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FROM THE SCHOOLS . . .

Cathedral High — Indianapolis

CHS began its forty-fourth year in September with the largest enrollment in its history, 920 boys.

Of last year's graduating class, 79% now attend college. Thirty of these students won scholarships.

Mrs. Marie Ferris, school secretary, completed her 25th year in this post last June.

Heading a committee of business teachers in Catholic schools of the city is Brother James Leik. The group is part of the Teachers Institute held annually.

Some shelves in the school library have been set aside as a "Brother Bruno Memorial." Since Brother's death last June, many of his instruments and books used in the physics and aerodynamics classes he taught have been collected for exhibition.

Brother Ronald Rusnak, moderator

of the Y.C.S., is sponsoring a state-wide convention of Young Christian Student groups on November 1st at CHS. Over 800 students are expected. Brother has arranged to have a Mass said in the gym according to the Byzantine Rite. Communicants at the Mass will receive under both species. Discussions and meetings will occupy the day.

Brother Francis Assisi Davis recently remodeled the Archbishop's throne and the sedela at the Cathedral. Brother Joseph Zutelis assisted.

Brother Joseph Zutelis is chairman of a committee for the revision of teaching English in the public school system for the State of Indiana. Brother recently finished a report on teaching English to exceptionally talented and the average student. During the past summer, which he spent at Indiana University, he served on a committee concerned with revising the English section of the College Board Exams.

Richard Kunz, a 1959 graduate of CHS and now in the Peace Corps in

Chile, received an award recently from Senator Capehart for outstanding accomplishment in his work.

The Indiana Medical School informed CHS that it had more students at the Medical School than any other school in the city.

Along with teaching a full schedule, Brother Carl Shonk attends Butler University for a course in 18th-century literature.

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Catholic Central High — Monroe

Shortly after the opening of the fall term, five evenings were set aside for "education of the parents," groups of whom came on designated nights to hear about school rules, testing, placement, etc.

The Mothers Auxiliary held its annual Pantry Shower for the Brothers on October 8. The group also bought an addressograph machine and Rexograph plate maker for the school.

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Holy Cross High — River Grove

The fall term opened with 796 boys: 440 freshmen, 356 sophomores. HCH opened last year.

On adjoining property a new Catholic high school for girls is being constructed. The first freshman class, of 400 girls, is using a wing of the Brothers' school this year.

Eight Brothers and four laymen have been added to the HCH faculty this September, bringing the total teaching staff to twenty-nine.

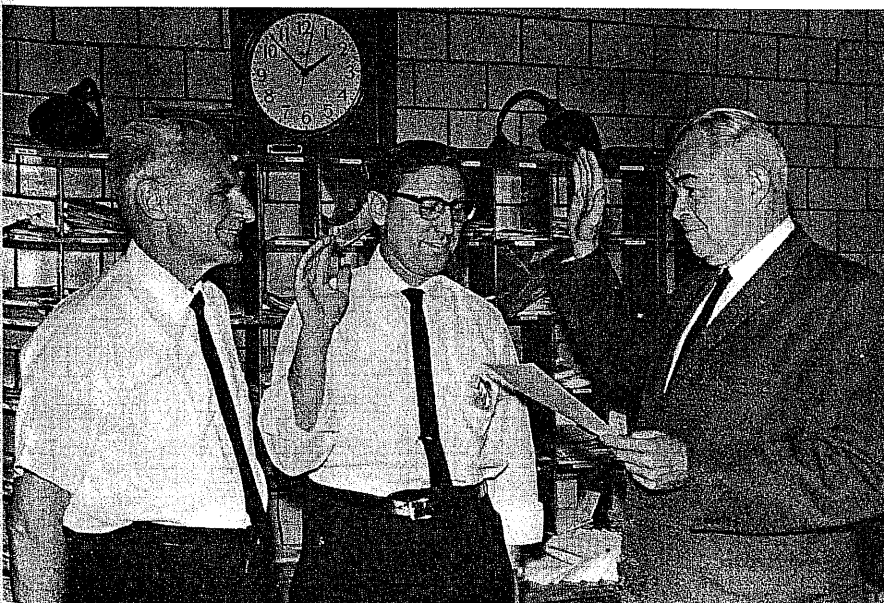
Sixteen new sets of the World Book Encyclopedia were acquired, thanks to Dr. William Nault, who is doing research into how students use this particular set of books. Four sets will remain in the school library, while the other twelve are allotted to various classrooms.

The Fathers Club presented a check of \$1200 to HCH principal, Brother Walter Davenport, at its first meeting. The money is meant for school projects.

The River Grove American Legion and its Auxiliary presented two dozen American flags for use in the classrooms.

BROTHER ELI INSTALLED AS POSTMASTER AT NOTRE DAME

Patrick Dowling, postal inspector of the South Bend post office, administers the oath to Brother Eli Pelchat, C.S.C., center, new postmaster of the University of Notre Dame post office. At left is Brother Marcellinus Fahey, C.S.C., the retiring postmaster who has held the post since 1945 and has been connected with the office for more than 40 years. The U.S. Senate confirmed Brother Eli's appointment.



Left to right—Brothers Marcellinus, Eli, and Mr. Patrick Dowling.

WISCONSIN JUNIORATE PASSES HALF CENTURY MARK

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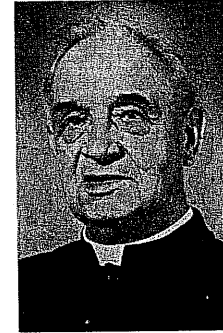
A departure ceremony for Holy Cross Brother missionaries assigned to teaching posts in Ghana, Liberia, and East Pakistan was held July 29th in Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame.

The group included Brothers Donald Allen, Austin Maley, and Chester Rachel, assigned to St. Patrick High School in Monrovia, Liberia, which the Midwest Province took over this September; Brothers William Gates and Gerard Mason, assigned to St. John's Secondary School in Sekondi, Ghana; and Brother William Sheehan, who in a few weeks leaves for a teaching post in Dacca, East Pakistan.

Celebrant at the late afternoon rites was Rev. Iraneus B. Songliedong, a native Ghanaian priest. The sermon was delivered by Rev. John P. Whelly, the Holy Cross Father chaplain at the Brothers' school in Lakewood, Ohio.

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Since the Brothers' Midwest juniorate has now been operating for fifty years, most Brothers from states west of the Appalachians spent their first few months in the Community at this house in Watertown, Wisconsin.



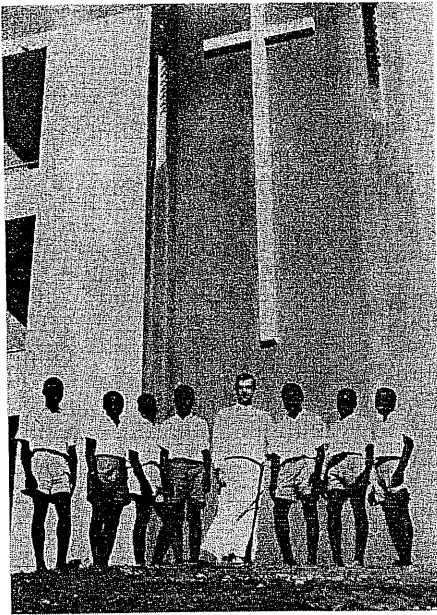
Brother Bernard Gervais, C.S.C.

Until seven years ago when a military school was opened there, the juniorate was called Sacred Heart College or Sacred Heart Juniorate. Now it is Sacred Heart Military Academy, a boarding school for boys from fifth through eighth grades. The school continues as a juniorate, however — as the house to which young men joining the Holy Cross Brothers come for initial training in the religious life, but not on a year-round basis as formerly. Now groups of aspirants enter twice a year, in June and October, each group remaining for about six weeks before leaving to enter the novitiate.

The Watertown foundation began in 1872 when authorities of the Congregation sent Father William Corby, the famous Civil War chaplain, to establish a college there, of which he was first president. The college, specializing in business courses, achieved a respectable reputation during the ensuing decades, and meanwhile erected the multi-windowed, high-ceilinged, and big-roomed structure that has been a landmark in the lives of so many Brothers — the same much renovated building that now houses the Academy.

Because enrollment never built up as expected and because the Brothers needed a special juniorate for their Society, the authorities of the Congregation assigned the Watertown house for this purpose in 1912.

On July 7th that year Brother Bernard Gervais, along with Brother Paul the Hermit McIntyre, arrived to found the new operation. The official opening occurred on August 20th, coincidentally, also the feast of St. Bernard, since Brother Bernard had been named the first superior of the juniorate. A day or two before Brother Aidan O'Reilly arrived with seven aspirants from the old juniorate quarters in Notre Dame's historic "Mission House," still used as a residence. At the same time Brother Bernard traveled the forty



Pictured above are the first Ghanaian aspirants to membership in the Brothers Society of the Congregation of Holy Cross. They stand outside the chapel wing of the recently constructed St. Joseph Hall, the Brothers' Juniorate on the campus of St. John Secondary School in Sekondi, Ghana. At center is Brother Raymond Papenfuss, C.S.C., director of the Juniorate.

TYPICAL ASPIRANT TO HOLY CROSS BROTHERS SHOWN BY STUDY

A survey of forty young men preparing to enter the novitiate of the Holy Cross Brothers this past summer revealed the following facts about the "average" aspirant:

He is eighteen years old, comes from a Catholic home of from three to five children, and from a city of over 100,000 people.

He has no relatives who are priests or religious, his childhood was generally happy, and his family belonged to the middle income group.

At age 16 or 17 he first considered seriously the idea of becoming a Brother.

He attended Catholic high school, had dates once a week or once a month, and thinks it desirable to have done so before entering religion.

He was encouraged mainly by a Religious Brother to enter the Community, by a priest, or by no one at all. Nobody actively discouraged him.

His reason for entering was first to serve God and to have promise of salvation, and second, to do some good in life.

Chief obstacles, he felt, are love of family, including not wanting to leave home, and lack of certainty about the vocation.

Other obstacles were attraction for worldly goods and lack of contact with anyone eager to have him enter the Brothers.

Before entering, he said special prayers for a vocation several times weekly, attended Sunday Mass regularly, received the Sacraments, and used the Missal.

The dominant influence from a Catholic school on his choice of vocation came from the personal interest of a Religious faculty member, or from the good example of the faculty in general.

His first contact with the Brothers of Holy Cross came through personal acquaintance with one, only secondly through vocation talks, advertisements, or a Brother vocation recruiter.

He wrote for information about the Brothers' vocation without being prompted by an advertisement in a paper or magazine.

Of ways to acquaint more young men with the religious life, he feels the best would be more appealing stories and articles about Brothers in papers and magazines, more personal interviews, and more slides and movies about their work.

miles to Madison to meet his younger brother Felix, who was himself joining the Community and who on entering the novitiate was given the name Brother Benedict. He has the honor of being the first Brother to enter the Watertown juniorate as an aspirant; the others had entered at Notre Dame and simply been transferred to the new place.

For the past few years Brother Bernard has been living in Dujarie Hall. He is an indefatigable walker despite his eighty-one years, likes a lively chat, and looks after personnel records for the Midwest province. His brother, Brother Benedict, continues his full-time teaching career as he has for the past nearly fifty years. He has made no visible concession to age, the only badge of which is his thick gray hair, for his lean energy and lively pursuit of the latest findings in physics and his other teaching fields could put more than a few younger men in the shade.

In its first decades Sacred Heart Juniorate offered the standard four-year high school courses. In the late forties the trend became to accept only high school seniors or graduates, whereupon two or three accredited college courses were added. Aspirants were accepted twice annually, each staying one or several years according to status of his high school education.

Desire to use the sprawling juniorate building to the full led to the establishment of the military school in 1955. Brother Dominic Elder was mainly responsible for completing the extensive renovations necessary and the launching into successful orbit of this until then wholly untried type of Brothers' school.

It should be noted that Brother Bernard Gervais was named the first superior of the juniorate back in 1912. He and the late Brother Nicholas Ochs are largely to be credited with the program of juniorate training that, at least in essentials, continues today.

The present superior is Brother Remigius Bullinger, who is also principal of the Academy.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Most Midwest province schools participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The number of semifinalists thus far reported are: 7 from Hoban High (Akron), 4 from St. Joseph High (South Bend), 4 from Cathedral (Indianapolis), 3 from St. Edward High (Lakewood), 2 from Reitz Memorial (Evansville), 2 from Gilmour Academy (Gates Mills), and 1 from Catholic Central (Monroe).

Annual Vocation Meeting Held To Discuss Needs, Methods

A vocation promoter from each school and house of the province attended a one-day session at Dujarie Hall, Notre Dame, on September 22, to discuss means of fostering vocations to the Holy Cross Brothers.

Chairman of the affair was Brother Eymard Salzman, director of vocations for the Indiana-Illinois area. The province now has two others working to encourage vocations in the Midwest area.

The meeting opened with a talk by the Provincial, Brother Donatus Schmitz, then the various committees met privately.

Committee topics included the prayer and sacrifice program for vocations, interviewing and counseling in vocation work, and the role of each religious in fostering vocations.

Speaker at the afternoon session was Rev. Robert Sweeney, C.S.C.

LIBERIA-BOUND MISSIONER GIVES VIEWS IN INTERVIEW

A half hour before Brother Donald Allen left the house, we had this exclusive interview on the new Holy Cross mission in Liberia, Africa. Brother Donald has spent many years in the missions both in Pakistan and Ghana, from which latter country he returned last year to continue studies in biology at Notre Dame. Now he embarks again for the missions, but to a new country for the Congregation of Holy Cross—Liberia, a nation founded by U.S. abolitionists in 1847. Brother will be principal of St. Patrick High School in the capital, Monrovia.

We learned that he is very happy with the appointment to Liberia, and that the problem in the new mission will be the same as in others: to help strengthen Catholic family life. As Brother Donald put it, "Our purpose is to give our boys a strong Catholic outlook on life."

Politically the country remains stable and democratic, based on the U.S. form of government. President William V. S. Tubman was elected in 1960 to serve his fourth consecutive term in the presidency.

Liberia is steadily improving its educational system. Twelve per cent of the national budget is allotted annually to education.

Pray for These Deceased

Rev. Wm. E. Maloughney, C.S.C.
Father of Bro. Matthew Lyons
Father of Bro. Edward Stenger
Father of Bro. James Gleeson

FORMER PRINCIPAL TAKES POST WITH DIOCESAN SCHOOL BOARD

Brother Pedro Haering, until recently the principal and superior at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, was appointed one of the Cleveland Diocese's high school supervisors.

Replacing him at the school is Brother William Fitch.

The supervisory work assigned Bro. Pedro entails visiting each of the diocese's grade and high schools to assess testing and guidance programs, and also to evaluate the teaching of mathematics—which is Bro. Pedro's special field of study.

"It is our hope," he said, "to give an eighth grade test that would correlate with subsequent tests in the 10th and 12th grades, and thus give us a means of measuring the high school progress of the youngsters."

MANY IN PROVINCE EARN DEGREES AT END OF 1962 SUMMER SCHOOLS

After spending six to eight summers fulfilling requirements, 16 Brothers of the province received their master's degrees from college or university, and 18 others completed undergraduate studies.

Of the M.A. degrees, 12 were earned at Notre Dame, 2 at De Paul in Chicago, 1 at Stritch College, Milwaukee, and 1 at Chrysler Institute, Detroit.

The undergraduate degrees were earned as follows: 14 at St. Edward University, Austin, Texas; 2 at Indiana State Teachers College; 1 at Notre Dame, and 1 at Brescia College.

Brothers who earned degrees, and their major field of study, are as follows:

M.A. degree: Austin Maley (history); Gerard Mason (French); Joseph Dudek, William Fitch, John Ryan (physics); Frederick McGlynn (mathematics); Edward Olszowka (business administration); John Kuhn, Richard Shea, Clarence Podgorski, James Sullivan, Thomas Corcoran, Richard Reaume (education); James Linscott (Spanish); Thomas Henning (remedial reading); Leo Manion (automotive engineering).

B.A. or B.S. degree: James Gahler, Thomas Matthes, Carl Sternberg, John Zoglmann (humanities); Joseph Schulz, Richard Emge, (science); Thomas Schuerer, John Schuszler (industrial arts); Peter Baltrinic, Richard Emge, Robert Fillmore, Jerome Meyer, Thomas O'Malley, William Sheehan, Brian Waldron, Carroll Posey (education); Thomas King (commerce); Paul Kelly (business administration).

PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE GRANTED GENERAL CHAPTER DELEGATES

During the General Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross this past summer, the Priest and Brother delegates had a private audience with Pope John XXIII at his summer residence at Castelgandolfo. The event took place at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 28.

As reported by Father L. Lecavalier, and translated by Father Thomas Langdon, the following is an account of the audience:

"The Holy Father entered smiling and giving his benediction. He took his seat. Father General thanked the Holy Father for the favor of this audience, presented the group of capitulants of the Congregation, gave an assurance of prayers, especially for the Council, and asked for a *mot d'ordre* as a souvenir of this audience.

"The Holy Father invited Father General to be seated at his right, '*in signum dignitatis*', excused himself for being late. 'Such is life,' he said; 'a man makes some plans and, oop, he must change them. This is a cross in his life, but a cross which is a joy.'"

The Pope continued:

"You ask me for a word or two which you can take away with you. I will tell you about something I read last night which deeply impressed me and which will be equally helpful for you. It is the life of Pascal written by his sister. I knew Pascal a little because I was a nuncio to Paris and because the French speak more easily of Pascal than of St. Augustine. But I did not know that Pascal had such deep thoughts about the cross, about suffering which finds its termination in exaltation. Although he was not a religious, he lived in poverty and it seems that his life was more heroic than that of the hermits in Egypt, for example. At the end of his life he accepted well great sufferings. He spoke of his confessor and had rather clear ideas about the Incarnation, Redemption, and the

Eucharist. I do not think, however, that he speaks of the Blessed Virgin, who is for us all gentleness, and who embellishes everything. But he has some beautiful thoughts about Christ Crucified, and well he does — Christ's crucifixion and His work to save us continues. I would not say that everything Pascal wrote is good. It would be necessary to study him some more. This book showed me a Pascal whom I did not know.

"You ask me for a *mot d'ordre*. Very well, I will take an example from my poor life. Upon my return to the seminary after I had celebrated my first Mass with my family, I had to speak to the seminarians and I asked my director what to say to them. He told me: take the *Imitation of Christ* and open the book to any page, then speak about what you find there before you. I did as he told me, and I opened the *Imitation* to the third Book, the twenty-third chapter, and there I found exhortations to maintain peace. The title of the chapter is: Of Four Things Which Bring Much Peace.

"First, study to do rather the will of another than your own. Second, always choose rather to have less than more. Third, always seek the lowest place and to be subject to everyone. Fourth, desire always and pray that the will of God may be entirely fulfilled in you.

"With these points I have made a program of life for myself since the first three cover the vows of poverty, chastity (of course, being included in the priestly state), and obedience. And I believe I can say that I have always observed these points, not by myself, for I am a poor man like everyone else, but rather by the grace of God.

"This reminds me of St. Philip Neri's disciple, who later became Cardinal Baronius. Each time he came to the piazza of St. Peter's — at that time the obelisk was not encircled by the

stone barrier, there were always groups of children playing near the obelisk, and as soon as they saw Baronius approaching with his big boots, they stopped their games to swarm around him; then, annoyed a little, he reached into his pocket and gave a centime to each one — and the children returned to their playing. Baronius continued on his way and entered the basilica, made a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, then went to pray at the altar of the Blessed Virgin, recited the Credo as he stood before the Confession of St. Peter, and, as he left — the bronze statue of the Apostle was then in the portico, he placed his hard head on the foot of St. Peter and said: *Obedientia et Pax*. When I assumed the heritage of St. Peter, I said the same thing to myself. I have been obedient all my life and I must maintain peace. This is my motto.'

"The Pope asked Father General if we were going to elect a new Superior General. 'Yes, Holy Father, happily enough,' Father O'Toole, the Superior General, replied. 'Ah, yes,' answered Pope John, 'it will be just like what happened to me. That's the way life goes.'

"Father General offered the Holy Father a gift, saying, 'This is for your personal use.' Next he introduced the General Assistants, presenting them by name to the Holy Father. With a smile Pope John said, 'But I also want to know what little burg you're from.' He added that almost every day there are some Canadians who come to see him. While speaking about Canada, the Pope remembered that Holy Cross in Canada is synonymous with the Oratory of St. Joseph. And he asked, 'Then it is your Congregation that is fostering the devotion to St. Joseph? He is my patron. And this devotion was begun, so to speak, by a little brother, a humble man.' And the Pope seemed to pause in his thoughts.

"He gave us his blessing, saying, 'You can give this apostolic benediction to your families, your parishioners, and to others.'"

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