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## PROVINCIAL CHAPTER — 1961



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### BIENNIAL CHAPTER MEETS, LEGISLATES FOR PROVINCE

The Second Provincial Chapter of the Midwest Province of Brothers of Holy Cross was held from June 6 to 11, 1961, at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana. Members included Brother Provincial and his Council, local Superiors, and elected delegates. Brother Donatus Schmitz, Provincial, presided at the six-day meeting. Thirty-nine Holy Cross Brothers from the U.S. and Africa participated in the sessions.

#### New Superiors

The appointment of new superiors for six schools and the election of four delegates to a General Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross were announced at the conclusion of this meeting. Newly named Superiors are Brothers Barry Lambour, Holy Trinity School, Chicago; Ambrose Nowak, Catholic Central High, Mon-

roe, Michigan; Remigius Bullinger, Sacred Heart Military Academy, Watertown, Wisconsin; John Dobrogowski, Gibault School for Boys, Terre Haute, Indiana; Charles Krupp, St. Edward High, Cleveland; and Walter Davenport, Holy Cross High, River Grove, Illinois. Brother Just Paczesny, C.S.C., has since been appointed Superior and Principal of Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana.

The Provincial announced the re-appointment of three superiors: Brothers Lawrence Miller, Columba Hall, Notre Dame; Alfonso Comeau, Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio; and Gerontius McCarthy, St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana.

#### General Chapter Delegates

Elected as delegates to the General Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Rome in the summer of 1962 were Brothers Kieran Ryan, province treasurer; Alfonso Comeau, Lawrence

Miller, and Bonaventure Foley, Assistant Provincial.

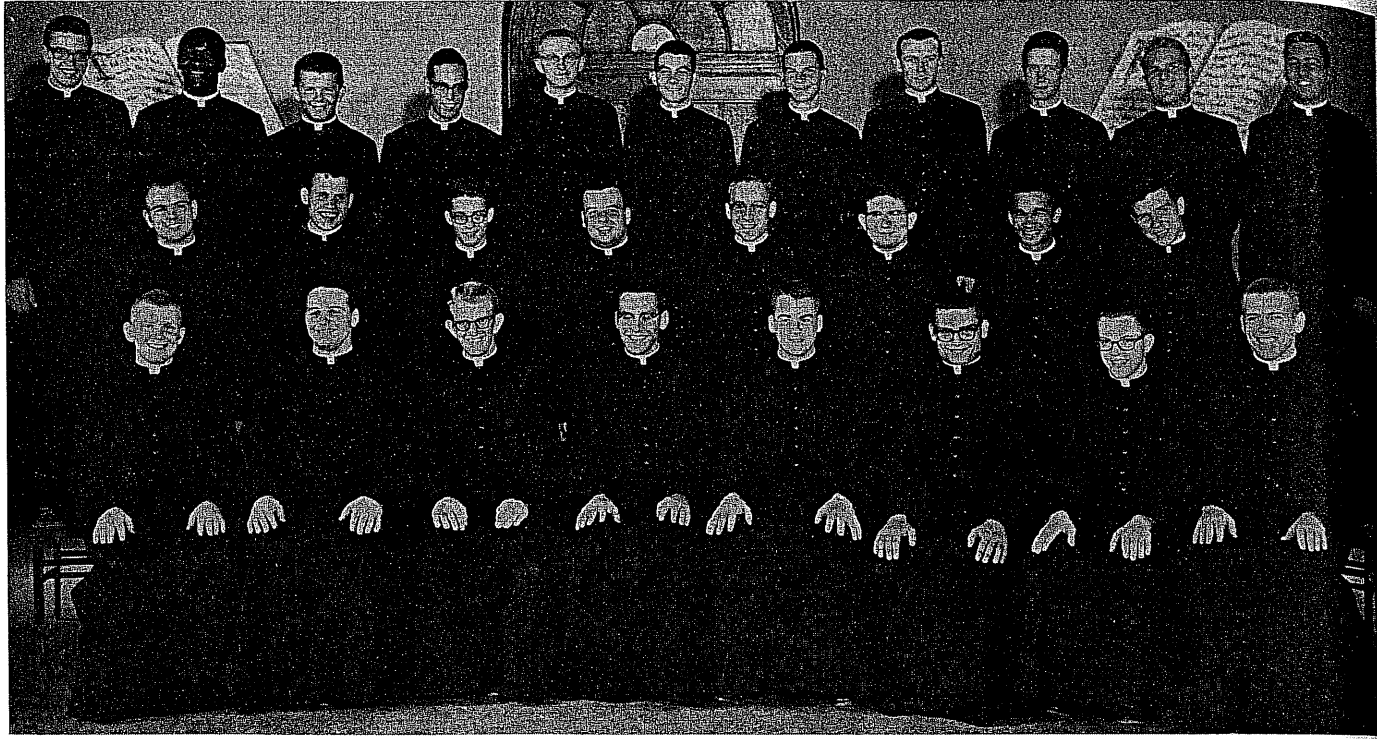
Among those participating in the Chapter was Brother Rex Hennel, headmaster of St. John Secondary School in Sekondi, Ghana, West Africa.

#### Legislation

Chapter decrees and recommendations were drawn up by capitulants assigned to one of five committees: on regular discipline and religious observance, on studies and school administration, on vocations and religious formation, on finance, foundations, and missions, and on Catholic Action, publications, and public relations.

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## RECEPTION CEREMONY



Front, l. to r.: Brothers John Fanning (Wauwatosa, Wis.), Thomas Nieb (Fort Wayne, Ind.), Carroll Posey (Clementsville, Ky.), David Shiprek (South Bend, Ind.), James Bouman (Cleveland), Jeffrey Croston (Menasha, Wis.), Michael Kelley (Lakewood, Ohio), John Ready (Monroe, Mich.). Middle, l. to r.: Brothers John Kuhn (Lima, Ohio), Richard Gilson (Cleveland), Michael Smerillo (Cleveland), James McDonald (Chicago), Charles Schneider (Dewitt, Mich.), Richard Gilman (Lakewood, Ohio), John Velasco (Fond du Lac, Wis.), Thomas Severs (Cleveland). Back, l. to r.: Brothers Lawrence Skitzki (North Olmsted, Ohio), Roy Smith (Indianapolis), William Dyer (Detroit), Robert Allen (Fort Wayne, Ind.), Dennis Calsin (Cleveland), James Rottenbacher (Monroe, Mich.), Barry Szymanski (Chicago), Michael Kohler (Monroe, Mich.), Joseph Dailing (Rock Island, Ill.), Louis Reymann (Akron, Ohio), Michael Davey (Akron, Ohio).

### Candidates Receive Brothers' Garb; Begin Novitiate

Twenty-seven young candidates of the Midwest Province received the religious habit of the Brothers of Holy Cross at ceremonies on August 15th at St. Joseph Novitiate.

Rev. Thomas Richards, C.S.C., novitiate chaplain, was celebrant of the Mass and officiated at conferring of habit rites. Rev. Cyril Middendorf, S.M., preached.

Guests included the Midwest provincial, Brother Donatus Schmitz, Brothers from various schools, and parents and relatives of the novices being received.

Following the ceremony there was a reception in the novitiate dining hall. Brother Gerontius McCarthy, master of novices, was host.

Receiving the habit of the Brothers marks the beginning of the canonical period of novitiate training for Community members. During this period the Brother novices study the Constitutions of the Congregation, the theology and practice of the religious vows, and various aspects of the religious and liturgical life. When he completes his year or sometimes year and

a half at the novitiate, the young Brother may be allowed to pronounce his first, and temporary, vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in the Congregation.

### PROVINCE BRIEFS

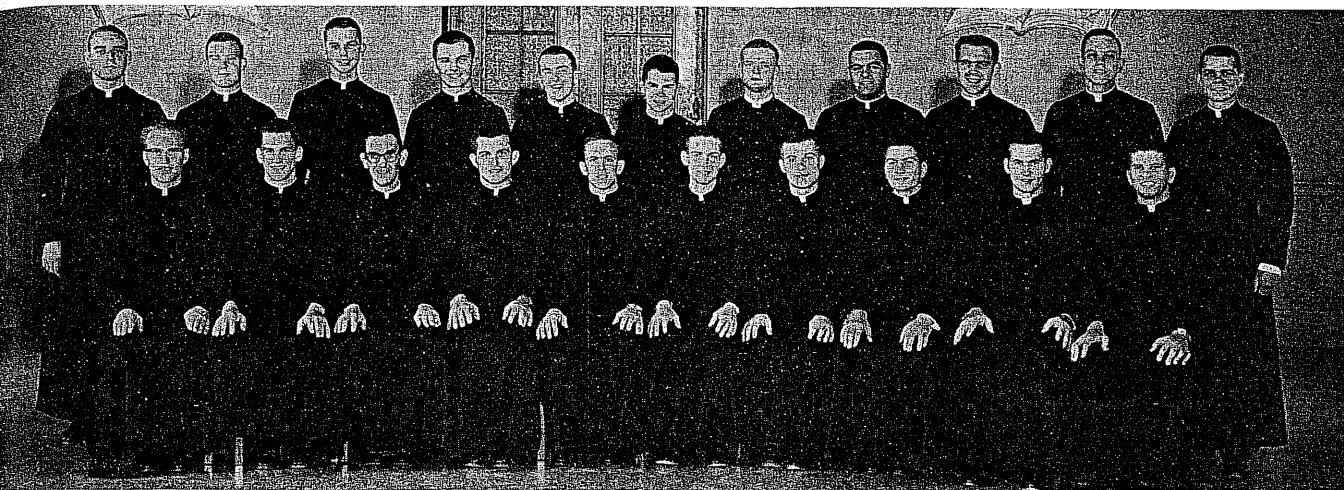
*Notre Dame:* Columba Hall played host for several weeks to Most Rev. John K. Amissh, Archbishop of Cape Coast, who stayed with the Brothers between lecture engagements and visits elsewhere. . . . The Columba Hall Mission Society at its biannual election of officers meeting named Brothers Walter Gluhm president, Eli Palchat vice president, Theodore Kapes secretary, Ronald Ehrhardt general manager, and Thomas Mittendorf treasurer. . . . Student Brothers at Dujarie Hall put on the comedy, "Career Angel" for the Sisters attending summer school at Notre Dame. The five performances had a total audience of 1,150 people. . . . A Science and Math Workshop was held at Dujarie Hall on July 22nd. Brothers in these teaching fields met in general and departmental sessions. Brother William Fitch, chairman of the Science and Math Committee of the Midwest province, organized the

workshop. . . . Fulfilling partial requirements for his master's degree in music at DePaul University in Chicago, Brother Daniel Kane gave a piano recital in the school's Little Theatre on July 28. He played Bach's Toccata in D major, Brahms' Sonata No. 3 in F minor, Granados' The Maiden and the Nightingale, Ravel's Ondine, from Gaspard de la Nuit, and Rachmaninoff's Etudes-Tableaux, Op. 33, No. 7 in E-flat major. . . . Brothers Wilbert Leveling and Stephen Withey attended the 16th annual meeting of Notre Dame's History Teachers Club in July. The same month Brothers Gerard Mason and Richard Shea attended the Notre Dame English Association Conference.

*Indianapolis:* Possibly its greatest scholastic triumph to date came when two Cathedral High School seniors were rated first and second among all high school English students in Indiana. The seniors were Ken Long and Harry Pokel. A third, Joe Hoffmann, placed second in the 4th year Latin division. Along with the three gold medals won by these students, medals went to three other Cathedral boys for

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# PROFESSION CEREMONY



Back, l. to r.: Brothers Frederick Rachsler (St. Paul, Minn.), Kieran O'Connor (Indianapolis), Paul Nomellini (Houghton, Mich.), Fred Metzger (Trenton, Mich.), Paul Clark (Owensboro, Ky.), John Lang (Indianapolis), James Kozak (Grand Rapids, Mich.), John Maciak (Cleveland), Ronald Sweeney (Waukon, Iowa), John Severino (Ashtabula, Ohio). Front, l. to r.: Brothers Thomas Horning (Cleveland, Ohio), James Miller (Evansville, Ind.), James Dixon (Ferndale, Mich.), William Dusseau (Monroe, Mich.), Michael Flanagan (Cleveland, Ohio), Joseph LeBon (Indianapolis), John Emminger (Cleveland), Joseph Dispenza (Ashtabula, Ohio), Ronald Maciak (Warren, Mich.), Thomas Sisung (Monroe, Mich.), James Reisz (Evansville, Ind.).

## NOVICES COMPLETE TRAINING, PRONOUNCE FIRST VOWS

Completing their novitiate training this summer, twenty-one Midwest Province Brothers pronounced temporary vows of religion in the Congregation of Holy Cross on August 16th in the chapel of St. Joseph Novitiate, Milling Prairie, Indiana.

Members of the group will continue their religious training and begin university studies at either Notre Dame or St. Edward's, in Austin, Texas, where scholastics (student Brothers) range from one to four years following the novitiate.

In the Congregation temporary vows are taken annually for three years, whereupon, superiors permitting, the young Brother may pronounce the perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Novitiates of the Congregation of Holy Cross, whether for seminarians or Brothers, adhere strictly to canonical regulations and allow nothing to interfere with the program outlined by the community for forming its members.

Today in particular the Church insists on proper training and formation in its religious, and like others, the Brothers strive to carry out all directions of the Holy See in this regard and to give aspiring members every chance to develop their spiritual lives, as well as their other talents or capacities.

At St. Joseph Novitiate, where novitiates for the Brothers' Midwest and North-West provinces live, pray, learn, and work, the emphasis is on philo-

sophical and theological training above all. The Provincial Chapter this past summer recommended that Midwest Province Brothers have a combination of 30 credit hours in philosophy and religion, with a minimum 15 hours in the latter, before they be allowed to study for advanced degrees.

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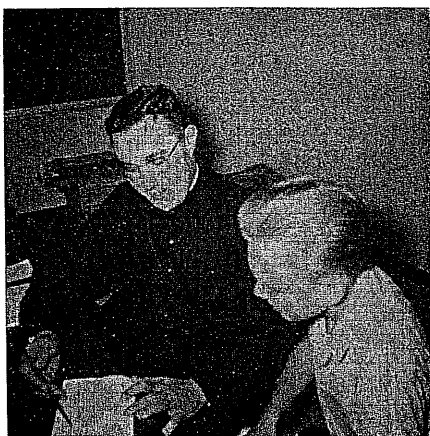
outstanding achievement. . . . Fourteen Cathedral boys who were graduated last June won full or partial college scholarships. Two got \$6,000 scholarships to Wabash College and Cornell University, respectively. The \$3,000 "Link-Bent" award went to another Cathedral senior. The boy who won the city's Notre Dame Club award of \$2,000 was offered a \$4,000 scholarship by Northwestern. Scholarship aid for other seniors came from Marian College, St. Edward University, Carleton College, Butler, and Indiana U.

*South Bend:* Priest and Brother Provincials from U.S. religious communities met at the University of Notre Dame this summer for the annual Major Superiors Conference meeting. Provincials of the Brothers' communities were entertained at a dinner at the campus' Morris Inn by the three Brother Provincials of the Brothers of Holy Cross on July 17th.

*Evansville:* Again this summer Brother John Hanon served on the faculty of the National Catholic Music Educators Association's two workshops, one at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, the other at St. Joseph College, near Rensselaer, Indiana. He gave

lecture-demonstrations on teaching of the clarinet, taught private and class lessons on all the woodwind instruments, and directed the singing for the daily Masses at the workshops. . . . Ladies of the Patrons Club at Reitz Memorial High School had the Brothers' house nicely cleaned and arranged, ready for the teachers as they returned from summer studies and vacations. . . . The Memorial faculty entertained Archbishop Amisssah at a dinner on August 28th. Brother Rex Hennel, headmaster of the Brothers' school in Sekondi, Ghana, accompanied the Archbishop. Guests included many local priests, and all were impressed by the prelate's devotion to the apostolate, friendliness, and ready wit.

*Cleveland:* "The Edsman," school paper at St. Edward High, won an International First Place Award from Quill and Scroll honorary society for high school journalists. 23 of last year's staff returned this year to work on the newspaper; about 30 boys enrolled for journalism class. . . . Latin American History, a one-semester elective, has been added to the curriculum. . . . The present faculty consists of 55 men: 39 Brothers, 16 laymen. . . . The Mothers Club and Fathers Club gave three band members scholarships to Vandercook Music Recreation Camp this summer. . . . 200 boys are enrolled in music activities at the school. The 65-man glee club sang Gelineau psalms and four-part hymns at the Mass opening the school year. . . . Plans are being made for a before-school math class devoted to recent development in that science.



Brother Walter Davenport, C.S.C., first Holy Cross High School Principal, and Gregory Gazda, first student to enroll.

### NEW SCHOOL OPENS WITH CLASS OF 381 FRESHMEN

Holy Cross High School, the Midwest Province's new school on the northwest side of Chicago, began its first school year on September 5th with an orientation day for the 381 freshman boys who make up its first student body.

Earlier this summer Brother Walter Davenport was named principal and superior at the River Grove school, as the Brothers call it after its suburb location, and he now heads the first faculty of Brothers and lay teachers. Brother Andrew Sukenik is assistant principal, Brother Benedictus Secoy is director of studies and guidance, Brother Roy Nash is prefect of religion and music director, Brother John Barrett is dean of boys, and Brother Albin Kuzminski is treasurer. Others on the teaching staff are Brothers Richard Emge, Ralph Baird, Francis Rotsaert, Leo Rathbun, John May, and Gerald McCormick. On maintenance and house staffs are Brothers Omer Bielawski, Rene Guertin, Gerald Detamore, and Richard Weber. Messrs. Anthony Viola, Francis Delaney, Francis Kamaryt, John Loef, and Robert Kolino are the lay teachers.

Brother Walter said the school will have ten sections this fall, with class-

room enrollment restricted to no more than forty students. Regular class hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:24 p.m.

Ultimate enrollment of Holy Cross High will be 1400 boys. The full secondary school program will be in operation four years from now, as the first freshman class is graduated to the succeeding grade levels and new freshman groups enter.

Eleven classrooms in the school building have been completed and are in use. The rest of the 32-classroom structure is expected to be completed by January 1, 1961.

Ground breaking ceremonies took place on October 23, 1960, with Msgr. William E. McManus, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Chicago, presiding. On opening day last month he visited Holy Cross High and said everything was off to a smooth start. The first Mass was celebrated in the school chapel by Rev. Arthur E. Douaire, pastor of St. Cyprian Parish, River Grove, on Thursday, July 31st.

The school is mainly a one-story structure with hexagon-walled units grouped in front of a higher gymnasium-auditorium wing. In addition to thirty-two classrooms, there will be four science labs, two industrial arts shops, two audio-visual facilities, cafeteria, huge gym, large library, and a music department with separate quarters for band and glee club, together with twelve private practice rooms.

The faculty house has accommodations for forty-five Brothers. It includes bedrooms, refectory and kitchen, library, and guest rooms. An adjoining chapel separates school and faculty quarters but is available to both Brothers and students.

The main entrance of Holy Cross High faces 80th Avenue, just south of Belmont Avenue, and although the property juts into the River Grove suburb, it is officially within the city limits of Chicago. Access to the auditorium-gym is from the parking area at the rear as well as from the main entrance of the school, which can be closed off with a system of gates when nighttime events are scheduled in the

auditorium or gym. A special feature of the new school is the heating system, which provides individual control of temperatures for every two classrooms.

Estimated cost of school and residence is \$2 million. The project is being financed by the Archdiocese of Chicago and by the Brothers Midwest Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

B. J. Knowles Co., Inc., of St. Paul, Minnesota, is the architect, and R. T. Milord, of Evergreen Park, is general contractor for the still incomplete school plant. Forty Catholic parishes on Chicago's northwest side and nearby suburbs furnished students for the school, which opened its door for the first time this fall.

Plans are in the making for the Sisters of Providence to operate a girls' high school on property adjoining that of Holy Cross High. Beginning in September, 1962, one wing of the Brothers' school will be used by the Sisters as temporary quarters for the girls' school until its own building is erected.

### DECEASED

- Rev. Maurice S. Rigley, C.S.C.
- Rev. John H. Murphy, C.S.C.
- Bro. Phileas Roy, C.S.C.
- Bro. Flavius Houle, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Fidelis, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Rose Frances, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Aline, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Mildrida, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Carina, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Aimee, C.S.C.
- Sister M. Niceta, C.S.C.
- Father of Bro. Chester Rachel, C.S.C.
- Mother of Bro. Sigismund Danielski, C.S.C.
- Father and Mother of Bro. Thomas O'Linn, C.S.C.
- Father of Bro. Richard Arnold, C.S.C.
- Father of Bro. Gilbert Scher, C.S.C.
- Father of Bro. James Newberry, C.S.C.
- Mother of Rev. Frank C. Brown, C.S.C.
- Father of Bro. Kenneth Kane, C.S.C.

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