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Br. Paulus McGory died on December 28 in Providence Hospital, Sandusky, Ohio, after becoming ill while visiting his family during the holidays. Since 1936 he taught and held administrative positions in Holy Cross schools in Taunton, Fort Wayne, Chicago, Albany, Indianapolis, Lakewood, and for ten years was principal at Boysville. His active years were cut short by a serious illness in 1963. In a eulogy at the wake service on December 30, Br. Charles Krupp spoke movingly of the great effectiveness of Br. Paulus working with students over the years and his genuine courage in bearing the illness of his later years. We will all miss the gentle demeanor of Br. Paulus.

**BROTHERS CENTER  
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA** On December 20, 150 students from Pangborn Hall, Notre Dame, of which Br. William Francis Drury is assistant rector, attended a Christmas dinner at the Center. \*\* On December 16 Br. Just Paczesny, Vice President of Student Affairs at Notre Dame, used the Center facilities to host a Christmas party for ND rectors and assistants. Seventy-five attended. \*\* On January 2 the local chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph held a Christmas party at the Center; Br. Richard Keller moderates the group. \*\* Through the generosity of the local chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph, the Center has new furniture in the community rooms on the 1st and 2nd floors of Basil Hall. \*\* On December 21 the Basil Hall community had a Christmas dinner, with "Sama" Claus (Br. Simon Murren) distributing gifts with appropriate repartee for each person. \*\* In the first week of January the St. Edward's University (Austin, Texas) basketball team stayed at the Center; they had games in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL H.S.  
MONROE, MICHIGAN** Testing for incoming freshman was held December 11. \*\* The Monroe brothers invited the local clergy in the Monroe vicariate to dinner on Thanksgiving, on December 8, and on Christmas Day. \*\* The Ladies Auxiliary, moderated by Br. Ronald LaLonde, donated new dishes (service for 36) and flatware for the brothers' refectory. \*\* Directing the combined choruses of Catholic Central and St. Mary's Academy in a Christmas concert on December 5 was Br. Philip Smith; he also directed the Monroe County Community Chorus in a Thanksgiving concert at the Presbyterian Church and in Christmas concerts on December 9 and 16. \*\* On December 12 the CC band, directed by Br. James Rottenbacher, presented the annual Christmas concert. \*\* On December 13 Br. Philip Smith performed with oboe and cor anglais with the Monroe Community College concert band. \*\* Br. Philip Alessandro built four bench and leg press machines for use in his physical fitness program for students. \*\* Rev. William Simmons CSC conducted a retreat for the local community December 20 to 23. \*\* Br. Claude Hartman is now at Dujarie House infirmary, following gall bladder surgery in mid-December.

ST. EDWARD H.S. Canned food and clothing donated by students and teachers, plus  
LAKEWOOD, OHIO \$600 collected in homerooms, helped make Thanksgiving happier  
for a thousand Cleveland families. \*\* Nearly \$1,000 donated  
through homeroom collections, along with canned food, clothing and toys--all a  
Christmas-giving project at Eds, benefited the Little Sisters of the Poor and poor  
parishes in Cleveland. \*\* Br. Leo Geiger continues searching out projects to  
benefit Holy Cross foreign missions: his second annual garage sale (held in the  
school basement) netted \$175; additional money came from a pre-Christmas poinsettia  
sale at the school. \*\* Vocation director Br. Thomas Maddix visited the Eds  
community to discuss the formation and vocation programs. \*\* Brs. Robert Berth-  
iaume, Roger Berg, and Jerome Meyer serve as Eucharist ministers at St. Luke's  
Parish. \*\* Leading carolling brothers and students on Christmas Eve at local  
hospitals was Br. Lewis Brazil. \*\* Br. Jerome Meyer chaired a meeting of some  
thirty brothers--over half Holy Cross men--to discuss the feasibility of forming a  
Brothers' Senate. Bishop James Hickey would like such a group to facilitate greater  
communication between him and the eleven communities of brothers in the diocese.  
Further organizational meetings are expected to follow. \*\* Br. Joseph Chvala  
chaired a session at the national convention held recently in Chicago of the  
National Council of Teachers of English.

BISHOP DAVID H.S. The annual raffle completed in late November raised \$24,000  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY for the school. \*\* The brothers' community, in addition  
to a weekend retreat at Otter Creek, is involved in the  
Genesis II program of religious renewal. \*\* Over 300 students from Catholic school  
meet weekly at Bishop David for the Junior Achievement program. \*\* SEARCH retreats  
involving BDHS boys, and girls from a nearby school, are conducted by Fr. James  
Hackett, school chaplain, at a retreat house in Indiana. \*\* On Thanksgiving the  
community was host to former Holy Cross men residing in the Louisville area: Ken  
Chappuis, Frank Heitzman, Ed Mack, John Barrett, David Averill. \*\* Br. Joseph  
Ballard attended a recent meeting at West Point, N.Y., of high school counselors,  
and a two-day session of the Kentucky Personnel and Guidance Association in Louisvil

BOYSVILLE Br. Donald Kuchenmeister spent a week in November at the  
CLINTON, MICHIGAN Glaser Institute of Reality Therapy in Los Angeles to study  
possible modifications in Boysville's program. \*\* Br. Donald  
McIntyre sent requests to area parishes for church goods no longer in use; over  
forty parishes responded with items for the missions. Br. Albin Kuzminski has  
been gathering these on weekends and forwarding them to the province mission pro-  
moter, Br. Gonzaga Day. \*\* Br. Francis Boylan, director, and Br. Donald McIntyre  
are making presentations to individuals and groups regarding the five-year fund  
raising campaign at Boysville.

HOLY CROSS NOVITIATE Fr. Nicholas Ayo CSC requests donations of books for  
BENNINGTON, VERMONT the western novitiate opening this year. He specifies  
that books in the areas of scripture, spirituality,  
psychology, and theology would be welcome. He further notes that to avoid duplica-  
tion and unnecessary expense, a list of titles and authors be sent to him at  
Bennington before any books are sent. \*\* In January the novices spend two weeks  
in one of the houses of the congregation. Br. Dennis Bednarz will be at Notre  
Dame High School, Niles, Illinois, and Br. Donald Gibbs at Most Holy Trinity Parish,  
Saco, Maine.

Br. Douglas Roach has been appointed to the board of advisors of the  
Fatima Pastoral Counseling Center, a service of Fatima Retreat House,  
Notre Dame. The Center provides individual and marriage counseling.

PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION  
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA

Br. Charles Krupp attended the meeting of the Council of the Congregation at St. Joseph, New Brunswick, Canada, the week of December 5. Some topics considered were the charism of Father Moreau and its implications for our day; and cooperation between the three societies and the various provinces. To facilitate closer cooperation between the three societies, the provincials of the U.S. provinces approved the following statement:

"At the meeting of the council of the congregation held in December, 1976, the provincials of the United States expressed their deep concern for two very important aspects of the life and apostolates of the congregation: (1) involvement in the service of the poor and underprivileged and (2) collaboration among the three societies of Holy Cross. The provincials agreed on the vital importance of fostering and encouraging apostolic initiatives which would integrate the members of the three societies into cooperative apostolic works of genuine service to the poor, particularly in urban settings.

"Two types of works are presently envisaged. A school could be sought in a suitable inner city setting where a small group of Holy Cross religious could work together. A parish team would also be formed and present itself for service in an appropriate urban area. Members of the two teams would join with the provincials in planning and implementing their projects.

"The provincials therefore invite members of the congregation interested in such team ministries to the urban poor to express their interest to their respective provincials."

Any member of the province interested in such a project should inform Br. Douglas Beach.

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LAMAR AVENUE SCHOLASTICATE  
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

In November Brs. Bruce Lescher, Thomas Maddix, Roman Smith and Chris Dreyer attended a workshop at St. Mary's College on Social Justice and Spirituality. \*\*  
Brs. Thomas Kavanagh, Bruce Lescher and Tom Maddix took part in a workshop on Stages of Contemplation, at Adrian, Michigan, in December. \*\* At Woodlands Academy, Chicago, Brs. Tom Maddix, Tom Kavanagh, and Chris Dreyer gave a retreat for seniors on the integration of prayer and humanization. \*\* Presentations on the religious life were made by Brs. Tom Maddix and Chris Dreyer to seniors from Mount Carmel High School, Chicago, at Fatima Retreat House in South Bend, and to sophomores and seniors at Cathedral High School, Indianapolis. \*\* Br. Donatus Schmitz attended a house meeting on December 7 and spoke about the foundations of Holy Cross, also in our community in the future. \*\* Br. Thomas Kavanagh continues to work in the mail bond project at the Justice and Peace Center. \*\* At Holy Cross Parish, Br. Chris Dreyer works as a counselor for the Boy Scouts.

The basketball team of Holy Cross High School, River Grove, won the York Christmas Tournament which had 16 teams from Chicago's northwest suburbs participating.

Br. Jerome Schwabe, studying at Berkeley, California, along with Br. Robert Fillmore, reports: "Both of us are studying at the Jesuit School of Theology and live with five priests and two seminarians of the Indiana Province. The two residences we occupy are within walking distance of our classes. In September when our community was formed we had a weekend meeting at Lake Tahoe to discuss our objectives, plan our schedules, and work out the details of our community living. On weekdays we have common morning and evening prayer and afternoon liturgy in the small chapel. On weekends we have participated in the liturgies of other communities in the area: the Servites, Paulists, Jesuits, Franciscans, and the Holy Cross communities at Hayward and Mountain View.

"Associating with members of other Holy Cross provinces has made us much more aware of the diverse activities of our priests and brothers, in addition to acquainting us with community members who are specializing in various fields of theology. We have observed the work of the twenty Holy Cross priests in the area and have been enriched by our experiences in the religious education programs in the Bay area high schools. All this coupled with our local community life involving house meetings, shared household duties, cooking, and cleaning, provide us with a unique Holy Cross experience."

FROM THE DACCA DISTRICT  
NEWS NOTES

A three-day forum for all men in the district was held at St. Joseph High School, Dacca, from December 1 to 3. Major presentations were by Br. Gerald Kraeger on the topic, "Community: Radical Support for Dying and Rising," and by Br. John Rozario on "Inculturation." \*\* A ground-breaking took place December 4 for the new building at Holy Cross High School, Bandura, with Archbishop Ganguly and Br. Gerald Kraeger present. \*\* In his Christmas letter, Br. Donald Becker writes from St. Joseph School of Industrial Trades, Dacca:

"It has been a very busy three years for us in Bangladesh. The Holland government has had enough confidence in the future of our work to sponsor the building program that replaced all our shop buildings and built us living quarters at the school. The German government has also given a very generous grant for new machinery and equipment. So after three years of construction work during which the training program progressed without interruption, we are looking forward to a less hectic future of giving good training to these deserving Bengali boys so that they can raise their standard of living. For the first time in the 22-year history of our school, we have spacious quarters in which to work and train the students, without being soaked with rain or baked by the sun."

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The Commission on the Apostolate will hold its first meeting January 29 at James Hall. Br. Charles Krupp will represent the provincial team on the commission and also serve as executive secretary.

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Br. Leo Kowalski returned to Le Mans after spending the fall semester at Sangre de Cristo Center in Sante Fe. Brs. Philip Armstrong and Dennis Van Gemert will begin the 100-day program in religious renewal there in February.

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Br. Richard Fischenich joined the staff of Corvillia, South Bend, on January 3. He resides with the St. Joseph's High School community.

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Br. Pedro Haering reports from Indianapolis that Cathedral High School was runner-up for the state football championship, losing the final game to Merrillville 28-24. He also noted that John Henninger, a community member from 1961 to 1966, died of

lung cancer at age 34 on December 5. At the time of his death John was principal of Little Flower Catholic Grade School, Indianapolis. A few days before Christmas Vincent Masterson, a former member of the community, died of cancer in Indianapolis.

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Brothers in the Notre Dame area are invited to the Friday evening session of the annual meeting of the Indiana Province at Moreau Seminary on January 14. Father Thomas Barrosse and members of the General Administration will be the principal speakers.

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Br. Francis Hattoh and Norbert Ackon did not renew their vows when these expired in December in Ghana.

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New address: Br. Rene Guertin, 111 Tanglewood Drive, Dracut, Mass. 01826

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Br. Ives Kilroy from Le Mans entered St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend, a few days before Christmas. On January 2, Br. Joseph Walter Olszowka of the faculty of Holy Cross Junior College was hospitalized for observation.

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#### NEWS NOTES EXTRA

#### Workshops:

- 1) Stages of Adult Growth; Msgr. John Gorman; January 14-16; fee \$40.
- 2) Educational Ministry Seminar; January 21-23; fee \$40.  
Write to: Weber Center, 1257 E. Siena Heights Blvd., Adrian Mich. 49221.

Leadership for Local Coordinators: A Workshop to Clarify the Role of the Leader of the Local Religious Community; January 7-9; fee \$110.

Write to: Holy Cross Center, 1055 St. Paul Place, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Individually Directed Retreats: 6 or 8 days; January 11-20; April 10-17 (Easter week). Write to: Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Road, Cleveland, OH 44134.

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#### Recommended Books:

PIRIT AND SACRAMENT: THE HUMANIZING EXPERIENCE, by Joseph Powers (Seabury Press).

Some readers who found Gregory Baum's MAN BECOMING helpful state that this work by Powers provides the next step in their thinking. The treatment finds its focus in the theme of Spirit, in which the meaning of God and Jesus finds resonance within human experience.

JLLY ALIVE: DECISIONS FOR AN INTEGRATED CHRISTIAN LIFE, by William Toohey CSC (Abbey Press). Fr. Toohey, involved in campus ministry at Notre Dame, addresses the young of all ages to assist them in making decisions rooted in the Gospel in our world of political, social, and economic challenges.

RAYER, by Abhishiktananda (Westminster Press).

This little classic by a French Benedictine, Henri Le Saux, is by a man who has completely identified himself with the people of India, even to the point of adopting an Indian name. Some excerpts:

"Jesus commanded his disciples to pray always. He himself was constantly in prayer, remembering the name of the Father at all times and spending the nights, according to St. Luke, 'in prayer to God' (Luke 6.12). To remain awake, to watch and pray, was his ceaseless counsel, so that the disciples might always be ready for his coming (Mark 13.33). After the Master, St. Paul gives the same teaching to the Churches: 'Pray at all times in the Spirit with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance' (Eph. 6.18).

Prayer is not a part-time occupation for any of Christ's disciples--nor indeed is it so for any truly religious man. There are not two classes of Christians, some whose life should be devoted to prayer--whom we might call 'full-time contemplatives'--and others whose life is to be engaged in various activities, in family or society, or even in studying and preaching the word of God, and who therefore can only be 'part-time' contemplatives.

Indeed there are no 'part-time contemplatives', any more than there are part-time Christians or part-time men. From the day when we begin to believe in Christ and to acknowledge him as our Lord, there is not a single moment of our time--waking, sleeping, walking, sitting, working, teaching, eating, playing,--which is not marked by the claim of God upon us and which has not to be lived in the name of Jesus, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of the Father.

To live in constant prayer, to lead a contemplative life, is nothing else than to live in the actual presence of God. Every man indeed, by the very fact that he exists, is already in the presence of God. This is especially true of the Christian man, who has been called to know the ultimate secrets of divine life, since by his baptism he has become a sharer in the divine sonship of Jesus, his Master. . . .

God is always present to us. There is no time and no place in our daily life or occupations in which God is not present to us; there are not even certain times or occupations in which God is more present to us or less present to us. God is always the same, the Almighty, the Infinite, the Eternal. He does not change, neither does he 'come' or 'go' from one place to another. Everywhere and always he is, he is himself in his fulness; there is no sense in which he can be more 'here' or less 'there', since he is indivisible. . . .

Creation is simply the communication of this Presence, this mysterious life of God in himself. Everything that exists, every being that lives and thinks, does so by sharing in his being, his divine life and self-awareness. It is from and through this very Presence of God to himself that all creatures exist, that living creatures are born and grow, that man is aware of himself, and finally becomes an individual being, endowed with a personal call and vocation for time and eternity.

Man, alone among creatures, has the privilege of being aware of this Presence and of being called to reciprocate it; that is, he is called to be present to God as God is present to him, in the way in which, within the Blessed Trinity, the Son of God is eternally present to the Father as the Father is present to him. Did not Jesus assure us that our relationship with him, and through him with the Father, is actually modeled on his own relationship with the Father, 'I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father' . . . .

The life of prayer, of contemplation, is simply to realize God's Presence to us. . . . Contemplation and prayer ought to be the very breath of every disciple of Christ."