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## PROVINCE NEWS

**LAKEWOOD:** Vocal and instrumental ensembles at St. Edward High School performed in the annual pop concert in mid-January, with the audience seated at tables and served refreshments. At St. Edward's the four units in the music department meet daily; these include varsity band and glee club, beginners' band and glee club, the last having over 200 students this year.

**EVANSVILLE:** Memorial High School sponsored a College Night Program for parents and students early in January, the first such event among Catholic schools of the city. Representatives of more than 20 colleges and training schools gave talks and were available for individual conferences with parents and students. Memorial High's guidance department, headed by Brother James Sullivan, arranged the affair.

**AKRON:** The Mothers Club at Archbishop Hoban High presented the school with a generous check for various school projects at the parents-faculty Christmas party. . . . Brothers Marius Wittner and Melanus Fox are members of the workshop for biology teachers at the University of Akron, sponsored by the National Science Foundation. . . . Hoban High boys collected more than 11,000 cans of food for distribution to needy families shortly before Christmas.

**MONROE:** Catholic Central High's football team chalked up its second undefeated season this winter with 17 straight wins. . . . The city of Monroe chose CC's band to play during the whistle stop made by Richard Nixon during the recent presidential campaign. . . . Brother Celestis Mueller and student representatives attended the 16th annual convention of Student Councils held at the University of Michigan. . . . Brothers Jeffrey Michels and Benedictus Secoy attended a conference at Michigan State University which examined coordination between high school and freshmen college courses. . . . Three CC students will seek to enter the Brothers of Holy Cross in June; a fourth, the Brothers Hospitalers of St. John.

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Seated at the console in the picture above is Brother Daniel Kane, who directs the scholastic and the novitiate choirs in the Brothers' Midwest province. Dujarie choir members stand behind the organ. During the Christmas holidays this group gave concerts in several Community houses on the Notre Dame campus, at nearby convents, and at St. Joseph's High School in South Bend, as well as for a meeting of the Associates of St. Joseph held there. The Dujarie Choir sang at the Midnight Mass in Sacred Heart Church at Notre Dame, which was televised over WNDU.

### Province Science Teachers Hold Workshop at Gilmour

The first annual Science Workshop for Midwest province teachers took place at Gilmour Academy during the Christmas holidays under the gavel of Brother William Fitch, who is chairman of the Holy Cross Brothers Science Committee. Eighteen Brothers attended, exchanged ideas, and discussed classroom problems.

A highlight at the workshop was the display and demonstration of an overhead projector and auxiliary equipment by the Technifax Company. Brother George Tilley showed how the projector could be adapted to teaching math classes. He also demonstrated an inexpensive diazo reproduction machine of his own design and make for producing transparencies necessary for the overhead projector. Brother Joseph Kumhera showed how he gets students to make biology slides.

Other Brothers "took all of the skeletons out of the closet" in their discus-

sion of methods of teaching biology. Still others had a lively session on the values of inductive versus deductive reasoning in mathematics classes. Also studied were the advantages of placement programs and the possibility of a standardized test in math to check students' progress.

The workshop, an informal affair, gave the teachers time and place for "shop talk" and for comparing notes. Brother William Fitch sends monthly science bulletins to all physics, biology, and math teachers in the province.

### DECEASED

- Rev. Francis J. Boland, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Michael, C.S.C.
- Father of Bro. Lucidus, C.S.C.
- Brother of Bro. Bernardine, C.S.C.
- Mother of Bro. Patrick Cain, C.S.C.
- Father of Bro. Oliver Baran, C.S.C.
- Brother of Bro. Anselm, C.S.C.
- Sister of Bro. Harold Young, C.S.C.
- Grandmother of Bro. Thomas Baltazor, C.S.C.

## PROVINCE NEWS

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● **MILWAUKEE:** The director of a New Jersey welfare home for boys visited St. Charles Boys Home recently and expressed a more than favorable opinion of the staff, particularly of the four Brother Counselors (who live in and prefect the four dormitories). He was impressed by the professional attitude evidenced in the Brothers' work with the boys and by the relaxed atmosphere existing at the institution. The visitor more than once commented on the hard-working, professionally-oriented staff.

● **CLINTON:** On the Boysville campus the old Photo Shop building is being renovated into an infirmary building, to include a ward with thirteen beds and an isolation room with accommodations for four. . . . 35,000 Knights of Columbus in eight Michigan counties are joining in a drive to collect trading stamps, to be exchanged for two 60-passenger school busses for Boysville.

● **SOUTH BEND:** Brother Majella Hegarty, Midwest province supervisor of instruction, is on his annual round of visits to the schools. Each year he spends several weeks at approximately twelve schools, where he sits in on regular classes in order to study the teachers' techniques and then holds consultations afterwards with the teacher concerned. The reports Brother Majella turns out number from six to twelve pages of single-space typing of thorough-going constructive criticism and suggestions for each of the teacher's visited.

## EDITORIAL

### Now Is the Time to Prepare

Never has the Catholic laity had a greater opportunity to defend its Faith than during and after this '60 presidential campaign. Bigots have been making their usual backstabbing accusations. Catholicism's validity is being questioned in every sector of the United States. Level-minded people are seeking answers to all these questions. And we are falling on our faces!

What is our stand as Catholics in regard to science? Is Catholicism in favor of separation of church and state? Will the Pope try to influence governmental policies? Under the laws of the Church can a pastor, in true conscience, compel his parishioners to vote for one candidate or the other? Why, and under what circumstances, did the Bishops of Puerto Rico instruct their congregations to reject a party which denied Christian morality? What are

our reasons for the belief that we should also share in the state-supplied school bus transportation? Why is it that some of our Sisters are teaching in small town public schools? Could we explain what the Church claims to be a dogma?

Can we, as members of the Catholic Faith, answer these questions intelligently? When a non-Catholic asks us why we claim our religion to be the true religion, can we answer him correctly and sensibly, or do we stammer and stutter, groping in our obvious stupidity, for the answer? This is a time when we can exercise the graces we have received in the Sacrament of Confirmation and defend our Faith to the fullest. Not only is it evident that we can defend it, but we can possibly be sources of conversion. Yes, many people who would ordinarily remain silent are asking questions now when religion is a national issue. Are we giving them the right answers?

On a moment's notice we could (most likely) rattle off the Act of Contrition, Hail Mary, and Apostles' Creed, but are we able to speak intelligently about the Faith?

—From St. Edward H. S. paper.

### STUDENTS ADVISED TO SEEK SCHOLARSHIPS

A note on college scholarships appearing in "Hi-Lite," school paper of St. Joseph High in South Bend, should be of interest to parents. Many students want to attend college, the article said, yet they ignore looking for scholarships. Some available ones are:

The Catholic University of America bestows tuition scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$3200, but the student must supply his other expenses. The National Foundation grants scholarships to students going into medicine or physical therapy. The Archbishop Noll scholarship is awarded to seniors in Fort Wayne and Gary diocesan high schools who are interested in journalism. Students who fulfill requirements can get various types of scholarship help at the University of Dayton, Cornell, Siena College (New York), Marquette, and at Wabash College, DePauw, and Butler, all Indiana schools. Union Carbide and the Hertz firm give engineering scholarships. Borg Warner offers scholarships at Illinois Institute of Technology, as Westinghouse does to Carnegie Institute of Technology. Sperry and Hutchinson (the S&H green stamps firm) awards scholarships to U.S. citizens on the basis of a preliminary aptitude test.

Most colleges require applications for scholarships to be made about the first of February.

### Gibault Gives Roster of Recent Doings

Biggest current news at Father Gibault School for Boys in Terre Haute is the new administration building, now going up, thanks to the Indiana Knights of Columbus, who underwrite financial operations at the institution which the CSC Brothers operate and staff. . . . Due to the kindness of individuals and groups, Gibault boys during the past months attended such affairs as the Shriners Circus, the Christiani Brothers Circus, a Rotary Club dinner, a carnival-picnic given by the Miners' Association of the Wabash Valley. Also, they toured St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, met the Mother General, and attended Benediction along with the Sisters of Providence at the College. . . . Summer idleness had no place at Father Gibault School, which boards and houses and teaches about 110 boys who are committed there by the juvenile courts. The boys repainted the poolroom and locker rooms, held track, horseshoe, and swimming tournaments. They fished, played baseball and other games, did their usual chores, and took summer classes. . . . In early fall eighteen K of C men of Council 1808 Corydon, Indiana, visited the campus. Council 437 held its Gibault Benefit Dance in October. Superior and director at Gibault, Brother Armand Aman, said: "We are grateful to all Knights for their continuous generosity. May God bless them." (Ditto, say all the Brothers.) . . . In Terre Haute the Fraternal Order of Police organization sponsors midget races on Friday nights. Thanks to the Sumar Speed Equipment firm which donated it, the blue car No. 48 is Gibault's entry. Young driver Joe Lawrence has racked up three trophies so far, hopes someday to "hit" the Brickyard at Indianapolis. The two-student pit crew is under the watchful eye of Brother Martin Donohue. . . . Brother Merle McGrane added more blue ribbons to his big collection. At the Wabash Valley County Fair in August his Landrace Breed porkers won eighteen ribbons. Big winner for Gibault Farm was Sunset Fay's Shoal, a yearling boar. . . . At Indiana's Vigo County Fair several Gibault boys won ribbons for their projects in mechanical drawing and wood working. One boy's piece was entered at the Indiana State Fair. . . . In mid-fall there was a Fun-O-Rama on campus. The mock-carnival, to aid Holy Cross missions, was headed by Father Anthony Weber and Brother Columbkille, both CSC men, of course. Visitors could test their throwing-arm, marksmanship, and other skills at some twenty booths.

**Women's Unit Marks Thirty Years' Service to Boys' Home**

Early in December the Women's Unit of St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a luncheon in the Empire Room of the Schroeder Hotel. Over 100 ladies attended, heard His Excellency Archbishop William E. Cousins speak high praise of their work on this project of the Milwaukee archdiocese. In his address the Archbishop pointed out the particular ability women have to perform such type of auxiliary work and referred to the material interest evidenced so often by members of the Unit in their work for St. Charles Home. The Archbishop also expressed his appreciation for the service of the Brothers of Holy Cross at the Home since 1928.

Brother Lawrence Miller, former Director of St. Charles Home and now superior at Columba Hall at Notre Dame, provided historical anecdotes of the Unit and Catholic welfare in Milwaukee over the past thirty years. He mentioned that some ladies have been members of the Unit since its founding and paid particular tribute to the leadership of Mrs. William C. Knoernschild, who has been elected president annually since the Unit's inception. Brother Lawrence said that Mrs. Knoernschild has continued to carry out her work with the same zeal and wonderful spirit of cooperation which were present in the founder of St. Charles Home, her father-in-law, Mr. Charles Knoernschild.

In her talk at the luncheon Mrs. Knoernschild spoke highly of the cooperation of the members of the Unit. She recalled that over the past thirty years the Unit had raised a total of \$100,000 for St. Charles Home.

Brother Charles began in 1920 as a priest of Milwaukee's St. Vincent de Paul parish, then headed by Charles Knoernschild. The Brothers of Holy Cross have operated the Home since 1928 when under the first Brother Superior, Brother Florentius, a group of women organized to give what they could.

The Women's Unit holds regular meetings during the year and conducts fund-raising and other service activities annually. The president and other members have come hundreds of times over the past years to do even such simple things as mending clothes for St. Charles' boys. The fine chapel at the Home exists largely because of the generous help, and many a boy has his new clothes to them, as does the school much of its equipment and furniture.

The list of contributions made to St. Charles Boys Home by its Women's Unit is a long one and a real tribute to its great-souled members. Holy Cross religious are grateful to them and mindful that without the Women's Unit behind the scenes, much of the noteworthy success of St. Charles Boys Home could not have been achieved.

Brother Theodore LaTour, C.S.C., present Director of the Home, acted as Toastmaster.

**POLL AT SCHOLASTICATE IN WEST TAKEN**

Student Brothers at Vincent Hall at Saint Edward's University in Austin, Texas, who come from all three U.S. provinces of the Brothers, compiled some interesting statistics from a recent poll taken among themselves:

At Vincent Hall there are 44 freshmen, 28 sophomores, 25 juniors, and 10 seniors. In 1958 house membership was 67; it is now 110. The figure includes three Brothers on special assignment. Of the 110, 45 Brothers are graduates of CSC Brothers' high schools. Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks, California, has 13 alumni in the group. 12 Brothers at Vincent Hall were graduated from public high schools.

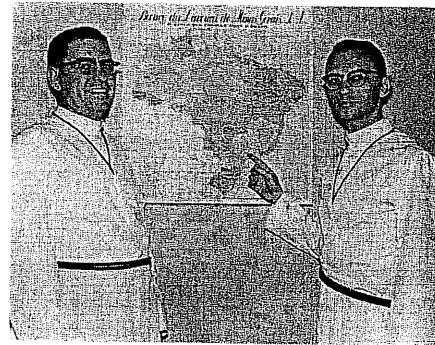
In 1958 the Brothers' Eastern province had 32 Brothers studying in Texas; now there are 48. Two years ago the Midwest province had 23, as opposed to 34 in 1960. The South-West province had 13 Brothers at Vincent Hall in 1958, now has 31.

The western scholasticate group (counterpart of student Brothers at DuJarrie Hall who study at Notre Dame) represents 24 of the fifty states, an increase by eleven states over 1958.

The poll also showed that Brothers at the scholasticate range in age from 18 to 27. The average age is 20.5 years.

**Province School Enrollments**

	1960-61	1959-60
Scholasticate (Ind.)	23	19
Scholasticate (Tex.)	33	30
Novitiate	49	42
Juniorate	22	15
Akron	955	875
Chicago	709	762
Cleveland	1,410	1,467
Clinton	172	175
Evansville	397	432
Gates Mills	214	213
Indianapolis	923	851
Milwaukee	60	45
Monroe	422	425
Sekondi	285	271
South Bend	827	753
Terre Haute	110	125
Watertown	103	98



Pictured above are Brothers John Boyle and Thomas Chady, South-West province members who have been teaching in the Midwest province, and who have been assigned to Brazil. Brother John will return to his former duties at Ginasio Dom Amando in Santarem after a year back in the States. Brother Thomas, new on the missionary scene, will go to Campinas, a town about 120 miles west of Rio de Janeiro, where the Brothers of the South-West province are erecting a new school. Both have been living at Columba Hall and teaching at St. Joseph High in South Bend. They will fly to Brazil late in January.

**LIBRARY FUND NEARS GOAL AT GILMOUR ACADEMY**

Funds for the new Gilmour Academy Library now exceed \$270,000 in a drive for \$300,000, thanks to gifts from alumni and parents and friends of Academy boys.

One unique contribution was a collection of rare books, valued at \$20,000, given by Dr. Charles C. Higgins, head of the Department of Urology at Cleveland Clinic and long a close friend of the Academy.

The Higgins collection contains a rare set of first editions of the works of Oliver Goldsmith and the Limited Editions Club set of luxuriously bound volumes. Dr. Higgins has also given the Academy a grand piano and a seascape by the nineteenth century American painter Thomas Moran.

Gilmour's library will be located in a large open area midway between the administration building and the school quarters. It is hoped to begin construction within two years.

A nine-man committee of volunteers is forwarding the drive for the Gilmour Library.

**ASSOCIATES OF SAINT JOSEPH**

The Akron Chapter of the Association of St. Joseph held a pancake dinner in mid-January, with servings available from eleven o'clock in the morning to eleven at night. Proceeds went to renovation work at the Brothers' novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana.

### Indiana Knights Salute Progress, Growth of Gibault

Indiana Knights of Columbus observed November 1960 as "Gibault Month" to mark the fiftieth year since the idea of a school of correction to be supported by Indiana councils of the KC was conceived. The project was first mentioned at the annual state meeting in 1911, when a study was authorized in view of establishing a home for friendless boys and girls.

Encouraged by the then two Bishops in Indiana, the Knights voted in 1916 to establish a home for delinquent boys as their contribution to the centennial celebration of Indiana statehood. A 101-acre site was purchased in 1921 for \$75,000, with the sellers making a gift of \$25,000 against this price. On October 9, 1921, the home was dedicated in the presence of Bishop Chartrand of Indianapolis, Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty, and some 20,000 people.

The Father Gibault School for Boys, named after Father Pierre Gibault, an advisor to General George Rogers Clark, has grown to a 360-acre plant, including campus, woodlands, lakes, farm, garden, dairy, orchard, printshop, auto-mechanics classroom, building trades instruction facilities, shoe repair shop, dormitories, gymnasium, dining rooms, chapel, administrative buildings, all of which represents an investment of over \$1,250,000.

Over 3000 boys have been cared for at Gibault to date. The Brothers of Holy Cross took over operation of the school in 1934.

#### No Walls, No Barricades

One visitor to Gibault said the most striking thing about the school is the atmosphere of freedom that one does

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not usually associate with such corrective institutions. The visitor found not walls or barricades, but only happy, carefree boys who swam or played ball or tended to their duties about the school and farm, boys who seemed like those in one's own neighborhood.

For many of these boys Gibault is the best home they have ever had, said the visitor. The history of many of these lads, their broken homes, their unloving relatives or rejection by parents would be a story to make grown men wince and shudder. No wonder that some boys would prefer to stay on at Gibault than to be released and return home.

The school continuously cares for 125 boys. As nearly as records can be checked, five out of every six Gibault boys return home to become useful citizens, some to eventual positions of authority and responsibility. "The Indiana Knights of Columbus are proud of Gibault and the boys who have responded so well to the treatment administered by the Brothers of Holy Cross," said E. J. Rademaker, the president of the school's board of directors.

#### Support of the School

At its start in 1921 Gibault was financed entirely from assessments made on KC members in Indiana over the previous five years. These assessments have been continuous since that time, each Knight contributing through the amount that his Council pays for state per capita tax. At times revenue has been sought for particular purpose by other means. The Gibault Building and Reserve Fund is a case in point. Anyone may be an annual or perpetual member by a contribution of five or fifty dollars respectively. Every Council is also urged to promote some activity, the net proceeds of which will be contributed to the Fund. Many Councils, Assemblies, and Auxiliaries sponsor activities which assure Christmas presents, athletic equipment, and good used clothing for the boys.

It is ironic that there are fewer Indiana boys sent to Gibault than from

other states. It would be possible to fill the school with boys from Chicago alone, it has been said, not because there are disproportionate numbers of boys in trouble in that city, but because judges and welfare agencies there seem to understand the advantages of a Catholic environment for the wayward Catholic boy. Indiana Knights are being alerted to keep the existence and desirability of Gibault before the eyes of judges and probation officers of Indiana.

#### Another Building

The concern of the Knights of Columbus of Indiana to keep Gibault a top institution of its kind in the nation is again manifested in the new office building now going up adjacent to the faculty house on campus. Designed by board member Thomas Medland, the new quarters will give Gibault another boost in its professional approach to youth problems. The office building will have interview rooms for use by social workers and the boys' parents, where the latter in particular can be received, briefed, and counseled in an atmosphere that sets the tone for the entire program of Gibault School—aware, alert, salutary. New boys entering the school will get their orientation in the new office building. Their first impressions are vital to their future adjustment at the school. Most Gibault boys are at first apprehensive about their placement there, and thus the pleasant new quarters and efficient and understanding staff will help put these boys at ease and make them more amenable because of a favorable first impression.

Besides a reception parlor, private offices for the director, his assistant, and the school accountant, and interview rooms, the building has an attached storeroom. The entire structure is one story, "L" shaped. One wing has three offices, a reception and waiting room, two parlors; the other houses the central storage area and a vault. The brick building will match other campus structures, particularly the recently built chapel.

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