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Brothers Attend Second Novitiate



First row, left to right, Brothers Lawrence Miller, Director, Joseph Zutelis, William Smith, Francis Fitzpatrick, Dominic Petrucci, Pedro Haering, Superior, Thomas Cousino, Harold Ruplinger, Richard Genord, and Charles Andersen, Assistant Director. Second row, left to right, Brothers Richard Ruber, Lawrence Fitch, Kevin Barey, John Kuhn, Gerald Gates, Robert Moser, George Stefanik, Edward Boyle. Third row, left to right, Brothers Joseph Dudek, Paul Enk, Roy Nash, Leo Geiger, Donald Connolly, Paul Scherman, Roberto Muller. Fourth row, left to right, Brothers Kenneth Hayward, Charles Lewis, Leo Kowalski, Francis Johnson, Henry Curran, Hugh Wray.

PROVINCE BRIEFS

Father John Maguire, who is on the editorial staff of the Ave Maria Press, said the second of the monthly Masses to be offered for the Press and its personnel at Columba Hall on Monday, October 3, at 5:15 p.m. All readers are invited to join in our prayers for the success of our work in the apostolate of the press. . . . Early next spring a new dining hall and kitchen quarters will be built at Boysville, just north of its present dining hall. . . . Boysville's three-day annual retreat for students will be changed this year to three separate days of recollection, one in September, February, and May. . . . Mrs. Leo Blanchet, of Detroit, donated to Boysville recently some valuable tool-making equipment which her late husband used in his trade. . . . A shipment of canned foods and household supplies gathered by Mission Procurator Brother Gonzaga Day arrived in Santarem, Brazil, to the delight of the Brothers down there. . . . Brother Gon-

zaga also handled arrangements for shipment of a new tractor to the mission in Brazil, which is an operation of the South-West province of Brothers. Brother Julius Wadekamper, a Midwest province member, is director of the new juniorate started in Brazil for Holy Cross Brothers. This foundation, called the Juvenato Santa Cruz, is about twenty miles from Santarem and the Brothers' boarding school. An important part of the Juvenato is the farming acreage, where Brother Norbert Allerton is applying American methods and skills in rehabilitating long-neglected orchards and fields.

. . . Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, has 950 boys enrolled this year, which required hiring more lay teachers. The new Faculty Handbook, which this year replaces "Faculty Notes," lists a faculty of 23 Holy Cross Brothers and 8 laymen. . . . Brothers Thomas Henning and Donald Rink attended the Thirteenth Annual Reading Conference on October 8th at

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"TERTIANS" END SUMMER NOVICESHIP

Twenty-eight Brothers spent six weeks this summer, from June 19 to July 31, in the Midwest Province's annual second novitiate program at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. Directed by Brother Lawrence Miller for the fourth successive year, the tertianship is held for those Community members who have made their canonical novitiate ten years before. The second novitiate gives them a chance to leave their usual occupations or academic studies and to spend six weeks intensively studying and practicing the religious life. The eight-day retreat preceding the program was preached this year by Rev. R. J. Willmes, S.J.

All three U.S. provinces of the Brothers were represented among the tertians: 13 men from the Midwest, 11 from the South-West, and 4 from

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Second Novitiate

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the Eastern province. The second novitiate inaugurated this summer by the Eastern Province at Valatie, New York, ends the inter-province program at Akron in vogue for the past four years.

Keeping the diary of events during the six weeks of the special novitiate was Brother Thomas Cousino, the South-West's one-man work force. Some facts gleaned from his chronicles are these:

Mornings were so cool at first that heat had to be put up. . . . Some violently windy days on Hoban's hill made more than one retreatant imagine that the Holy Spirit was making a pentecostal visit. . . . Always in silence and recollection the tertians helped the house staff with indoor and outdoor chores. . . . Conferences given by Brother Lawrence throughout the six weeks were drawn from such subjects as the Bible, the Constitutions of the Congregation, Canon Law, the ascetical life, the Founder, etc. . . . Discussion periods, some very animated, followed the regular conferences. . . . Rev. Leon Boarman, regular chaplain at Hoban High, served as chaplain for the second novitiate. . . . Keeping the postprandial recreation period especially lively was Brother Francis Johnson, community famed mimic and raconteur. . . . Mimeographed articles, excerpts from past circular letters, and other pertinent material was handed out to each man nearly every day for private study and general discussion. . . . Shuffleboard and croquet were the evening rec pastimes; tennis, handball, etc., were popular in the afternoon free hour. . . . The two subjects of special seminars led by Brother Charles Andersen were "Vocations" and "Reconciling the Interior Life and the Apostolic Life." . . . Being taught Portuguese in preparation for future assignment to Brazil were Brothers Gerald Gates and Kevin Barey; their mentor, Brother Francis Boyes, a missionary on leave from Brazil. . . . Nearing the end of his chronicle, the diarist for the second novitiate wrote: "The Second Novitiate Family thanks Holy Cross for the opportunity to attend the Second Novitiate, hoping we can repay by becoming better members of Holy Cross."

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Rev. Godefroy Clement, C.S.C.
 Rev. Lambert Enslinger, O.C.S.O.
 Rev. Kerndt M. Healy, C.S.C.
 Bro. Joseph Otto, C.S.C.
 Sr. M. Finian, C.S.C.
 Sr. M. Francis, C.S.C.



Brother Regis Regensburger, C.S.C.

Although several months have passed since Brother Regis Regensburger celebrated his silver jubilee as a religious of Holy Cross, the Newsette records the fact belatedly in this issue.

Brother Regis was born on December 19, 1899, and grew up in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, his home parish being St. Mary's. Before he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross he worked as a machinist, then as a draftsman and tool designer, and finally as a plant layout man, this last job hitch with U.S. Steel from 1928 to 1932.

He took his final vows in the Congregation in 1938, earned his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Notre Dame, then began his teaching career at Vincentian Institute in Albany, New York. Subsequent teaching assignments followed, including at Sacred Heart Juniorate, Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, and in Evansville, Indiana. From 1947 to 1953 he was principal of the Indianapolis school. Since 1953 he has been teaching at Reitz Memorial High in Evansville.

Brother Regis' major field is biology, and most of his years in the classroom have been spent teaching this subject. Athletic programs at the various schools have benefited from his ideals of sportsmanship and careful discipline.

To mark his jubilee last August there was a dinner at St. Joseph Novitiate, where Brother Regis has spent the last few summers working as commissioner and at other tasks. Back in the classroom, now as before, he stands ready to teach classes in his major field as well as in mathematics, physics, and chemistry. He is another of those "science men" whose versatility can always be counted on.

● Academy Makes Fall Report

From his post at Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin, Brother Edward Overstreet gives an account to The Newsette of recent events there. Cadets at the Academy range from the fifth through the eighth grades—a group of youngsters, all of whom escape pangs of homesickness during their first days at school.

The Academy began classes on September 6th with 103 Cadets enrolled. Now in its sixth year of operations, the school has its highest enrollment to date, with the current roster of Cadets being the most geographically cosmopolitan to date. Besides many from Chicago and Milwaukee, there are a number from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Pennsylvania. Among students from other countries than the U.S. are four Cadets from Mexico City, one from Chihuahua, Mexico, two from Guatemala, and one from Canada. The Venezuelan lad is the only one who speaks no English yet! He seems unaware of any language barrier, however, since he joins in all activities eagerly and if stuck expressing himself, merely gets another of the Spanish-speaking Cadets to translate for him.

The seventh grade at the Academy is the largest class this year, its sections totaling thirty-six Cadets. There are 17 boys in the 5th grade, 20 in the 6th, and 30 in the 8th.

Besides the regular elementary school classes offered as always by the Academy, a Spanish language course has been added this year and is required of all Cadets. Enthusiasm has been high among the boys so far, probably due to the influence of the eight Spanish-speaking students.

● K of C Aids Boysville Library

The Honor Guard of Detroit General Assembly, Knights of Columbus, gave \$1,000 to the library at Boysville, a school financed by the Knights of Columbus units of Michigan. The money will buy books necessary to bring the library to standards required by high schools.

Although individuals and groups have been most generous over the years with book donations, the library needs specialized volumes, and these can now be procured. Dr. Valentine C. Galarza, captain of the Honor Guard, led a campaign to raise the fund.

\$900 cleared from a dinner-dance held by Bishop Foley Council last April was turned over to the Brothers

Boysville for expanding their faculty library, one separate from the students' library. The 1500 members of Council 660 have the Brothers' thanks for their generosity, as Brother Paulus McGory, principal of Boysville High School, pointed out in the K of C's paper, the *Boysville Journal*.

● Trade School to Build on New Site

Brother Jude Costello, the religious superior of the Holy Cross Brothers from the U.S. who are working in East Pakistan, is trying to raise funds to build a new English medium school on the outskirts of Dacca.

A Swiss architect has drawn sketches for a structure which is twice the current enrollment of the present E. M. school. The sprawling layout as now projected may have to be revised because the four acres acquired as the site has to include at least one or two playing fields.

● Missionary Makes Flying Visit

On very short notice Brother Jude Costello, religious superior of Holy Cross Brothers from the U.S. in East Pakistan, left that country on June 5th to attend a special meeting on mission affairs held by Holy Cross Priest and Brother provincials here. With Father Arnold Fell, editor of *Holy Cross Missions magazine*, he arrived in South Bend from Washington, D.C.

The June 24th meeting was presided over by Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C., provincial, and the sessions held at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame. Needs of the missions in view of changed conditions were discussed.

Brother Jude has spent some full weeks since then. He visited relatives in Port Wayne, gave a talk at St. Joseph Novitiate, and visited Community Houses in Wisconsin, Ohio, New York, and Connecticut, giving mission talks and showing slides at nearly all of them. He took one week out for hospitalization after some minor surgery. After he finishes helping fellow missionary Brother Charles Hill to crate and transport a shipment destined for four schools in Pakistan, he will return to Dacca, his home away from home for the past twenty years.

The *Newsette* readers could help us stay out of the red for printing and mailing costs if they'd contribute just a dollar every year for this purpose.



J. Dawson Otoo and Brother Donatus Schmitz, C.S.C.

● Ghanaian Is Province Guest

Mr. J. Dawson Otoo, headmaster of St. Mary's Training College in Apowa, Ghana, spent three days in South Bend early in October as the guest of the Midwest provincial, Brother Donatus Schmitz. Mr. Otoo is on a four-months' tour of U.S. schools, he said, "to learn the social, cultural, economic influences on the U.S. system of education." He is one of five hundred people from seventy-three countries, including five from Ghana, currently in this country on a United States Information Service study grant.

At the suggestion of Brother Rex Hennel, headmaster of the Midwest Province's school in Sekondi, Ghana, Mr. Otoo was invited to South Bend from his headquarters at Ball State Teachers College in Muncie, Indiana. In company with Brothers Bonaventure and Brother Lawrence Miller, he spent a busy three days meeting prominent educators and visiting schools in the South Bend area. He had an interview with the President of the University of Notre Dame, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, lunched with Father John Walsh, head of Notre Dame's Department of Education, and visited the campus of St. Mary's College. His stay in South Bend also included informal talks given by him at Dujarie Hall, St. Joseph Novitiate, and St. Joseph High School. At the invitation of Father Walsh, he addressed the graduate students in Notre Dame's Advanced Teachers' Developmental Program.

Mr. Otoo, who is a native of Ghana and a Catholic, explained that St. Mary's Training College, which he heads, has approximately one hundred and twenty students who are training to teach in primary school. The age of these boys, he said, is comparable to that of juniors in high school here in the States. His school is ten miles away from the Midwest province's school in Sekondi. Mr. Otoo reported that the Brothers there are all in good health and working hard. Brother Rex is on the Board of Governors of Mr. Otoo's school.

During his stay in South Bend Mr. Otoo lived at Columba Hall, on the Notre Dame campus. In a letter of thanks after his visit, he said, "I feel Notre Dame is the highlight of my visit to the United States. You certainly left no stone unturned to let me see all that was worthwhile and the great contribution which the Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters of Holy Cross are making in the cause of higher education in the United States." After expressing his appreciation for the invitation, the hospitality, and the opportunity to see Catholic educators and schools in and near South Bend, Mr. Otoo remarked on the hospitality and welcome given him here. "I would mention in particular," he said, "the Brothers of Columba Hall, who made me feel so much at home and at ease."

● Chicago Chapter to Meet

The Associates of St. Joseph, Chicago Chapter, will hold their first general meeting of the school year on November 20th at Holy Trinity High School.

Officers and board members of the Chapter are: Mrs. Martha Enk, president; Miss Florence Olszowka, vice-president; Miss Lillian Rymarowicz, secretary; Mr. Robert Schenk, treasurer; Mr. Anthony Migala, Mrs. Kathryn Mosher, and Mrs. Florence Lee. Brother Cyprian Milke is moderator for the Chapter, and Mrs. John Pavlik is the new publicity chairman.

Province Briefs

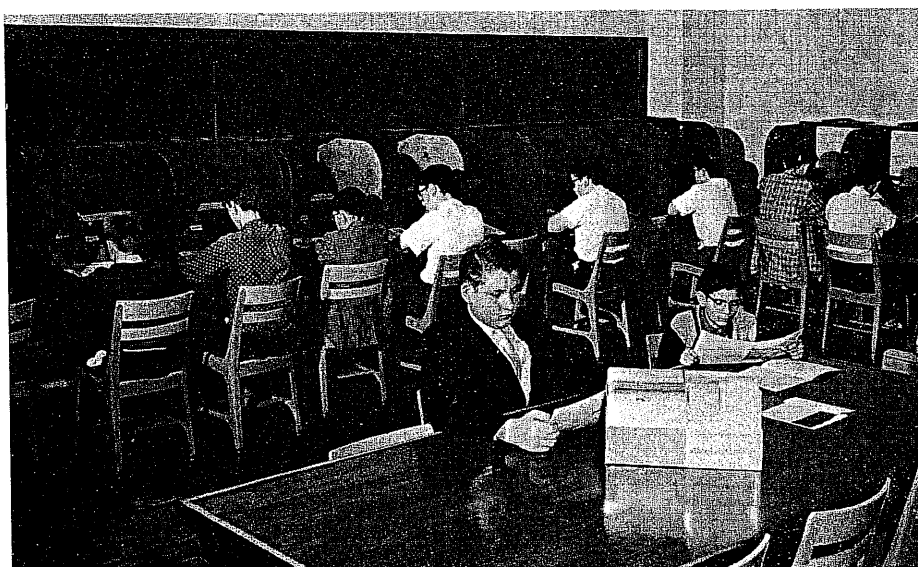
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Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee.

Members of the Midwest Province who attended the National Conference of Catholic Charities in New York during the last week of September were Brother Lawrence Miller, Brother Theodore La Tour and Brother Armmand Ammand. Accompanying them was Mr. Robert A. Holzhauser, a faculty member of St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee, the school which Brother Theodore heads.

Brother Lawrence served as chairman of the sectional meeting devoted to "Teaching Religion to Emotionally Disturbed Children in Institutions." Brother Theodore was chairman of the group dealing with "The Use of Group Techniques in Working with Children in Institutions," and Mr. Holzhauser, who is an assistant professor of sociology at Marquette, was chairman of the group which met to discuss "The

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Reading Laboratory, Holy Trinity High School

Impact of Cultural Changes Upon Family Breakdown."

For the past two years under the direction of Brother Thomas Henning, C.S.C., Holy Trinity High School concentrated on a remedial reading program, but such classes often resemble the belated process of "closing the barn door after the horse has been stolen."

Brother Thomas has been doing graduate work in the field of reading and psychology at Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This year he has inaugurated a developmental reading program to develop a greater degree of proficiency in students who have established fundamental reading habits. According to William S. Gray, secondary school pupils are asked to understand deeper implications in what they read, to improve fact-getting techniques, to increase in the ability to organize, to show greater fluency in reading, to master an extended and enriched vocabulary, and otherwise to engage in activities that demand increasingly mature reading skill. Although the remedial reading program has not been discontinued, it is no longer the prime purpose of the program at Holy Trinity.

All students enrolled in the reading program are given a complete battery of tests in September, and will again be tested at the end of each semester to ascertain the increase in reading ability and for diagnostic purposes. As in the past, complete reports are mailed to parents and interviews given upon request. The battery of tests include the Kuhlmann I.Q. test, California Reading Test, and the Wide Range Achievement Test. These tests are studied diagnostically with those given by the Standard Testing Service of St. Louis University. The STS battery is given when an 8th grader registers at the school in January of each year.

Twenty Shadowscope Reading pacers, a product of Psychotecnics, Inc. of Chicago, were installed in the new reading laboratory. These devices are designed to force, or encourage, readers to read at a faster rate than they would normally choose. Their importance is primarily in the fact that the reader can stretch his effort without the distraction caused by having to consciously and continuously remind himself to do so. Through proper use, reading pacers contribute to the improvement of patterns of eye fixations, devel-

opment of regularity of these movements, and elimination of regression tendencies.

The State University of Iowa Reading Films have also been added to the program. There are 15 films in the series ranging from 240 words per minute to 500 words per minute. The films are one of the best ways of "fixating the point across" as to just what is meant by rhythmic eye movement and perceptive span. They provide valuable eye movement exercise and controlled perceptive spread in an actual reading task.

The films are supplemented by material furnished by the State University of Iowa along with tests for the film and supplementary readings. The enthusiasm of the sort that can be generated through periodic testing is a part of any developmental reading program.

In addition to these machine-aids, Brother Thomas finds that students enjoy and benefit from the work of the Science Research Associates secondary reading lab. This lab contains over 150 reading items that are graded from the elementary level to the college level. Many basic reading skills can be developed with proper guidance in the use of this reading lab.

To make for a well-rounded reading program, a textbook and workbooks are used. A textbook by Paul Witty, "How to Improve Your Reading" and a series of workbooks by Nila Banton Smith (Be a Better Reader—Books II, III, and IV) are used. Space does not permit us to list all the other materials that are used in this program.

Some of the reading skills that are stressed are: study skills, word attack, and analysis, comprehension skills, vocabulary skills, and better reading habits.

In the future, Brother Thomas hopes to inaugurate an adult reading program. The penalties for ineffectiveness in reading are so severe, and the rewards of improvement are so great, that the answer to the question "Who profits?"— must be EVERYONE.

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