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After consultation with the local community, the provincial has appointed Brother John Dunham superior at St. Charles Boys Home.

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Priest and brother provincials of the U.S. met at Notre Dame January 28-29 to discuss mutual interests. Father General was present at a few sessions. The three brother provincials spent several hours together exchanging ideas about religious life and province policies. The meetings were mutually beneficial and will indirectly serve to bring all of us closer together. Some agreed-upon points were: (1) To reaffirm and even encourage exchange of personnel among the provinces. This would be on a one-to-one basis. Exchange is encouraged particularly in the areas of social work and child care and elementary education. (2) To continue the interprovince renewal program. After August, 1971, it would be located either in the Eastern or the Southwest province. (3) To fully support the wishes of any retired Brother who might wish to live in any of the Brothers' houses in the United States.

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Our school principals met at the Center on January 30. Fulfilling a provincial chapter directive, they decided on a definite form to be used by the local school faculties in evaluating the principal of the school. Also discussed were personnel needs and available brothers for the fall term. The principals stressed the need for proper certification for brothers in the states in which they teach, and the need for those not yet certified to fulfill the requirements. The importance of practice teaching during the years of undergraduate study was also stressed.

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Chapter committee and subcommittee chairmen met at the Center on February 6 to set goals and objectives for a meeting of the standing committees in June. After introductory remarks by the provincial, the chairmen discussed current needs and concerns at length. Another meeting will be held March 20, when tentative agendas from the various committees will be presented. These will be developed by the members of the committees and subcommittees, as well as by the province members generally, who may offer suggestions to the committees.

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After much lively debate and discussion, South Bend's proposed annexation of Notre Dame, the Junior College, and St. Mary's College was defeated in the city council vote. The case cannot come up again for reconsideration for at least two years and possibly four.

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Brother Chester Rachel arrived home from Cape Coast, Ghana, to be with his mother a few days before her death on February 9.

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A Conference on Educational Accountability, sponsored by Educational Testing Service, will be held March 22 in Washington, D.C. It is intended for school administrators and others who help shape educational policy. The following aspects of accountability will be discussed: The means and ends of accountability. Issues in implementation. Possible effects on instructional programs. Public expectations. The role of evaluation. The future of accountability. The \$25 conference fee includes lunch, reception, and conference proceedings.

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Thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of Brother Bernard Berendsen, superior at Holy Cross High School, Flushing, a special observance is being held there today marking the fortieth anniversary of Brother Kenneth Hopkinson in the Brothers of Holy Cross.

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Terry Snyder has been accepted as a candidate and is attending the Junior College. At present we have eight candidates.

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Brother Albert Rimlinger returned to Columba Hall this past week after a year of exclaustation.

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Scholastic Michael Walsh did not renew his vows this past January and has since returned home.

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Word was received that Brother Robert O'Brien, of the Eastern province and living at Holy Cross House, is seriously ill.

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A province member particularly recommends reading the bestseller Future Shock, by Alvin Tossler. He said it is a "must" book for anyone concerned with renewal and change.

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