



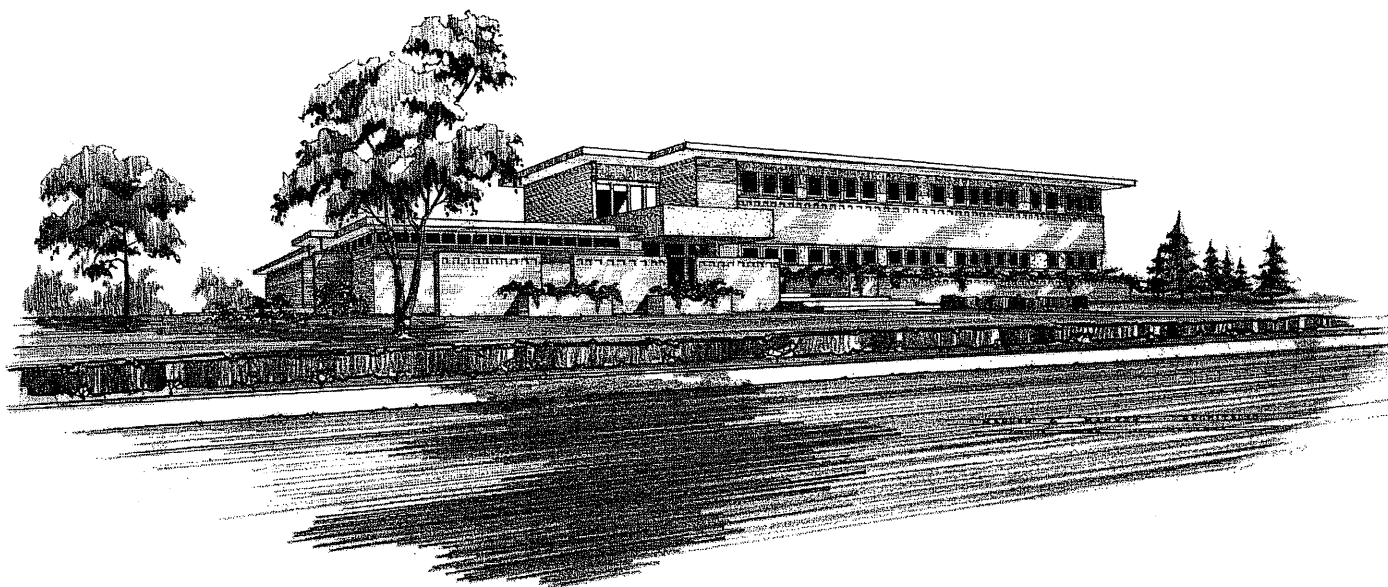
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Provincial Administration to Build Headquarters on Site Near Notre Dame



The Provincial made public at the superiors' workshop in mid-December the news that a residence-office building for the provincial administration would be erected on property adjoining the Notre Dame campus.

The property is that of Dujarie Hall, the province's house of studies. The provincial headquarters will be located at the southwest corner of this forty-acre tract.

A single-floor wing of the structure will hold offices and workrooms. A two-floor adjoining wing will have the chapel and residence, including an office for the provincial and one for his assistant.

A general assembly room, seating fifty to sixty persons, will be located in the basement of the office wing. This will provide adequate space for chapters and other meetings summoned by the provincial.

Brother Donatus said the headquarters is needed to bring the administrative offices and records under one roof and to provide adequate staff quarters. At present the provincial residence is in South Bend, the offices at Columba Hall.

Approximate cost of the structure is \$300,000. Architects are Maurer and Mauer, of South Bend.

SUPERIORS MEET FOR ANNUAL WORKSHOP; SCHOOL TOPICS FEATURED ON AGENDA

Organized by the provincial, Brother Donatus Schmitz, a two-day workshop for superiors of the province was held at Columba Hall on December 15 and 16. Attending were the provincial council, superiors, and a Brother in counseling work at each school.

Speakers' topics were high school testing programs, teacher certification, and faculty meetings. Father Robert Sweeney, of the Moreau Sminary faculty, spoke on relationship between superior and subject, during which time the Brother counselors met to discuss guidance work in the schools.

Brother Donatus delivered the opening and closing talks.

AROUND THE PROVINCE

Cathedral High, Indianapolis

Bro. Eugene Weisenberger and aides bagged 10,000 pounds of corn for popping in five-pound sacks, which were sold for a dollar apiece to raise money to replace worn-out band instruments. The bagging was done in an hour and a half!

The school band, which he directs, played all over the city during the Christmas season—in the downtown Circle, on television, and in various schools.

Math teacher Brother Norbert Henske attended a professional meeting in his field in St. Louis a few weeks ago, also took office of vice-president of a math teachers' association in central Indiana. Another extracurricular of his is baking bread once weekly for the house—white, whole wheat, or raisin.

Principal Brother James Sullivan leads a weekly discussion of some great book or document for selected grade-schoolers.

CHS students and their parents gave the Brothers four tables for the faculty house dining room. Bros. Francis Assisi and Charles Drevon made a new communion railing for the chapel.

The CSMC unit headed by Bro. Ronald LaLonde collected over 300 pounds of coffee for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Boysville, Clinton, Mich.

At this strictly in-the-country campus near Clinton, Michigan, Brother Oliver Baran is directing landscaping around the gym and the new dining hall. Money for trees and shrubs came from Jerry Becker, of South Orange, N.J., a long-standing benefactor of Holy Cross.

St. Edward High, Lakewood, Ohio

Bro. Francisco Drury was elected vice-president of the Diocesan Art Teachers Association in Cleveland, and secretary-treasurer of the diocesan religion teachers.

The DATA fosters art as a school subject, sponsors school exhibits. The second organization aims to improve methods and techniques in teaching

religion. . . . Father John Whelly, the school chaplain, offered a televised "Mass for Shut-ins" a few weeks ago, with fifteen Brothers attending. . . . John Clarke, a senior, and a student from another school were the only two winners in the Greater Cleveland area of the 1962 Annual Council of Teachers of English competition. Of 6,200 nominees for the award, there were 870 winners and runners-up, nation-wide.

To win John had to write an autobiographical sketch, an impromptu paper, and an out-of-class paper; take a composition test and literary awareness test.

Catholic Central High, Monroe, Mich.

During the city's Youth Day three CC students held honorary positions as mayor, probate judge, and county assessor. . . . The Mothers Auxiliary held a Christmas reception for the Brothers. . . . The football team, the Falcons, had an undefeated season, the third in four years.

St. Edward High, Lakewood, Ohio

The Catholic Students Mission Crusade chapter at the school has been named the Father Moreau Unit. . . . Faculty member Bro. Leo Geiger has an article titled "Industrial Arts in Catholic Schools" in December *Catholic School Journal*.

Welfare Posts

Brother Warren Shea was elected president of the Wisconsin Child Care Workers, a group he organized to foster professional growth of welfare workers. Brother Joseph Berg was elected vice-president of the Youth Workers of Milwaukee County. He represented all special schools in Wisconsin in planning the state's 1963 child care conferences, sponsored by the state department and the University of Wisconsin. Both Brothers are on the faculty of St. Charles Boys Home, Milwaukee.

Math Institute

Brother Pedro Haering, supervisor of guidance and mathematics in Cleveland diocese schools, and Brother Reginald Justak, principal of St. Joseph High School and provincial councilor, were invited to help plan the special math

program to be offered in the 1963 summer school at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas.

Dujarie Choir

Choristers of the Brothers' house of studies had their usual round of pre- and post-Christmas programs this year, including concerts of varying length at O'Laughlin Auditorium at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, St. Joseph Hospital, Holy Cross House, and for a South Bend television broadcast. The choir sang for the Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame, and gave a half-hour program of carols beforehand. Brother Daniel Kane is director.

Fund Drive

St. Charles Boys Home began a campaign to raise \$475,000 for needed buildings. Four years of study preceded opening this fund-raising, of which \$50,000 has been realized.

Meetings and Talks

Bros. James Sullivan and Charles Drevon—the NSF's "Atom Convention" in Chicago (and "shepherds" for the fourteen students from various Indianapolis schools attending the meeting).

Bro. Joseph Zutelis—a three-day meet at Indiana University to work on a state-wide syllabus for high school English courses.

Bro. Paulus McGory—a talk to guidance counselors' meeting in Detroit, also presided at opening of regional convention of business course teachers in Dayton, Ohio.

BROTHER MARKS SIXTY YEARS IN RELIGIOUS LIFE; STILL TEACHING!

Brother Louis Gazagne, a teacher at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, for the past ten years, observed his 60th anniversary in the Brothers of Holy Cross on December 8.

The occasion was marked with a reception during the afternoon at the Brothers' faculty house, with guests from Gilmour Academy and Archbishop Hoban High in Akron.

Brother Louis, who was educated in Paris, entered the Congregation in 1902. A year later, when the French government began confiscating religious property, he was among a group of Brothers who came to the U. S. to continue training at the University of Notre Dame.

At St. Edward, Brother Louis teaches five typing classes daily.

He has had other teaching assignments in Watertown, Wis., in Texas, and in the mission fields of Pakistan, Burma, and Dacca. He spent two years at the University of Portland and was a member of the staff of the Holy Cross Mission magazine.

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NEW PRINCIPAL AT AKRON SCHOOL AS SEEN BY STUDENT INTERVIEWER

Last September Brother William Fitch, 29 years old, was named principal of Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. A Hoban student, James Fryer, interviewed him a few weeks ago and then wrote the following:

There is a quiet spirit of determination and a new vigor in the halls of Hoban this year. There is a quickened throb, a different attitude, that has been commented on with increased frequency in the last four weeks.

At the source, Brother William Fitch, listens and takes the pulse of the school as he enters into his first year as principal of Hoban.

This is a big, strapping man; physically sound and mentally alert, he could just as easily be an executive at Firestone as a Brother of Holy Cross. He moves with an energy that is infectious; when he talks, he punctuates his ideas with a jab of the finger, an arch of the eyebrow, a twinkle of the eye that reveals the fast-flowing wit that is just beneath the surface.

Brother was born at St. Clair Shores, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, twenty-nine years ago. He studied at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, from which he was graduated *cum laude*, and took his master's degree in physics from De Paul University, Chicago.

In addition, he has studied at Notre Dame, at Illinois Institute of Technology, Western Reserve University, and, the past summer, at Cornell, on an industry grant.

In 1955 he made his final vows as a Brother of Holy Cross, after which began a round of assignments, first of them at St. Edward High in Lakewood, Ohio, where he taught physics, algebra, and handled the glee club and dramatics. (As glee club mentor, he admits having a voice of undetermined class, also a talent for the clarinet he described as somewhat less than flaming.)

After a year at St. Edward, he spent the next three at Catholic Central High in Monroe, Michigan, where he taught chemistry and math, as well as carrying on his musical activities. Next came a year at Holy Trinity High in Chicago, then two years at Gilmour Academy, Cleveland. In all, it was a remarkably busy seven years.

But the man himself promises great things for Hoban High. After the preliminaries of this interview were finished, Brother William branched out on his own.

As he warmed to a topic, he gestured emphatically, or emphasized points with a nod of the head. As the wit sharpened, the eyes reflected a good humor rare in principals. When he offered

advice or warnings, the eyes took on a hardness of purpose and determination.

Q. "Well, Brother, you've been here only a few weeks. Do you see any specific areas for improvement?"

A. "I haven't seen anything wrong yet. Of course, there are always those who need prodding a bit, but there are no outstanding flaws. The curriculum is in excellent shape and we have an excellent staff due more to Brother Pedro [his predecessor] than to me. He worked to strengthen the general course."

Q. "Brother, the criticism has often been made that an all-boys school tends to give the boys a one-sided view of life. Do you have any comment?"

A. "This is totally unwarranted. The 'social graces' can be learned only by living with others in our family in our circle of friends, through the simple tasks of ordinary living. I haven't seen anyone lacking feminine companionship. After all, if nothing else, the boys can always go home to mother."

Q. "The comment has also been made that the students in a Catholic school have no real voice in the school's affairs. It has been said that the student council is 'run' by the administration. What do you think?"

A. (Note: Brother was president of the senior class and student council president in his high school days.—Ed.) "Well I was a student council moderator last year. The council must have backbone—and I will welcome any suggestions it may have. Of course some areas are more properly administrative. But any matters of student-teacher or student-school relationships are council's business. After all, the council is a service organization; it is to serve the student body. The council must develop leadership; this is its job more than just planning dances. Whenever I am asked if a student council is 'run' by an administration, I ask myself what is wrong—if perhaps the council has too little backbone to stand on its own if perhaps more elbow grease and less hot air would accomplish more."

Q. "I see. What is your opinion of the role of a Catholic school in a city largely composed of public schools?"

A. "I can only quote from the handbook of our school: 'to make true Christian gentlemen.' Each word—true, Christian, gentlemen—has its own meaning. Our training is different, and our students must show it. If we are unable to tell a Hoban student from a student of some other school, we no longer have any reason

to exist. We have so much more; our training is better and stronger, and our teachers are more dedicated."

Q. "And what about the future?"

A. "First we plan to have a wonderful year. We have the best school in the area and the most potential. We should have the highest academic rating in the city, on a comparative basis. On our staff we have a Ph.D., and two teachers working on doctoral theses, also several with master's degrees. We have had—and will continue to have—high scores on National Merit Scholarship qualifying tests. We are the only school in the area to have a complete set of advanced science classes—an excellent chemistry program, the brand new C.H.E.M.S. course, P.S.S.C. physics and S.M.S.G. math. We look forward to an excellent athletic season, and other extracurriculars matching these accomplishments. Yes, I look forward to a good year. I'm glad to be at Hoban."

ASSISTANT GENERAL BLESSES NEW JUNIORATE FOR AFRICAN ASPIRANTS TO HOLY CROSS BROTHERS

The Vice Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Rev. Bernard I. Mullahy, was celebrant at the blessing of the Brothers' new juniorate in Sekondi, Ghana, for aspirants to the Holy Cross Brotherhood.

The rites took place December 21, 1962, on the campus of St. John School on the outskirts of Sekondi, and began at four o'clock in the afternoon.

After a silent prayer, the celebrant with the acolytes aspersed the various rooms with holy water while the congregation of Brothers, aspirants, and guests stood outside reciting the "Miserere."

Following came a procession to the juniorate chapel, during which the Litany of the Saints was sung, with the appropriate prayer interspersed for dedication of a chapel.

After other prayers, the rites concluded with the singing of Psalm 119.

Father Mullahy, whose office on the General Administration of the Congregation keeps him most of the time in Rome, came to Ghana to give the annual retreat for the Brothers at St. John School just before Christmas, after which he traveled to Monrovia, Liberia, to give the annual retreat to the Brothers at St. Patrick High School.

Brother Raymond Papenfuss is director of the juniorate in Ghana, which was opened last September by the Midwest province. Seven Ghanaian young men are now in training there.

Brother Rex Hennel is superior of St. John School, which the Brothers took over in 1957.

SCHOOL IN MONROVIA, LIBERIA, ACQUIRES NEW LOOK SINCE BROTHERS' ARRIVAL

St. Patrick High School is off to a good start, according to Brother Theophane Schmitt, who with Brothers Donald Allen, Chester Rachel, and Austin Maley, took over its operation last September.

"Of course, we are the talk of Monrovia," he said, "because of the order, discipline, detention periods, and scholastic demands now in vogue at the school. People go out of their way to meet the Brothers."

The first day of school was a bit different, as Brother described it: "That morning the students dribbled in one by one, over a period of two hours, as if they were shopping. About sixty came with parents or relatives, begging to be admitted. Once they were sorted out, the students were given instructions about absences, tardiness, conduct, and what we would require in these matters."

About the way the Brothers immediately corrected blatant tardiness at the school by making latecomers stay after school, one observer remarked, "Wasn't it a simple procedure! We never thought of approaching the problem that way!"

The Bishop of Liberia said that what impressed him most was the easy way the Brothers stepped in and reorganized the school, keeping the good will of those who operated it previously.

Another bishop said, "The coming of the Brothers to Monrovia is the greatest thing that has happened to the Church there."

Enrollment at St. Patrick this year is 300, and expected to double next year. The faculty is composed of four Brothers, two priests, two Peace Corps men, and two Liberian lay teachers.

Tuition

Brother Theophane said that getting tuition from the boys is "murder." However, when they learned six-weeks' tests could not be taken if tuition was unpaid, with consequent failure of the class, all except ten managed to do so.

The ten held out to exam day, thinking the Brothers would give in, but they did not.

"There are cases of sad poverty, however," Brother Theophane reported, "though we have no sure way of knowing which student needs help most. Some of our boys can't afford a dime for a piece of cornbread or a quarter for a plate of rice."

The tuition at St. Patrick has been \$28 a year, plus a \$2 fee.

Some students go all day without food until they get home sometime in the afternoon, or even until late that night.

"I found one boy whose only relative is a half-brother who lives in the bush," Brother said. "The boy is thin as a rail, cooks for himself when he can't beg from door to door. I'm giving him tuition free, and books, and he's working here to earn some money for food. There may be others like him, but we have to go cautiously."

School Day

School hours are from 7:30 in the morning to 1:00 in the afternoon, the class periods of forty-five minutes each, and a half-hour's recess in midmorning. Procedure is modeled after the U. S. system, except that in grades 9 and 12—terminal of the junior and senior high school divisions—students must take national examinations in English, mathematics, and the sciences. Passing these is necessary for promotion or for a diploma.

It is difficult to persuade students to buy textbooks because there has been no tradition about having personal copies.

Brother Theophane said that only 20% of the students at St. Patrick are Catholic, that there are only four to seven thousand Catholics in Liberia.

About 70% of the students are from Monrovia itself, the others from the interior. Most are Liberians, but such national groups as Syrian, Spanish, and Indian are represented.

In the lower high school grades classes number about 50 each, but in the senior year there are only nineteen boys, caused by eliminating the incapable. From its beginning the school has had boys from influential families. One of President Tubman's sons completed the course at St. Patrick a few years ago.

Miscellany

Many students, Brother said, work after school to earn their way. Formerly there were few extracurricular activities, athletic or otherwise, but these the Brothers will gradually introduce.

Brother Rex, who visited the school last year, said St. Patrick can easily become the outstanding school in Liberia. "The boys will expect us to be demanding—to have sensible regulations, insist on their being followed. Liberians are anxious for education and respect trained teachers," he said.

Water shortages occur periodically in the city. The school has a well but needs a motor for pumping it.

The four-acre campus lacks space for athletic fields, but the school uses a private field about three miles away for football practice.

One of the first things the Brothers did was to clear the school grounds of rubbish—two big dump trucks full!

A final note: St. Patrick High was the only blackboard erasers in Liberia, and these came airmail from Brother Gonzaga, as did a supply of rat poison—a really desperate need.

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