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Word was received that a press committee will issue bulletins regarding the General Chapter now in session. The forthcoming bulletins will not be duplicated in these News Notes.

The office of the Secretariat for the Apostolate of Education, under the direction of Brother Just Paczesny, has been functioning in the Provincial House since June 11th. The first phase of the evaluation project--selecting a chairman for each of the local evaluation committees by each principal--is nearly completed. Remaining phases are: (2) selection of faculty evaluation steering committee and sub-committees; (3) study of each segment of the Program of Studies, pupil personnel services, policies, etc.; (4) compilation of sub-committee reports and general staff discussions; (5) preparation for Visiting Committee; (6) visitation of the Visiting Committee; (7) report of the Visiting Committee; (8) follow-up of the self-study and Visiting Committee's work; (9) alterations or changes in the program if/as needed.

Concerning the evaluation, Brother Just noted: "Most self-studies have resulted in recommendations for adjustment or change in several aspects of the school program. One sign of the effectiveness of the evaluation is the quality of the recommendations made in the self-study. Effective schools with quality programs are those which are able to make alterations as the changing needs of students and new advances in education imply. It sometimes is more difficult to justify continuation rather than a change of practice.

The written reports are not important ends themselves. They are only means to good communication and an enduring record of what was said and done. The most important part of the self-study is the reading, thinking, and discussing that the faculty does individually and collectively, and the information and data they assemble describing their program as a basis for improvement.

Few experiences can be as personally and professionally rewarding to teachers and to the school program as the self-evaluation. Adequate time must be devoted to it so that a meaningful job can be done.

Guest lecturers on occasion during the summer course in Community history being taught by Brother Thomas Corcoran at Holy Cross Junior College are: Rev. Lloyd A. Beauchamp CSC, and a Holy Cross seminarian, both from Canada, to discuss CSC history and affairs in that country; Brother Finbarr Buckley, to speak on highlights of his fifty-two years in the Community; Brother Kilian Beirne, author of From Sea to Shining Sea, a history of CSC Brothers in the U.S.; Sister Maria Concepta McDermott CSC,

historian and archivist at St. Mary's College and author of Making of a Sister-Teacher; Brother Ivan Dolan, veteran of the Pakistan missions; and Rev. Thomas McNally CSC, to speak on Priest-Brother relationships, the chaplain's role, etc.

Brother Underwood, an alumni of Sacred Heart Military Academy and of Gilmour Academy, is continuing his long association with the Brothers in his present post as teacher of the Advanced Writing course in the Holy Cross Junior College summer program. Mr. Underwood is a graduate of St. John's, Collegeville, and is now studying for his Ph.D. in English at the University of Notre Dame.

Brother Reginald Justak, Provincial Secretary, attended the general assembly of the conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) at Mundelein, Illinois, during the week of June 24th. He represented the Provincial, Brother Donatus Schmitz.

The State Board of Health, Indiana, has approved the application for a health facilities license for Dujarie House, the Brothers' infirmary, for the year beginning July 1, 1968. Confirmation of the licensure awaits the next meeting of the Indiana Health Facilities Council, at which time the license will be issued.

Brother Charles Van Winkle, of St. Edward High School, Cleveland, has been elected president of the executive board of the Cleveland Diocesan Association of Religion Teachers for 1968-1969. He served as vice-president of the group last year.

Sixty-nine years ago, on June 29, 1899, Brother Linus Voigt entered Holy Cross as a postulant. He has been retired only the past few years after a long span of years working at the Ave Maria Press. Brother Linus, who will be eighty-five years old on November 11th, has seldom been ill and is in good health still. He can regale hearers with many a story of past experiences, all of them salted with good humor and peppered with wit.

Brother William Doherty reports that his surgery for correction of a detached retina was very successful. He wants to thank all those who prayed for this intention.

Consignor Herman D'Souza, national director of the Propagation of the Faith for India, resided at the Provincial House during his visit at Notre Dame in mid-June.

"The Rush of Feathers," a poem by Brother Rene Guertin, appeared in the May, 1968, issue of Shantih, literary magazine of De Paul University.

