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CHAPEL AT WATERTOWN REBLESSED



Cadets in front of statue set imported from Italy



Interior view of redecorated chapel at Sacred Heart Military Academy

PROVINCE BRIEFS

OUTH BEND Brothers James Bluma, Francis Servido, William Vondriska, and Donald Bailer attended the math teachers convention in Chicago in March. . . . Rev. Thomas Barrosse, S.C., gave the annual retreat at Comba Hall during Holy Week, held the attention of all with his thought-packed conferences. . . .

EVANSVILLE In May Brother John Canon is to give a short course on "Starting and Developing the Oboe Player" at a Catholic music educators convention in Milwaukee. . . . Brother Richard Reaume has been appointed the Evansville Diocesan Chairman of the Biology Teachers' Association. Also, he has been chosen one of thirty enlees in the Counseling and Guidance Institute at Notre Dame this summer, for which he gets a government grant. . . . Of 11 highest honors given at Evansville College's regional science fair, Reitz Memorial boys took 8, including the first award—a Navy cruise.

CHICAGO Holy Trinity High's Developmental Reading Laboratory, inaugurated last September by Brother Thomas Henning, is attracting many servers, recently from Loreto Acad-

emy in Texas, Marmion in Illinois, and Catholic schools in Missouri, Wisconsin, and Michigan, not to mention Illinois. . . . Brothers Edwin Mattingly and Charles Rymarowicz were judges for the science fair at Nazareth Academy in LaGrange, Ill. . . . In the final tournament of the Chicago Forensic League, a speech student of Brother Joseph Chvala's took first place in the Dramatic Declamation division. . . . Glee Club director Brother John Gaffney was piano accompanist for the 400-voice mixed choir, and organist for the prize-winning concerto, at the Chicago Catholic School Music Association's annual high school music festival, held in the Civic Opera House.

. . . Brother Thomas Henning talked on the Brother's vocation at Marian Central High in Woodstock, Ill. . . . Trinity High seniors have won 9 competitive scholarships, including 1 to Loyola, 2 to DePaul, and 6 Illinois State scholarships applicable to any Illinois university or college. . . . All seniors took the National Merit qualifying exams; all sophomores took National Educational Development tests.

CLINTON Brother Paulus McGory, (Continued on page 3)

BISHOP O'CONNOR OFFICIATES AT BLESSING RITE

On April 13th the Most Rev. William P. O'Connor, Bishop of Madison, blessed the completely remodeled chapel at Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin. Many priests and religious of the area attended the ceremonies, along with Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross from various Midwest houses.

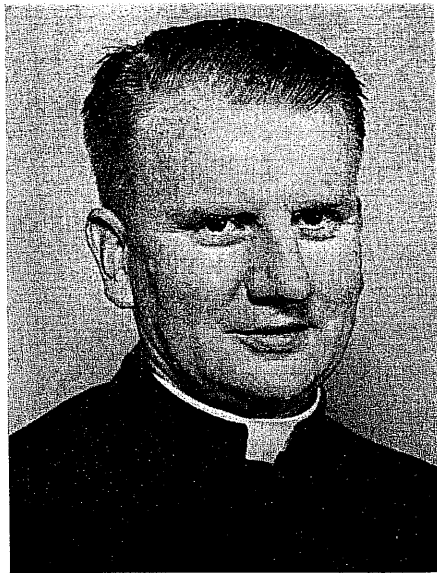
A special chapel dedication day was held for lay people about a week later, attended by parents of Cadets, friends, and benefactors of the Academy. Rev. Bernard Mulahy, C.S.C., Assistant Provincial of the Indiana Province, celebrated a Solemn High Mass and preached the sermon on this occasion.

Renovation of the military school chapel cost approximately \$71,000 and represent more than a year's work by the various contractors involved. The realization of the project is wholly due to the headmaster of the Academy, Brother Dominic Elder, C.S.C., who has been working tirelessly for the past six years to collect funds or pledges of funds to finance the work.

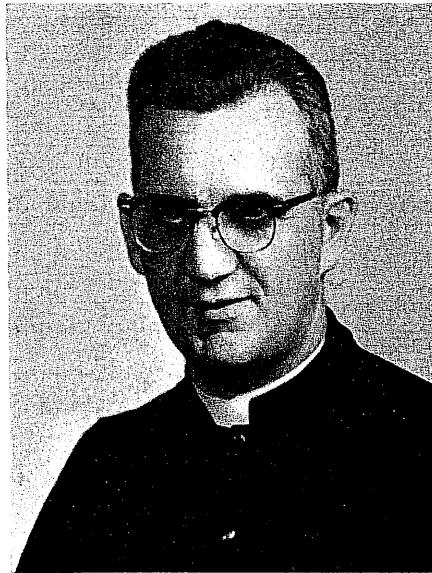
Except for the exterior walls, everything in or near the chapel is new, a replacement for or remodeling of what

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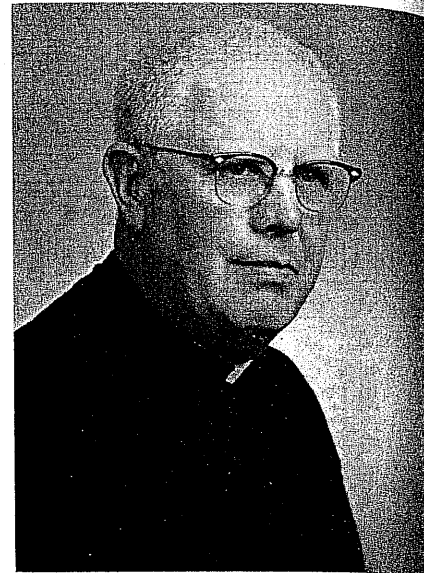
. . . J U B I L A R I A N S . . .



Brother Anthony Houser, C.S.C.



Brother Casper Molchan, C.S.C.



Brother Fergus Burns, C.S.C.

THREE IN PROVINCE TO MARK SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF VOWS

This summer Brothers Anthony Houser, Casper Molchan, and Fergus Burns observe the silver anniversary of their religious profession.

Brother Anthony

Brother Anthony, from Youngstown, Ohio, has been cooking in houses of the Community since his second year out of the novitiate, plus doing the same job for twelve consecutive seasons at Notre Dame Camp.

A brother of his entered Holy Cross before he did, and two of his sisters joined the Sisters of the Holy Cross. After Brother Anthony entered the Congregation, still another of his brothers entered the Community. Father Joseph Houser now works in the Texas missions; Father Charles Houser has been in East Pakistan for about fifteen years, and Sister Rosa Anita and Sister Rita Cascia, Brother Anthony's sisters, are teaching, respectively, in Columbus, Ohio, and Austin, Texas.

Despite his having the mission vow, Brother Anthony never managed to get an assignment to the foreign missions. However, his interest in mission work has always been untiring and productive. Whenever time allows, he sorts cancelled stamps, and whenever he can he sends used clothing for distribution in his brother's Texas parish.

A cook's day is invariably long and busy, yet Brother Anthony continues at this taxing work with remarkable geniality of spirit. Everybody agrees that his serene disposition makes him a joy to have in whatever house he may be assigned.

Brother Casper

Brother Casper Molchan has been teaching regularly in various community schools for the last twenty years, ever since his graduation from the University of Notre Dame. He has always maintained high standards in the classroom, has expanded the intellectual horizons of hundreds of boys in such subjects as history and English, and has always championed the cause of athletic prowess at schools to which he has been assigned. Although the years often pass with little expression of appreciation from students or from other quarters, Brother Casper can look back on a quarter century of work well done for the cause of Catholic education.

He came to the Congregation from a small town on the outskirts of Pittsburgh, and after completing the novitiate and some years of study, during which he profected at Brownson Hall at Notre Dame, he taught for ten years at Coyle High in Taunton, Mass., then followed that with six years of teaching at Cathedral High in Indianapolis, where he was also athletic director. Since then he has been teaching at Catholic Central High in Monroe, Michigan.

Brother Fergus

Brother Fergus Burns, whose home town is Watertown, New York, was graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in commerce prior to his entering the Community. On arriving at the novitiate, he said, he got off the train in the middle of nowhere and walked along, suitcase in hand, a good distance before any-

one picked him up. After a short stint at Dujarie Hall, he went to St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, to teach business administration and act as assistant treasurer. The work of teaching, profecting, and operating the bookstore, along with taking summer courses at Texas University, continued for him until 1942, when he was assigned to Portland University. In 1947 he returned to Texas, where he remained until 1954, teaching at St. Edward's along with completing requirements for the degree of Master of Business Administration at Texas University, which he received in 1948. In 1954 he came to teach at Central Catholic High in South Bend, spent the next five years teaching at Holy Trinity in Chicago, then went to Akron, where he presently teaches at Archbishop Hoban High.

Brother Fergus has been a certified lifeguard since 1935 and a licensed instructor of water safety and first aid since 1947. He often used these skills in work at the Bankson Lake camp and that in Waveland, Mississippi. He has aided a number of community members to earn their own Red Cross swimming certificates. This year he is coaching the Archbishop Hoban High swimming team. Another favorite hobby of his is fishing — of any kind, and his assignments around the country have given him a chance to fish in many kinds of water.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

ACADEMY CHAPEL

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with minor exceptions, served for nearly eighty years.

Simplicity, beauty, and devotional atmosphere were our guide lines in remodeling," Brother Dominic said. He pointed out also that the total cost includes much alteration in the approaches to the chapel itself. The entrance, for example, is paneled in wall with goldleaf borders. Fiberglass panels were installed in the corridor leading to the chapel, in the confessional, in the organ alcove, and in the confessor's room nearby, which latter is also paneled and furnished in oak.

In the six large windows in the chapel proper, a heavy strip dividing them into two panels was removed, aluminum sash replacing the cumbersome wooden ones, and stained glass panels installed. Each window bears a symbol of one of the special devotions of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The windows over the altar and in the side wall have, respectively, the shield and anchor symbol of the Academy, and the shield of the Congregation.

The fenestration is of double glazing, i.e., clear glass on the outside, and leaded glass inside, with air space between for insulation. Thus, storm windows are on permanently.

The small but excellent pipe organ which has served the Watertown house for so many years was completely replaced, has a new console and electrical system, and is set so that the organist faces the altar.

The former "Oratory" next to the chapel is now a relic chapel that includes old sacristy quarters and seats twenty-three. This is used when Aspirants to the Brotherhood are in residence for their meditation and confession periods.

The new sacristy is at the rear rather than at the front, as of old. It includes a large room for servers and a utility room. These are oak paneled and have leaded glass ceilings. Nearly all vestments were replaced.

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PROVINCE BRIEFS

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Principal of Boysville High School, was elected to his second term as president of the Central Unit of the Catholic Business Education Association. He is also president of the Executive Board of the newly formed National Business Men's Society and a member of the N.B.E.A. National Executive Board. At the close of the recent 1961 convention, he was named General Chairman of the 1962 convention, to be held in De-

troit. . . . Boysville representatives to the Michigan Business Teachers Association meeting in Saginaw were Brothers Paulus and Oliver Baran; to the Archdiocesan Teachers Institute in Detroit, Brothers Paulus and Francis O'Donnell.

INDIANAPOLIS Eleven Cathedral High seniors won full or partial scholarships this year, including the area's Notre Dame Club scholarship, and the \$6,000 Father Burns Scholarship to Notre Dame. . . . A student of science teacher Brother George Kovatch won first prize in the city's regional science fair. . . . Brother Raymond Harrington headed the constitution committee for the Archdiocesan teachers of language arts.

. . . . At the April meeting of the Archdiocesan language arts association, Brother Carl Shonk delivered a paper on "Literature and Morality." He is also in charge of a committee formulating a coordinated reading program for grades 7 to 12 in the Indianapolis Archdiocese. . . . 11 Cathedral High students qualified for finals in the Indiana Achievement tests. . . . At least one Indianapolis music critic rates Brother Eugene Weisenberger's high school dance band as the best in the city; recently the group participated in a jazz band festival at Butler University. . . . Brothers Giles Martin (the principal), Albert Pinter, Robert Leamnson, and George Kovatch attended the Archdiocesan meeting of science and math teachers at Clarkville, Indiana, on April 3. Brother Albert was elected chairman of the chemistry section, Brother George of the biology section.

CLEVELAND The Mothers Club of St. Edward High came up with something new with the V.I.P. Card Party in the school gym on April 19. By letter the members contacted "very important persons" across the nation, asking them to send a personal gift to be used as a prize at the affair. Nearly a hundred VIP's responded, including Vice-president Johnson, Bing Crosby, Governor DiSalle, Alfred Hitchcock, Richard Nixon, Lawrence Welk, Bob Hope, Senator Lausche, Ricky Nelson, and Barbara Stanwyck. . . . Six St. Ed seniors scored in the top 5% on the Ohio Scholarship tests, with four actually scoring in the top 1% of the state. A total of 99 Edsmen took the test. 62% scored in the top 50% of the state. . . . After seven weeks of intense competition, the first St. Edward Raffle ended in mid-March. The project of the Father's Club was a grand success, according to moderator Brother Eric.

GATES MILLS Eleven Gilmour Academy debaters and speech club members qualified for state-wide speech finals at Ohio University. . . . The entire student body went on retreat just before Holy Week: seniors at the Trappist monastery in Gethsemani, Ky., juniors at Notre Dame's Fatima Retreat House, sophomores at Stanislaus Retreat House in west Cleveland, and freshmen at the Diocesan Retreat House in the city.

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NSF GRANTS HELP OUT IN SS ADVANCED STUDY

Midwest Province Brothers receiving National Science Foundation grants for advanced study this summer are: Brothers Adrian Cygnar, John Benesh, Frederick McGlynn, Thomas Dillman, Robert Leamnson — at Notre Dame; Marius Wittner — University of Texas; Eric Landers — U. of Santa Clara; Melanus Fox — U. of Oakland; George Tilley — Cornell Univ.; John Schrader — Marquette.

Brothers Richard Reaume and James Everett were accepted for enrollment in the government-sponsored Notre Dame Guidance Program during the coming summer school.

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MOZART OPERA STAGED FOR 1400 BOYS AT CLEVELAND

St. Edward High played host to the Metropolitan Opera Studio group at a special student assembly on April 25, when the New Yorkers presented "Cosi Fan Tutti" in English translation.

The Studio is a project of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York and is traveling for the first time this year with the regular road company of the Met. St. Edward High was the only school in or near Cleveland and one of the first outside New York City selected for the special performance. The group was formed to introduce high schoolers to opera. Before the show Edsmen discussed the subject in their English classes.

Directors and members of choral groups from several other Cleveland schools were invited to attend.

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DECEASED

- Rev. Eugene P. Burke, C.S.C.
- Bro. Auguste Couture, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Leopoldine, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Anton, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Bertin, C.S.C.
- Father of Bro. Gonzaga Day
- Brother of Bro. Michael Donovan
- Mother of Bro. John Haggerty
- Brother of Bro. Neil Gildea

CANVASSERS MOURN DEATH OF "AUNT LOUISE"

Brother Otto Hayden, one of the Ave Maria canvassers, wrote to say that Mrs. Louise M. McMerriman died in Toledo on March 28 and to ask prayers for the repose of her soul.

Mrs. McMerriman was affectionately known to many of the Brothers as Aunt Louise. Brother Vitus and some other of the Ave canvassers often stayed at her home when they were soliciting subscriptions to the Ave Maria magazine in Toledo. Long before The Newsette began publication, she conducted a "Dujarie Gift Shop" in her home for the benefit of Dujarie Hall, the Brothers' scholasticate at Notre Dame. Brother Columba, a former superior there, used her offerings to buy many books for the Hall library. Mr. and Mrs. McMerriman also sent offerings frequently to The Newsette.

One canvasser said recently that some years ago, when his condition was run-down and he was suffering from an ulcer, Aunt Louise took charge, bought baby foods that agreed with him, and nursed him back to health. Another pointed out that, due to Mrs. McMerriman, if there was any Holy Cross Brother apt to be overlooked at Christmas, he was sure to get a personal gift from her, delivered when Brother Vitus returned to Notre Dame at Christmas from his canvassing tour.

May we ask that you keep "Aunt Louise" in your prayers. Please include Mr. McMerriman, who is as much a booster and benefactor of the Brothers as was his late wife.

BROTHER MISSIONERS HELP TORNADO VICTIMS IN PAKISTAN

At Golla, about twenty-six miles from Dacca, a tornado struck the Catholic church on March 19th just as Benediction services were ending in late afternoon. The tornado simply lifted off the roof, then demolished the two side walls, one of which fell inward on

women and children gathered in the church.

Eighteen were killed instantly, another thirteen persons died a short time later. The injured were carried to a nearby village for first-aid.

When the news reached Dacca, Archbishop Graner left to visit the parish, and arrangements were made to fly four Catholic Medical Mission Sisters to Golla by helicopter, since by launch or on foot—the only other possible ways to get to Golla—the trip takes six hours.

Three Brothers went out to Golla on the following day; those in Dacca helped bring the injured to hospital when they arrived in Dacca. Another, who had received a thousand-rupee gift at Christmas, got permission to disburse this among the victims of the tragedy.

No damage was done to the Brothers' school at Bandura, two miles from Golla. Brother Hobart, with the school boys, went around gathering things to help the distressed. The technical students, home on vacation, did good service in clearing things up at the Golla church, helping with moving patients. These were shuttled over to the launch, a distance of five miles, and at the launch site Brother Donald Schmitz was on hand to help with the loading from launch to helicopter.

COMMANDANT "RETIRES" FROM ACADEMY POST

Brother John Driscoll, who has been Commandant at Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin, for the past five years, was assigned at midyear to resume graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame. He has been succeeded in the post by Brother Karl Englert, a veteran faculty member of the Academy.

With the cooperation and guidance of Academy headmaster Brother Dominic Elder, Brother John laid out and put into operation the military routine followed at the school since it opened

in 1955, the same year he took the post.

All phases of the Academy program are knit to military procedures, even to department of uniformed Cadets in the classrooms. In ways too numerous to mention Brother John, who is a former non-commissioned officer of the U.S. Navy, contributed to the Academy's success and high quality. Not only the young Cadets regret their admired "captain" has been piped ashore.

Private Faculty Newsheet Pays Tribute

A little behind-the-scenes paper compiled now and then for the amusement of Academy faculty members has the following article about Brother John's "retirement":

"The faculty took the news quite calmly. Due to an excellent grapevine, it was a surprise to only a very few. All, however, realized that a noble ship had been sunk. . . . Very few could handle a job with as much prestige and remain so humble. . . .

"During the five years that Brother John served as Commandant, he rendered many invaluable services to SHMA. Indeed, he held down at least a baker's dozen jobs. Besides being Commandant, he was head of 'the modern language department,' infirmarian, chief 'surgeon,' demerit filer, math teacher, Spanish teacher to the upper grades, fire-door caretaker on the first floor, Thanksgiving-Prayers-after-Mass leader, public address system operator (and installer thereof), letter opener and censor, candy dispenser, and general trouble shooter. From this list one would expect the Provincial to send ten men to replace him instead of just three! . . .

"Brother John was first and foremost a teacher, having been equipped as such by one of Notre Dame's finest, Doctor Kuntz. Brother believed in training the whole man (in this case, child), and used his spare time to keep abreast of current educational therapy (when he could tear himself away from his copy of *A Physician's Desk Reference*).

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