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PROVINCE BRIEFS

Brother Viator Grzeskowiak, of South Bend's St. Joseph High School faculty, has been elected president of the St. Joseph County Council for Teachers of Social Studies, a group representing both public and private schools.

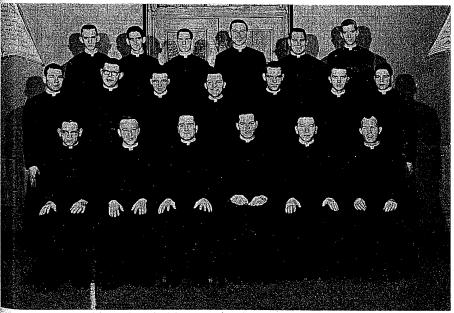
Cathedral High School, Indianapolis

Brother Douglas Roach is moderator of the Aquinian Chapter, Cathedral High's unit of the National Honor Society, to which specially qualified and faculty-chosen members of the student body will shortly be inducted. . . . Three Cathedral seniors have been nominated by Congressmen from Indiana for the armed service academies. Final selections will be made after extensive testing. . . . Brothers Dominic Petrucci and Ronald Rusnak have forty-six zealous members in the Cathedral High So-

dality. The group was host at a meeting of sodality officers in the Archtion now have a new and active member, Brother James Everett. . . . Twelve of Brother Eugene Weisenberger's school bandmen won first place ratings in district solo and ensemble contests, thus qualifying for state-wide competition to be held soon at Butler University. . . . Three Cathedral seniors qualified as finalists in this year's Na-

diocese at which the program for a congress in spring was planned. . . . American School Counselors Associa-

NEW MIDWEST PROVINCE MEMBERS BEGIN NOVITIATE TRAINING



On January 25, 1962, nineteen young men became novice-Brothers of the Midwest province of the Congregation of Holy Cross at ceremonies of reception at St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, during which they received the religious garb of the Brothers. They are now launched on an intensive program of training for the religious life that must Ontinue for at least one year. Name and home city of the new novices are, from left to ght: FRONT, Brothers Richard Deuman (Brimley, Mich.), Alexander Pietrzak (Hamtramck, Mich.), Donald Morgan (Beaver Dam, Wis.), James Lents (Wayne, Mich.), John Cooter (Ottawa, Ill.), Edward Burke (Louisville, Ky.); MIDDLE, James Considine (Akron, O.), William Lyons (Lakewood, O.), Neil Dvorak (Cleveland, O.), Robert Shkorupa (Hamtamck, Mich.), Paul Ropert (East Tawas, Mich.), Joseph Piekarczyk (Chicago), Vincent enz (Carroll, Ia.); BACK, Jerome Gibel (Lakewood, O.), Richard Cronan (Cheyboygan, Mich.), Maxim Diver (Deerfield, Mich.), Michael Harmon (Woodstock, Ill.), Raymond McLaughlin (Wheeling, W. Va.), Joseph McTaggart (Cleveland).

tional Merit Scholarship tests. Brother George Kovatch attended the recent meeting of the National High School Science Teachers Association in Cincinnati. . . . A recent issue of the school paper, "The Megaphone," showed a picture of Holy Cross Brothers and their students in Dacca, East Pakistan, the latter proudly wearing Cathedral High gym uniforms that were sent to the Dacca school last year. Faculty member Brother Carl Shonk got the unusual photo from his former confreres in East Pakistan, a graphic illustration of Holy Cross in Indianapolis linked with Holy Cross abroad. . . . Brother Jerome Ziliak was leader for two Junior Great Books discussions at St. Michael's parish in Indianapolis. . . . Sixteen Cathedral High graduates are now attending Indiana University Medical School. . . . Dave Grissmer, a 1958 graduate, was one of ten new members selected for Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit Honor Society's chapter at Xavier University. This is the top honor for Xavier students. . . . Four band members were tapped to play with an All Star Band selected at Purdue University. . . . Some 336 eighth-grade boys took the Science Research Associates high school placement tests at Cathedral. Choice for admittance to Cathedral depends on results of the tests and available space.

Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron

In a lively basketball game played to a full house of paid spectators, twelve faculty members made up the bench and team which defeated a seven-man roster of disc-jockeys of local radio station WHLO by a score of 47 to 36. Proceeds went to the Holy Cross Missions. Sometime soon a team made up of diocesan priests and some laymen, faculty members of St. Mary's High in Akron, will compete with the Brother netters of Hoban.... A day of recollection including Mass and Communion, time for Confession, and some conferences ended the first semester for Hoban students. . . . Over 160 Sisters from Akron and outlying schools were feted by the Brothers with movies one Sunday afternoon a few weeks ago. The executive board of the Mothers Club were hostesses for the event. . . . With the encouragement of physics instructor Brother Donard Steffes, Hoban High senior William Clary became the Akron area's only member of the Hon-

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ors Group in the 21st Annual Science Talent Search sponsored by Westinghouse. His award-winning research problem concerned the eye and astronomy.

Catholic Central High School, Monroe

Parents of juniors learned how their sons' schoolwork of five semesters compares with expectancy for the three semesters remaining at a "Night of Guidance" following special exams taken by junior classmen. . . The Mothers Auxiliary sponsored a card party for benefit of the band department, is planning a buffet supper as another project to help the school and the Brothers. . . The "Career Night" staged by the Falcon Club brought several alumni prominent in professions or business to address students and their fathers. . . . The principal, Brother Ambrose Nowak, was guest speaker at a CYO honors convocation at St. Mary's Academy in Monroe.

Holy Cross High School, River Grove

Brother Francis Rotsaert was transferred to Catholic Central High in Monroe, Michigan, at the change of semesters. Some freshman groups held a farewell party for him at school the day before he left, presented him with several fine gifts. . . . The first Mass to be said in the recently completed gymnasium took place on February 2nd, the student body attending. Altar and accessories were made by Brother Benoit Frigon. Since the day was also First Friday of the month, studentadorers kept the customary vigil before the Blessed Sacrament in the Brothers' chapel. Placement tests were given to 449 prospective 9th graders for next September. . . . The debate teams of the freshman class demonstrated their skill at the February meeting of the P.T.A., with several parents serving as judges. After the meeting P.T.A. members consulted with teachers. Moderator of the group is Brother Benedictus Secoy. . . . Plans are jelling to form separate parents' clubs at the school to handle projects of a fund-raising type. The P.T.A. will be kept as a strictly home-school relation department.

DECEASED

Rev. Bernard A. McCaffrey, C.S.C.
Brother Liborius Lane, C.S.C.
Sister M. Edgarina, C.S.C.
Sister M. Adela, C.S.C.
Sister M. Franciana, C.S.C.
Father of Bro. Alfred Grilli, C.S.C.
Mother of Bro. Robert Dierker,
C.S.C.
Brother of Bro. Andrew Sukenik.

Brother of Bro. Andrew Sukenik, C.S.C.

Mother of Bro. William Dusseau, C.S.C.

Grandmother of Bro. Just, C.S.C. Father of Brothers Alexius and Wendell Adam, C.S.C.

Ohio School Proves Great Source of Priestly and Religious Vocations

Since 1953 when the first class of seniors was graduated from St. Edward High School in Cleveland, there has been an average of ten young men who attended the school entering the seminary or a religious community. In addition to Rev. Anthony J. Dodd, a Cleveland diocesan priest and the first St. Edward alumnus to be ordained, the number now in seminaries or communities is as follows:

26 seminarians of the Cleveland diocese.

20 seminarians of other diocese and of religious communities other than C.S.C.

3 seminarians of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

35 Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

5 Brothers of other communities.

Religious communities besides the Congregation of Holy Cross represented in the above figures and the number of St. Edward High alumni who entered them are:

Society of Jesus — 7
Maryknoll — 3
Poor Brothers of St. Francis — 2
Order of St. Francis — 1
Precious Blood Fathers — 1
Trappist Fathers — 1
Servants of the Paraclete — 1
Society of St. Paul — 1
Society of the Divine Word — 1
Oblates of St. Francis — 1
Secular Institute of Canada — 1

(Five alumni are seminarians of five different dioceses other than Cleveland)

VETERAN DUO OF COMPOSING ROOM HAVE 75-YEAR COMBINED WORK RECORD

Imagine punching a typewriter-like but more complicated keyboard jutting from a thumping jumble of machinery

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Brother Mark Siedler, C.S.C.

around it for seven or eight hours a day for forty-two years. Or just for thirty-three!

Those figures belong, respectively, to Brother Mark Siedler and Brother Anselm Tatro, patriarchs of the linotype bank at the Ave Maria printing plant at Notre Dame. Brother Mark has been

working at the plant ever since his novitiate, forty-two years ago. His partner during his early years in the Com-



Brother Anselm Tatro, C.S.C.

munity shuttled for a time between the Notre Dame post office and the print shop, but for the past thirty-three years his job has been without interruption at the Ave.

Though Brother Mark is sixty-six and Brother Anselm an incredibly spry seventy-one years of age, both

continue on the job with flawless regu-

larity, a quality also describing their observance of house routine at Columba Hall, the only house of the Community either man has lived in since his novitiate. Brother Mark began his career at the Ave when Father Hudson was editor. Editors of the magazine have come and gone, operations have expanded, the plant was moved in 1940 from ancient quarters behind the Main Building at Notre Dame to a new location and building, but there the two Brothers still are dutifully seated before formidably clattering machines, transforming what others have written into print.

Absenteeism is a word foreign to these men, neither of whom ever allow indispositions to interfere with attending religious exercises or showing up for work. While Brother Anselm, to all appearances and memories, has never been sick abed, Brother Mark has in recent years suffered from a severe case of varicose veins, but the continual discomfort and sometimes nerve-wracking pain stemming from this condition and the tight elastic puttee-like bindings he has to wear have not dented his geniality or zeal for work. One can safely aver that both these religious are just the opposite of the type to give either their boss or their superior a headache.

Considering the sedentary, confining nature of linotypers' work, it is hard to imagine someone with such sprightly energy as Brother Anselm pounding a keyboard for thirty-three years. That may be why long ago he began taking long hikes on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, covering anywhere from ten

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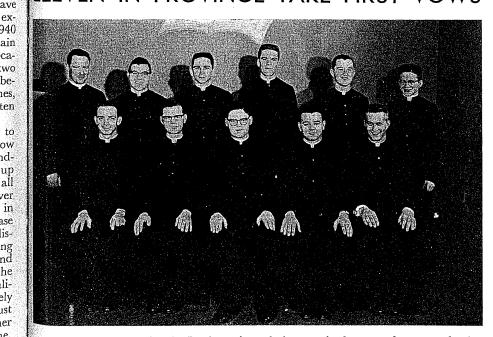
twenty miles. Unwary young newcomers to Columba Hall have now and hen gone along — but only once, not because unwanted but because of unnured leg muscles. At seventy-one Brother Anselm can almost literally walk your legs off!"

A placid, pipe-smoking man, Brother Mark also walks for exercise, usually down a nearby highway to Christ the King Church and back again. He has fund of stories about Community personages and local events unknown o anyone but Notre Dame's old-timers, a breed fast disappearing. Only somehing extraordinary could prevent his thorough poring through the South Bend Tribune after supper, usually at the same table in the recreation room and chuckling over or passing along some tidbit in the news.

Brother Anselm's hometown is Kankakee, Illinois, and Brother Mark's Buffalo, New York. At the Ave plant they typeset such publications as the weekly Ave Maria magazine and Notre Dame Scholastic, the quarterly Notre Dame Lawyer, the bulletins and catalogues of the University, pamphlets of the Ave Maria Press, technical journals like The Midland Naturalist, and books of the Dujarie Press. "They do a terrific job," said the production manager of this veteran team of linotypers. Another plant official pointed out that university presses are having a hard time finding printers to handle scholarly copy loaded with fine print, footnotes, formulas, and such, mainly because of the linotyping job. The Ave plant has nine men qualified for this work, Brothers and laymen. Besides the two Brothers mentioned plus five laymen, the linotype squad includes Brother Raymond Trottman and Brother Andre-M. Poulin, both newcomers the one from the scholasticate, the other from Canada. In all twenty-two Midwest province Brothers work at the Ave plant mainly in clerical, mailing, accounting, and production departments. Ten other Brothers spend most of the year "on the road," canvassing for the Ave magazine.

Brother Mark once said he often gets inspiration from copy he sets in type and that linotyping could seem a bore only to the uninitiated. Both his and Brother Anselm's long service to the Community has not nor will be very often memorialized in print, but neither will lose any sleep or time on the job over that!

ELEVEN IN PROVINCE TAKE FIRST VOWS



On January 26, 1962, the Brothers pictured above made the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in the Congregation of Holy Cross. Temporary vows are taken annually for at least three years before final vows may be made.

From left to right, the new Midwest province members are: FRONT, Brothers Leo Manion (Henderson, Ky.), Albert Bondy (Warren, Mich.), Thomas King (Danville, Ill.), John Henninger (Indianapolis, Ind.), Peter Gillen (Dundas, Minn.); BACK, Brothers Jerome Kroetsch (Snover, Mich.), Raymond Zuziak (Chicago), David Andrews (Cleveland), Robert Saltsman (Lakewood, O.), Peter Graham (Akron, O.), Anthony Jorae (St. Johns, Mich.).

HANNA FOUNDATION MAKES GRANT FOR PROPOSED LIBRARY AT GILMOUR

As part of its current liquidation the Leonard C. Hanna, Jr. Fund made a grant of \$35,000 to Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio, to aid in building a proposed new library.

"Gilmour students and faculty thank the trustees for this gift," said headmaster Brother Alfonso Comeau. "The grant has a double significance," he added, "first, because it will help provide an excellent library — a great inspirational force in a boy's prep school life, and second, because it is heartening to know that foundations of the Hanna type are making grants to secondary education."

The headmaster said it was encouraging to find community leaders who realize that excellence at college and university level is not likely to occur without equal stress on excellence at the preparatory school level.

Ground-breaking for the proposed library is expected early in March. Construction will be of brick matching other campus structures.

The main foyer will house an exhibition area and lead to various rooms, including one for rare books. The floor of the main reading room is to be recessed five feet below the general floor level. Individual study booths, or carrels, will adjoin. Shelving will be in two tiers, with a capacity of 25,000 volumes. The main reading room will seat eighty students.

Other facilities include a periodical room, forensic room, circulation and book-processing area, and offices.

A proposed lecture room will seat seventy persons. There are also quarters for listening to records and for use of reading speed machines.

"Now the task of moulding youth must begin early, cannot begin too early; and, consequently, one understands the immense importance of the work done in the Secondary Schools, where the adolescent, entering on a period of transition and powerful pulsations, senses perhaps for the first time the smoke of battle, glimpses the proud nobility of victory, and when, if he is not to falter, to compromise or surrender, he is in dire need of a conscience that reflects the truth steadily and clear-cut, and a will with steel in it. That is why We have followed with special interest the beginnings and rapid evolution of your Notre Dame in Rome, conducted by the Brothers of your Congregation. How happy We are to hear that expansion is the order of the day for that school."

Pope Pius XII

HOME LEAVE ENDING, TWO READY FOR RETURN TO EAST PAKISTAN



Brother Robert Bellarmine, left; Brother Brian Lyon, right; and Brother Walter Gluhm, President, Columba Hall Mission Society, in the center.

Having taught the past semester in Midwest schools, two veteran Brother missionaries home for a year's leave will return in June to their posts in East Pakistan.

Midwest province member of the pair is Brother Brian Lyon, a softspoken, courtly Kentuckian. The other is Brother Robert Bellarmine Hughes, a realist of wry good humor from the Eastern province.

Both missionaries are now visiting schools, clubs, and other groups west of the Mississippi to "beat the drum" for the Community's overseas missions. Except for their present leave and one previous, the two have been working in East Pakistan since 1945.

Missioner's Log

Brother Walter Gluhm, current head of Columba Hall's mission society, interviewed the pair during their stopover at Notre Dame.

On entering East Pakistan in 1945, Brother Brian went to live with the Brothers in Bandura, where he studied the Bengali language and did part-time teaching. Three years later he became headmaster of the junior high school in Tumilia, also supervised four village primary schools. After his home leave in 1952, he became headmaster at St. Nicholas Institution in Nagari, in which post he continued until his home leave last June.

The Nagari school is staffed by three Holy Cross Brothers and eleven lay teachers. It has some 350 students, about half of these Catholic, the others divided equally between Moslem and Hindu.

Problems rising from this combination are few and easily solved, Brother Brian said. "We just set aside an hour at noon when the Mohammedans can go to their prayer house in the nearby village for noon prayers. During that hour we hold religious instruction for the Catholic boys, while the Hindu students have study hall." Boarding students follow dietary regulations of the respective faiths.

St. Nicholas school is about twentyfive miles from Dacca, the capital city of East Pakistan. Teaching is done in Bengali

Comparing school in the U.S. with that in a Pakistan village, Brother Brian said there are fewer disciplinary problems there. "Bengali boys have great respect for their teachers. They learn respect for their elders right from infancy."

He said they all want to attend college, yet either can't afford it or can't pass entrance examinations.

Second Log

Brother Robert Bellarmine also was assigned to Pakistan in 1945, studied the Bengali language while living at Bandura and teaching. In 1948 he became headmaster of the high school in Biroidakuni, and except for a visit home in 1953, has been there ever since.

The school, St. Elizabeth's, has three Holy Cross Brothers, twelve lay teachers, and some 430 students taking grammar or high school courses.

These boys, Brother said, have little motive for study and thus are apathetic toward learning. They know most will merely return eventually to their aboriginal villages, where some may then teach, unofficially.

The majority of East Pakistan people

speak Bengali, a language originating from Sanskrit. Brother Robert works among the Garo people to the north. These are of Mongol descent, number about 100,000, and speak a primitive lingo without a basic alphabet.

Living conditions in his area, he said, are comparable to those in Laos as described by Doctor Tom Dooley.

Along with teaching and supervisory chores, he built so far at least a half dozen buildings at the school or for Holy Cross mission parishes.

Conditions

The missionaries said the Pakistani boys are often absent from school because of sickness. Cholera and typhoid are common among the villagers, but boys at the school get shots protecting against these.

Generally, the people are poor. A native teacher generally earns a monthly salary amounting to twenty dollars. Families try to send at least one boy through school, hoping the educated one can help later.

Religious Articles

Both Brothers said the mission schools need prayerbooks, rosaries, medals, and the like for distribution to students and others.

Because shipping costs are high, materials gathered for the missions should be useful enough to outweigh cost of transportation.

Letters

Concerning letters to missionaries, the Brothers said it depends on the receiver. Some of the men like to gct letters more than others, but too many letters might burden the busy missioner who feels obligated to answer each onc. Still, all letters are appreciated, especially if written simply for pleasure and not through sense of duty.

Airmail form stationery ("V-mail") costs less and gets to the Pakistan houses within four or five days.

Most of the Holy Cross missionaries keep up with the news through Time magazine, to which most of the CSC houses subscribe.

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