph — wasn't he a member of your Community?"

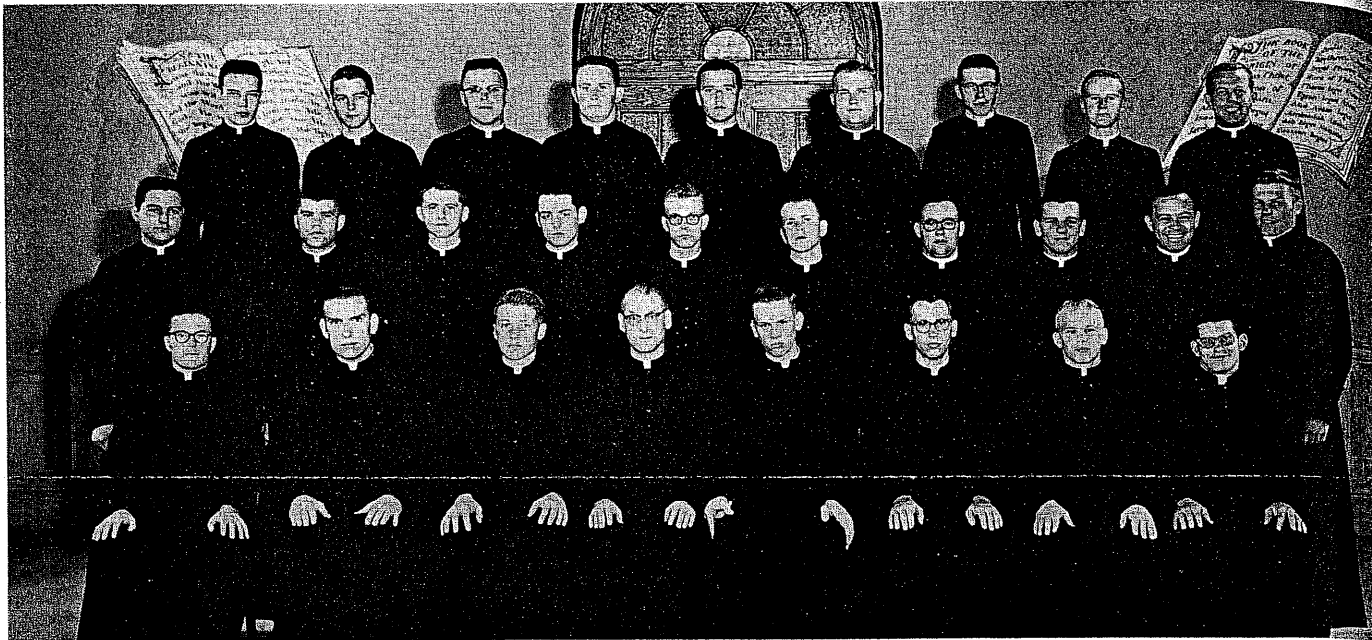
The impromptu audience ended with His Holiness telling the group that he would impart to all members of Holy Cross a special blessing, and a blessing as well on all the activities carried on by the congregation around the world.

"It was a truly beautiful experience," said Brother Theophane, "there in the cool evening, in the quiet and beautiful Vatican gardens, in front of the Grotto of Lourdes, and so much alone with the Pope."



Bishop Albert Cousineau, LL.D., C.S.C., Bishop of Haiti; His Holiness Pope John XXIII; Very Reverend Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C., Superior General; Brother Theophane Schmitt, C.S.C., Assistant General and General Steward.

## Young Men Embarking Upon Their Religious Careers Don Habit of the Brothers of Holy Cross.



Front Row; Brothers: Michael Chesebrough, Donald Stabrowski, Martin Abell, Francis Wilhelm, Patrick Doyle, Donald Kuchenmeister, Dennis Suderski, Peter Michelin. Middle Row; Brothers Paul Mariconi, Dennis Van Gemert, Arthur Le Bon, Robert Belanger, Rudolph Lohmann, Charles Smith, Richard Couture, Joseph DuRocher, Raymond Trottmann, Edward Donahue. Back Row; Brothers: Thomas Harden, James Pritchett, David Villwock, Daniel Woods, John Hopp, Gerald Whitton, George Klawitter, James Bickett, Raymond Dant

### Miscellaneous

A third Holy Cross Brother became a full-fledged faculty member of the University of Notre Dame as the fall semester opened. He is Brother Raphael Wilson, of the South-West Province, and he will teach in the Biology Department. The other two are Brother Columba Curran and Brother Adalbert Mrowca, both professors in the science department, the former in chemistry, the latter in physics. . . . This past summer Brother Theodore LaTour became Director of St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee, replacing Brother Viator Grzeskowiak. Brother Theodore has been doing social work there for several years, and he has a master's degree in that field. He is on the planning committee for the southeastern Wisconsin chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and is vice-president of the Youth Workers Conference in Milwaukee. . . . In addition to their teaching and prefecting duties at St. Charles Boys Home, several Brothers on the staff use their free time attending classes at Milwaukee schools. Brothers Eugene Palinski, Gilbert Scher, Phillip Alessandro, Anthony Migala, and James Bagans take courses at Marquette, the last two of whom also take a class at University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee Extension. Brother Ronald Christenson is studying how to teach reme-

dial reading at the Cardinal Stritch Reading Clinic. . . . Last month 18 psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers of the Milwaukee area gathered at St. Charles Boys Home for informal discussion of the latest methods of group therapy. They considered the new techniques for dealing with the emotionally disturbed and examined the successful work in this field initiated at St. Charles. . . . "Meet the Faculty Night" was a feature of the school year's first meeting of the Patrons Club at St. Joseph High, South Bend. Sisters and Brothers on the faculty of the co-institutional school gathered in the gym where the parents had a chance to meet them all. . . . New officers of the Columba Hall Mission Society are: Brothers Francis Heitzman, president; Frederick Ulrich, vice-president; Theodore Kapes, secretary; Thomas Mittendorf, treasurer; and Jerome Quella, general manager. . . . Brother Majella Hegarty has resumed his visits to province schools to supervise the work of beginning teachers and to consult with more veteran ones on classroom problems. Hardly a school hereabouts but has tangible results of his work! . . .

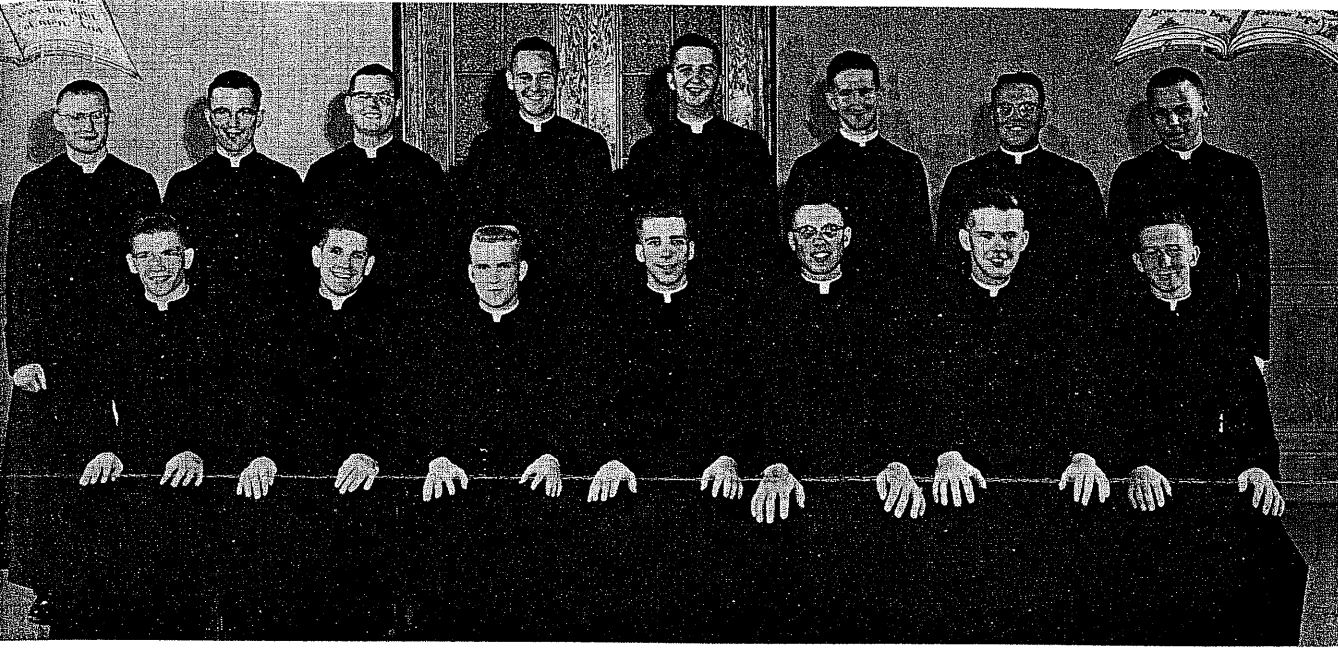
### August Group Begins Novitiate

Twenty-seven candidates for the Midwest Province of Brothers entered

St. Joseph Novitiate at impressive ceremonies on August 15th. Rev. Felix Duffey, C.S.C., was celebrant, and Rev. Eldon G. Reichert, S.M., preached the sermon. Approximately sixty religious and 250 lay persons attended.

Receiving the Brothers' religious habit were the following: George A. Klawitter (Steger, Ill.), Paul G. Mariconi (Springfield, Ill.), Raymond L. Trottmann (Chicago), David B. Villwock (Faribault, Minn.), Edward W. Donahue (Fowler, Ind.), Donald E. Kuchenmeister (Almena, Mich.), Joseph D. DuRocher (Monroe, Mich.), Dennis L. Van Gemert (Wauwatosa, Wis.), James N. Bickett (Eltown, Ky.), Rudolph F. Lohmann (South Bend, Ind.), James E. Pritchett (Newport, Mich.), Gerald M. Whitton (Dayton, O.), Thomas P. Harden (Saginaw, Mich.), John L. Hopp (Indianapolis, Ind.), Daniel V. Woods (Chicago), Dennis T. Suderski (Chicago), Robert E. Belanger (Detroit), Michael I. Chesebrough (Indianapolis), Charles T. Smith (Cleveland), Peter J. Michelin (Cheboygan, Mich.), Martin T. Abell (Evansville, Ind.), Richard J. Couture (Cheboygan, Mich.), Arthur J. LeBon (Indianapolis), Donald J. Stabrowski (Mishawaka, Ind.), Patrick A. Doyle (Livonia, Mich.), Raymond P. Dant (Louisville, Ky.), and Francis E. Wilhelm (Lowellville, O.).

**Brothers Completing Canonical Training Pronounce Their Vows of Religion for One Year.**



Back Row; Brothers: Kenneth Kane, Francis Warth, James Gahler, Joseph Tobin, Joseph Coupie, Thomas O'Malley, Thomas Rassette.  
 Front Row; Brothers: Thomas Balthazor, Carl Sternberg, Joseph Lloyd, John Zoglmann, Francis Hirl, Robert Lavelle, Thomas Matthes, James Palmer.

**Fifteen Take First Vows**

On August 16 ceremonies of temporary profession were held at St. Joseph Novitiate for fifteen Brother-novices who took their first vows in the Congregation of Holy Cross. Rev. Fr. Duffey, C.S.C., was celebrant for the Profession and the Mass followed by Rev. Eldon G. Reichert, S.M., who preached the sermon.

Following are the newly professed novices of the Midwest Province: Brothers Thomas Rassette (Kingston, Mich.), Francis Hirl (Mishawaka, Ind.), John Zoglmann (Owensboro, Ky.), Thomas Matthes (Monroe, Mich.), James Gahler (Michigan City, Ind.), Carl Sternberg (Louisville, Ky.), Robert Lavelle (Rocky River, O.), Thomas Matthes (Parma, O.), Kenneth Kane (Waukegan, O.), James Gahler (Waukegan, Minn.), Francis Warth (Canton, Mich.), Joseph Coupie (Livonia, Mich.), Joseph Lloyd (Lorain, O.), Thomas Matthes (Fond du Lac, Wis.), and Joseph Tobin (Chicago, Ill.).

These Brothers have been variously assigned to Dujarie Hall, Notre Dame, or St. Edward University, Austin, Texas, for higher studies.

**Sekondi, Ghana**

Brother Rex Hennel, who opened St. John's School under the Brothers' auspices three years ago, returned to the States in September for a two-month

stay. About the only respite he'll have will be a couple of weeks in hospital for a minor but necessary operation. Otherwise he'll be busy contacting friends old and new of the Ghana mission, speaking to clubs and school assemblies on the work in Africa, and consulting Community authorities and others regarding the Sekondi school.

"The longer we're here," one Brother wrote from Ghana, "the more impressed we become with the need of a dormitory for the students." (The school has over 200 boys.) Right now St. John's has no boarding facilities, no place for the boys to eat. The African lads live in town or in outlying villages, oftentimes traveling miles to and from school every day. Their living quarters are mostly of the "hole-in-the-wall" type, with totally inadequate lighting for the hours of study they must put in. Worst of all, living away from school is a danger to the boys' moral welfare. The boys must be at the school day and night if the Brothers are to supervise them properly. Can you, or do you know someone who can, help?

Brother Gonzaga Day, the Mission Procurator for the Midwest Province, is busy packing boxes and trunks with supplies for the Ghana school. If anyone has something to send there, he'll be glad to include it in the shipment.

Just write the Mission Procurator, 1329 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend 17, Indiana.

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The school term at St. John's ended on August 6; the new term began September 1. Most people are surprised to learn that nights in Ghana are cool enough for sleepers to need a blanket. Though the temperature seldom drops below 70°, there are sea breezes during the afternoons and nights. The pleasant weather made the respite between school terms more than welcome.

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In a letter from Ghana, Brother Jerome Chandler had this postscript: "I have made almost \$75 in the past two weeks doing sea-water contamination tests for Lloyd's of London."

**Obituary**

- Brother Xavier Donoghue, C.S.C.
- Brother Sylvanus Nichols, C.S.C.
- Brother Firmin Mandeville, C.S.C.
- Brother Ignatius Boyd, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Geraldine, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Godeleine, C.S.C.
- Sister Maria Incarnata, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Majella, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Dennisina, C.S.C.
- Father of Brother Norbert Allerton, C.S.C.
- Mother of Brother Charles Blavat, C.S.C.
- Father of Brother Gerard Mason, C.S.C.

### Brothers Pronouncing Perpetual Vows in Complete Dedication to God Through Their Future Assignments in the Works of Congregation of Holy Cross.



Front Row: Brothers William Vondriska, Joseph Ballard, Gerald Detamore, Walter Duda, Norbert Allerton, Ronald La Londe. Second Row: Thomas Brune, John Barrett, Stephen Withey, Thomas O'Linn, Thomas Mittendorf, Joseph Everett. Third Row: Daniel Bengert, Lawrence Emge, Gerard Mason, William Berstraete. Brothers Austin Maley and James Kell (not in picture).

#### Superior General Visits Ghana

On August 10 the Very Reverend Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C., Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, arrived in Ghana to make his first official visitation of the Brothers' school in Sekondi. At this time he interviewed each religious and inspected all phases of the young foundation.

A visit from their Superior General is an outstanding event for Holy Cross

men anywhere, but to missionaries far removed from the home front it is momentous. Unfortunately, Father O'Toole could stay only a few days. Ahead of him lay visitations of the Holy Cross Fathers' new mission in Uganda and the century-old foundations of the Congregation in India and East Pakistan.

#### Sixth Brother Now in Ghana

A few weeks ago the sixth Holy

Cross Brother to be assigned to St. John Secondary School in Sekondi embarked by plane for his new obedience. He is Brother Raymond Papenfuss, whose home town is Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and who for the last three years taught at Holy Trinity High in Chicago. Getting the necessary "shots" and finishing up the requirements for his master's degree from De Paul University kept the missionary-to-be fully occupied this past summer.

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