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Province News

Meetings and Speeches

Brother Pedro Haering, principal superior at Archbishop Hoban High in Akron, addressed the Newman Club of Akron University at their communion breakfast on March 13. A month before he spoke of Hoban High and its relation to the parishes at a meeting of priests of the Akron Deanery. . . . Brother Charles Rymarowicz, guidance counselor at Holy Trinity High in Chicago, was moderator at a conference held at Illinois Institute of Technology. Thousands of students attended. At a Communion breakfast for the K of C Council 1700 East Chicago, Indiana, he gave an interesting talk on Father Gibault School for Boys in Terre Haute, an institution for wayward boys that the Brothers conduct and the Indiana rights of Columbus finance. . . . Brother John Kuhn, English instructor at Holy Trinity High, served on a panel held at De Paul University to discuss the school's reading problems. Another speaking engagement took him to Marillac House to give a review of Francois Mauriac's book, *Woman of Pharisees*, to the Chicago Chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph. . . . At Holy Trinity High's chapter of the National Honor Society inducted members on March 15 before a convocation of students and guests, Brother James d'Autremont, C.S.C., principal of Notre Dame High in Niles, Illinois, gave the address.

South Bend Associates Hold Dinner

The South Bend Unit of the Association of St. Joseph served a beef dinner at St. Joseph High School's cafeteria on March 20 to raise funds for St. Joseph Novitiate. Brothers Amadeus and Thomas Rock prepared the food, with assists from Columba and Dujarie Hall Brothers. Members of the Association, led by Mrs. Ann Paczesny, served as hostesses. Over 600 came to dinner between two and six in the afternoon. Prizes were donated by Mrs. Emily Lohmann and Mrs. Walter Stabrowski.

Ghana Men Keep on the Go

The six Brothers at St. John's School in Sekondi are busy these days teaching their 283 African boys. . . . Before the new term opened Brothers Eduardo, Donald, Jerome, and William took time out for a few week's vacation in Rome, where during their stay it rained almost daily, once for 54 hours straight; but they had a good rest. . . . Brother Raymond has the school's 3000-volume library in good shape, a 55x12-foot mural on one wall that was painted by the art teacher Mr. Quagrainie. . . . Despite constant interruptions from visitors, prospects, and parents, headmaster Brother Rex completed pre-term paper work in the office, together with prefect of discipline Brother Eduardo revised school discipline and rules. . . . The new cafeteria-auditorium building is going up fast, should be done by May. . . . St. John's library equals or betters those in Ghana's other secondary schools. . . . A man with many irons in the fire, Brother Jerome continues, extracurricularly, to add many little conveniences or improvements. His trademark could be stamped on many physical aspects of the school. . . . He and the others are trying to figure out a good spot for a banana grove on campus. Problem is to keep the somewhat ugly-looking trees hidden enough yet close enough to be guarded from the "mammies" who not only grab up the fruit but break young trees down to reach it. . . . The "bush" has been moved beyond the property line now in the Brothers' backyard. . . . Seeing the vacationers returned from Rome, the townspeople would say of the Brother they happened to meet, "Fada is bock."

DECEASED

Rev. Patrick J. Haggerty, C.S.C.
Sister M. Agathangela, C.S.C.
Sister M. Leonarda, C.S.C.
Mother of Bro. John Quigley, C.S.C.
Father of Bro. Charles Martinez, C.S.C.
Sister M. Francina, C.S.C.
Mother of Bro. John Lavelle, C.S.C.

East Pakistan

Here are some excerpts from a letter of Brother Thomas More, who teaches at St. Gregory's High in Dacca, the letter dated Holy Saturday:

"I just came out to our Bandura school for a week end, but at what a price in sweat! Every day for the past three weeks it's been between 100° and 105° in the afternoons. Holy Week services lose a lot of their liturgical charm for one who's melting in church.

"I'm reading the life of St. Francis Xavier, by Broderick, who quotes the Saint's saying we should look at these days as our Purgatory. The book—really wonderful—shows that things have changed little over here since Francis Xavier's time, so it's easy to make comparisons and to realize just how great his accomplishments were.

"The death of Father Martin (president of Notre Dame College in Dacca and a CSC missionary) is a great loss to us over here. The Brothers work and live closely with the Fathers over here, so the death was like seeing one of the family go. He was one of the hardest working men I've ever known, and he had a high degree of virtue. Some people seem to have the knack of saying the right thing, handling problems smoothly, and turning everything to the best—and Father Martin was one such person. After living well, he died well. He was praying until a few hours before the end. I hope St. Joseph will help us do the same.

"I suppose you've heard that we're getting ready to build a new school over here. It will probably be a tough job because we are so dependent on help from overseas. We're anxious to get native vocations, get firmly entrenched, and this school will be a big help. . . ."

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

MW PROVINCE BRIEFS

Brother Eymard Salzman, province Director of Vocations, became a member of the advisory board of the vocations section of the National Catholic Education Association. . . . Brothers who work at the Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame attended the annual Mass offered for those who work in the field of communications, held this year in the Moreau Seminary Chapel on the Notre Dame campus. Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, provincial of the Indiana province of the Congregation, was celebrant. Rev. Albert J. Nevins, M.M., well known editor of Maryknoll magazine, spoke on "Social Responsibilities of the Communications Media." . . . Poems by Brothers Gerard Mason and Charles McGannon, both SW Province men teaching in the MW, appear in the 1960 National Poetry Association's anthology. . . . The first annual Shield and Anchor dinner, sponsored by Sacred Heart Military Academy, took place for parents of Cadets and friends of the school in the Milwaukee area on April 26 at the Milwaukee Athletic Club, and for Chicago area patrons and friends on the following day at the Illinois Athletic Club. . . . Brother Barry Lambour, principal of St. Edward High in Cleveland, led a panel discussion on the way religion can help combat delinquency in one of the Lenten Series educational panels sponsored by the Lakewood Congregational Church. . . . Boys of Cathedral High in Indianapolis raised \$4000 for the foreign missions during their Lenten drive. . . . April marked the 40th anniversary of Cathedral High's paper, *The Megaphone*. . . . The annual full-tuition scholarship awarded by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley went this year to Jerry Kuminecz, a senior at St. Joseph High School in South Bend. The Club selects on the basis of scholastic achievement and extracurricular activities from among all high school seniors in St. Joseph county. . . . 1,068 eighth graders in the South Bend area registered and took entrance exams for St. Joseph High. The school will accept only 570—290 for the boys' department, 280 for the girls'. 194 of the registrants came from township schools. Since only 347 seniors will graduate in June, classrooms will be crowded next September. . . . New glass doors and stainless steel door frame were installed in the Boysville chapel, the gift of Mrs. Thomas Beaton of Escanaba, Michigan, in memory of her late husband. . . . Representatives from the MW Province schools attended the recent NCEA convention in Chicago. . . .

Two of the judges for Akron's City Spelling Bee were Brothers Donan Johnroe and Theodore John. . . . Ho-

ban High's band rated an "excellent" in recent district competition. . . . During Easter week forty Hoban High seniors, with Brothers Viator and Robert Woodward in charge, had three days of sightseeing in New York. . . . Of more than 320 applicants for Hoban High next year, the school can only accept about 260. . . . The Akron chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph held a dance in the school cafeteria on April 23. . . . The first annual Honors Night will be held at Archbishop Hoban High, Akron, on May 22, with academic achievement up for honors and awards. Principal speaker will be Monsignor James Galvin, Superintendent of Schools for the Indianapolis diocese. . . . 182 boys will graduate from Hoban High this June. Speaker for the exercises is Monsignor Clarence Elwell, Superintendent of Schools for the Cleveland archdiocese. . . . The Mothers Club at Hoban staged a big card party at the school on April 20, counted up to 300 tables. . . . Hoban High's seventh annual Spring Musicale, "A Carnival of Melody," had four showings, two sold out a week in advance. Brother Roy Nash directed, Brother Andrew Sukenik assisted, with Hoban's band and glee club combining with girls of St. Mary's High in Akron for a colorful and entertaining show. . . . Hal Hatfield, senior at St. Joseph High in South Bend, received an appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Senior Norman Guentert was awarded a valedictorian's scholarship to Notre Dame, and fellow senior Tom Ryan accepted a scholastic scholarship to St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. . . . The Boys Senate of St. Joseph High (South Bend) provided partial scholarships for ten students this year. The same school's Josephite Chapter of the National Honor Society provided tutoring service in all subjects during the school term. . . . Alan Golinchowski, also of St. Joseph High, scored highest in the South Bend-Mishawaka area in the National Science Talent Tests, given at Notre Dame in April. One-third of the South Bend Science Seminar group consists of St. Joseph High students.

At the annual meeting of the Council of Community Services, held May 12, 1960, Brother Lawrence Miller, C.S.C., was elected to a term of three years on the Board of Directors.

Chicago's Holy Trinity High School band marched in the city's St. Patrick's Day and Easter parades. Stanley Kalleta, a 1937 graduate, directed the latter for Chicago this year. In March the glee club and selected band members took part in the yearly music festival of Chicago's Catholic high schools in the Civic Opera House; on April 29 the club appeared there

again for a part in the Ciscarama production.

Why Pray for Vocations

In 1948 there were 190,165 Priests, Brothers, and Sisters serving 26,075,697 Catholics in the U. S. and Hawaii. In 1959 there were 39,505,475 Catholics—a 51.4% increase in eleven years—but only 227,320 Priests and Religious—a mere 19.6% increase. For every seven Priests needed to keep pace with postwar population growth, only four were ordained. In 1955 there were 1,519 Priests ordained; each of the next two years there were 140 fewer ordained than in 1955; and in 1958 only 1,088 Priests were ordained. The declining figures show just how serious the vocation problem has become.

Although Catholic population in this country increased about 51.4% over an eleven-year period, the number of Priests increased only 26.2%; the number of Sisters—the backbone of the Catholic education system, only 16.8%. The number of Brothers in the same period increased from 7,335 to 9,709, an increase of 32.4%. However, Brothers represent less than five per cent of the total number of Priests and Religious here in the United States.

Over a million babies were baptized as Catholics last year. Each of these has a right to a Catholic education, yet at present there is room for only three out of five in Catholic elementary schools. Seven out of ten will find no room in Catholic high schools. Not money, but lack of personnel, is the main reason. A number of new Catholic schools, fully equipped, stand empty because no religious Community can supply a staff.

Last year a Priest wrote to every teaching Order in the country, but not one could accept his school. Bishops and pastors make constant requests for teachers from various communities, yet few of these requests can be filled.

One statistician estimates that 70% of Catholic children will be in public schools by 1970's. If present trends continue, it is a 3 to 1 chance that your own children will not be educated in a Catholic school.

The discouraging figures above show a crisis that all Catholics must do something to overcome. Vocations must be increased, but how? There's one sure way—and Christ Himself gave it: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send laborers into His harvest."

There is only one conclusion for us all. There is an increasing shortage of vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life because we as individuals are not praying enough.

Editorial Memorializes Father O'Brien

St. Edward's University (operated by Holy Cross Brothers of the South-West Province) is an old institution but in many ways it is quite young. It was only 14 years ago that the Brothers of Holy Cross took over its administration and its rapid growth dates from that time.

Because it is a young-old institution, St. Edward's does not possess many traditions. And with the loss of Father James O'Brien, they lost one of their traditional links with the past. Father O'Brien typified St. Edward's. He was interested in young men, talked with them, told them of the past. Although he was nearly 80 years old, he had a memory that could dart back generations.

Once I met a man who had come to St. Ed's high school as a boy, been there only one year. Like other St. Ed's men, his first question was about "The Duke." He told me that in his year at St. Ed's he had been disciplined by Father O'Brien, made to stay at the campus when he wanted to go out. He said he thought Father O'Brien regretted having to do it even more than regretted being campused. He said, too, it had been a punishment he had always remembered, and he later appreciated.

He hadn't seen Father O'Brien in more than twenty years but when he introduced himself Father O'Brien immediately remembered him and even remembered the campusing.

In Austin Father O'Brien was loved by everyone. I talked with the daughter of a Presbyterian minister who told me her father's great admiration for the Catholic Church came from his admiration of Father O'Brien.

Father O'Brien is gone from St. Edward's but he'll never really be gone. "The Duke" will always be remembered; he is a solid part of the tradition of St. Edward's University.

That's why I'd like to make a suggestion. It is strictly an unofficial suggestion — coming from neither the diocese nor the school. It is that Father O'Brien should be remembered by a memorial on the campus. What kind of a memorial? Not a statue or a plaque certainly. Father O'Brien has a greater meaning to St. Edward's than could be shown by these.

I'd guess someday soon St. Edward's will need a student union building, a center for students, alumni, friends of the school. Remembering Father O'Brien's great love for young men, his interest in their welfare, I think that a building like this would be the kind of memorial Father O'Brien would like. I think that Father James O'Brien

Student Union Building would be supported by Catholics all over the state, by the people of Austin, by ex-Edsmen all over the country, and I predict that if it ever comes about it will be known simply as The Duke's Place.

—The Editor's Desk, *The Lone Star Catholic*, Feb. 14, 1960.

Letters Explain Ghana Scene

Writing from St. John's School in Sekondi, Ghana, where he teaches biology, Brother Donald Allen supplied a nice kaleidoscope view for us a couple of months ago. Excerpts from his letter follow:

"The weather has been enjoyable, with low humidity and easy-to-take temperature. Very pleasant to tramp around as I did for an hour this afternoon over the campus. There's enough brush or undergrowth and a sprinkling of trees, shrubs, and interesting plants, to make it seem like a woods. Pineapples grow all over the place, but even though they're on our land, the local gentry help themselves to all that even hint at ripening. The same holds true for bananas, oranges, coconuts, mangoes, lemons, and papayas (or pawpaws, as they're often called here).

"Now is the time for pineapples. We have them almost every breakfast. One gets them until they come out of one's ears, but there are no complaints though because the pineapples are delicious — better than usually found in the States. The other day Brother Jerome went out to lop off a few pineapples the "pilferers" had overlooked. Oranges are coming in and should hit their peak in a month, so for the lemons. Bananas and papayas are around all year. We might nibble on a small bit of coconut each every couple of months, despite the fact we're surrounded by these trees on three sides. Mangoes here are unlike those I knew in Pakistan or India. Anyway, you practically have to be in a bathtub to eat the things, so even though I like them, I don't miss them much. One tropical fruit not available here as in Bengal, is the leechi — to me one of the best kinds of fruit God ever created. Leechis grow on trees, but the seeds I planted here failed to germinate.

"Plans have been approved for the cafeteria-auditorium building. Brother Jerome brushed a narrow trail indicating where the new road will go — to be about 300 yards. . . .

"Last night about 9:30 we had an exciting time. As Brother William stepped outside, heading for bed, we heard a cry: 'Jer-r-r-r-o-o-m-e!'

Well, it was none of my business, so I sat pat. Next I heard was, 'Donald — snake!' I ran out and the fun began.

"At the foot of the concrete steps leading to the second floor Brother William had nearly stepped on a glistening black snake stretched out on the fiber mat by the first step. The cats were eyeing it — far too closely, for it was a healthy specimen of the spitting cobra. Brother Jerome and I edged the snake towards the gutter after it had begun moving off the verandah. Brother William ran upstairs to get flashlights. With these in hand, we could operate. Brother William grabbed a short stick and gave it to me. I thought it too short indeed! It squirmed around till I could see the beautiful pink belly markings that mark the breed — irregular pink and black squares. Once the snake's head was pinned, I could grab it firmly near the head and cart it off to the biology lab. From one 15-gallon tank there Brother Jerome removed some large land snails and a turtle, cleaned the glass, and then we gently lowered the snake in, tail first. When all was well, I flung the head in last and jammed down the tank lid.

Right now in the lab we have two guinea pigs, two different kinds of doves, a good number of local fish, a turtle, and snails. These last are big as a man's fist. During the dry season they secrete a layer of wax at the shell openings and wait the return of moisture or rain. If the tank dries out or they don't get fed, the snails do the same. . . .

"Yesterday Brother William got some flowers here and took them to the church in Sekondi. He's done this before a few times. He has a tough job having to shop for things we need here in the house. He shops almost every day, often has to return to the same store three times because opening hours are irregular. Many people here don't have the drive and desire to see products carried in the shops. Often they'll say an item is out of stock when you can see it on the shelf right behind them. If the customer points it out, the shopkeeper is all smiles and gladly sells it. This goes only for the large European-owned stores. African shopkeepers eagerly sell you everything. . . ."

A letter from Brother Rex in February adds further color to our epistolary visit to Ghana:

"It's a bleak February Sunday in Ghana, the sky cloudy, no wind, hot and muggy. My office is like a steam bath. If I stay long enough it'll become possible to look lean and drawn, as a missionary should. I fear though that my herocity hasn't reached that stage. . . ."

MISCELLANY

The music department of St. Edward H.S., Cleveland, will present its annual spring show on May 13, 15, and 16. The production entitled "Musical Horizons" and having 400 students participating. . . . Alumni of St. Ed's High held their annual Easter dance on April 17. . . . The Dujarie Hall choir (composed of Brother scholastics) sang for the Solemn Mass in Notre Dame's campus church on St. Joseph's Day. . . . Easter season engagements for the Dujarie Choir included concerts at St. Joseph Novitiate, for the Franciscan Sisters at St. Joseph Convent, South Bend; and for the Holy Cross seminarians at St. Joseph's Hall, Notre Dame. Easter Monday the choir sang for a wedding at Notre Dame's Sacred Heart Church, and on Holy Thursday the group sang for a Eucharistic Supper at Sacred Heart Parish in Lakeville, Indiana. Under the expert direction of Brother Daniel Kane, Dujarie Choir has made great strides in recent years. This year the choir has 29 members. . . . A new 150-student dormitory is abuilding at the Brothers' South-West Province's St. Edward University. It should be ready for the 1960-61 school year. The three-story dorm will be 203 feet long, T-shaped, and the first of the buildings planned for the north section of the campus. It is the fifth new building at St. Edward's since 1948. . . . Gilmour Academy's entire student body went on retreat in the first week of April—seniors to the Trappists at Gethsemani, Ky., juniors to Fatima Retreat House at Notre Dame, sophomores to St. Stanislaus Retreat House in Cleveland, and freshmen to Cleveland's Diocesan Retreat House. . . . Boysville of Michigan's band, the Marching Knights, paraded in Detroit for the K. of C.'s Corporate Communion day. In May they march again in Benton Harbor's Blossom Festival. . . . The Lenten mission collection at Boysville, aiming for \$175 goal, neared \$200 at the close of Lent—a good showing for a school of about 160

boys away from home during the term. . . . The concert band of St. Joseph High in South Bend has, under the direction of Mr. Robert F. Brown, grown in two and a half years from a 22-member band to the present 70-piece band. Next fall a training band will be formed for the incoming freshmen. For the first time at St. Joe's an a capella mixed choir was formed this year, to be a permanent fixture from now on. . . . Brother Joseph Popma, supervisor of culinary arrangements at Gilmour Academy, attended the Catholic Food Clinic in New York recently, a program directed by Brother Herman Zacherelli, of the Eastern province of Holy Cross Fathers. . . . More than 400 Holy Trinity High students attended the Chicago Area Career Conference at Illinois Institute of Technology on April 2. . . . Late note: 700 people came to view the big Science Exhibit at Holy Trinity last March, in which student scientists showed and explained the 53 displays they had organized. It was one of the school's outstanding affairs of the past decade. . . . Brother Francis Englert, C.S.C., was a member of the English Panel at the National Catholic Education Convention. . . .

CSC Starts Italian Tournament

Notre Dame International School in Rome, a house of the Brothers' Eastern Province, has set the pace for an interschool sports competition in American style that Italian sports writers have much admired.

Most recent occasion for praise was the Mediterranean Area American High School Basketball Tournament, which was originally conceived and promoted by the Holy Cross Brothers of Notre Dame International.

The tournament this year included, besides ND International, military base schools for American boys in Ankara, Turkey; Tripoli, Libya; Naples, Vienna, Leghorn, and Rome. Each school entered the tournament supported by its own cheering squad. The three-day schedule of games attracted more than 1500 fans.

According to one sports writer in Rome, the young Americans filling the stands transformed an ordinary basketball game into a big and colorful festival where multicolored costumes were displayed and the din of cheering and noisemakers like drums and trumpets carried along spectators of every age and nationality. The Italian writer expressed amazement that the losing team's members slapped their winning opponents on the back. Seeing how referee's decisions were unchallenged he remarked, "How much our players have to learn from them!"

The impression made by the tourney on the Italian sporting world was summed up nicely by one writer: "Among these people (the Americans) sportsmanship and recognition of the merits of others is at the base of everything."

Dujarie Hall Ages, Yet Improves

Dujarie Hall, built in 1907 and facetiously known as "the match box," houses student Brothers who are studying at Notre Dame. Though its four floors are old, however, Dujarie is being built up as the years pass rather than running down. Thanks to Brother Benoit Frigon, who has a hand in nearly all the work done thereabouts, the scholastics on leaving Dujarie leave behind a better house than when they came. Recent improvements at the Hall include a new floor covering in kitchen, pantry, and back hall (of note: this needs waxing only once a year), new refectory tables, designed and built by Brother Benoit, redecoration of private rooms, and a start on hot water installations to all rooms.

A Missionary's Prayer

Dear Lord: Give me sight
To see You day after day,
Disguised in my poor people
Who abandoned lay;
That when, masked by my sins
I stand before You at the end
You may see through my disguise
To recognize a friend.

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