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## TRINITY HIGH ALUMNUS RANKS WITH BEST WEST POINT CADETS

Cadet Joseph J. Wojcik, a 1958 graduate of Holy Trinity High in Chicago, was recently named to the U.S. Military Academy's Brigade Staff. This is a group of four cadets who "command" the 2,500-man corps and are responsible for its administration and discipline. The appointment makes Cadet Wojcik one of the top men militarily in the corps.

As training officer the twenty-year-old Wojcik and his peers are responsible for cadet participation in ceremonies and parades. Along with these duties he must observe the rigorous academic schedule prescribed for all First Classmen (seniors) at the Academy, as well as carry on in extracurricular activities. For Cadet Wojcik the latter include being vice-chairman of the honor committee (which guards against violations of West Point's honor code), president of the math forum, membership in the Russian club, and singer in the Catholic choir.

With all this Cadet Wojcik has found time for athletics during his years at West Point. He played on the freshman baseball team, was regimental champion in intramural boxing, and was on regimental championship soccer and lacrosse teams.

His qualities of leadership were apparent during his high school days at Holy Trinity, where he was class secretary, student council member, editor of the school paper, and valedictorian of the senior class. An active high school athlete, he played varsity football, earned two monograms, and played basketball each of his years at Trinity.

An account like the above cannot fail to hearten Holy Cross Brothers and others who taught Cadet Wojcik during his early teens. They can take some credit at least for a really splendid example of Catholic youth.

### DECEASED

- Rev. Thomas A. Steiner, C.S.C.
- Mother of Fr. John Reedy, C.S.C.
- Father of Bro. Joseph Fox, C.S.C.
- Stepfather of Bro. Leonard Leary, C.S.C.
- Father of Bro. Rex Hennel, C.S.C.



Dujarie Choir with Bro. Daniel Kane, C.S.C., Directing and at Organ.

Student Brothers at Dujarie Hall — at least those in the choir — had a busy pre- and post-holiday time concertizing. Directed by Brother Daniel Kane, the Dujarie Choir sang one afternoon for the Ladies of Notre Dame group, appeared one evening on the stage of Washington Hall on campus for their part of a concert sponsored by the South Bend Chapter of the Association of St. Joseph, and on another day gave a concert in the Little Theater at St. Mary's College for the Sisters of the Holy Cross. There was also an evening of song for patients at St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, and a trip to Lakeville, Indiana, to sing at a High Mass at one of the parishes. The Choir sang

the Midnight Mass this Christmas at Sacred Heart Church at Notre Dame, and also the Solemn Mass on New Year's Day. Both these Masses were radio broadcast and televised. . . . The fifth tri-annual poetry reading brought five student Brothers to the lectern to read their original poems to their assembled fellows. . . . Thanks to South Bend's Associates of St. Joseph, some thirty private rooms at Dujarie Hall have new floor lamps to replace the antiquated fixtures heretofore used. . . . Brother Edward Stenger built a fine cabinet to house the equally fine stereo phonograph system which the parents of one of the student Brothers donated to Dujarie Hall.

### SEKONDI, GHANA

"And now that I am a veteran of four months as a missionary at St. John's School, what do I think of it?"

The question was asked by Brother Lawrence Stewart, recently assigned to teach in Sekondi, Ghana, in a letter to Brother scholastics. His answer follows:

"Well, the climate is indeed hot. Each day the temperature rises to 85 or 93 degrees, and you don't want to stand in the sun for a great length of time. The views from the top of the hill around the school are really majestic, but the view of the ocean from the

veranda of the Brothers' house is the most beautiful. The students of St. John's are the type that you can't help but love. They are attentive and zealous in the classroom; there is no worry about having to be a policeman in the classroom because their first aim is to get a good education. . . . The Brothers are tremendously zealous individuals, both in the classroom and at work around the school. And even here in Africa we can find that distinct Holy Cross spirit — that spirit of charity which goes with each Father and Brother of Holy Cross in all the houses of our Community."

## DACCA, EAST PAKISTAN

Because of obstacles met in securing a visa, Brother Ronald Drahozal, assigned to teach in St. Gregory's High in Dacca or at some other school the Brothers conduct in East Pakistan, was unable to enter the country. He taught at Cathedral Central High in Monroe, Mich., this past semester, but the visa finally granted, he left this month for Dacca.



Brother Ronald Drahozal, C.S.C.

Brother Ronald is twenty-four years old, earned his A.B. degree at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, where he majored in education.

His home town is Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Before leaving for Dacca, he spent some days with his parents there, also visited his three brothers and one sister.

## CLINTON, MICH.

A switch on the "Take it to the cleaners" play occurred at Boysville when Mr. Europe E. Bouchard, a Michigan Knight of Columbus and a Master Dry Cleaner in Saginaw, had a half ton or so of highly useable clothing delivered to the school. The donation included 300 trousers, 65 sport coats, 45 topcoats, 60 jackets, and 38 wool sport shirts. . . . Holy Cross Brothers and Boysville students joined in mourning the death of U. S. Representative Louis C. Rabaut, a Knight of Columbus in Michigan, and the man who in Congress sponsored the addition of "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. He died suddenly on November 12, 1961. . . . Wenlock Farms gave four seven-month old colts to the Boysville Saddle Club. . . . Brother Philip Armstrong's Boysville Glee Club traveled to regale the Sisters of St. Joseph Academy of Siena Heights, the Knights of Columbus in Manchester, and the staff of St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor within the past two months. . . . The Calla Club, formed in Monroe two years ago to help educate homeless Mexican children, brought its program of Mexican music, dance, costume, and color to the Boysville campus recently. . . . Eight sections of roll-away bleachers recently installed in the gym bring seating capacity to 400. . . . Open house and dedication of the new dining hall are scheduled this month. . . . Thanks

to the generosity of Mr. Enterline, of Plymouth, Michigan, the Boysville Photo Club received two enlargers and a print washer, equipment with which the boys can now produce a life-sized print. . . .

## CHICAGO, ILL.

Late in January thirty-seven Holy Trinity High seniors made a closed retreat at the Divine Word Retreat House in Techny. Organized by Brother Donald Martin, it was the first such retreat in the school's fifty-year history. Meantime the other students had the usual retreat at the school. . . . An important extracurricular nowadays is the Science Club, formed by Brother Charles Beck. It helps discover and promote students' scientific talent at bi-weekly meetings where members discuss their fields of interest, give reports, and work on projects for the coming science fair. . . . The PTA held its Second Annual Dinner Dance at the Chateau Royale a few weeks ago, having found last year's affair so successful. . . . Twenty-one of the school's 1961 graduates now attend the University of Illinois, eleven are at De Paul (where one was elected president of the freshman class and another the treasurer), and ten are studying at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. . . . A regional meeting of province English teachers brought Brothers representing our Midwest schools to Holy Trinity during the Christmas recess for discussion of methods and other shoptalk.

## GATES MILLS, OHIO

The Board of Trustees for Gilmour Academy met at the school in December for its semi-annual dinner and business meeting. The advisory group was formed four years ago. . . . Nicolai Gogol's "The Inspector General" was Gilmour Dramatic Club's initial presentation of the year. . . . The cover of *The Prep of 1961*, the Gilmour yearbook, won first place in a national competition sponsored by a book cover firm for excellence of design and execution, the rating based on schools of like size.

## CHICAGO ASSOCIATE GROUP PLANS DINNER EVENT

Members of the Chicago Chapter of the Association of St. Joseph have scheduled a roast beef dinner on March 11th at Holy Trinity High School cafeteria, 1433 W. Division Street. Everyone is invited, and the donation is two dollars.

The Chapter met on February 18th at Holy Trinity High to plan the March event, proceeds of which are aimed to assist houses of formation of the Holy Cross Brothers.

## BOY TELLS OF YEAR SPENT IN DELINQUENT HOME

Below is a real-life story by a boy assigned to Father Gibault School in Terre Haute by the courts. Gibault is a corrective institution and staffed mainly by Holy Cross Brothers. We include it in *The Newsette* because it is an account not often encountered by general readers, and it serves to illustrate a particular and important aspect of the Brothers' work.

Three hundred and sixty-five days ago I stood in juvenile court and heard the stern-faced judge utter the fateful words, "I hereby sentence you to one year at Gibault." Then I knew how those prisoners in old Westerns felt when the judge pronounced sentence "to hang by the neck until dead."

Where was Gibault? What was it, a reformatory of some sort? Well, they'll never reform me. Such were some of the thoughts running through my head as we were leaving the courtroom.

It had all started a few months before when I began running around with the wrong crowd of boys. With our duck-tailed hair, our cowboy boots, and our tight, pegged pants we'd hang around pool rooms and street corners until all hours of the night looking for some honest citizen whom we could bother.

Finally one night Dick suggested that we "borrow" a car and go for a ride. I really didn't want to go, but being with the gang, I didn't have the courage to say no. So we "borrowed" a '59 Cadillac that was parked nearby and took off. The police caught us going about ninety miles an hour. The other boys were sent to the state reformatory, but the Catholic Charities took up my case and requested the judge to send me to Gibault. So here I am.

My caseworker brought me to Gibault, where we met Brother Armand, then director of the school. He sent for a boy to show me around the place. Leaving the office, I noticed there were no fences or walls to be seen. Hah, I thought, this place won't hold me very long.

At the Senior Building we met a middle-aged man dressed in a black robe. He took one look at me and said, "Brother Bernardine wants to see you."

"Huh," I answered.

"That's Brother Bernardine. He wants to cut your hair. Come along," said my guide as he led me after the black-robed figure. We went upstairs to the barbershop, where I seated myself in the chair.

"Do you want your hair?" Brother asked, and I said yes.

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**AKRON, OHIO**

Two seniors of Archbishop Hoban High qualified as semi-finalists in recent National Merit Scholarship competition. This means they rank among the top ten thousand high school scholars who will compete for more than a thousand scholarships, with stipends ranging from \$100 to \$1500 annually. The grants depend on what college the winner chooses and his need for financial help. Three other Hoban seniors won letters of commendation for excellent showing on the qualifying test. . . . In the semester just past six Hoban seniors took a fifteen-week extracurricular course in basic Russian grammar and vocabulary, given at the University of Akron for high school students. . . . In a contest sponsored by the National Youth Conference on the Atom, Hoban High won second place in the Akron area, but topped the other schools by placing five of its nine entrants among the first thirty winners.

Aside from regular teaching duties, Brother Thomas Dillman is currently taking an extension course from the University of Wisconsin, and Brothers Donard Steffes and John Aubry attended Saturday morning courses at the University of Akron. . . . The Mothers Club recently held the first of its two annual card parties for benefit of the school. The Club also provided each faculty member with a generous Christmas gift. . . . Because the University of Akron generously allows use of its pool, the Hoban High swimming team, under mentors Brother Fergus Burns and Brother Donan Johnroe, is having a most successful season. . . . The school dance band, organized and led by Brother Stephen Davis, has been adding to its intramural calendar a number of engagements at other schools in and near Akron. . . . The Student Council and its moderator Brother John Benesh carried on this year its traditional collecting and delivering of canned foods to the needy. About 12,000 items were gathered and delivered just before Christmas.

**TEACHER'S "RELICS" INTRIGUE HISTORY CLASSES**

"Relics make history come alive," Brother Kenan Judge told his students at St. Edward High in Cleveland recently. He referred to what he admits are "two of my most prized possessions."

These "pieces of history" are two chunks of wood, one blackened and weather-beaten, the other smooth, hard and varnished.

The first is a piece of the original hull of the 44-gun frigate, *U. S. S.*

*Constitution*, better known as "Old Ironsides." Built in 1797, the ship was made of live oak and red cedar. Her spikes, bolts, and bell were forged by Paul Revere, and her commander during the War of 1812 was Captain Isaac Hull. Oliver Wendell Holmes' poem, "Old Ironsides," saved the ship from being scrapped in 1827. Afterwards it was used as a training ship for a time at Portsmouth Navy Yard. It is now dry-docked in Boston Harbor and open to visitors as a kind of museum.

The relic of the White House came from a supporting beam and is a small block of pinewood, highly varnished. It is in perfect condition even though

the beam from which it came was part of the White House when the British burned it in 1814.

Brother Kenan teaches history and is guidance counselor at St. Edward High. He has a master's degree from Notre Dame. He said that the subject of history is more a passion with him than a hobby, and that his favorite period is the Civil War. He obtained the "relics" from a collector in South Bend.

Brother Kenan has been invited to teach at the summer school at Notre Dame this year. Some years ago he taught a teaching-of-history course there during the summer session.

**TWO IN PROVINCE OBSERVE 25TH JUBILEES IN FEBRUARY**

Midwest Brothers celebrating their silver anniversary of religious profession this month are Brothers Lawrence Miller and Cyprian Milke.

One of the two Midwest province members who completed twenty-five years as a professed religious of Holy Cross on February 2nd is Brother Lawrence,



Brother Lawrence Miller, C.S.C.

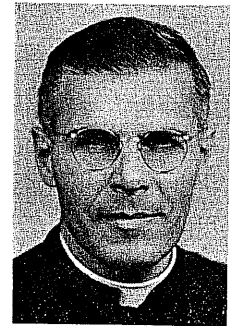
editor of *The Newsette* and thus blue-pencil of this article — not, of course, of his making. More important, he is superior of Columba Hall, the largest house of the province, where seventy-seven Brothers of disparate ages, occupations, and interests live. His re-appointment last summer to what

is expected to be a second three-year term as superior at the Hall promises to further whiten already more than gray hair.

For the fifteen consecutive years previous to this post, he was stationed at St. Charles Boys Home, an institution in Milwaukee for wayward boys, where he was principal of the school all of that time and served as director and/or superior for part of it. When he left, the local newspapers labeled him the city's "Big Brother" for his work at St. Charles and with Catholic and civic welfare agencies in the area and gave much space to the account of those fifteen years. Then and now, he is a member of the American Association of Social Workers, and though he has much else to do now, he continues to respond to calls on his time and ex-

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Brother Cyprian is the second province member who observes his silver jubilee of religious profession in February. He grew up in Muskegon, Michigan, attended grade and high school there, and also junior college. Having been accepted to join the Holy Cross Brothers, he took the night boat across Lake Michigan one day in July, 1935, and on landing went on to the juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin. He earned his A.B. and the master's degree at Notre Dame, with a major in American history, and also has a master's degree in library science, earned at St. John's University in Brooklyn.



Brother Cyprian Milke, C.S.C.

He has had a geographically varied list of teaching assignments over the years in the Midwest, near both coasts, and the South. Since completing formal studies, he has spent most of the summers working at the boys' camps, usually as instructor and guard at the waterfront.

The array of subjects he has taught at one time or another — and always without fuss or fear — makes quite a catalogue: American history and government, religion, algebra, math, salesmanship, typing, French, and advanced general science.

Brother Cyprian was superior and principal at Catholic Central High in

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MONROE, MICH.

Inspired by Bro. Vincent Masterson, the 400 boys at Central Catholic High are trying to collect \$2000 this year for the foreign missions. They calculate that an average of 15c a week from each boy's pocket money will make up the sum, of which \$800 has been contributed so far. . . . The Mothers Auxiliary paid for installing three statues (gift of the Class of 1961) in the school, also gave each faculty member a Christmas present, and donated money for some new items for the Brothers' chapel. . . . Eight prominent townsmen discussed with CC boys and their fathers matters pertaining to schooling and its connection with future careers. Held in January, the Career Night was sponsored by the school's Falcon Club. . . . The showdown came for junior classmen when results of a preliminary scholastic aptitude test they had taken were given to each one's parents at a meeting in January called by the principal, Brother Ambrose Nowak. By comparing test results and actual report card marks, he could indicate whether a student was over-producing or under-producing. Parents received a graph showing whether their boy had studied according to the measure of his abilities, and they were also informed of national norms on the test. There were many red faces and nervous smiles as students anticipated their parents' comments and course of action, once the family got home.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

With Brother Eric Landers in charge, the "ham" radio club at St. Edward High has twenty members this year. The school's short-wave number is K8DTR, operates at 600 watts on the 14-megacycle band, and has been heard—it was reported—around the world! . . . The Study Club, a new organization at the school formed by Mr. LeRoy Chollet, a faculty member, is currently investigating means to combat Communism. Thirteen juniors and seniors who belong to the club have been reading *An Evil Tree*, by Agnes

Murphy, and *Masters of Deceit*, by J. Edgar Hoover, for background material for their discussions.

Bro. Cyprian, C.S.C.

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Monroe, Michigan, for a three-year term about a decade ago. During many previous and subsequent teaching assignments he headed the high school athletic department, a job he once said involves being quartermaster corps, finance expert, medical corps, and engineer all at once.

Were he asked to summarize the busy twenty-five years past, he would probably answer in a short sentence but to the point, akin his comment on his early years: "Grew up pretty much in the manner pictured in that book title, *Where did you go? Out! What did you do? Nothing.*"

Gibault School

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"Then hold out your hand," came the reply.

Snip, snip, chop, chop went the scissors, and I found out that he wasn't joking. Locks of hair fell into my hand. My beautiful duck-tail was gone, and I found myself looking once more like a boy instead of like the rear end of a duck.

This increased my rage, and I resolved to run away at the first opportunity. It was not so easy, however, as I expected. One of the Brothers always wore a red baseball cap. Every time I looked up, there he was, keeping a watchful eye on me. I had no more chance than if there were a huge wall around the place—less, in fact. It got so I'd think, "Where's Redcap?" and look up. And sure enough! There he was!

Well, after a few days I decided the place wasn't so bad and that I might as well stick around. Redcap let up on me then, and things went smoother. Then I was given my choice of counselor among the Brothers, and I talked over my difficulties with him, and he helped me solve them. Saturday night's

Confession made at his suggestion, put me right with God, and things began definitely to look up.

Then school started, and time passed much more rapidly. Now it's time for me to go home, and while I'm happy at the thought, somehow I hate to leave Gibault, which has grown on me. The Brothers, I found, were my friends; the boys treated me much the way I treated them; and I have formed a few lasting friendships and an attachment to Gibault, to which I am bound by ties of gratitude which I hope will never be broken.

Gibault has given me a chance to start over with a clean slate. Gratefully I'm going home and take that chance.

Bro. Lawrence, C.S.C.

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perience from social work organizations in South Bend and elsewhere.

Brother Lawrence came to the Congregation from Evansville, Indiana, earned his A.B. at Notre Dame and his master's degree at the University of Chicago. He has given hundreds of talks, written scores of reports and articles pertaining to the social sciences, and has a formidable range of interests outside his major field, not least among them theology and scripture. A favorite reference of his is "the mind of the Church" — to which he has no desire but to conform in all ways and at all times, and to which he so urges his subjects. These last agree that a more understanding, kinder superior would be hard to find; furthermore, that because of his former work and its deep involvement in the psychological and psychiatric, perhaps, he always shows enormous respect for the human personality, for its undertones and overtones, and is wary not to invade it.

Friends of his were all glad to hear of his election as a delegate to the General Chapter of the Congregation to be held next summer in Rome. It will give Brother Lawrence a chance not only to see a bit of the Continent, but also and more important to stay for a time where that "mind of the Church" is given voice.

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