



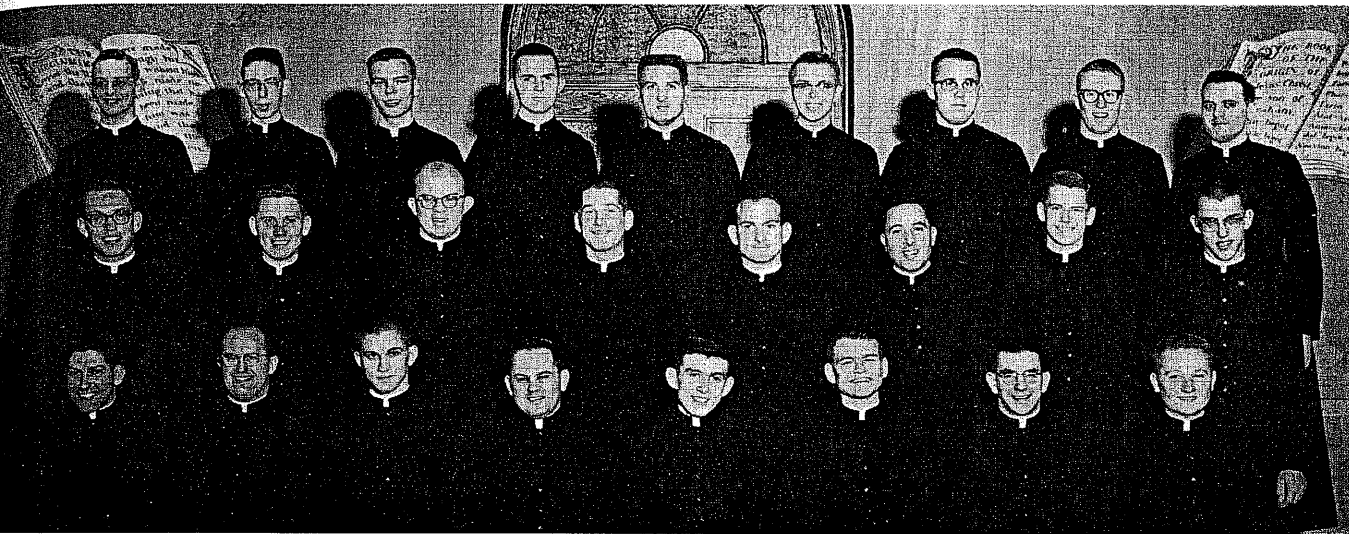
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## Aspirants Begin Year of Novitiate



First row, left to right, seated: Brothers Peter Gilles, Lake Linden, Michigan; Thomas Balaz, McClellandtown, Pennsylvania; Robert Lee, Mitchellfield, Kentucky; Joseph Valdez, Glendale, California; James Farrell, Des Moines, Iowa; Lawrence Barrett, Westmont, Illinois; Louis Apple, Okauchee, Wisconsin; James May, Whitesville, Kentucky. Second row, left to right, standing: Brothers Wayne Gross, Carroll Iowa; Bernard Baltes, Ionia, Iowa; Donald Ruth, Gering, Nebraska; Edward Smiley, Kansas City, Kansas; Richard Morand, Pico Rivera, California; Louis Messina, North Hollywood, California; John Becker, Akron, Ohio; Edward Hegnauer, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Third row, left to right, standing: Brothers Michael Crowe, Lakewood, Ohio; Edward Stenger, University Heights, Ohio; David Averill, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; John Seufert, Ute, Iowa; Robert Clark, Decatur, Illinois; Edward Libbers, Lafayette, Indiana; Edward Foken, Norwood, Ohio; James Cummins, Chicago, Illinois; Thomas Kiedrowski, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### Santarem Bishop Guest Of Provincial

Most Reverend James Ryan, O.F.M., Bishop of Santarem, Brazil, came from Chicago in company with Brother Jerome Schwabe to visit the Provincial, Brother Donatus Schmitz, in South and on January 28th.

Bishop Ryan is the first American to lead the Santarem diocese, where the Holy Cross Brothers' South-West province operates the Ginasio Dom Amanante, a boarding and day school for elementary and high school boys.

Brother Jerome is completing a few months' leave in the States and will return to his teaching duties at the Ginasio late next month. Almost all his time here has been taken up with a round of talks at Midwest and Eastern schools and at meetings of various clubs and societies in every city he has hit. Milwaukee alone, his hometown, has given twenty talks on the Bra-

zilian mission since he returned from Santarem. His calendar of engagements and necessary calls in the interests of the Brazilian mission is still chockful and probably will be right up to the time the plane for the Amazon gets airborne.

Home on leave from his work in Dacca, East Pakistan, Brother Charles Hill still has six months to go before returning to his duties at St. Joseph Industrial Trade School in that city. The leave in the States marks the end of Brother Charles' first seven-year period in Pakistan, a stretch after which all Holy Cross missionaries there are allowed one-year's leave in the States.

Since returning here, Brother Charles has been filling a crammed schedule of talks on the Pakistan missions given to various student assemblies, of visits to persons that might be able to equip the Dacca trade school, and with calls

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Twenty-five aspirants to the religious life as Brothers of Holy Cross began their year of Novitiate recently. Reception ceremonies were held at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, on January 26, 1960. Parents, relatives, and friends of the aspirants were present.

Reception of the Habit ceremonies were conducted by Rev. Felix Duffey, C.S.C., Novitiate Chaplain. Father Duffey was also celebrant of the High Mass that followed the ceremony. Rev. George B. Fischer, C.S.C., Holy Cross Mission House, North Dartmouth, Mass., preached the sermon. Father Fischer also conducted an eight-day retreat for the aspirants previous to the reception of the habit. Brother Gerontius McCarthy, C.S.C. is Master of Novices.

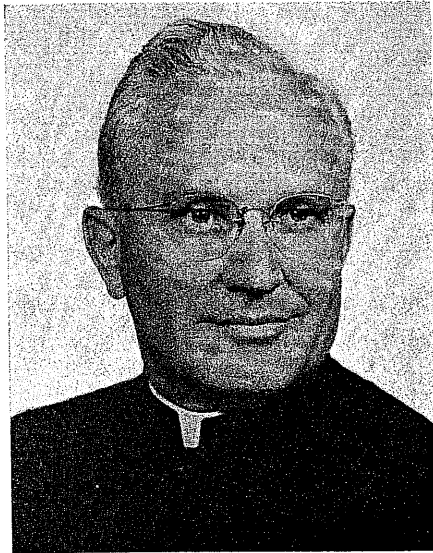
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## Guest Bishop

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on prospective friends of the mission in general. This work has already taken Brother to the west coast, the east coast, and to various places in between. The remaining six months of his stay will be filled with more of the same.

Akron, Ohio, has been Brother Charles' jumping-off place mostly because it's his hometown and our school there has plenty of room for guests. Just as a sample of a missionary's typical detachment: more than one person has noticed Brother Charles wearing the sandal-type shoes the men use in Pakistan during the cold weather here, so he finally decided to get regular oxfords not so much to keep out the cold as to forestall the sympathizers.



Brother Rupert Poudrier  
(1900-1960)

On Wednesday afternoon, February 3, Brother Rupert died in the Community Infirmary at Notre Dame. Although he had a heart condition for many years along with other complications, he kept steadily at work until his final three weeks, spent at the Infirmary.

Brother Rupert entered the Community in 1923 and took final vows in 1928. Before entering the Brothers he attended St. Viator College in Bourbonnais, Illinois, and taught in the public school system of South Dakota. He received his A.B. degree at Notre Dame and did graduate work at Immaculate Heart College in Hollywood, California. His teaching career in the Congregation included assignments first in Evansville and New Orleans. In 1934 he became director of Father

Gibault School for Boys in Terre Haute, the first Brother to hold the post. He left Terre Haute in 1945 to teach in Long Beach, California, then from 1947 to 1952 became principal of Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California. In 1953 he was appointed to the teaching staff of Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy, but illness forced him to return to this country. He came back to Dujarie Hall, the Brothers' scholasticate at Notre Dame, where he did work in the archives and served in the vocation office.

Brother Rupert was active in the National Council of Catholic Charities, the National Committee on Protective and Correctional Institutions, and the Indiana Knights of Columbus. He was a fourth degree knight.

A quiet, soft-spoken person, Brother Rupert was unmistakably the gentleman, always kind, always well-groomed, always faithful to his religious exercises. He lived for many years under constant threat of death, yet this left him unaffected at least in other people's eyes. He did not brood, give up, or let his work suffer. At Dujarie one found him constantly at his desk, busy with correspondence in the vocations' department, interviewing candidates, and — to the amazement of his doctor — continuing to exert an energy and pace that would have felled a less determined man.

May he rest in peace.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### • Granger, Indiana

At St. Joseph Farm, a South-West province house, Brother Wenceslaus Bartek celebrated his 25th jubilee of profession on February 2. . . . Brothers Richard Huber and Stephen Carter are taking an 8-week course in animal husbandry at Purdue University, where Brother Donald Dunleavy goes too, to study general farming. . . . Brother Nilus Grix, superior at the Farm, was elected president of the St. Joseph County 4-H Club Fair Association.

### • East Pakistan

Brothers teaching science at St. Joseph English Medium School in Dacca have started an unusual stamp collection as a science-teaching aid. Brother Carl Shonk, for one, collects stamps featuring birds, fish, animals, flowers, trees, plants, mushrooms, and famous scientists. Brother Jude Costello, headmaster at St. Joseph, reminds us that cancelled stamps of any kind are valuable for resale to collectors.

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## Midyear Changes Made in Province

The end of the first semester every year always means a few changes in assignments. This January, therefore, Brother Stephen Withey left the Akron school to resume studies at Notre Dame, Brothers John Aubry, Vincent Gross, Vincent Masterson, Thomas Jones, Donald Schapker, and Donald Guardioli left the shelter of the Scholasticate at Dujarie Hall to teach or work elsewhere: the first two in Akron and the others, respectively, in South Bend, Milwaukee, the last two in Watertown, Wisconsin.

Brother Rosaire Foos went from Gibault in Terre Haute to teach in Indianapolis, Brother Charles Blava was graduated from Notre Dame at midyear and went to Boysville in Michigan, Brother Walter Duda came from Watertown to "go on the road" for the Ave Maria magazine as canvasser, Brother Eugene Phillipp also left the Scholasticate to teach in Chicago, Brother Ronald LaLonde left the Indianapolis school's faculty to resume studies at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and Brother Ronald Christenson has left his original assignment in St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee to get ready for his new assignment in East Pakistan, where he will go within the month.

## Province-Wide Tests Slated For May

Last summer a committee of English teachers in the province compiled an English exam for each of the four high school grade levels. There are 6,394 students in Midwest Province schools, all of whom will take the appropriate examination. Freshmen and sophomores will take it on May 2 and 3, the juniors and seniors on May 4 and 5.

These English examinations will be given every student regardless of mental ability or achievement. The tests are based on the English syllabus compiled by the Brothers in 1953.

Evaluation of results will be compiled after the tests have been graded. For freshmen and sophomores this will show the number in each of the groups with 70 points or more, the number below 70, and the average grade for the entire group. For juniors and seniors the evaluation includes the same information on two test subjects: literature and essay.

The province-wide English test is being given to determine how well the subject is being covered in provincial schools and how well the students generally are assimilating it.

# Novices Pronounce Vows



Front row, left to right, seated: Brothers James Gleeson, Detroit, Michigan; Thomas Moser, Keokuk, Iowa; James Caley, Detroit, Michigan; Gregory Teodecki, St. Clair Shores, Michigan; David Baltrinic, Akron, Ohio; Lawrence Unfried, Evansville, Indiana; David Wirth, Newburgh, Indiana. Second row, left to right, standing: Brothers: Thomas Friel, Newark, Ohio; James Newberry, Downers Grove, Illinois; Gerald Perry, Temple City, California; Gerald Liston, Berkley, Michigan; Thomas Queisser, Indianapolis, Indiana; David Boyington, Long Beach, California; James Kumba, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; Joseph LaCanne, Faribault, Minnesota; Richard Bergner, Anacortes, Washington.

## Hi-Way

The leading article in the January "Photolith," the publication of the National School Yearbook Association, is a review of the *Hi-Way*, the 1959 yearbook of St. Joseph's High School, South Bend. The article, titled, "What's the Secret of Success?", includes liberal quotations from the yearbook's advisor, Brother Harold Blinger, who in addition to his full teaching schedule, has been yearbook advisor for the past six years. Three photos from the annual accompany the review, plus a picture of Brother Harold and a biographical sketch. In its December "Photolith" the Association listed the 1959 *Hi-Way* among the highest-rating high school yearbooks.

Brother Harold, whose artistic talents are well known in the Community, who spends many hours working on the yearbooks from year to year, says his 1959 award-winner was due to "an able and loyal staff, willing to work and follow a regular schedule." Among other aspects of the advisor's work, Brother said his task "was merely to find a dedicated editor and to guide the progress of an idea I had in mind for several years."

Editor Paul Lehner and his assistant, Ed Gerencer, were key men in producing the book. With Brother Harold as head of an editorial staff of 12 members and a managerial staff of 12.

Except for class portraits, nearly all photos in the largely pictorial annual were the work of students and of their advisor. "I can sincerely say," Brother Harold said of the yearbook editor for 1959, "that I owe the success of our 1959 publication to the leadership and scholarly attitude of this boy." The "Photolith" article ends with another of his remarks: "In summary, we owed results at St. Joseph's to a dependable nucleus of editorial workers, all of them high honor students."

## OBITUARY

- Rev. James J. O'Brien, C.S.C.
- Rev. Norman Johnson, C.S.C.
- Brother Rupert Poudrier, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Britto, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Eusebia, C.S.C.
- Sr. Mary Eustasia, O.S.B.
- Father of Brother Leo Kowalski
- Father of Brother Vincent Masterson
- Mother of Brother Edward Courtney
- Aunt of Brother Theodore Kapes

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## Dujarie Books

Brother Ernest Ryan, Director of Dujarie Press, has announced that the new catalogue contains eleven new titles in the primary grade series of books issued by the Press, all these titles now going through press. The series is directed to 2nd and 3rd graders, each book on the life of some saint with an illustration on nearly every page. New titles include such saints as Pascal Baylon, Benedict the Moor, James the Greater, Agatha, and Perpetua. Dujarie Press already has seventy titles in its primary grade series.

Two other series, for intermediate and high school levels, are published by the Press, now preparing ten titles of the former, and by next June three or four of the latter.

Brother Ernest also pointed out that Dujarie Press ranked third among the 300 publishers who issued Catholic books in the year 1959, the rating based on number of Catholic titles published. In number of books for juveniles published in 1959, Dujarie Press ranked first. Brother Ernest also was guest speaker at the January 17th meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph. He spoke on the early history of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

News Briefs

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velope corners can be sent to any Holy Cross house, school, or member, and we'll be glad to get them.

• Chicago, Illinois

The PTA of Holy Trinity High sponsored a bingo party to raise money for new lockers and showers in the school's athletic department. . . . Associates of St. Joseph, Chicago Chapter, held a bingo party to benefit the Brothers' novitiate in Indiana. . . . Emphasis on scholarship these days at Trinity is paying off, as proved by its record in National Merit Scholarship results, six possible and pending NROTC scholarships, the ten students who reached the semifinals in Illinois State scholarship competition, and the eight seniors being considered for scholarship grants by the Pullman Foundation. . . . At the request of the editor of Shield magazine, official organ of the CSMC, Brother John C. Federowicz wrote a guide for mission units who plan having book drives for the missions. The article appeared in the Shield for January-February. Over the past three years Brother John and the CSMC unit at Trinity have shipped thousands of books to home and foreign missions.

• Akron, Ohio

Brother John Benesh spoke on "Scholarship Opportunities in Mathematics" at the February 13 meeting of the Cleveland Diocesan Mathematics Teachers Association. He is vice president of the Association.

• Gate Mills, Ohio

On March 6 Frank M. Folsom, chairman of the board of RCA and permanent representative of the Vatican to the International Atomic Energy Agency, will lecture at Gilmour Academy on the topic, "Why Atoms for Peace?" The lecture sponsored by Gilmour's junior class, is open to the public for an admission charge.

• Monroe, Michigan

"Education Beyond the Grammar School" was the topic of Brother Benedictus Secoy's talk at a recent meeting of the Home-School Council of St. John's Parish. A student-panel from Monroe schools presented its view of educational policies, philosophy, and opportunities in the area, the entire program designed to acquaint grade schoolers and their parents with the opportunities the Catholic high schools in Monroe offer. . . . James A. Cousino, a CC graduate of '58, was voted outstanding student in his department at Michigan State University. He's an all "A" man in grades, is president of the Short Course Council, and lately won the Agriculture Honor Award for Young Farmers at the University. . . . Brother Leonard Leary's school dance band played for the Detroit Chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph at their February 7th meeting. . . . Three CC faculty men, Brothers Frederick McGlynn, Paul Dittmer, and John Shrader, attended a meeting of math teachers at the University of Michigan on January 16th. Members discussed improving geometry and algebra textbooks as well as revisions in high school math courses, particularly for seniors.

• Rome, Italy

We regretted to hear the Newsette hasn't showed up at the Generalate for the past eight months. We'll fill in the gap at once and, of course, check the mailing list. . . . Four Brothers from the faculty of St. John's School in Sekondi, Ghana, spent last December on vacation in Rome, did their sightseeing from homebase at the Generalate. . . . After his months-long visitation of Indian and Pakistani missions of the Congregation, our Superior General, Very Reverend Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C., has returned to his Roman headquarters, where the harrowing effects of endless consultations, interviews, changes of

climate, decision-making, and other vicissitudes of the highest office in the Congregation are gradually being overcome. We in the States are glad to learn that Father General's health is improving steadily. . . . Father Cornelius Hagerty, on a year's leave of absence in honor of his 50th anniversary of ordination and recently appointed a second chaplain at Columba Hall, is now living at the Generalate, will shortly depart for southern Italy, Spain, and other points. . . . Brother Theophane Schmitt, General Steward of the Congregation, has made eight trips so far to oversee construction of the Congregation's new seminary in northern Italy.

• South Bend, Indiana

Brother Raphael Wilson, a South West province member living at Columba Hall and teaching at Notre Dame, left for Washington, D.C., on January 20th to spend the next twelve days working with Dr. William Smith on a radiation research project at the National Cancer Institute. The project is a joint program of the National Institute of Health and Notre Dame's Lobund Institute, designed to determine the effects of radiation on germ-free animals.

On his return from Washington, Brother Raphael stopped at Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio, to give juniors and seniors a pep talk on college entrance requirements and allied subjects.

• Terre Haute, Indiana

Brother Armand Amman, superior and director of Father Gibault School for Boys, attended the quarterly meeting of the school's Board of Directors, held in Indianapolis January 16th. . . . Gibault's perennial prize-winning dairy herd was cited again this January for its record milk production, one of the three herds in central Indiana to get the citation. Gibault's herd of sixty registered Holsteins are in charge of Brother Merle McGrane.

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