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PROVINCE NEWS AROUND THE PROVINCE

● Father William Toohey, C.S.C., professor of homiletics at the major seminary of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Washington, D.C., preached the two-day retreat for underclassmen and the three-day retreat for upper-classmen at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio. Retreat arrangements were directed by Brother Isaac Jogues, religion department head, who told students beforehand that the retreat would be "the greatest act we perform throughout the year." So far this year 71 seniors made weekend retreat at the Trappist monastery in Kentucky.

At mid-January the music department at SEH presented its annual Pop Concert, featuring the 100-voice glee club and a hundred instrumentalists.

In concert and in solo the high school boys entertained the audience, which sat at tables in small groups and had refreshments during the music.

Five new stereo microscopes are the latest acquisition of the SEH biology department, headed by Brother Joseph Kumhera.

These instruments have low magnification and provide a three-dimensional image, allowing students to study specimens more completely.

Brother Joseph said interest is so high that very often after school students come to the biology lab to use the new equipment.

● *The association of Catholic high school principals elected Brother Walter Davenport its vice-chairman at its recent meeting, to complete the term of the previous incumbent.*

● The Mothers' Club of St. Edward High School, Cleveland, held a potluck dinner on February 19 to honor mothers of SEH alumni. Brother Kenan Judge, moderator of the club, said the proceeds of the dinner will be used for the Brothers' African missions, a special project of the alumni mothers.

● *In January five province members completed undergraduate studies and received their degree: Brothers James Gleason, David Averill, and Alfred Metzger, the A.B. degree from St. Edward's University, Austin, Tex., and Brothers Peter Michelin and Martin Abell, the bachelor of science degree from the University of Notre Dame.*

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Holy Cross High — Young But Growing

(Nearly a full page in the *Chicago American* for January 29 was devoted to Holy Cross High School in River Grove. The column alongside the many well-captioned pictures was written by the paper's Virginia Kay. Excerpts appear below.)

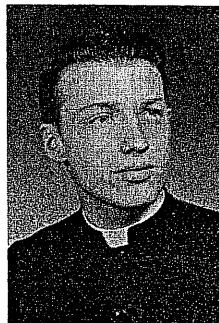
A young school, still in its infancy but stepping bravely into adulthood, is Holy Cross High School in River Grove.

Now in its third year of providing education to young men, Holy Cross High will not graduate its first class until June, 1965. However, it is already reaching toward the kind of academic completeness for which its founders, the Congregation of Holy Cross, are famous.

The handsome new school, a sprawling complex of 11 one-story wings, serves 1,150 students, and has the rare distinction — in this day of overcrowded schools — of having a number of rooms standing empty! However, next year, when the enrollment reaches 1,400, all parts of the school will be fully occupied.

PROVINCE SENDS 7TH BROTHER TO MONROVIA

On February 18 Brother Martin Abell left the Brothers' house of studies at Notre Dame for New York and a jet flight to Monrovia, Liberia, where he has been assigned to teach at St. Patrick High School.



Brother Martin
Abell, C.S.C.

This newest missionary of the province is 23 years old and just completed undergraduate studies in science at the University of Notre Dame. He was born in Springfield, Ill., but the family moved shortly after to Evansville, Ind. Brother Martin was graduated from the Brothers' school there in 1959.

Boys and Girls Share Campus

Holy Cross divides its large campus with an even newer girls' school, Mother Guerin High school, which opened last September. The girls of Mother Guerin took their classes in Holy Cross from September, 1962, to June, 1963, but since occupying their own building this fall have maintained a completely separate identity.

However, students from the two Roman Catholic schools do meet at football and basketball games, and at a series of seven dances held each year. In time, it is planned that dramatic and musical activities of the two schools will be joined.

No matter how many girls may invade Holy Cross in the future, however, no one will ever doubt it is a boys' school — especially between classes when 2,300 strong young feet pound down the long corridors between classes!

The emphasis in such a school is naturally very much on sports, and the boys have a beautifully designed gym in which to practice and perform. Built with a soaring and curved ceiling of blond wooden beams, the huge gym looks like nothing so much as the inverted hull of a giant Viking ship.

Carved Plaques Greet Visitors

Light wood is used throughout the building, and nowhere more effectively than in the crisp white, red, and black foyer of the school, where carved wooden plaques of the founders of the Holy Cross order greet visitors.

These holy men, Father James Dujarie and Father Basil Moreau, were active in France in the 1820s and 1830s. The first teaching Brothers of Holy Cross came to America in 1841, and the order today maintains 26 high schools in the United States, and one college, St. Edward's in Austin, Tex.

In the River Grove school, a staff of 32 Brothers and 16 lay teachers helps to carry out the motto of the school: "Luceat Lux Coram Homini-bus" — "Let Your Light Shine Before Men." As befits a young school, the staff is young, and the principal, Brother Walter Davenport, is only 35. "You have to be young in this kind of school," says Brother Walter. "One

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Candidates Receive Habit at Novitiate



Row One (L to R) Brothers: Edward Simeth of New Berlin, Wis., Ambrose Sanders of Ishpeming, Mich., Christopher Teeling of Chicago, Ill., Stephan Mescan of Lakewood, Ohio, Guy Eckels of Gary, Ind., John McCann of Fairview Park, Ohio, Alan Rommelfanger of Sheboygan, Wis., John Smith of Hopkinton, Iowa, Stephan Kopfensteiner of Toronto, Ontario, Canada and George Kollar of Cleveland, Ohio.

Row Two (L to R) Brothers: James Nichols of Owosso, Mich., Danial Duda of Indiana Harbor, Ind., Francis Holbert of New Haven, Ky., Kenneth Chappuis of Faribault, Minn., James O'Donnel of Lakewood, Ohio, John McMuldren of Akron, Ohio, Brian Greve of Cincinnati, Ohio, Lawrence Bellezzo of Chicago, Ill., Richard Johnson of Pontiac, Mich., and James Sholl of North Ridgeville, Ohio. Brother Cleophos Caza was absent for picture.

On January 25, 1964, 32 Candidates were received for Noviceship of The Brothers of Holy Cross of the Midwest and Southwest Provinces. The ceremony took place at Saint Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and presiding official was The Most Rev. Andrew G. Grutka, D.D., Bishop of Gary.

In attendance were Brother Donatus Schmitz, C.S.C., Provincial of The Midwest Province of The Brothers of Holy Cross. Also present were clergy, relatives, and friends of the class.



BISHOP GRUTKA RECEIVES NEW CANDIDATES — At reception ceremonies held at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, on January 25, 1964, the Most Rev. Andrew G. Grutka, Bishop of Gary, received 32 Candidates as novices for Brothers of Holy Cross.

OBITUARY

Uncle of Bro. Richard Reaume
 Father of Bro. Thomas Balaz
 Sister of Bro. Walter Davenport
 Sister of Bro. Dacian Renner
 Grandfather of Bro. Jame Reisz
 Father of Bro. Philip Alessandro
 Uncle of Bro. William Verstraete
 Father of Bro. John Dobrogowski
 Brother of Bro. Bernardine Mosier

planning and arranging of Honors English classes. Brother William outlined the four major steps in a student's path to an Honors course in any department that offers them. First, the student must wish to take the course; second, have an A or high B average in that subject; third, have the recommendation of his teacher; fourth, be approved by the departmental chairman and the director of studies after consultation with the guidance counselor.

Under study now is a plan involving the English and social studies departments at SEH. It calls for correlation of American literature and American history, with students in these subjects meeting periodically together for 80-minute periods which would be team-taught by English and history teachers. Occasionally small groups would form for discussion and individual study.

Brother William stressed that all ten members of the English department take summer school courses to keep up to date on new trends, such as in structural English and team teaching.

At present there are three team-taught English IV classes at SEH. The "team" is composed of Brother William and Brother James Palmer.

The English department at SEH is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Diocesan English Teachers' Association, the Greater Cleveland English Teachers' Association, and the State of Ohio English Teachers' Association.

English Department Has Active Role At Booming St. Edward High School

The ten-member English department at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, under Brother William Kleynenberg, its chairman for the past three years, has an impressive record of services rendered the school.

The department meets formally once a month in its office in the school's recently built office wing. Its responsibilities cover debating, drama, speech events and classes, contests related to English courses, school publications, and, of course, the English curriculum.

Brother William, a member of the Principal's Academic Advisory Board along with the eight other departmental chairmen, stated that the basic function of his department is, of course,

the preparation and presentation of the English curriculum.

The department's office, equipped with a library of audio-visual aids and a collection of literature and grammar books, is a planning center where teachers meet to discuss current topics and problems and prepare syllabuses. Although each teacher has the right to set up his own procedures, the teachers generally work together.

At the end of the school year, according to Brother William every teacher in his department must submit suggestions to the departmental head for his approval and that of the principal.

One of the department's duties is

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 lay you're teaching, the next day moving furniture."

Decorum is important at Holy Cross, and all boys must wear ties to class. Most often worn over shirt and tie is the crimson wool Holy Cross sweater. All students are eligible to wear. Students who earn a letter exchange these crimson sweaters for gray ones with crimson letters. A boy may earn a letter in scholarship, debate, sports, or music.

Debating Team Batting .500

Debate is one of the most highly esteemed activities at Holy Cross. In its first year of debate, on Medicare, the Holy Cross team has won 50 per

cent of its contests. "Batting .500 is pretty good in ANY league!" says Brother Walter.

Even more popular than debate at Holy Cross is music. With more than 200 boys enrolled in the music program, the school boasts a glee club, swing band, concert band, full band, and expects to have a marching band next year.

Facilities at Holy Cross are, as might be expected, modern. Such rooms as the library and cafeteria are models of what spacious, attractive public rooms should be. Attention to students is modern also. Two personal and career guidance counselors are on duty at all times. Of the 1,150 boys now in the school, 60 to 65 per cent are preparing to attend college.

60% from City, Rest Suburban

Located just across Belmont Avenue from Chicago, the school attracts 60 per cent of its students from the city, the rest from River Grove, Elmwood Park, Franklin Park, Schiller Park, Melrose Park, and Norridge.

In its biweekly newspaper, *The Crusader*, and its yearbook, *The Holy Cross*, this new school reflects the lively thinking of its student body.

The boys are happy with the school, and the school is happy with the boys. "Our students are so very, very cooperative," says Brother Walter.

"You hear so much about delinquency today, but we just don't have any here."

First Religious Profession



Left to Right: Brothers: Thomas Gable of Lakewood, Ohio; Carlos Parrilla of Lorain, Ohio; David Schimpf of Lima, Ohio; David Martin of Akron, Ohio; Thomas Meade of Minooka, Illinois; Kenneth Levendoski of Faribault, Minnesota; Richard Smith of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Richard Bauman of Remus, Michigan. Brothers Francis Boylan of Detroit, Michigan, and John Mack of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, were absent for picture.

AFRICA TO GET DRUMS, NOT SEND THEM

Reversing the old "drums from Africa" cliché, the music department and mission club at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, O., will send several drums to the Holy Cross Brothers' school in Monrovia, Liberia.

This comes as a result of one of the weekly shortwave radio conversations between Brother Eric at SEH and Brother Francisco in Monrovia.

The latter mentioned during one of these Africa-to-America sessions that his school, St. Patrick High, could use some drums and banners.

SEH band director Brother Robert Siegel, who also moderates the mission club, took inventory, with the result that the SEH band will donate three snare drums and one bass drum to the Monrovia school, which the Brothers took over two years ago.

The drums will be repaired and painted green and white by mission clubbers before being sent.

"We volunteered some of our drummers to go with the drums, but we're still waiting approval," Brother Robert joked.

On January 26, 1964, ten Novices of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross were admitted to temporary religious profession. Presiding at the ceremony, held in the chapel of St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, was the Rev. Raymond Conmy, C.S.C., of the Eastern Province Holy Cross Fathers Mission Band.

In attendance were Brother Donatus Schmitz, C.S.C., Provincial of the Midwest Province, clergymen and religious friends of the Class, as well as relations and friends.

Parent-Student Group In Fort Wayne Has Ohio Brothers As Guest Speakers

Brother Charles Krupp, principal, and his assistant, Brother Florentius Schu, of St. Edward High School, Lakewood, O., spoke to parents and students from Central Catholic High in Fort Wayne a few weeks ago.

A noteworthy feature of this event is that Brothers of Holy Cross used to run CC in Fort Wayne, and this is one of the first contacts made with the school since the Brothers left back in the Thirties.

The Fort Wayne group met at a parish auditorium, where Brother Florentius spoke on problems and duties of teen-agers, and Brother Charles moderated a panel discussion by parents and students about steady dating, curfew,

and related matters concerning young people.

"One question the teen-agers asked," Brother Florentius said, "was why parents disapprove of particular dating partners for their sons or daughters."

Both the visitors agreed a friendly relationship has been established between the two schools concerned and that the discussion sessions were most beneficial.

A letter to the Brothers from a parent who attended said in part: "Your talks were widely discussed by the parishioners, and it was generally agreed that the afternoon of conferences and discussions was a wonderful experience for all."

PROVINCE NEWS

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Brothers James and Alfred are now teaching at Holy Cross High, River Grove; Brother David, at Sacred Heart Military Academy, Watertown, Wis.

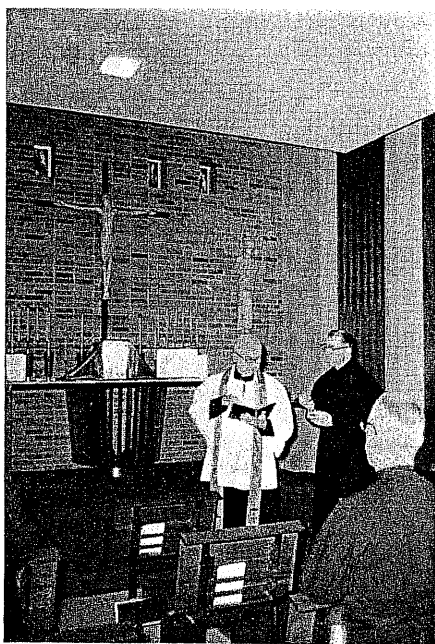
Brother Peter Michelin has a fellowship grant for study and teaching at the University of Michigan, in Ypsilanti.

Brother Martin Abell is teaching at St. Patrick High, Monrovia, Liberia.

● Rev. Howard J. Kenna, C.S.C., Provincial of the Indiana Province, blessed the chapel in the new provincial headquarters of the Brothers' Midwest Province on February 17, and also celebrated the first Mass to be said in the chapel.

Accompanying Father Kenna was his assistant provincial, Rev. William T. Craddock, C.S.C.

The Stations of the Cross were canonically erected after the Mass.



Attending this first Mass said in the new chapel was the Provincial of the Midwest Province, Brother Donatus Schmitz, and members of the provincial council, along with Brother Rudolph Talaga.

FRESHMAN IN NURSING SCHOOL

REACHES EQUIVALENT OF "CAPPING" STAGE

Brother Frederick Raehsler, the only province member studying nursing, completed his first six months of training at Alexian Brothers Hospital in Chicago in February.

He and forty-eight others in the all-male school were not "capped" —

as girl student nurses would be at this stage, but instead received a single blue diamond pin or patch of their respective schools.

The freshman group includes seven Brothers of various religious communities.

Brother Frederick, the Holy Cross representative, can now wear the pin indicating the probationary period of his nurse's training is over.

Brother Florentius Takes Sampling Of High School Boys' Opinions On Teen-age Trends

Views on modern teen-age trends were expressed in a survey made in his senior religion classes recently by Brother Florentius Schu, vice-principal at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio.

He divided his survey into four parts: predominant thoughts on teen-age-parent relationships, teen-agers and dating, teen-agers and drinking, and teen-agers' thoughts on what they would do about these problems as future parents.

Beginning with teen-age-parent relationships, Brother asked: "In what ways are parents old-fashioned in their views — specifically, what don't they understand about you moderns?"

Students' answers indicated that either their parents were old-fashioned in their ideas about dating, or that parents these days don't realize that times have changed. Others said parents don't realize a student's need for a car, don't realize the pressures on a student, or don't understand the student's emotions.

Brother asked also if students thought parents could improve relationships with the younger generation, and how.

The largest percentage of answers stated it could be done if parents would try to understand the modern teen-ager's ways. Other answers stated that parents should spend more time with their children, trust teen-agers more, help them with their problems and when they need help. A few thought that parent-teen-age relations could not be improved.

When asked what they admired

about their parents, most of the senior boys stated they admired their parents' concern over the welfare of their children. Other reasons were: parents' mutual understanding, their understanding of the children, their attempts to do the right thing, their knowing what to do in a situation.

Brother Florentius also asked in what ways students received too much freedom or too little.

About the same number of seniors said they did not receive too much freedom as said they received too little.

In contrast, a larger percentage thought they had too early a curfew than those who did not.

Opinion divided equally, too, among those who thought they had too much freedom in using the family car on dates and those who took the opposite view.

A large percentage of the students felt they did not receive too little freedom.

Another question was: "Are parents too mistrustful of teen-agers on dates or at parties? Doesn't a certain amount of fear show concern?"

Some of the many answers to this question were that parents should not be mistrustful of teen-agers because teen-agers do not want to acquire a bad reputation. There were also students who thought that if parents are not concerned, the teen-agers will think the parents don't care.

A large percentage also either did not answer or said parents showed no concern.

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