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After seventeen years in Bangladesh and one at St. Francis High School in Mountain View, Br. John Harris will go to central Asia this summer to be vice-principal and teach at St. Xavier High School in Kathmandu, Nepal. The school was begun about twenty years ago by the Jesuits. Holy Cross missionaries from Bangladesh and India occasionally visit the Jesuit community there. \*\*\*\* Br. John and some St. Francis highschoolers spent Friday afternoons visiting poor Mexican migrant families in nearby San Jose to help with games, sports, and household crafts.

FROM MONROVIA: Brothers Edward Foken, Jerome Aschenbrenner, and William Healy attended Bishop Nyema Dalieh's episcopal consecration on March 17 at St. Teresa Cathedral in Cape Palmas. \*\*\*\* Br. Edward was recently elected vice-president of the Liberian Principals Association. \*\*\*\* Enrollment at St. Patrick's High is about 290 this year, down from 340 last year. \*\*\*\* A very successful day of recollection was held at St. Pat's for the Brothers there and the Bernardine Sisters in Monrovia. Many points concerning religious community life were discussed.

GILMOUR: As of March 26 the Ohio State Board of Education has granted to Gilmour Academy a new charter for a six-year high school. The 7th and 8th grades of the Middle School are officially accredited by the state as an integral part of the total educational program at Gilmour.

Br. Gerald Detamore now resides at Gibault School in Terre Haute and works at Meadows Manor Convalescent and Retirement Center in Terre Haute.

RECENT WORKSHOPS: At Holy Cross High School, River Grove, on March 9 and 10; the topic was prayer and the emotional life. It was conducted by Dr. John Meany and Fr. Loftus for the CSC brothers in the Chicago area. \*\*\*\* At Borromeo Seminary, on March 29 and 30, for brothers in the Ohio area; the topic: prayer and personal growth. Fr. Thomas Gedeon, S.J., conducted the workshop.

GIBALT HOME FOR BOYS: April 1 marked the opening of a month-long Sustaining Membership Drive to match the recent challenge gift of \$200,000 offered by Lilly Endowment, Inc. Administrator of Gibault, Br. Thomas Shaughnessy announced that "the total of \$400,000 to be realized by matching the Lilly challenge will go toward improvement of the institution's group living, education and food service areas. The greatest importance of this gift will be to more adequately provide treatment for the delinquent boy of today."

FROM LOUISVILLE: At an April meeting the Greater Louisville Council of Teachers of English elected Br. James May their president for the next two years. \*\*\*\* The brothers at Bishop David High plan to spend a weekend in June to work on the "covenant" idea for the coming year. \*\*\*\* Louisville suffered severe damage from a tornado in April. In Jefferson County alone 914 homes became uninhabitable. Several of the city's most beautiful parks were three-quarters destroyed.

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FROM LAKEWOOD: The star of St. Edward High School's championship football team this past season, Steve Schmitz, was named to the Prep All-America Football Squad. This is made up of the hundred top senior players in the nation, selected by coaches, athletic directors, college scouts and sports writers. It's the first time an Eds athlete has won this distinction.

Br. James Linscott's new address: Apartado Postal 44  
San Juan Teotihuacan  
Edo. de Mexico, Mexico

FROM THE PROVINCE CENTER: "Becoming a Religious Brothers," an article by Br. Regis Regensberger, has been accepted for publication in Our Sunday Visitor. \*\*\*\* The Center was host to 19 Maryknoll priests in mid-April for a three-day meeting on vocation recruitment. \*\*\*\* Fr. Bob Nogosek CSC, who works with the Better World Retreat Movement, gave a three-day retreat during Holy Week, attended by brothers from the Center, from Holy Trinity in Chicago, and from Le Mans Academy in Rolling Prairie. \*\*\*\* Brother Just Paczesny and 25 ND students from Alumni Hall, where he is rector, were dinner guests at the Center on April 20.

HOLY CROSS JUNIOR COLLEGE: Prospects for Lilly Endowment funding for the Northern Indiana Consortium for Education, to which the Junior College belongs, appear to be favorable. The funds would allow the consortium to hire a full-time executive director and staff to foster intercollegiate cooperative programs. \*\*\*\* Since its opening in 1966 the Junior College has had some 1300 students. Over fifty percent have transferred to more than 90 senior colleges and universities.

From a brother temporarily working far removed from any other Holy Cross religious: "I never realized what a terrible thing loneliness is, since it's something I just never experienced before, at least not to this degree. . . . Maybe it's the Lord's way of forcefully letting me know how much the love, understanding, compassion, help, friendship and prayers of my brothers--which I have so often taken for granted--have sustained me through the years."

This summer Brother Jerome Kroetsch will begin working with RENEW, INC., a project begun at Christ the King Parish by Fr. Ken Maley CSC. It is a volunteer group that buys and renovates old houses and sells them at low cost to needy families.

On April 20 the school and local community at River Grove honored Brothers Joseph Dudek, Roy Nash, and Harold Rупlinger on the occasion of their silver jubilee of profession.

FROM COLUMBA HALL: Br. Richard Weber is installing a fire alarm system in the building. He is a skilled jack-of-all-trades. Since he was "low bidder" on the project, his doing the installation throughout this four-story hall will save the province several thousand dollars. \*\*\*\* Br. Lewis B. Leimeister has resumed on a smaller scale the truck farm work he loves so much. He is now busy every day in a vegetable garden he started at Corvilla, the house for retarded children and a few adults near the ND campus. Br. Flavius Ellison is director of Corvilla. \*\*\*\* Br. Bernard Donahoe, superior at Columba Hall and acting head of the history department at St. Mary's College, delivered a paper at a convention of history professors in Denver during Easter week.

Priests, brothers and sisters of Holy Cross in the South Bend area will celebrate at Moreau Seminary on May 5 a vocations Mass followed by a picnic supper. Br. Charles Krupp will give the homily.

Brother John Dunham has been named the new principal at Holy Trinity High, Chicago.

## FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

In a talk at St. Mary's College on April 17, Msgr. Gremillion, Executive Secretary of the Pontifical Justice and Peace Commission, spoke of the role of religious in the Church's efforts to secure justice and peace in the world. Three key roles he stressed for all religious are:

Listening Role: This, basically, calls for informing oneself of the injustice in society. It requires a conscious, critical effort to discover where these exist on the local, state, national and world scenes, as well as a deliberate effort to develop an internal conviction of the fact that injustice does exist and that each of us has a moral obligation to rectify these evils.

Reflecting Role: It is not sufficient to merely know about injustice in society and the world. What is necessary is that we reflect on these injustices in the light of the Gospel message in order to evaluate our own values and attitudes and to internalize a conviction which can result in action on our part.

Prophetic Role: For too long the Church has forgotten that its role is to challenge the accepted values of society. Christians, consequently, have been able to feel quite comfortable in accepting and practicing values and life styles which are not Christian, not in accord with Gospel values. In our schools, we have devoted our main efforts to inculcating values of the society and assimilating our students into society. Religious have a particular responsibility to assume a prophetic role in the Church: to challenge the values and attitudes of society, to challenge the leaders in the Church and in their communities to force them to look at the manner in which they are fulfilling their role as prophetic leaders in the Church and in society.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Gradually the newspapers and other media are beginning to unfold the plans for the 200th anniversary celebration of the founding of our country. The government plan is to play up the greatness of the United States as it is. The planners are approaching it from a triumphalistic point of view. Industry sees it as the opportunity for profits.

The United States Bishops met recently to plan for this event. They decided that the emphasis they will give to the Catholic Church's participation will be directed to the question of JUSTICE in our society. Local, regional and national meetings are being planned to focus in on the question of justice. We should be aware of the focus of the Church's celebration, be alert to announcements concerning it, and participate actively in the planning and carrying out of the celebration. Further announcements will be coming shortly concerning the celebration. Be alert for these.

SUMMER WORKSHOP: Principals received brochures recently dealing with a workshop at Edgewood College this summer. The workshop is entitled STRATEGIES FOR LIBERATION. It has a twofold thrust: 1) Personal: understanding what liberation means; what systems are, how they operate, and the injustices built into them preventing change; and the analysis of schools as a system, with consideration of some models which have been developed to bring about change in them; 2) Strategies for change: Change does not result from wishing it; it must be planned for. Individuals will be assisted in understanding what strategizing involves and spend time actually planning for bringing about desired change and objectives in the schools and systems