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The agenda for the next meeting of Superiors on November 11, 1967 will be mailed about a week or ten days before the meeting.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary McCarthy, mother of Brother Gerontius McCarthy; and Theodore Hurstel, brother-in-law of Brother Damian Daele.

The Catholic Boys High School Principals Association of Chicago spent a Study Weekend at Holy Cross Junior College on October 12, 13, and 14. Topics discussed included Theology in the High School and our philosophy of education. Brother Kieran Ryan, Director of Financial Aid at the University of Notre Dame, addressed the group on "Untapped Financial Resources for College Bound Students." "Current Trends in Theology" was the title of a paper given by Brother James Moroney. Brother Just Paczesny is President of the Association.

Every three years, in the fall following the provincial chapter, copies of the Residence Directory will be sent to all provinces of the Congregation. According to instructions received from the Superior General, these copies--and he specifies the number--are to be sent directly to the Provincials who in turn will distribute them as needed. In non-chapter years there is a similar distribution but the number of copies to be mailed is limited. This method of distributing Residence Directories replaces the General Directory formerly distributed every six years from the Generalate.

Brother Barry Lambour, Assistant to the Superintendent, Board of Catholic Education, Diocese of Cleveland, recently wrote to the Provincial: "The 1967 summer Curriculum Workshop developed a number of kinds of teaching materials which we hope will be of interest and use to our teachers. We are grateful to you for the help given to the project by Holy Cross Religious." In addition to Brother Barry, Brothers Robert Mosher, Robert Kelly, and Roy Nash participated in the Curriculum Workshop. GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT INSIGHT, MATHEMATICS IV, and GUIDELINES FOR A GUIDANCE PROGRAM are titles of some of the materials developed by the workshop.

In the fall of 1966 the schools of the Midwest Province opened with an enrollment of 9,457 students as reported by these schools. The similar figure for the fall of 1967 is a total enrollment of 9,432 students.

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"In what manner and where will the obligation we have assumed to pray for our benefactors continue once the novitiate is discontinued in January?" Local Moderators and the Director of the Associates of St. Joseph held a one day meeting at Basil Hall on Saturday, September 30, 1967 at which an attempt was made to answer this question. Other business discussed was: 1) how to arouse enthusiasm for the Associates; 2) whether or not to have area conventions; 3) other business having to do with membership, local moderators, and enrollment cards.

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"Alternatives in Catholic Education" is the official name of the dialogue phase of the study of Catholic education conducted simultaneously in the Archdioceses of Louisville and Indianapolis and the diocese of Evansville. Schools operated by Brothers of Holy Cross are involved in the study. These studies are of interest because of recommendation #1 of the provincial chapter Committee on the Educational Apostolate.

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The following are provincial chapter answers to questions 7 and 8 of the Superior General:

Question #7 -- Is this proposal (Study 4 Chastity) satisfactory? How can it be improved or completed?

- a) the term "consecrated celibacy" reflects our commitment better than the word chastity.
- b) a handbook suitable for each locale should be developed as a supplement to the new Constitutions. This would be especially valuable in our houses of formation.
- c) the new Constitutions should be on Biblical foundations.

Question #8 -- What legislation should the general chapter make regarding patrimony?

- I - A religious may not renounce his patrimony until one year after his final vows.
 - a) This renunciation, if made, should be done legally.
 - b) Should a religious consider the community in the renunciation of his patrimony, the permission should be obtained from the Superior General.
 - c) We do not feel that the renunciation of patrimony should be made obligatory.
- II - We would not recommend that the religious should be the administrator of his patrimony.
- III - We agree that the administrative details of the Vow of Poverty should be put into a handbook, and not treated with the Vow.