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## OFFICIAL SHIELD ADOPTED AT RIVER GROVE SCHOOL

Adoption of a device for use on stationery, in decorations and the like at the most new schools, and the new Holy Cross High in River Grove has been done so.

The official shield is shaped according to those in French heraldry and divided into four fields or quarters. In the upper left quadrant a cross impressed upon crossed anchors represents the official coat-of-arms, as it were, of the Brothers of Holy Cross — the cross and anchors representing Christ and the virtue of hope.

The trees and wavy lines under them depicted in the upper right quadrant represent the city of River Grove, where the school is located. Thus the trees refer to the forest through which edges both city and the school, while the wavy lines represent the DesPlaines River, which flows through River Grove.

In the lower left portion of the shield is a representation of the coat-of-arms of the Archdiocese of Chicago, of which Holy Cross High is a part. Optimistic is the school motto, *Luceat lux in omni hominibus*, which means, "Let light shine before men."

## PHOLASTIC REACTS TO BROTHER JUNIPER-TYPE HUMOR

The following is an excerpt from a book review by Brother George Klatter, currently a student at Notre Dame:

"It would seem that the barrage of cartoonists presently laboring under the theory of the religious life as a glorified church picnic is here to stay, sapping its encouragement (and income) from those of us who delight in the antics of fat friars and naive nuns. It is an admirable virtue undoubtedly, but when carried to the nth degree in depicting men and women of the Church to the point of a vacuum in the common sense department, it is time for Catholics to reevaluate their use of humor.

"The roller-skating nun is an unoriginality, but the response to the very same (we have seen such a cartoon) is an example of the 'cheap sweetness'

## BOYS HOME REPLACING QUONSET HUT WITH NEW REC BUILDING



GROUND BREAKING

At St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee a new recreation building is under construction on well-laid foundations of a quonset hut built thirteen years ago as quarters for indoor sports for the sixty boys usually in residence at St. Charles throughout any given year.

The brick cinder block structure will match existing and future campus buildings and will cost approximately \$149,000.

The recreation hall is to be called Simeon Center, honoring the late Brother Simeon Costello, who spent nineteen years working at St. Charles. It will measure 141 by 57 feet, be two

stories high, with the gymnasium section flanked at either end by facility and storage rooms. These include quarters for lockers, showers, lavatories, and a kitchenette at one end of the gym, and a game room at the other. Second floors of both units will hold storage rooms.

Simeon Center is the first of four buildings being considered for the Milwaukee institution for problem boys. Future plans include a classroom building, a clinical services center, and a house for boys who have spent the required time at the institution but who because of home conditions or some other reason should remain longer at St. Charles.

### A Joint Effort

The special problems in operating a home for wayward boys are met at St. Charles by various groups working together. Founded by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee in 1920, the Home has been staffed since 1928 by the Holy Cross Brothers. It is part of the complex of welfare institutions conducted by the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau of the Milwaukee archdiocese, and is also a member of the United Community Services in the city.

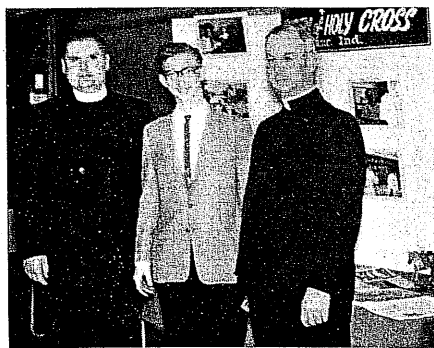
Other most important contributors to the success of the Home are laymen on the St. Charles staff, the St. Charles Women's Unit — a hard-working and perennially dependable group led by Mrs. William C. Knoernschild, and various business and professional men of Milwaukee who in one way or other contribute to the institution.

Thanks to all these people, St. Charles continues to be a model operation among rehabilitative schools for "problem" boys. Because of work done at St. Charles by the staff and with help from others, "Young men will move onward and upward in the shaping of their lives," said one speaker at groundbreaking ceremonies for the new building a few weeks ago. Brother Theodore La Tour, C.S.C., is Director of the Home.

which Erick Von Kuehnelt-Leddihn condemns as an attribute of 'Pollyanna Catholicism' based on a crossing of wires in the real, the true spirit of faith. Founded on a partial or total ignorance of the religious life, this humor seems to thrive or at least find disciples in the sympathetic, who 'don't quite understand the set-up, but know there must be something in it.' Ignorance in the indifferent mind is like mud in the hands of a child.

"As Catholics, we have an obligation to cultivate a healthy sense of humor, an awareness of the bizarre, without departing too far from the elusive commodity called reality. An obvious beginning is the choice of reading materials for oneself and for recommendation: materials which will differ widely from individual to individual, from type to type. . . ."

## PROVINCE BRIEFS



Left to right: Brother Celestis Mueller, C.S.C.; Eugene Klocek, president of CSMC, Holy Trinity unit, secretary of Chicago unit of CSMC, and Father Doherty, C.S.C., principal speaker.

The CSMC unit at Holy Trinity High and its moderator, Brother Celestis Mueller, supplied the mission exhibit for a recent conference of Chicago's units of the Catholic Student Mission Crusade, meeting at De Paul University. . . . The South Bend Chapter of the Association of St. Joseph arranged a Christmas concert on December 20 at Washington Hall, Notre Dame, by the Dujarie Hall Choir. Guest artists were harpists Ann Duggan and Richard Ray, soprano Carolyn Wisniewski, and pianist Brother Daniel Kane. The last is director of the choir, which is composed of student Brothers.

Moderator of the South Bend Chapter is Brother Richard Shea, who teaches at St. Joseph High School in the city. Activities sponsored by the members have made possible several improvements at the Brothers' novitiate and other houses of formation.

A pre-Christmas event of several years' standing recurred December 8 when Brother Reginald Justak again arranged for an afternoon of roller skating at South Bend's Playland Park for the Holy Cross religious. Thanks go to him and to the management of the rink for the unaccustomed stint on ballbearings.

Featured speaker at the December meeting of the St. Joseph High School faculty was Mr. F. Gerard Feeney, a South Bend attorney. His topic — one too little heard by teachers — concerned legal aspects of teachers' responsibilities in the school. The talk followed a dinner for the entire faculty

at St. Joseph High — Brothers, Sisters of the Holy Cross, and lay people.

Superiors and stewards from Midwest Province houses met for a workshop at Columba Hall on December 27 and 28. Sessions dealt with province membership statistics, an Instruction from Rome pertaining to religious communities, financial administration, and the practice of poverty.

Ghana schoolboys, at least at St. John's in Sekondi, are getting their first introduction to American sports, according to these remarks of Brother Rex in a recent letter: "We have a nice intramural program going for the boys in football, volleyball, and table tennis. We're also introducing them to basketball, which they play with great enthusiasm but very little skill. We've not yet been able to get across the meaning of body contact and foul, but they enjoy the game nevertheless."

"Theme from Nowhere" is the title of Brother Philip Armstrong's latest composition for band. He is "music man" on the Boysville of Michigan faculty.

At St. Edward High in Cleveland the senior class unit of the Booster Club sponsored a week-long candy bar sale that grossed \$16,500, of which a bit less than \$6000 went to the school, the balance to the candy company. The bars sold for fifty cents each, and nearly every student in school sold a box of 24.

According to the director of Cleveland's community fund drive, the boys at St. Edward High did excellently by contributing an average of 55c each. The school's contribution to the United Appeal this year totaled \$785.78.

The athletic program so wisely fostered by Brother Gerontius McCarthy at the Brothers' novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, reached its annual climax on December 5 this year with a suitably trimmed down version of an American institution — the athletic banquet. Two Notre Dame football players of the season just past were guest speakers. There were other guests, renditions by a novice-inspired "athletic league chorale," and presentation of awards.

Catholic Central High made local news when one of its seniors served as mayor during Youth Day in Monroe, Michigan, and another took over as city assessor; also, when a city-sponsored airborne Santa Claus alighted via helicopter on the school's front lawn. State-wide (but no local) publicity came when a star halfback at CC, Ronald LaBeau, was named to the Michigan all-state and top-ranked football team by the Detroit News-Times.

Brother Jeffrey Michels, teacher and guidance counselor at Catholic Central High in Monroe, gave preliminary scholastic aptitude tests to all seniors and juniors, warning them that results on the predictive tests merely indicate possible scores on future, more comprehensive college entrance exam type tests. But the earlier version, he pointed out, shows up the student's strength and weaknesses in the important subjects of English and mathematics.

The school paper at the newly opened Holy Cross High in River Grove hasn't had a chance yet to graduate from its journalistic diapers — mimeographed sheets, but its mentors recently decided that "The Crusader" would be its official name. Nickname for the student body is also The Crusaders.

The thirty members of the glee club, along with head of the music department Brother Roy Nash, at the River Grove school are grateful for and now working with a fine piano donated to the school by the River Grove Women's Club.

Brothers engaged in cooking at Columba and Dujarie Halls are attending monthly meetings of an organization called the Holy Cross Chefs Association, formed by Brother Claudius Luther, a member of the Indiana province and on the Moreau Seminary staff, to give all Community cooks at or near Notre Dame a chance to exchange ideas and see demonstrations of food preparation.

Religious and laymen involved in cooking at Holy Cross houses, and a few from St. Mary's College, meet at Moreau Seminary's culinary department once monthly. Brother Claudius is president; Brothers Robert Kolinski and Richard Hillis are program director and secretary, respectively.

## NEWSETTE FAILS TO REACH BRAZILIAN HINTERLANDS

Writing from his post as director of the South-West province's juniorate near Santarem, Brother Julius Wade-kamper made these observations, culled at random from his letter:

"You asked me to let you know if we get the Newsette. We have not received a copy yet this year, neither the first semester nor the second. In order to get here they have to be mailed airmail. I enjoy the Newsette so much. It's one of the few sources of Community news we have. The other is letters from the few Brothers that write us. . . .

"Here at the Juvenato (juniorate) we have two candidates left—very good ones. We are getting a group of eight or ten in February. At present we're having summer school but have plans for a trip up the Amazon in January. School starts again the first of March. This year the first year of college begins at the Ginasio in Santarem. In it I'm supposed to teach college chemistry and physical geography, plus junior math in the high school. . . .

"All mail has been so slow these last few months. We haven't got a *Time* magazine for over two months—and *Time* around here is devoured! . . .

"Father Hesburgh (president of Notre Dame) spent three days with us a few weeks ago. . . .

"My reading is almost all in Portuguese these days. In fact sometimes I pass almost a week without an opportunity to speak English at all. I find Portuguese books rather dry, perhaps because I'm unaccustomed to them. Am currently reading a *Life of Christ* by Salgado, a famous Brazilian politician and scholar. It seems flowery to me. Regularly I struggle through *Vozes*, (the equivalent of *Review for Religious*) and *Red* (Brazilian equivalent of *The Ecclesiastical Review*). I enjoyed Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea" in Portuguese more than I did in the English version. I have enjoyed the *Ave Maria* magazine recently. I think a lot of the improvement is due to its editor, Father Reedy. . . .

"We had Mass this morning, in contrast to other days when we have it in the afternoon. Our light motor broke down, so we had to travel to town for a repair part. We've been raising lots of vegetables. Our Japanese gardener, with us for only two months now, raises lettuce, radishes, and cucumbers. Tomatoes and other vegetables are a little slow yet. . . ."

## Holy Cross High, River Grove

This school, the Midwest province's new "baby," had its first PTA meeting last month on two consecutive nights because the gym is unfinished and the crowd too big for simultaneous gathering anywhere else. PTA moderator Brother Benedictus Secoy spoke on "Pupil Progress Reports from School to Home." He said the Brothers came to River Grove to serve youth of the area, and that with parents' help, HCH would have real scholars emerging from the charter class. . . . There are twelve Holy Cross Brothers and five laymen on the faculty. Enrollment, of freshman students only this year, numbers 380. . . . Worthy of mention: Over 500 parents attended the first PTA meeting. Compare that with the total number of students! A fine showing indeed!

To foster healthy interest and spur effort, principal Brother Walter Davenport has initiated periodic honors convocations. The first marked the close of the first grading period. One boy from each of the ten freshman sections received a bronze pin for achieving the highest scholastic average. If the boy's average tops his group for three successive grading periods, the pin goes to him permanently.

HCH already has a group guidance program organized, under direction of Brother Benedictus. A period weekly is devoted to group study and discussion, with a suitable guidance textbook as guide.

Though first opened three months ago, Holy Cross High has a spate of extracurriculars humming along. The 57 boys in the band, under baton of Brother Roy Nash, are practicing for

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## JERRY BECKER'S PRIVATE CLUB AIDS TWO BROTHERS' SCHOOLS

For the past ten years Gerald A. Becker, a young businessman of South Orange, New Jersey, has been running a non-profit club in order to make an annual financial contribution to Boyssville of Michigan, which the Holy Cross Brothers have been conducting since 1948.

Now Jerry intends to expand the one hundred member club to one hundred-fifty members so that an annual contribution can also be made to the Colegio Dom Amando in Santarem, Brazil, which belongs to the Brothers of the South-West province.

Jerry calls the club the Boyssville-South American Mission Club, and he is asking people to join. He will send a single sheet of details, which includes a membership blank, to anyone interested. His address is 764 Scotland Road, South Orange, New Jersey.

Members simply contribute a dollar monthly as dues and have a chance to win a cash prize of \$50 each month. Dues are paid in advance, periodically or yearly, and since these are for charity, the contributions can be deducted from the donor's income tax.

With a 150-member club Jerry intends to send the usual monthly contribution of \$50 to Boyssville and another \$50 to help support the Brothers' mission school in Brazil.

Jerry handles all details of this operation himself. He has been a benefactor of the Holy Cross Brothers for many years in other ways, too, and we are all most grateful for his kindness and generosity.

## MIDWEST SCHOLASTICS IN TEXAS OUTNUMBER THOSE IN INDIANA

Not many realize that more student Brothers belonging to the Midwest Province live at Vincent Hall at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, than at Dujarie Hall, adjoining the Notre Dame campus.

Besides Brothers from South-West and Eastern provinces in residence at Dujarie, there are twenty-six "midwesterners," while in Texas the province has thirty-eight young Brothers doing full-time studies.

At Vincent Hall, which is the South-West province's scholasticate and akin to the Midwest's at Dujarie, there are 111 student Brothers: the Eastern

province has thirty-eight, as does the Midwest, and the South-West province has 35.

According to field of studies, there are 36 student Brothers at Vincent Hall in the humanities, 32 in teacher training, 14 in science courses, 12 in the social sciences, 6 in business administration studies, and two doing graduate work.

States represented in this largest scholasticate the Brothers now have are New York, leading the list with 20, California with 19, Ohio with 14, and with the balance coming from nineteen other states. One Brother came from Puerto Rico.

### WE CAME, WE SAW, WE WERE CONQUERED

The above caption headed an article by Mr. L. J. Smith in a recent bulletin of the Adrian (Michigan) Council 1665 of the Knights of Columbus. Boysville, a school for boys with poor home situations, is a project supported by all Michigan councils of the KC. The Holy Cross Brothers at Boysville had occasion recently to ask for a few other Knights to help perfect the recreation halls for some hours, and the subsequent report of the experience not only gives high praise to the work done at Boysville, but supplies a layman's eye view of the place. Mr. Smith's article follows:

"While we are on the subject of Boysville, the Brothers sent out an SOS to Cliff Labardee two weeks ago, asking for five or six Knights from 1665 to man the recreation halls while they were occupied with a meeting.

"Cliff rounded up Walt Hermis, Fred Sack, Max Diffenbaugh, and your old editor and we headed for Macon.

"We have been on several trips to Boysville in the last several years, and each time it is a new and rewarding experience.

"Of the three 'rec' halls, it was my fortune to monitor DePaul Hall, which is for the use of the eighth graders.

#### Bells Stumped Us

"Of course, not being familiar with the schedule of the school, we didn't know what the various bells were for, but we didn't have to worry.

"Each boy signs in to his hall after the evening meal, and if he wishes to go to the gym, the laundry, the dispensary, or what have you, he signs out. In this way the school can put a finger on any boy at any time.

"At 7:30 a bell rang and immediately all cigarettes went out. I didn't know there was a curfew, but they did.

#### We Learned Plenty

"Speaking as a father who has his problems trying to see to it the kids' homework gets done, it was quite a

revelation to see these boys ration their time to see one of the two good TV shows on and still get their work done.

"Their open friendliness and ready conversation mark this as a wonderful school and work the Brothers are doing. I learned that one boy had lost his grandfather that day, and he was grateful for the card of sympathy from the Brothers and classmates and hoped it would help his grandmother whom he loved deeply.

#### No Impediment

"One fellow suffered a broken leg a short time ago and was hobbling around on crutches and a cast. Cast and all, he went to a dance a short time before. He walked his date home too, notwithstanding the fact she lived a couple of miles away. Claimed it was a lot further back alone.

"I learned, too, these boys play a very good game of pool—and are gentlemanly enough not to rub it in too much when you lose three games in a row to three different opponents.

#### Nine Means the Sack

"At nine sharp, the boys took off for the dormitory, and the Brothers ended their meeting and relieved us.

"Later, talking to Brother John, we learned he was pretty proud of the boys—and we, too, are pretty proud. Proud of these little giants they call Brothers, and the wonderful work they are doing."

### Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio

A course in leadership, taught by Mr. Vernon Weber, is being given top students at Gilmour. Participants include the four class presidents, the captains of athletic and scholastic teams, and heads of the school's various clubs. Gilmour is one of the first high schools in the country to install such a course. . . . In keeping with national demand for school guidance programs, every Academy student has four to six private interviews during the year with one of Gilmour's four qualified guidance counselors.

### HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

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their first public appearance at the Christmas assembly. . . . The 30-member glee club has the same goal in mind, as does director Brother John May. . . . One undeniably busy extracurricular director is teacher Mr. Leslie Delaney, who moderates three active clubs—debate, Latin, and coin & stamp. . . . A current events club, led by Mr. Francis Kamaryt, a HCH teacher, meets weekly to ponder the news. . . . A one-sheet mimeographed paper, called "The Crusader," appears each week, is granddaddy of a future and fancier school paper. Brother Francis Rotsaert is "father" of the "fathers" of the "grandfather." . . . A club called The Graniers, directed by teacher Mr. John Loef, has been formed for developing leaders among school athletes. . . . Latest organization at HCH is the Bowling Club, formed by Mr. Robert Koleno, another regular faculty member at the school, who reports a fine turnout for this ever more popular sport.

As a sample of how busy pioneer teachers and other staff members are at the new school, take Brother Benedictus Secoy. His positions, posts, and chores — aside from regular classroom duties — are as follows: director of studies and guidance, supervisor of teachers, moderator of the PTA, public relations man, reporter for The Newsette, and — not least! — relief cook on alternate Sundays.

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