

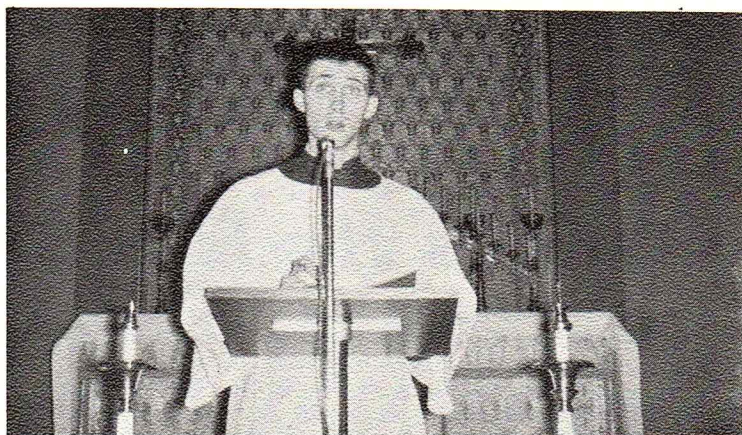
Bible Enriches Lenten Devotions

The chapel is hushed, and anxious faces peer toward the sanctuary, where before the altar a lectern, flanked by two brightly burning candles, draws the students' attention. The sacristy bell tinkles -- and St. Joe's first Lenten Bible service is under way.

Since that Friday four weeks ago, the Bible devotion has become a much-loved and appreciated phase of every seminarian's preparation for Easter. In replacing the usual Friday-afternoon Way

of the Cross, the service has acquired a profound aura of importance and solemnity and, in fact, has become quite a topic of conversation around the campus--Of contemplation too, undoubtedly. And all this is made perfectly understandable when we consider the Bible service itself.

The Lenten Scripture service has been under the direction of Fr. Rose, who selects the sixth class lectors and who also officiates at the ceremony and delivers the ho-



LECTOR, Thomas Cassleman, reads a passage from St. John's First Epistle at the Friday night Lenten Scripture Service.

mily.

The ceremony begins with a prayer to the Holy Spirit, which all recite together. The director then gives a short introduction to the passage about to be considered, and the student lector reads it aloud to the community. Together the students then meditate silently on God's message. After the community sings the antiphon and psalm, the second reading proceeds in a similar fashion. Then follow a short homily by the director, a closing prayer, a hymn, and benediction.

How interesting to note the role the students themselves play in the ceremony! Far from spectators, they recite all the prayers and sing the psalms together; and individual students read the selected passages. It is this sense of community participation that is contributing so much to making the Bible devotion a success. A factor, too, is the students' spontaneous interest in God's word and in its application to the liturgy, an attitude especially indicated by the popularity of liturgical discussion groups.

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Staff Members Invade Local Radio, Press

TOUR WXTO, W. MICHIGAN CATHOLIC, G.R. PRESS

The Recorder staff took to the road during February in search of information in keeping with the theme of Catholic Press Month.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Fr. Beahan was host to the Recorder delegation at radio station WXTO-FM, located at Aquinas College. Fr. Beahan took the staff on a trip through the studio and offices, and afterwards gave a very enlightening talk on communication in general and Catholic communications in particular, with WXTO serving as a fine example of Catholic communications in action.

The following Wednesday, Feb. 12, the Western Michigan Catholic offered the roving reporters the chance to see their Catholic press at close range. Before touring the offices and pressrooms, the staff was treated to an hour and a half interview by the editor, Msgr. Walen. The staff learned much about the role of the Catholic press.

The roar of the rotary presses formed a background for the last of the three excursions, this one on Feb. 19, to the Grand Rapids Press building. The competent personnel of the Press furnished a very interesting and informative guided tour of the entire process of publication of the Press, from the darkroom to the loading dock.

The field trips were very worthwhile and the staff learned the importance of the press and radio in the diocese.



A group of the Recorder staff enters the front door of the Grand Rapids Press.

Greek Finally Fells Faculty

Has Greek finally begun to take its toll? Before you say no, please read the misfortunes of two Greek giants.

First it was Fr. Weisengoff, the college's favorite Greek teacher. Early in December, Father, who had not been very well for a year or more, became quite ill. Now

Father is in the hospital at Mount Clemens, making steady progress in regaining his health.

Then it was Fr. Zaskowski, who had taken over Fr. Weisengoff's college Greek classes. (Any connection?) On February 7, Fr. Zaskowski suffered a mild coronary attack. Father is now recovering in St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids and hopes to be back at the sem after Easter.

From two very lively letters which Fr. Zaskowski has sent to his second and third year disciples, he has indicated his strong desire to get out of bed and back to the books.

The many classes of the two ailing priests have been allotted to the rest of the faculty, except for Second Year English, now taught by Fr. Golas, chaplain at Mt. Mercy Academy.

But is Greek taking its toll? Although Msgr. Shaw and Frs. Thome and Rose (present Greek professors) would say no, we are beginning to wonder.

Vocation Drive Begun

The month of March is the time each year when a concentrated effort for vocations is made throughout the diocese. This year the vocation drive is already off to a fast, smooth start.

Although the program of this vocation drive is quite simple, it involves considerable time and effort from those working on it. About twelve priests are engaged in the program. During February and March each of them visits the parish grade schools in a certain section of the diocese. The boys in the seventh and eighth grades hear a short talk from the priest on the work of the diocesan priesthood, the qualifications of the priest, and what life in the seminary is like. The recruiter distributes copies of the pamphlet which was composed with the assistance of the students here. The eighth-grade boys are given the opportunity to indicate on a card whether or not they are interested in coming to the seminary. The cards are sent here to St. Joseph's.

The Seminary then sends out a letter to each of these boys. The letter has been composed by a group of students who use the pen name of "John Goodman." This two-page letter contains some information on the priesthood and on the notion of a vocation. It also gives an informal explanation of seminary life and answers many of the questions that boys interested in the priesthood may have.

The final step of the program is of course when the boys come here next month to take the entrance examination.

It is hoped that the present efforts of the priests and seminarians will bear great fruit in the clergy of tomorrow.

EDITORIAL Views

What's the Idea?

Since this issue of the Recorder features the Catholic press and communications in general, we have a fitting opportunity to talk about the Recorder and explain what we have been doing this year.

Quite simply, we print this paper primarily for the students of St. Joe's. But we also have an even larger body of readers in our alumni. This fact cannot be overlooked. Therefore, we have been striving to write our articles, features, and stories in such a way that both students and alumni can enjoy them.

This year we have avoided the infamous stale news article, which has been the object of student complaint in the past. The Recorder should not be a catalogue or mere listing of dead, dry facts about events which occurred months ago. Rather the paper should present fresh, interesting material, worthy of the readers' time and effort. It should tell him something new, instead of rehashing something he already knows. Of course, we include the legitimate news article, but we no longer print the "traditional" stories.

We are working especially to present the Recorder in an attractive and appealing layout. Considerable effort is made to set up each page with pleasing typography and to maintain the tone of the issue throughout.

We greatly appreciate the helpful criticisms from the alumni and students, and we have tried to incorporate the suggestions received. We hope you have been enjoying this year's issues of the Recorder.

Let's Share Our Treasure of Truth

Truth is elusive. Pilate himself posed the question to Christ "What is truth?" and for centuries this same question has fallen again and again from the lips of man. "What is truth? Where is it? How can I find it?" This is the never-ending quest of men of every age -- Buddha, Aristotle, Columbus, Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, Albert Einstein, Jean-Paul Sartre. Quenching the thirst for truth is man's innate goal; but, in our world of today, truth seems too often supplanted by confusion and frustration. Men, not finding their way to the source of truth, find themselves deceived by pseudo-philosophers who invite them to slake their thirst on the hemlock of agnosticism, atheism, or outright despair.

But where does that leave us, we who daily draw from the fountain of truth itself through our membership in the Mystical Body of Christ? Do we look on passively? Hoard our treasure? Simply write off as a loss the wandering, stumbling citizens of a money-centered society? But no! This is the exciting part. By God's grace we have risen to one of the greatest challenges ever offered to man -- to be a priest in the twentieth century. We are the sons of the free woman, chosen to be torch-bearers as Christ re-enchants the hearts of men. And this is what Holy Week is all about -- following Christ, the light of the world, in the hour of his supreme self-sacrifice, and joining to him the offering of ourselves, his seminarians. Only by being like Christ will we be able to carry truth to the people of the world.

IN MANU DEI SUNT



Remember also, Lord, your servants and handmaids, who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and who sleep the sleep of peace.

The mother of Sister Rose William, who died March 10.

The father of Sister Laverne, who died January 14.

To them, Lord, and to all who rest in Christ we pray that you grant a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Christ's Message Through Art

Communications is a word which has many meanings. A wave of the hand or a smile; the spoken and written word; a complicated diagram -- all these are means of communication.

In this issue of the Recorder we have presented some of the means of communication at work spreading the good news of salvation right here in our own diocese -- the Catholic press and radio.

But there is another means of communication which seems to have slipped through the fingers of the twentieth century Christian. And there are people in our own area who are working to bring this valuable link in the transferring of ideas back to us.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Schroeder of Peace Lutheran Church in Sparta are sponsoring a Christian art contest. The contest is open to anyone interested, the only qualification being that the work must present a Christian message. This year's contest runs from March 22 to 29. The judge is to be Fr. Lauck, the head of the Art department and director of the art gallery of Notre Dame University.

It is strange in a way that a lack of interest in and appreciation for truly good religious art has come about. Of all the ingredients in the communication of an idea, an image is the most essential. Yet we have let ourselves be drawn away from the visual representation of our greatest goal -- communication with God.

Religion means the binding of man to God; art manifests visually the bond between God and man. Religious art ought to be visual theology. It ought first to present us with a visual sermon and secondly make us receive and appreciate the lessons contained in it.

Yet we today tend to ignore the great possibilities of art as a means of forwarding the gospel of Christ. Not only do we ignore the possibilities for good of real art, but we have become satisfied with religious "art" which conveys no real message to us.

Beauty is an essential part of life, and art is an expression of beauty. Let us hope that art may become for the twentieth century Christian a means of expressing those most vibrant and beautiful truths, the truths of the gospel of Christ.

It is up to us to do in our own lives what we can to gain a real appreciation of Christian art. A good start, for those of us who can, would be to visit the art exhibit in Sparta over vacation. If you have the chance, don't miss it.

Happy Easter

The Recorder staff joins in wishing all of our readers a very happy Easter.

Eight Write For Publication

Eight St. Joseph's boys devote their literary labors to an audience beyond the boundaries of 600 Burton.

Fran Panyard, Gary Gleason, and Russ Hogan composed the "John Goodman" letter which is sent to grade school boys to stimulate vocations in this diocese.

The "Dear Jim" series appearing in the Lansing Catholic Weekly is written by Dave Hooper, Mike Hazard, Martin Frisosky, and Rex Verleger.

Larry Christensen has prepared six editions of the Ahora, a four page paper in Spanish, which he will send to migrants in the Hart area this summer.

Otto Searches For Truth

I'm the greatest! Give me justice! - I could listen no longer. Such philosophical musings were too pressing for my weary brain, so I returned to my board for aesta.

The following day, in true Socratic fashion, I sought answers to the "rightness" of fighting. Ah! The cleaning lady - she must know. Before I could propose - my question that is - she cried "Hear the fight? He's the greatest!" No, the truth was elsewhere.

Upon entering the gym, I heard this cheer coming from several of the visiting clergy, "Who's the greatest? We are!" But then I saw Fr. Bissot, a philosopher's philo-

Holy Week - Past or Present?

How are you planning for Holy Week? You know you should plan for it. After all, no one week in all the history of mankind is so packed with meaning. Now, if the typists and proof-readers didn't slip, you'll notice the present tense in the previous sentence. The present, not the past, is the better tense to use in describing Holy Week, because this great week involves our own destiny now.

What I'm getting at is this: Holy Week shouldn't be for us merely a rehearsal. Alas, he too was muttering "It's the greatest..."

"I know, Father. Some fight, wasn't it?"

"Fight? What fight?" replied Father. "I was talking about my study method. It's the greatest!"

From my quest for Truth I thus concluded that Socrates, realizing he achieved nothing, enjoyed taking the hemlock.

living in the past. It's not just a time for studying bygone days, even though the history of those days is a most sacred one. Neither is it a time for groaning at the brutal treatment which Gentile and Jew handed our beloved Master centuries ago. Do you think the Church gives us a Holy Week liturgy just to teach us history?

READING BOOKS

You might, for example, read during the season a couple of good books like The Last Hours of Jesus by Ralph Gorman and The Day Christ Died by Jim Bishop. Both these books give a fascinating hour-by-hour account of the events of the first Holy Week. But if you stop with those books and are satisfied with staying in the memory of those great events, you're not a live Christian.

SALVATION IS NOW

The glory of Holy Week is that we are reliving Christ's saving actions now in our liturgy. We're not just commemorating events of the past. The fact is that Christ has risen from the dead and is now alive. Because he is alive, he is with us. He is sharing his risen life with us now to the extent that we face the struggle with sin in our own lives.

Our Holy Week liturgy, then, isn't theatrics at all. We're not rehearsing a drama which is separated from us by 2000 years of history. We are taking part today in our own redemption. Our plans for Holy Week, therefore, should include a preparation for meeting Christ now as he is saving us and sharing his risen life with us today.

Father Ancona

Recorderites See How "Good News" is Broadcast

What influence should the Church have on the world? How can the Church exert this influence on the world? What influence does the Church have on the world? To answer these questions the Recorder staff gathered its cameramen and ace reporters together, and in true Socratic fashion went out to find the truth.

Father Michael Beahan, Diocesan Director of Radio and Television, immediately showed us what influence the Church should have on the world by reminding us of the purpose of the Gospel. Christ's command can be fulfilled in various ways. First of all, we might consider the Sunday sermon and homily, through which the priest reads and explains the Word to our Catholic people. Of course this period is too short to give the entire message of Christianity in a form which all will understand. It must be supplemented by religious reading. The Christian adult must not have a grade school or high school outlook on his religion. The

Grand Rapids diocesan press is supplying us with ample assistance. Books and pamphlets are being written on every subject for everyone. Especially helpful to Catholics are the weekly magazines and newspapers, such as the Western Michigan Catholic, which add depth to living in a busy world.

SECULAR PRESS

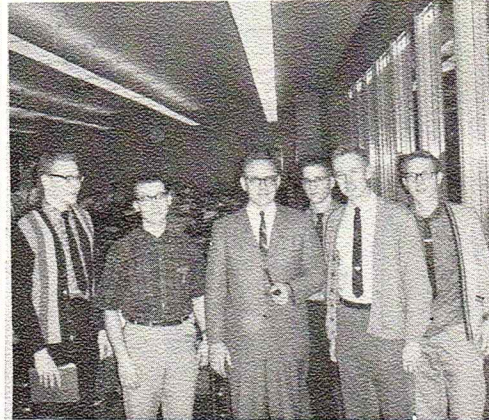
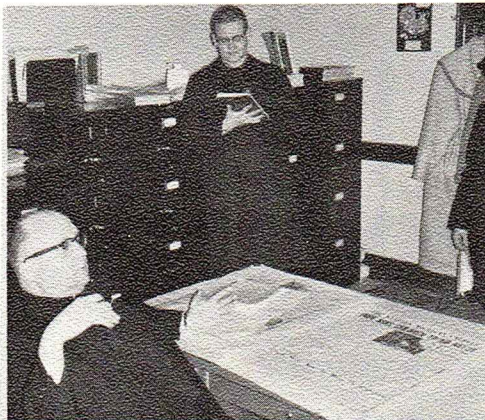
The secular press has served as an important link in bringing to those who are outside the Fold the activities of Christ's Church today. Though this does not spread doctrine, it is overcoming much of the prejudice toward the Church. And this is the first step toward better relations within Christendom.

But how do we bring Christ's doctrine to the average non-Catholic? He is not interested enough to ask a priest or read a Catholic book or magazine. The means must be interesting, but not a sort

of religious propaganda. It must be one which merely puts spiritual things in their proper setting. This is the attempt of WXTO-FM, the Grand Rapids diocesan radio station. The purpose of the station is not to spread propaganda, not to convert, but rather to bring the Good News to the thousands. It broadcasts good music and good ideas to help people's lives mean more. It is the kerygma of Christ in twentieth century style.

TOTAL COVERAGE

The secular press, the Catholic press, and Catholic broadcasting are as vital to the Church today as the parables and sermons of Christ were to his followers centuries ago. Their purpose is the same. The Grand Rapids diocese is extremely fortunate to have the modern communication system it has, always striving to better itself to fulfill Christ's command: Go forth and teach the Gospel to every creature.



In photo at left Fr. Beahan explains the purpose of the station log to the staff as announcer Jack Mulder prepares an announcement. In the center photo, Msgr. Walen, editor of the Western Michigan Catholic explains

the role of the Catholic Press in this diocese. At right, five members of the Recorder staff pose for a picture in the editorial room of the Grand Rapids Press with the paper's managing editor, Mr. Verner Veit.

Fr. Leo Becomes Our First Cursillista

De Colores! — All in Color! — is the watchword of anyone who has made a Cursillo. To one man here at St. Joe's it has far greater meaning than to the rest of us, for Fr. Leo Rosloniec recently became our seminary's first Cursillista.

Fr. Leo made his Cursillo the weekend of January 2-5, at Ferris Institute in Big Rapids. The group was composed of five other priests of the diocese—Msgr. Popell, Msgr. Moleski, Fr. McDuffee, Fr. Hackett, Fr. Najdowski -- and thirty-eight laymen.

SCHOOL OF LOVE

Fr. Leo singled out one of the most noteworthy aspects of a Cursillo in characterizing it as a "school of love." The Cursillista becomes vividly aware of God's love for him, and this leads him naturally to a greater, more dynamic love of God and of his fellow men.

As in every Cursillo, some of the conferences were given by priests, some by laymen. The priests -- in this case Fr. Kozlowski and Fr. Cusack -- treated topics of pure theological dogma, such as grace and the sacraments, while the laymen discussed matters of applied theology, including subjects like the Church and the layman, true and false piety, apostolic action, leadership, awareness of man's environment, and Christianity in action. Fr. Leo pointed out that one of these talks lasted three hours, another almost two hours, and yet the interest kept among the men was terrific!

Father has made mention of several of the excellent ideas which he received from his Cursillo. Two of the most striking of these are the fact that "Christ and I are an overwhelming majority," and the ejaculation, "O Lord, reform thy world, beginning with me."

The Cursillistas are also encouraged to express in pictures the ideas they get from the talks. One such picture showed the laity as the front line of a football team, under the leadership of the priest as the quarterback.

AFTER CURSILLO

Fr. Leo and all Cursillistas are now on the "fourth day" of their Cursillo, that day which begins with the closing of the Cursillo proper, and lasts forever.

The very presence of a Cursillista at St. Joe's has stirred up interest in the movement among both professors and students. Fr. Leo is indeed our first Cursillista, but I doubt if he will long be our only one.

Flower of Bookdom

FATHER ROSE explains the purpose and use of the shelf list file to three of his attentive library staff members. The beaming faces left to right belong to Frank Marfia, Don Heydens, and Frank Unger.



SPEAKING OF BOOKS

What Are We Reading?

In Lower House: General Reading

When questioned about the caliber of reading in the lower house, Fr. Rose enthusiastically expressed his satisfaction with the type of reading the juniors are doing this year.

The demand for books bearing the "F" has not diminished, but the students have widened their field of reading to history and English and American literature. The Sciences too, are more often delved into by the "biologists" and "chemists" of the second and third classes.

This broadening of reading interests is likely due to classroom influences and also to the new books which present their subject in a new and fresher manner. Plastic covers have also enhanced the physical appeal of the books; and books which previously would not be touched are grabbed for eagerly.

We commend the juniors for the widened reading interests they have shown this year.

In Upper House: Spiritual Reading

A recent quiet survey of spiritual reading matter in the senior chapel proved inspirational. The seniors are reading top quality material. The large numbers of Bibles, commentaries, and scriptural pamphlets silently testify that the seniors are part of today's scriptural renewal.

Great interest in the liturgy is evidenced by many books of which McCorry's It Is His Own Blood, Parsch's Seasons of Grace, and Hodva's Sunday Morning Crisis are but a few.

Other subjects are also well represented: salvation history, Mariology, the life of Christ, and Church history. Plentiful, too, are classics like the Soul of the Apostolate by Chautard, The Introduction to the Devout Life and the latest books on various saints.

Since reading matter reflects the reader, we tip our hat to the seniors in recognition of their fine selections.

News Clippings

On four of the Sundays from January 26 to March 1, the annual series of sixth class debates was held. The four debates centered around the topics of trade with Russia, prize fighting, braceros, and foreign aid.

There was no mission raffle at St. Joe's this year. The students have each been given two mite boxes in which they can put their contributions. The first set of mite boxes will be collected at the end of Lent, the second at the end of the DDF drive.

On February 23, James Hammond was elected to the exalted office of vice-president of SCAS.

On March 3, the "fine" Arts Committee distributed to the stu-

dents the long-awaited product of months of exhaustive labor -- a mimeographed translation of Vespers.

On February 4, Fr. Bissot proudly announced that the blessed events finally occurred. Six young mice were added to the statistics of the biology laboratory population explosion. The sophomore biologists who were waiting for the arrival of eighteen young chicks were disappointed by one and a half dozen hard boiled eggs.

The students have practiced singing the psalms of Vespers according to the new psalter, probably to be used during the spring.

On March 16, the Recorder went to press two weeks late (blush).

Fr. Rose Keeps Library Humming; Adds Features

Most of us enjoy reading library books, but did you ever stop and consider the work that goes on behind the scenes? In this issue the Recorder takes a look at our energetic librarian, Fr. Rose.

In 1957, Fr. Rose was appointed to the office of seminary librarian; and from that time on the library has progressed under his enthusiastic direction by leaps and bounds.

Father's domain includes 15,000 books (not to mention the large number of periodicals and pamphlets) which are spread throughout two libraries, a reading room, a storage room for ancient and rare books, and the study hall.

MANY ACHIEVEMENTS

His accomplishments are many. He introduced the Information file several years ago. This year he subscribes to the News Map of the Week which we read near the entrance to the refectory. The library now orders large numbers of paperback books which are specially bound in plastic to give the book durability and long service. A steady flow of new books, sparkling in their plastic covers, goes into circulation at the rate of ten a week.

During the summer his work does not stop because then Father reorganizes and brings the shelf list file up to date. Library supplies for the coming year are also purchased.

FUTURE PLANS

Father's plans for the future include a complete organization of the library and catching up on all back work so he can concentrate on enlarging the library with new books and materials. Plans for the not too distant future include a map file, a collection of records and materials for the audio-visual department, and a union catalogue which is a central file containing cards for all reading material anywhere in the house.

When asked if he had any dreams for the library, Father said the answer to his dream would be that someday we have a new library, that is, new quarters to handle the expansion and to include room for browsing and study.

Fr. Rose deserves our appreciation and gratitude, because through his efforts our library is constantly improving and becoming better suited and equipped to meet our needs.



walking signs

Ever think of Dave Gemuend as the motherly type? No? Bet you hadn't heard, then, that he practices changing diapers on occasion, even while taking census. Isn't it wonderful how obliging true apostolic spirit can make a person? Dave, you're a model for us all!

The incident to which we're referring occurred while Dave was doing census work out of St. John's Sem. There's a lot of it to be done, and currently over ninety men are engaged in this sort of thing.

The fellas (from the first and second years, mostly) take their Tuesday and Thursday afternoon recreations in pounding the pavement in parishes in Detroit and vicinity.

We got a number of differing alleged purposes for the program in the letters we received, but the one that seems to be the essence of the others is "to advertise the Church."



Of course the men go out to count Catholics, but as Bob Lesinski says, "The most important work is done in contacting fallen-aways and Protestants."

Both Bob Les and Rog Dunigan mentioned the strong impression made on them by the fact that they were representing the Church. They said too that the rabat and collar aroused differing reactions in people. Some people are afraid of the collar; others welcome it, since the Church seems to be coming to help them. Both fellas mentioned the effectiveness of a big friendly smile four inches above the collar.

Roger was especially impressed with the fact that this kind of work makes the census taker "aware." Individuals, he points out, are easier to pray for than classes of people.

Jan Vesbit, who blabbermouthed on Dave Gemuend, told of some of the disheartening cases he encountered: the "indifferentists" he called them. But he too is thankful for the awareness of others' needs.

Alumni Are Signs of Christ

You are a sign of Christ too, a sacrament, if you use the term loosely. Or you should be such, because you are a Christian. But these men, our alumni, are signs of Christ in a special way: they are showing him to people in the projects in which they are engaging. They, not their projects, are the signs, the examples, the witnesses to the Master. With their projects they limn Christ on themselves in fluorescent charcoal, so to speak, that those who otherwise might not notice him, those too busy or shortsighted, will see him. They are doing this now, while preparing to be official signs of Christ, priests.

This page will show some of these fluorescent signs and their projects.

And he points out: "We are too much on the receiving end in the seminary, and this gives us a chance to give."

Census work seems to be well-liked at St. John's. And if it cannot always be really exciting well, not everybody knows how to diaper a young 'un.

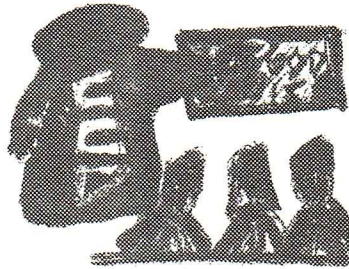
chalking signs

Yellowness of fingers at St. John's Sem has been conclusively proved due not to any jaundiced condition, but to Hygieia's famous yellow chalk.

The condition (known formally as amarillum digitale) is prevalent among a few second yearmen and the entire third year class! The high rate of incidence in these two groups is accounted for by the fact that these men teach Christian doctrine in the local public schools a couple of times a week. This CCD program runs simultaneously with the census program at St. John's - Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and for this work, all the men in third year are signed up — *de necessitate*, in connection with their catechetics course.

The program looks simple enough on paper, but there can be complications. Like for instance: One unlucky teacher, thinking he finally had the attention of his class of ninth-grade girls, was completely disarmed when he heard the soft, sweet strains of "Happy Birthday" sung for one of the Beatles. This, of course, was an unusual happenstance.

Louie Stasker says he's having a pretty good year with his class, but he finds that soft-heartedness is a mistake. Good Old Uncle Louie strict? Boy! That's a switch!



Jan Vesbit remarks that he has not had any trouble of that kind, but he says also that he was informed, after a couple of substitution classes, that the children didn't appreciate "that mean substitute teacher." Maybe Jan and Louie ought to get together and compare notes.

Roger Dunigan—and just about everybody else we heard from—complained that the time between classes is too long: a whole week. How can you get to know the kids if you don't see them any oftener than that? And how can you help them if you don't know them? Rog says the fellas have solved this problem quite simply: Pray for them!

Being signs of Christ seems to mean a lot to these alumni. They all said how much they like the teaching work. But that chalk! What a boon it would be to the world in general and to seminarian CCD instructors in particular: that somebody should invent a truly dustless chalk! The many signs of Christ at St. John's would surely appreciate it.

acknowledgements:

Our thanks to Mike Danner for his pages on the Mission Syndicate at St. John's. Next issue, Mike.

Jim Brucksch's report on the state of affairs in Washington was informative, but conditions in the nation's capital are too fluid to permit our use of that information in the Recorder.

printing signs

Walking signs, chalking signs, let's see...if they made putty we could call them calking signs..... but they don't. Printing signs it has to be. Rhyme after all is an accidental here. The headline has to say what it means.

The they are the men at Assumption Sem. in San Anton. And what they print is a quarterly magazine whose aim it is to stimulate vocations to the diocesan priesthood. The name of the magazine is the Magnificat (Mag for short).

Bern Korson, whose enthusiastic letter informed us about the Mag, says the reason the Texans are working on it is that they are trying to do their part in fostering vocations. Lots of people, Bern complains, realize there is a great need for more priests, and so for more vocations to the priesthood; but how many people actually work on trying to stimulate those vocations?



The name of the Mag comes from Mary's thanks to God for her vocation. The signs at Assumption are doing more or less the same thing: thanking God for their vocations by trying to help God in calling others to his service.

The writing style of the Magnificat is geared to the mentality of parents, teenagers and young adults—a level no doubt difficult to maintain.

The project is strictly a student venture from layout to subscription. At the risk of advertising a competitor of the Recorder, we might mention that subscriptions are \$1 and \$2, depending on whether or not the subscriber wishes to benefit from a solemn high Mass offered especially for his intentions.

Bern mentioned that the Mag's subscribers are numbered in the thousands, and the quarterly is sent to subscribers in places all the way from South America to Greenland.

The Magnificat is a sort of guarantee that signs of Christ will be numerous in the future.

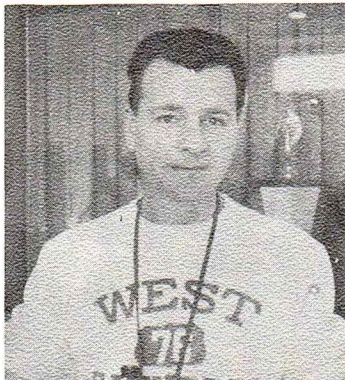
A Coach at St. Joe's? Yes!

Our seminary's sports program received a definite boost recently when Mr. Don Lennon, football coach at West Catholic High here in Grand Rapids, joined our staff as part-time coach.

The work that Mr. Lennon has to do here is certainly different from a coach's usual job. In most instances, a coach picks out his best players and then works with these few; Mr. Lennon's job with us is to instruct each of us, athletically talented or not, in the fundamentals of the different sports.

Thus far Mr. Lennon has concentrated on the basics of basketball, mixing in also fun games like crab soccer (played on the hands and knees) and a kind of mass dodgeball (in which there are two teams, one in a large circle throwing volleyballs, the other in the center dodging them).

Soon we will turn our attention to the outdoor spring sports, baseball and track; and we hope that Mr. Lennon's lessons on these will be as enjoyable and profitable as those which we have already had.



Mr. Don Lennon

Reds Great Basketballers; Blues Prefer Handball

This year's Red-Blue indoor sports competition featured both well-balanced teams and close games. Despite the hopes of the talented Blue squads, the spirited Reds came through in the clutch and proved once again that it takes more than good personnel to win. This time, they grabbed off five of six victories in basketball.

An indication of how well-balanced the teams were: four of the six games were settled by three points or less.

The two games that were decided by three markers were the Junior White League game, 26-23,

and the Intermediate Brown League contest, 29-26 in overtime. Greg Kelsch was hoop-hero in the latter encounter, netting the winning basket in the extra period.

Two points was the margin of victory in the Junior Brown League (10-8, a real defensive battle) and the Senior White League, where Chips Miller swished the decisive two-pointer fifteen seconds before the final buzzer.

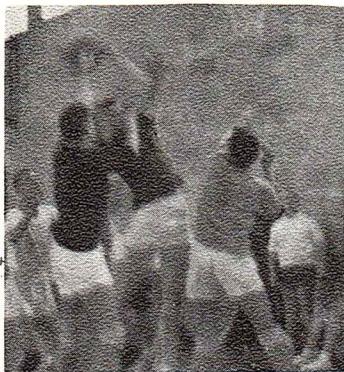
When the Blues won, they did it by a safe margin, as the Intermediate White League Blues scored a 50-43 victory over their Red counterparts. The Reds won one game decisively, too, a 25-13 conquest in the Senior Brown League.

HANDBALL

Here the Blues finally found their sport, and they dominated the whole show. Pete Mestre and Bob Randall reigned as Senior champs for the second successive year.

Dial "M" for victory in the Intermediates, where a pair of sophomores, Rod MacLachlan and Steve Mysliwicz turned out to be the top twosome. To complete the sweep, Harry Kloska and Hank Lotoszinski, a pair of the Firsties' finest Poles, copped the Junior crown.

A bit of quick calculating gives us the present score: Reds 134, Blues 64.



Is he rebounding or shooting? In either case, it's Bill Thelen with the ball in an action scene from the Intermediate Red-Blue game.



Fr. Thelen and Pete Mestre go high in the air for the jump ball beginning the overtime. Scoreboard shows the tie score.

Student Cagers Edge Clergy in Overtime

THIRD-STRINGER TELLS TALE OF 38-37 SQUEAKER

The big day had finally come: February 26, the day of the Student-Clergy basketball game. Coach Hooper said that I stood a good chance of getting into the game, especially since we had no trouble in defeating the Clergy cagers the past two years. Little did I realize then what this upset-minded, eighteen-man Clergy squad would actually accomplish.

Since I hadn't figured on starting anyway, I wasn't surprised to find myself on the bench at the beginning of the game, watching our team pick up a quick 7-1 lead in three fast minutes. But before I had time to enjoy it, swish... swish... buzz... and we held a mere 7-6 advantage at the end of the quarter.

Neither team exactly burned up hardwood during the second and third periods, and we never got far enough ahead to risk sending third-stringers into the game. So my principal task continued to be keeping a portion of the bench sufficiently warm.

BUT THEN...

But with only five minutes remaining in the last quarter, the Students moved to a 34-26 lead. The coach began substituting, and my hopes were high. They dropped rapidly, though, as Frs. Jim "Cazzie" Thelen and John "the Stilt" Young combined forces to put the Clergy back in contention. These same hopes hit rock bottom when Fr. "Kiski" Neuhaus sunk the score-tying bucket with only ten seconds to go, and the clock ran out with the score knotted at 34 apiece.

Needless to say, the first string played the overtime, in which our boys squeaked out a 38-37 win. I cheered my approval as the final buzzer sounded, and went over to share a few words of understanding condolence with the third-stringers of the Clergy team, my counterparts.

THE SCORERS:

Students (38) Clergy (37)
Hooper-12 Fr. Thelen-14
Reardon-6 Fr. Young-12
Mestre-5 Fr. Neuhaus-6
Hogan-4 Fr. Lomasciewicz-3
Van Wert-4 Fr. Rademacher-2
Zbikowski-3
Cassleman-2
Grabinski-2

Students 7 9 8 10 4 - 38
Clergy 6 4 8 16 3 - 37

THE CLASSICS

A powerful Sixth Class team turned back the challenge of a hustling Third Year squad to win this year's House Basketball Championship, the third such championship for this class in the past four years.

Another strong performance was turned in by the First Class, who gave the Second Year a real battle before bowing, 37-30.

The scores of the class games:

6th Class 30	6th Class 57
3rd Class 26	4th Class 26
3rd Class 46	3rd Class 63
4th Class 39	2nd Class 39
2nd Class 37	
1st Class 30	