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The promulgation of the new Constitutions and Statutes is expected about September 15--no later than October 1. Until that time, we may use the unofficial documents of the Chapter.

The new Constitutions and Statutes place much greater responsibility on the Provincial Chapters. Until the next Provincial Chapter this responsibility rests with the Provincial Administration by decree of the General Chapter. Our Provincial Administration has determined to exercise this responsibility in concert with the Superiors acting as a collegial body. The first meeting with superiors will be September 13 and 14. An agenda will be forthcoming.

The appointment of the Provincial is for two years, or until the next Provincial Chapter when a provincial can be elected in accord with the new Constitutions and Statutes. Members of the Provincial Council, too, have a two-year appointment.

A plan is now in the making on the part of the Provincial Administration to provide for a systematic and thorough examination of each new Constitution and all the Statutes. Beyond understanding the full implication of the new documents, the purpose of the study is to bring about a critical analysis resulting in suggested adjustments in the Constitutions and Statutes. Suggestions will be submitted to respective committees of the 1970 Provincial Chapter. The Chapter's final action will be sent to the Superior General as suggested revisions to be presented at the subsequent General Chapter.

It may be of interest to the members of the province to know that each General Chapter capitulant was given for study a copy of all individual, group, and provincial chapters suggestions forwarded to the General Administration during the past two years. Provided, too, was a documented study on the origins of the religious life and the place of Holy Cross in this development. All of this material had been analyzed and coordinated by the preparatory committee and the General Council and used as a basis of the excellent, initial text of Constitutions and Statutes studied and amended by the Chapter.

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Available, also, to the capitulants was an historical study on the Union of the Two Societies, and a lengthy study on the coadjutor Brother of our Congregation. All these documents prepared for the General Chapter are now available at the Provincial residence and can be used by province members.

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Along with the Constitutions, Statutes and Decrees the General Chapter issued a presentation letter to the congregation. This declaration speaks of the nature of the new legislation, the major issues highlighting the chapter discussions as well as the challenges and hopes facing the Church and the congregation today. The spirit of this document exemplifies well the spirit of openness and concern which prevailed throughout all the proceedings of the chapter.

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The contents of the new Constitutions are as follows: Constitution I - Our Vocation in the Church; II - Apostolic Life; III - Community Life; IV - Life of Prayer; V - The Vows; VI - Government; VII - Formation; VIII - The Cross and New Life in Christ.

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In an earlier announcement it was stated that Brother Donald Bailer is a Councilor in the new Provincial Administration. This is in error. Brother Donald is Provincial Steward.

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The Provincial has appointed Brother Francis Englert as Headmaster of Gilmour Academy. The religious at both Gilmour Academy and St. Edward High School are presently being consulted regarding the appointment of local superiors of these two houses. Brother Romanus has been assigned to Holy Cross Junior College to assist Brother Reginald in the college library. He will live at Andre Hall. Brother Alfred Metzger was assigned to Holy Trinity High School.

The following Brothers received degrees from the University of Notre Dame on August 2, 1968: degree of Master of Arts, Brothers Peter Baltrinic, Thomas Friel, Michael Hauser, Donan Johnroe. Degree of Bachelor of Arts: Brother Brian Greve. Degree of Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies: Brother George Kollar. Degrees received from other universities will be listed as the information becomes available to us.

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The following scholastics made the Dean's List recently published by the University of Notre Dame: Brothers Gregory Chinchar, Richard Dieter, Brian Greve, Eugene Hausmann, Bruce Lescher, Joseph Santo, David Weinberg.



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