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NOVICES FORMULATE PROGRAM TO SPUR VOCATIONS INCREASE

Brother novices at St. Joseph Novitate are observing recent provincial chapter legislation with their own program of prayer and sacrifice for more vocations to Holy Cross ranks.

Monthly they attend and sing at a novena of High Masses, with a hymn to St. Joseph before the series, and the *Te Deum* in the vernacular after the last. Each novice has been issued a four-page leaflet with prayers to St. Joseph for vocations and with suggested mortifications and self-denials proper to the general novitiate program. The novices take turns daily in public recitation of prayers commemorating the joys and sorrows of St. Joseph. The public spiritual reading during the novena is taken from Father Dallas' fine life of St. Joseph, *The Man Dearest to Christ*. And the final feature of the vocations program is display of placards in corridors, library, and recreation room to be reminders of the novena in progress.

The special prayers and practices for vocations are intended for increased membership to the priesthood and to all other religious communities in the church, not just to the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Moreover, those novices who did not attend schools staffed by Holy Cross priests or Brothers are encouraged to write their former principals, acquainting them with Brothers' vocational literature and its availability.

EXAM RESULTS PLEASE AFRICAN SCHOOL STAFF

Scholastically, things continue to look up at St. John Secondary School in Sekondi, Ghana, where the Holy Cross Brothers took over in 1957.

Results in government-administered exams to qualify Ghana students for university education show that this year 89.9% of the test-takers at St. John's passed the exams, in contrast to 19% during the Brothers' first year at the school.

"The results were better than we expected," Brother Rex, who is headmaster, said. "The constantly improving exam ratings at St. John's indicate quality of teaching by the religious and lay staff," he explained, "for we certainly do not get the best students."

FACE-LIFTING AT CHICAGO SCHOOL DONE WITHOUT FUSS



Holy Trinity High School

Even many province members are unaware that nearly a quarter million dollars have gone from the coffers to renovate Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, over the past two years. Jobs done one by one now add up to an impressive list, thanks to the administration of the provincial, Brother Donatus Schmitz.

Most striking exterior change in the substantial-looking school building on West Division and near Milwaukee Avenue has been installation of light-diffusion glassblock windows throughout, as well as cleaning and tuckpointing of brick and limestone masonry.

Inside, new shop areas and athletic facilities have been carved out. The latter include a 700-unit locker room, a shower room accommodating fifty of the besprinkled at once, an asphalt-tiled gymnastic room, treatment rooms and sanitary facilities, as well as storage and athletic-gear disbursement quarters.

Greeting returning students this fall were repainted classrooms, corridors, and offices, a new bookstore, a publications room, additional conference and guidance rooms, added cafeteria equipment, and a new business office.

CURRICULUM KEEPS PACE

Along with the improved physical plant, Holy Trinity's academic program has been rejuvenated. Juniors and seniors in the college prep group now have stiffer courses in literature, physics,

and chemistry, along with bi-weekly creative writing classes. Freshmen automatically take one semester of developmental reading practice, use reading machines to develop comprehension and speed, and view pertinent films.

The consequence of the revitalization at Holy Trinity High is not hard to figure out. Not only are the Brothers aiming to better what they now offer Trinity high schoolers, but they are in the market at Trinity High for more good students! Chicago lads, inquire now!

CIVICS CLASSES SPURRED BY WORTHWHILE PROJECTS

Civics can be a pretty dry subject, but the course taught by Brother Bennet Nettleton at St. Edward High in Cleveland has students on their toes.

Robert Mineo, a senior, called the municipal building in Lakewood and asked to know what goes on there. Assuming the caller was a reporter, the city official answered by inviting the boy down to find out for himself.

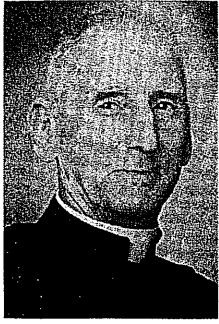
When Mineo arrived he was taken on a tour of the building, put on the mailing list for copies of the council meeting minutes, and given an appointment for a talk with the Lakewood mayor.

Senior Mineo was merely working on a project for his civics class. He and others report on activities of city government every two weeks, or on Democratic or Republican parties, or state, national, and world affairs. In one class section students' reports covered eight Ohio cities and towns — an indication, for one thing, of the range of St. Edward High's enrollment.

Brother Bennet's civics students may pick their own sources for projects, but they are encouraged to visit their city hall or other municipal buildings, to get their names on mailing lists for local government publications. Others arrange to get political party literature, the Congressional Record, material pertaining to state, local, and world affairs.

"I hope this project arouses curiosity about government and politics among the students and a lasting interest, at least in some," he said.

BROTHER LINUS MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS IN HOLY CROSS



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PROVINCE BRIEFS

• Sharing a plot of land with the province's new Holy Cross High in River Grove, on Chicago's west side, will be Mother Guerin High School, to be built soon and staffed by Sisters of Providence. Until enough of its facilities are ready, the new school for girls will rent a wing in Holy Cross, which the Brothers opened last September.

The two plants will occupy adjoining acreage and be in the same city block. It is interesting to note that the Sisters of Providence and the Holy Cross Brothers trace their communities' origin to the same nineteenth century French priest, the Very Rev. James Dujarie.

• Brother Pedro Haering, Hoban High principal, has been elected president of Cleveland's diocesan principals' association. . . . On short notice Brother Thomas Balthazor agreed to give a talk to the Father Sorin Circle of the Columbian Squires at the KC clubhouse in South Bend. ". . . Noteworthy . . . left an indelible impression on our Squires," was the report.

• On November 11th a committee of four met to study aspects of the training in the Brothers' novitiate and scholasticate that might assist future teachers in counseling work. On the committee are Brothers Barry Lambour, Gerontius McCarthy, James Moroney, and John Driscoll.

• The Brothers' choir at Boysville sang for a High Mass in honor of St. Dismas on October 8th at Michigan's Milan Federal Penitentiary. . . . Also at Boysville, a new dining hall is under construction, completion expected by February. . . . Brothers James Bluma and Gerard Mason attended South Bend's teacher institute on October 28th. . . . Mr. John Kim, the young aide for a while to the late Dr. Dooley, spoke to Brothers at Columba Hall recently on his experiences in Laos. Mr. Kim has resumed his studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Fiftieth anniversaries for persons are rare, but sixtieth ones more so. Such rare occasion was observed last month by Brother Linus Voigt at Columba Hall, Notre Dame. The celebration included an afternoon High Mass offered by Father John Reedy, head of the Ave Maria Press, where Brother Linus works, and a buffet supper afterwards. Thanks to his presence at Notre Dame instead of at home in Rome, the Superior General himself, Very Rev. Christopher J. O'Toole, came for the affair and gave a warm eulogy.

In the Midwest province Brother Linus ranks fourth in length of years in the Community, being surpassed only by Brothers Eugene LeFeuvre, Bernard Gervais, and Maximus Czynzewski.

When Brother Linus entered the novitiate in 1899, it occupied a building near one of the Notre Dame campus lakes and was the only novitiate for Holy Cross men in this country. Columba Hall, where he has lived for about three decades, was under construction at the time.

Though he had his seventy-eighth birthday last month, Brother Linus goes to work every day as regularly as a man in his twenties. Grizzle-headed and slim, he stalks back and forth twice a day the three or four city block's distance between Columba Hall and the printing plant. This has gone on for years without much noticeable hitch.

Since boyhood Brother Linus has been faithful as Paganini to the violin, by now forever proved by heavily calloused grooves in his string fingers. Nearly every night he spends an hour playing the fiddle at a time and place chosen so that musical and unmusical ears are out of range. Until a few years ago he often performed with the Notre Dame symphony or took part in haphazard instrumental ensembles at Columba Hall, but with the departure to the South-West province of skilled cellist Brother Jacob Epply and the death of Brother Sabinus Herbert, a fellow violinist and "Ave Maria man," Brother Linus has in a sense retired with his music — but not, one hastens to say, retired in any other way.

Acquaintances and friends of his know of Brother Linus' rich fund of anecdotes, many of them hilarious and others of historical interest to the Community — stories garnered through a lifetime and known today only to the most veteran of Community men. Should there be a bit of *brau* to prime the telling, this good German would — to quote a phrase — have no particular objections.

During his long and continuing span working for Holy Cross, Brother Linus' career includes stints of teaching in Ohio, Texas, Illinois, Louisiana, and elsewhere. He spent some years perfecting at St. Edward Hall, Notre Dame, when "minims" lived there, also at the university worked in the bookstore, on a publication for a while, and then in 1946 he was sent to the Ave Maria plant, where he has worked since.

Brother Linus was born in Germany in 1883 and lived there until he was sixteen, when he was persuaded by Brother Englebert, one of the American "pioneers" of Holy Cross Brothers who had gone abroad to recruit vocations, to come to the States to join the Community. The young Charles Voigt and his mentor were five weeks on shipboard before the boat docked at New Orleans. When he arrived at Notre Dame some days later, Brother Linus recalls, there were just two or three laymen employed on the campus; all the others were priests, brothers, and sisters of Holy Cross.

The consensus at Columba Hall, and undoubtedly elsewhere in Community circles, is that it is good to have Brother Linus around. One sees him — regular as clockwork — at religious exercises, at his job, out for a stroll. Years have made no dent in his sense of humor, the jib of his wit. As far as he is concerned, geriatricians will have to look somewhere else for their case histories.

TEACHER HAILS OHIO CONFERENCE FOR PUSHING HIGH SCHOOL LATIN

Together with Mr. Gale, a fellow teacher at Gilmour Academy, Brother Dominic Elder attended the Ohio Classical Conference, held October 26 and 27 in Columbus. Lecturers dealt with such subjects as Virgil, teaching methods, experiences in Latin classes, and need for constant drill.

Brother Dominic also reported that the growing emphasis on four-year Latin courses in high school was brought out particularly well at the meeting by Father Lawrence R. Strittmatter, a teacher at Elder High School in Cincinnati.

At this school, he said, an advanced Latin course has been in vogue for several years. Four years ago Elder High ruled that students enrolling in its advanced placement courses must take four years of Latin. As a result the number of boys in third and fourth year Latin rose from a mere dozen to one hundred twenty-five.

"The meeting was an interesting experience," Brother Dominic reported, "both for its stimulating lectures and the opportunity to meet professors and teachers of Latin from Ohio schools and others."

THREE NOTRE DAME MEN TAKE POSTS IN GHANA

Due to the initial encouragement of Brother Lawrence Stewart, two young Notre Dame alumni went to Sekondi, Ghana, last September to teach at the Brothers' school there.

They are George Uritis and Michael Sophy, both of whom received their

master's degree last summer at Notre Dame. A third alumnus, James Griffin, class of '59, went to Ghana a month ago at the personal invitation of His Grace John K. Amisssah, Archbishop of Cape Coast, to do journalism work in the archdiocese.

The contact was made last summer during the prelate's stay at Columba Hall.

When Brother Lawrence received his assignment to the Ghana school, he was completing requirements for his master's degree in biology at Notre Dame.

His talk about the African mission persuaded his fellow worker George Uritis, and then in turn Michael Sophy, to sign up with the headmaster of St. John's for at least a two-year hitch of teaching abroad. George's hometown is Shenandoah, Pa., and Mike comes from Mankato, Minn. They have been friends since their undergraduate days at Notre Dame, though one majored in biology and the other in philosophy.

Both were active contributors among Notre Dame students who volunteered as helpers from time to time at the Indiana State Children's Hospital a few blocks from campus. Their living quarters at St. John's in Sekondi are one of the three bungalows built on campus to house lay teachers.

Brother Lawrence wrote from Ghana recently: "Mike has grown a beard

and is quite a hit because of it with the boys. George and he moved into their bungalow; got electricity after the normal African delay. Now, with stove, refrigerator, and a new Volkswagen, Mike and George are quite settled."

SUPERVISOR CARRIES ON IN ANNUAL CLASSROOM VISITS

In his assigned post as Supervisor of Instruction, Brother Majella Hegarty is traveling from school to school in the province to give in-service training to the younger teachers and others who request it.

His itinerary includes thirteen schools where ten priests, 93 laymen, and 217 Brothers teach approximately 6,900 students.

Depending on size of the school, Brother Majella spends from a week to a month at each, assisting teachers through observing their classroom techniques, consulting with them in private interviews, and giving them detailed individual reports in writing about how to attain maximum teaching efficiency.

"The purpose of the program is not to rate or rank our teachers," Brother Majella said, "nor does it supplant supervision by our principals in their own schools or the supervisory work of older teachers assigned as advisers to newer ones on the faculty."

Since September Brother has visited province schools in River Grove, Evansville, and Terre Haute, with Ohio schools next on the list.

According to estimates, his "customers" each year add up to 149, which of total province teaching personnel represents 9 of the priests, 45 of the lay teachers, and about 100 of the Brothers. Brother Majella estimates that he visits about 110 classrooms each semester.

Father Gibault School, Terre Haute

At last summer's Vigo county fair, the Gibault farm won 27 ribbons for champion-caliber livestock — an enviable record for the two-footed and the four-footed. Brother Merle McGrane manages the farm operations... Brother John Dobrogowski, director, attended the Catholic Charities National Convention in Toledo in late September. . . . The long-time chaplain at Gibault, Father Anthony Weber, has been transferred to the Holy Cross Fathers mission in Uganda, Africa. His departure is regretted by all at the Terre Haute school, but another fine Holy Cross priest, Father James Blantz, has taken over the chaplaincy and is fast becoming a familiar and sought-for campus figure.

Boysville, Clinton, Mich.

The fall semester at Boysville proceeds with 180 boys in residence — eighth grade through high school — in residence along with the staff of Holy Cross Brothers and a few laymen. Backed by Michigan councils of the Knights of Columbus, the school exists for boys from problem homes who might, left uncared for, become problems themselves. . . . There have been 145 lads graduated from Boysville thus far, and as one KC reporter noted: "What would have been the future of those lads but for Boysville?" . . . Brother Hilarion Brezik, assistant provincial of the South-West province and former head of Boysville, returned to Michigan from Texas recently to address the state-wide convention of the Michigan KC.

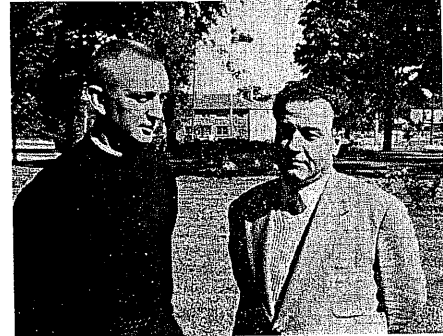
TURKISH OFFICIAL VISITS BOYS HOME TO STUDY TECHNIQUES

For three days last month Brothers and boys at St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee were host to Mr. Ahmet Rifat Shener, a native of Cyprus and head of government welfare services in Turkey. Mr. Shener visited this country under auspices of the cultural exchange program of the U.S. Department of State.

During his stop at St. Charles Mr. Shener examined case records, sat in on staff meetings, and observed how St. Charles boys in their group setting conduct themselves as well as respond to supervision.

The visitor said he found his stay at the home most educational. The

staff in turn said it helped to have someone "looking over their shoulders."



Brother Theodore LaTour, C.S.C., and Mr. Ahmet Rifat Shener



George A. Uritis



Michael M. Sophy



James A. Griffin

Cleveland, Ohio

Brother Charles Krupp, the new principal of St. Edward High, heads a school of nearly 1400 boys and a faculty of thirty-nine Holy Cross Brothers and sixteen lay teachers. Brother Charles came to the post from St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, where he was assistant novice master for a year. . . . The latest social activity of the St. Edward Mothers Club was the President's Tea, honoring Mrs. Hugh McFarland, the ranking officer this year. All mothers of the freshman class were invited to come to school Sunday, September 17, at three p.m., and senior boys stood by to show them through the school. During the social hour following, the mothers had opportunity to meet the new principal, Brother Charles, and other members of the faculty. . . . A new handbook of school regulations went to all students' parents before school opened this fall. The booklet includes the school calendar, code, shield, history, sections on academic, scholastic, and social regulations, a note on accreditation, the school fight and alma mater songs, and a listing of school-affiliated organizations, along with the list of schools taught by the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Catholic Central, Monroe, Mich.

Brother Jeffrey Michels received a fine writeup in the fall bulletin of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals about the composition course he's teaching college-bound seniors. Of credit value but not for average class placement, the course gives selected seniors a taste of the severe grading to be expected during college. More important, the students fill in gaps in their ability to write clearly and forcibly.

On November 1st and 2nd Brothers Ambrose Nowak and Jeffrey Michels attended the Principal-Student Conference at the University of Michigan. The sessions give principals, counselors, and students better acquaintance with entrance requirements and preparation

for high schoolers destined for college.

The Catholic Central High football team continued its enviable record this year with only one loss. They were undefeated the two years previous.

Last month the Mothers Auxiliary sponsored a highly successful card party attended by more than six hundred people. It was one of the monthly events scheduled by the mothers' group to help raise funds for the betterment of the school, to help the Brothers, and to foster close school-parent relations.

At the regular October meeting the CC mothers sponsored their annual "pantry shower" for benefit of Brothers teaching at CC. So generous were the parents that it took three station wagon loads to move the generously given "pantry" from the schoolroom meeting place to the faculty house.

Brother Leonard Leary has been revitalizing the CC student council, as proved by homecoming week ceremonies a while ago which the student council organized. The "week" included a giant pep rally and a school-band led parade, with police escort, of floats by the various homerooms and queen-contestants from neighboring St. Mary Academy in convertibles. Originating at school, paraders rode or marched down traffic-free Main Street for at least half an hour.

At CC the Ladies Auxiliary has helped provide the school with band instruments, microscopes, library books, and faculty house furniture. Some no longer have sons at the school, yet they continue to work for its advance.

Cathedral High, Indianapolis

Brother Giles Martin, the principal, and Brother Carl Shonk are taking part-time classes at Butler and Indiana universities, respectively. . . . Cathedral's four-man quiz team won a local TV tournament, defeating fifteen other city high schools. . . . Nineteen Cathedral graduates of last June are now freshmen at the University of Notre Dame.

VOCATION SPECIALISTS MEET IN ROME TO STUDY PROBLEMS

The first International Congress of Vocation Specialists is meeting in Rome, Italy, from December 10 to 16.

Father Ralph Fisher and Brother Eymard Salzman are the two Holy Cross religious from this area attending the Congress.

Father Fisher heads vocation recruiting work in the Indiana province of the Holy Cross Priests, and Brother Eymard does likewise in the Midwest province of the Holy Cross Brothers. The two traveled to Rome together.

The International Congress is the first such gathering of vocation specialists in the history of the Church. It was called so that experts may study ways of solving the shortage of priests and religious in the world.

Brother Eymard has been in charge of vocation recruiting for the Brothers for more than fifteen years.



Brother Eymard Salzman, C.S.C., and Rev. Ralph Fisher, C.S.C.

DECEASED

- Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C. (Provincial of Indiana Province)
Rev. Leo Morin, C.S.C.
Bro. Francis Wilhelm, C.S.C.
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