



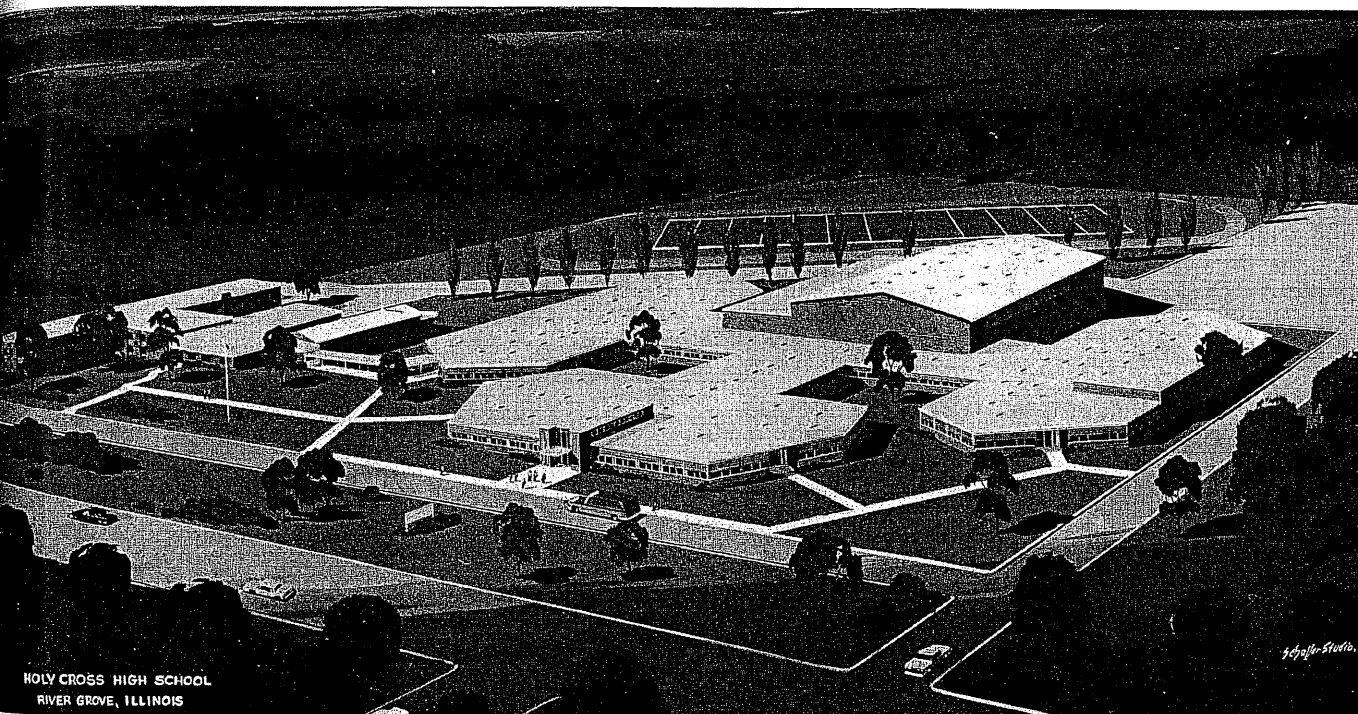
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## Holy Cross High School



HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL  
RIVER GROVE, ILLINOIS

### Province To Build School In Chicago Suburb

At the invitation of His Eminence Albert Cardinal Meyer, Archbishop of Chicago, the Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Midwest Province, have started construction of Holy Cross High School at 8000 Belmont Avenue, River Grove, Illinois.

Brother Donatus Schmitz, C.S.C., Midwest Provincial, has announced that the new school for 1,200 boys will be ready for its first freshmen class in September, 1961. The full secondary school program will be in operation four years after the opening, as the first freshman class is graduated to the succeeding grade levels.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the project took place on October 23, with Monsignor William E. McManus, Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Chicago, presiding. The estimated cost of the school and

residence for the Brothers, Brother Donatus said, is two million dollars. The project will be financed by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Holy Cross Brothers.

The new school, Monsignor McManus said, is part of the Archdiocese's High School Expansion Program towards which Catholics in all parishes of the Archdiocese are contributing.

The school will be mainly a one-story structure with hexagon-walled units grouped in front of a higher gymnasium-auditorium wing. It will have thirty-two regular classrooms, four science laboratories, industrial arts shop, cafeteria, and audio-visual rooms. There will also be a section for the music department with private practice rooms and quarters for the band and glee club.

A faculty house to accommodate forty-five Brothers will include bedrooms, refectory and kitchen, library, and guest rooms. An adjoining chapel which will separate the school and faculty quarters will be available to

both Brothers and students.

The main entrance of Holy Cross High School will face 80th Avenue, just south of Belmont. Access to the gymnasium-auditorium will be from the parking area at the rear of the property as well as from the main entrance of the school, which will be closed off with a system of gates when the gymnasium wing is used for extra-curricular affairs. A special feature of the new school will be the heating system, which provides individual control of temperatures for every two classrooms.

Brother Donatus has announced that B. J. Knowles Co., Inc., of St. Paul, Minnesota, is the architect for the project and that R. T. Milord of Evergreen Park is general contractor.

The Brothers of Holy Cross have been teaching in Chicago ever since 1856 when a group was sent from Notre Dame to teach in various elementary schools including Cathedral grade school, St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's,

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Central figures l. to r.: Brother Donatus Schmitz, Provincial; Rev. Arthur E. Douaire, Pastor; Rt. Rev. Wm. E. McManus, Superintendent.

### ● Ground Broken for New School In Chicago

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Holy Cross High School in River Grove (Chicago) took place on October 23rd. Officiating was Right Rev. William E. McManus, Superintendent of Archdiocesan Schools. Attending the ceremonies were Brothers Donatus Schmitz, Ephrem O'Dwyer, Mr. Richard O'Connor, mayor of River Grove, and Rev. Arthur E. Douaire, pastor of St. Cyprian Parish in River Grove. Others were Holy Cross Brothers from Chicago, South Bend, and Milwaukee, and the new school's architect and contractor. About five hundred lay people attended the ceremonies.

The ground-breaking was followed by a reception, with Rev. Arthur E. Douaire, pastor of St. Cyprian Parish in River Grove, as host.

### ● Mothers Hold Third of Forum Series

The Women's Club of Gilmour Academy is holding its third "Home and School Forum" this year. At the monthly meetings thus far the speakers were a Jesuit priest, a doctor, and the director of a reading clinic. . . . A travel agency is arranging plans for the Gilmour Academy European Study Tour of the summer of 1961. Interested juniors and seniors at the school can make the tour for about \$1700, which covers all expenses except gift-buying and such for a trip of eight to nine weeks. This year's itinerary is to include stops in France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, England, and Ireland. Two Holy Cross Brothers of the Gilmour faculty will accompany the boys.

### ● Milwaukee Boys Home Makes Countdown of Busy Months

During the past summer at St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee one of the most popular activities with the sixty lads in residence was using the "Go-Carts" manufactured by Brother Warren. These are more wagons than cars, but mechanically propelled and used on the "race" track behind the school buildings. Work on the oval course was finished this summer and a Checker Flag Club formed to finish work on a cross-country track. For this project Brother Anthony Migala skillfully handled the huge road grader loaned the school by the Drott Company. With both tracks in operation and the addition of three new "cars"—made possible by gifts from Messrs. Roger Ward, George Tiernan, and Fred Stratton, all of Milwaukee, the St. Charles' boys spent whatever time was allowed in racing, passing tests on track safety rules, and on driving and mechanics.

During the all-day picnics scheduled to relieve summer tedium for the boys the popular pastime was water skiing. The Ladies Unit of St. Charles Boys Home donated the money for a 16-foot aluminum runabout. The Evinrude Outboard Motor Company of Milwaukee loaned the school a 40 h.p. motor, and water skis were given by the Kiwanis Club of West Allis.

The Brothers staffing St. Charles are indebted to the House of the Good Shepherd in Milwaukee for allowing the boys to use the swimming pool there on Saturday afternoons during the past summer.

Until the season closed, the gardening project inspired by Brother James Bagans occupied many of the St. Charles' boys. They could rent one of four small plots at fifty cents each, buy their own seed, and then raise what they wished. The school, in turn, bought whatever vegetables the boys could offer, and some of the boys who kept at their garden work realized a tidy little cash profit. One enterprising lad exercised the right of public domain by gleaning from plots others had deserted enough produce to earn some cash himself.

Another summer pastime for the boys could be had in the miniature golf course made under direction of Brother Theodore John and Mr. John Grignon. An all-day picnic at Camp Villa Jerome ended the summer season for boys and faculty of Brothers and lay teachers, thanks to Rev. Francis Bleidorn, Director of the camp and of St. Aemilian's Home for Boys in Milwaukee.

#### Things to Come

To provide more intensive service

for the boys committed to the Brothers' care at St. Charles, the school is seeking to augment its lay staff with three caseworkers and two full-time lay teachers, plus providing four hours weekly for psychiatric consultations and another four for interviews with a psychologist. The casework staff at St. Charles could then better service the type of boy now being sent to the school for rehabilitation, maintain and foster contact with the parents involved, and do very necessary follow-up work.

For the past five years St. Charles Home has been emphasizing better and more intense service. Building plans are in the discussion stage. The program calls for replacement of the Quonset-type gymnasium and the old school and office buildings. Another proposal calls for a building to serve as a "transition house," where six or eight boys who complete the welfare program at St. Charles and are ready to be dismissed but who cannot return home for one reason or another may live until the matter is remedied.

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and St. Mary's. They also taught at St. Columbkille's, in Nativity parish school, and at St. Pius grade school.

The Holy Cross Brothers have been teaching at Holy Trinity Parish (Cleveland Street) Schools without interruption from 1893, at first in the elementary school and later in the high school Holy Trinity High School, which this year is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, is now a private high school rather than a parish school, under an arrangement approved by the Archdiocese of Chicago. The administration and financing of Holy Trinity High School now are the immediate responsibility of the Holy Cross Brothers.

There are three provinces of Holy Cross Brothers in the United States. All are part of the Congregation of Holy Cross, a religious community composed of a Society of Priests and a Society of Brothers, both under the same Superior General and General Administration, which is located in Rome. There are approximately 480 Brothers in the Midwest province, all of whom teach or engage in allied work. Members of the province teach in twelve schools in the Midwestern states, in schools in Sekondi, Ghana, and Santarem, Brazil, and in seven schools in East Pakistan. The province also conducts two homes for underprivileged boys, St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee and Father Gibault School for Boys in Terre Haute, Indiana.



Most Rev. Alfred F. Mendez, C.S.C.

Rt. Rev. Theotonius Ganguly, C.S.C.

## Two Alumni of Brothers' Schools Become Bishops

The elevation of two priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross to the episcopacy two months ago was of great moment to all members of the Community. On October 7th the Right Reverend Theotonius Amal Ganguly, C.S.C., was consecrated Titular Bishop of Oliva, and Auxiliary Bishop of Dacca, the rites performed by Cardinal Agagianian in that East Pakistan city's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. On October 28th the Most Reverend Alfred Francis Mendez, C.S.C., was consecrated Bishop of Arecibo, a newly erected diocese in Puerto Rico, by Cardinal Spellman in rites held at Sacred Heart Church on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

These two events are of particular moment to Holy Cross Brothers, especially in regard to Bishop Ganguly, who took all his primary and secondary school training at the Brothers' school in Bandhura. Bishop Mendez, on the other hand, spent his senior year of high school at the Brothers' school in Evansville, Indiana, and was graduated from there.

### Veteran Missionaries Reminisce

Brother Andrew Steffes, still working in East Pakistan after nearly a quarter century there, was headmaster of Holy Cross School in Bandhura when Bishop Ganguly attended there. Among the other eleven Brothers who taught the future Bishop at that time was Brother Matthew Gara, and these two men have jotted down some reminiscences about their former student from which the following notes are culled.

Brother Andrew said the Bishop's parents named him Theotonius after the bishop of their home diocese. At the school the name was soon shortened to Taytone and was heard a good deal because the future Bishop not only maintained a distinguished academic record through the primary and secondary grades, but he worked zealously in all other phases of school life —

all of which gave much encouragement and satisfaction to the Brothers teaching him. Said Brother Andrew, "He had as a student an ideal combination of his older brother Xavier's reserve and seriousness and his younger brother Anthony's fun-loving humor." The three Ganguly boys were all students at the Brothers' school. Xavier is now a doctor serving with the Indian government, and Anthony is an engineer with an oil company in East Pakistan.

Brother Matthew recalls teaching the future Bishop English during his fifth and ninth grades at Bandhura and that he won most of the prizes for that subject, math, history, and languages — including Sanskrit! Brother said the Bishop has become an expert linguist, proficient in Latin and Greek, in English, French, and German, along with Bengali and Sanskrit.

### Grateful to His Teachers

It is excusable that the Brothers who taught the new Bishop during grade and high school should proudly claim him "a Brother's boy" and cherish his frequent expressions of gratitude to the teachers of his youth. Brother Andrew has noted — with legitimate satisfaction, one hopes — that when he first came to Dacca in 1926 there were no native priests in East Pakistan at all; of the thirty native priests there now, all except two were high school students of his and other Brother missionaries at Holy Cross School in Bandhura. While a high school student there, the future Bishop joined the Little Flower Seminary nearby, which the Holy Cross Fathers conduct. There he studied religion and Latin but continued his secular studies, as did the other seminarians, at the Brothers' school, and it was from the latter that he passed the Matriculation Examinations of the University of Calcutta.

"In addition to all his other high abilities and noble qualities," wrote Brother Andrew, Bishop Ganguly is outstanding as one who is grateful to those whose duties enabled them to serve him at any time. He always mentions gratefully the influence of the Brothers who encouraged his vocation and helped give him his early education. At the banquet following the ceremony of consecration, with about a hundred and twenty clergy and Brothers present, he made particular and grateful mention of the Brothers' work on his behalf.

### Many Lent a Hand

"What can I tell you of Bishop Ganguly's consecration so as to convey the merest fraction of its glory — yes, glory!" Brother Andrew wrote emphatically.

Attending the rites, he said, were government and consulate officials, bishops and priests, Brothers and Sisters from East and West Pakistan and from India. Brother Martinian Wilson arranged the accommodations and transportation for the Bishop's guests, as well as for Mass facilities for the visiting clerics. Sisters of Holy Cross College provided rooms, as did the Medical Mission Sisters at their hospital in Dacca and the Holy Cross Fathers at Notre Dame College in the same city. Brother Daniel Rozario, who had been supervising the contractor's work on the new Cathedral, worked late and early to get the building ready for the consecration, an event in which Brother Gerald Kroeger helped by acting as server.

### Another Remembrance

Bishop Alfred Mendez first came in contact with the Congregation of Holy Cross through the Brothers teaching at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Indiana, where the future bishop enrolled for his last year of high school work. Brother Ernest Ryan, then a teacher there, recalls that Bishop Mendez was in his religion and English classes, that his talented violin playing enhanced many a school entertainment, that he liked to sing, had the fine manners of his Spanish forebears, and that he was a good student as well as one of the most popular. It was on the advice of Brother Ernest that the young man wrote to Holy Cross Seminary for information, and it was he who signed the necessary papers from the school for the lad's acceptance into the minor seminary. Having been a member of the first graduating class of the new Memorial, Father Mendez came in 1950 to give the commencement address to the 25th anniversary class.

Brother Ernest said that his invitation to Bishop Mendez' consecration puts a fine flourish to his memories. Happening to pass his former teacher when the event was some weeks off, the Bishop stopped to give Brother Ernest an oral invitation to the consecration, with the formal note to be sent later. "You must be there," said Bishop Mendez. "You had a great influence on me as a young man, and I want you to be present at my consecration."

### Knights Give Chapel Windows

Henry D. Schubert, past grand knight of Council 2660, donated twelve stained glass panels for windows in Boysville's campus chapel. The panels bear symbols of various saints and are set into the windows at eye level.

**PROVINCE BRIEFS**

The third annual workshop for Midwest mission moderators was held on October 15th at Columba Hall, Brother Gonzaga Day, the mission procurator for the province, presiding. The mission moderator from each school in the province came to discuss how to interest students in the foreign missions and how to raise money to help the missions. . . . Brother Charles Hill will return to East Pakistan towards the end of December after his year's leave in this country, spent mostly in hard work—securing equipment (he got tons of it!) for the Brothers' industrial school in Dacca. . . . Brother-moderators of Association of St. Joseph chapters gathered in South Bend on October 16th for a meeting with Association Director Brother Gonzaga Day. Brother Donatus Schmitz, provincial, addressed the group, with discussion following about membership and fund-raising drives. . . . In what may well be a CSC "first," Brothers Philip Armstrong, Leonard Siwierka, and Charles Mack of the Boysville faculty "entered" Michigan's Milan Federal Penitentiary to sing for a High Mass on the feast of Saint Dismas, October 9th. The prison chaplain extended the invitation. After Mass prisoners were allowed to question the Brothers about the religious life. . . .

**Vocation Institute**



Bro. Daniel, F.S.C.; Bro. Eymard, C.S.C.; Bro. Bernard, F.S.C.

On October 8th the province's annual Vocation Institute took place at Dujarie Hall. Brother Eymard Salzman, Director of Vocations for the Midwest province, presided, and the Brother

provincial gave a talk at one session. Two Christian Brothers presented their community's method of recruiting and of formative training for candidates. Brothers from various Midwest province schools attended the two half-day sessions. . . . In 1945 when the Brothers constituted one province, the total membership was 455. Now, with three U.S. provinces of CSC Brothers, the membership of the Midwest province alone is 480. . . . Joe McTaggart, a senior at St. Edward High in Cleveland, won the "Outstanding State Official Award" at the Boys' State in Ohio this past summer. During the ten-day session high schoolers simulate operations of the state government, learn how it works, and gain skill in parliamentary procedure. On entering Boys' State, Joe was first appointed to the nominating committee, then made temporary secretary, then elected chairman. He gave the keynote address at the opening session and made a nominating speech. Larry Gray, another Edsman, also attended this assembly of top-ranking students in Ohio schools.

**Mothers Club Gives Big Gift to Cleveland School**

The Mothers Club of St. Edward High School in Cleveland donated a fine Allen electric organ to the school. The instrument has two full-size manuals and a 32-note pedal board, as well as special attachments for harp, carillon, and bell effects. The organ will be used for assemblies, at Masses held in the auditorium, at commencement, and many other functions. Thanks, mothers!

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD**

- Rev. John Molter, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Francis (Horan), C.S.C.
- Sister M. Odetta (Honauer), C.S.C.
- Mother of Brother Reginald Justak
- Father of Brother Bernard Klim

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**Staffers Study on Side**

Since the usual arrangements at a boarding school apply at St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee, the Brothers and laymen on the staff have a 24-hour a day job. Despite this, many of the staff members advance their professional training at various Milwaukee schools during free time these men have available. Brothers Eugene Palinski, Gilbert Scher, Theodore John, and James Bagans are attending Marquette University. Brothers Warren Shea, Anthony Migala, and Thomas Jones are taking a class for "House parents" at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Brother William Wickham is taking commercial subjects at Spencerian Business College.

**Unit Plans Year's Work**

The Ladies Unit of St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee has a long record of service for that institution. This year the Unit began its round of projects with the annual card party at the North Hills Country Club in October. In November the Ladies staged the main event of the year's program—a card party in the Crystal Ballroom of the Schroeder Hotel, use of which Mr. Walter Schroeder again allowed without charge to the Unit. Mrs. William Knoernschild, head of the Ladies Unit for many years past, is planning for the club's 30th anniversary, soon to come.

**Associates Meet**

The South Bend Chapter of the Association of St. Joseph met on October 16 at St. Joseph High School. Plans for the year's activities include those for a membership drive among relatives, friends, and alumni of St. Joseph High, a fund-raising project to buy stained glass windows for St. Joseph Novitiate chapel.

Mrs. John Paczesny, president of the South Bend group and very active promoter of Association projects, is currently planning the pre-Christmas meeting. Mrs. Emily Lohmann, Mrs. Przewar, and Mrs. Paczesny are donating prizes to be used at the affair.

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