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## Passionist Conducts Retreat

Anybody familiar with young seminarians and their love of conversation, but unfamiliar with their schedule, would have been startled had they visited the seminary between October 24 and October 28.

For once the air was still, and one could almost hear himself breathe.

What was the matter? Had Father Procurator forgotten to order the monthly supply of Pep Pills, or had all the students contacted the dreadful Sleeping Sickness?

Alas! It was none of these that had interrupted the daily occurrences, but rather the retreat taken by the students every year in October.

This year, 1962, it started on Wed-



Father Brendan Breen, C. P.

nesday Evening, October 24. After the usual recreation period, instead of going to their respective study halls for an hour study-period, the students assembled in the chapel to start the retreat with the first conference by the Retreat Master, Father Brendan Breen, C. P., a Passionist from Holy Cross Preparatory Seminary, Dunkirk, New York. Most of the feelings towards the Retreat cooled to a prayerful mood by the end of the first full day of silence (Thursday, October 25). The silence proved, however, to be a splendid chance for all who wished to talk over particular prob-

## What Advent Means To Me

When I was very young, I'd hear that word, "Advent", and I'd think to myself: What does that big word mean? Everytime it was uttered it was spoken with a relaxed happiness that would bring peace to the most preoccupied listener; but what did it mean?

The word seemed to be used very much around Christmas, especially by the priests. They used to say something about Advent in their sermons just around the time that we'd be getting snow for the first few times in the year. But in their sermons they always used such big words that I never knew what they were talking about.

When I started the "age of questions", I became more curious about this word. My parents told me that it was a time to get ready for Jesus and to pray that He would make me a good boy. I always resented that last part which seemed to insinuate that I wasn't already good.

If ever I learned the magic that sparkled the eyes and inflamed the heart of those who said this word, "Advent", it was from the Sister who taught me that it was the time to make the bed of Jesus. You know, the one with the hay made of rosaries and pillows made of Hail Marys.

I now know that Advent comes from the Latin word, "adventus", which means "coming or arrival". I know it means a time for prayer and sacrifice. I know its technical, liturgical meaning is, "the season of penitential expectation." But above all, I know that it means, "Make straight the way of the Lord," by loving, "as I have loved you."

lems with God, or to meditate upon supernatural life of the soul.

Unfortunately, as all good things must come to an end, the last day of the Retreat rolled around. On Saturday evening, October 28, at the last conference of the Retreat, Father Brendan Breen, C. P., raised the crucifix to end the Retreat by blessing the student retreatants.

## Students Assist At Byzantine Mass



Father Burak distributes Holy Communion during the Byzantine Mass.

On the morning of the Feast of All Saints, we were honored to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass in the Byzantine Rite. It was celebrated by Reverend Constantine Burak, O. F. M. The Sacred Liturgy began with Father Burak giving us an explanation of the way we are to assist at the sacrifice. He gave us a general description of a Church in the Byzantine Rite. There are no pews; the people generally assist at the Sacred Liturgy in a standing position. There are, however, a few times when they sit or kneel.

The celebration went on after the talk, with Father Burak being assisted by Gary McInnis and Alexander Cudzewicz. The sacrifice was offered in three languages: Greek, Church Slavonic, and English. Church Slavonic is a combination of Hebrew, Latin, and Greek combined into one language by St. Cyril. This was formed from the Cyrillic Alphabet. The major languages formed from this alphabet are: Russian, Slovak, and Polish.

## Halloween Night -- Fun And Frolic

All boys like Halloween and seminarians are no exception. This year a "Talent Show" was conducted by the Seminarians on Halloween night.



Kevin Kelly and Leo Belliveau display their talents on the horns at Talent Night.

Gary McInnis, a junior, was the emcee of the show. After Gary's introduction the show began with Bob Derrico, a freshman. All of the lights being out, Bob sat at a table upon which was a candle that illuminated the surroundings. Bob delivered a ghost story which turned out to be as funny as it was terrifying. Next Pat Conway sang a solo entitled "My Daddy is President." His soprano voice and his fine singing received a tremendous applause. Following this was an act by Leo Belliveau and Kevin Kelly, during which they displayed their talent with their horns. Then came Karl Fluck's version of "What's My Line." To put an end to the delightful evening our school glee club, headed by Frater Pavlik, sang a collection of songs which in-

cluded "Cotton Fields," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly," and "California Here I Come."

Within the last twenty-five minutes of the service we received Holy Communion under both species. We were instructed to hold our heads back and to keep our tongues within our mouths out of the way. After each one had received the Sacred Species, we received a blessing of the chalice, which is the rite's form of Benediction.

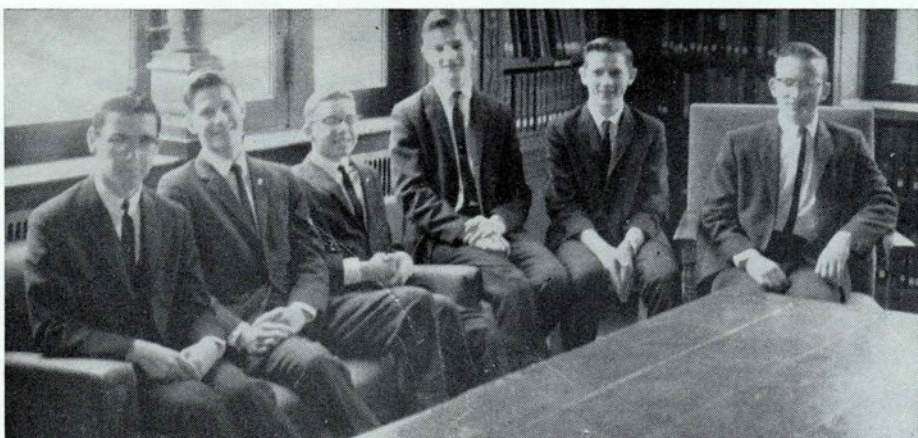
After the service, Father Burak came into our lower library and answered questions. He first stated that his order was started by Pope Pius the XII in 1946 to work behind the Iron curtain. He explained that their seminary life was very much like ours. They study more according to St. John Chrysostom rather than St. Thomas Aquinas. They highly regard chant and therefore a seminarian must know Kievan, Novgoradian, Samoilka, and Yharanian. They have a minor seminary located at Lowell, Massachusetts.

Towards the end of the morning, Father Burak explained why he may say the Mass in English. He said that his order has the privilege of using the vernacular language. In Spain, Mass could be said in Spanish; in France, French.

Father Burak is presently stationed at the Monastery of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Canaan, Connecticut.

The Christmas Show, December nineteenth, will be the occasion for the next talent show.

## HONOR ROLL



Honor Roll students, from left to right: Stephen Henner, '64, Alan Waters, '65, Glenn Klipp, '65, Robert Markunas, '66, Dennis Myc, '65, and Alexander Cudzewicz, '64. These students have received a ninety or above in all of their subjects and have received an A in conduct and application.

# The Rector's Corner



My dear Friends,

A short time ago it was announced to the world that there will be no Nobel prize for Peace this year. When we look about us we can readily understand from the world situation that peace does not reign. Formally the lack of peace in the world was localized, but today it is universal. The global threat to peace has affected the inner peace of all people; because of it, fear has taken its place.

Despite the world picture, the season of Christmas is going to be with us. We will hear the story of peace repeated often and may fail to make the comparison that we can achieve our inner peace or spiritual peace regardless of the world about us. The realization that the Christ Child was born for us as a token of God's love for man should be one of the joyful notes of this period.

As individuals, we can achieve a peace which the world cannot give us - a reciprocation of love to God. Since it is a time to express our love through thoughtfulness to our dear

ones, why not examine the source of that generosity in the terms of appreciation for God's goodness to us? To say "Thank God, I am able to share the spirit of this wonderful season", means just that, a thanksgiving for the blessings He has given us and the ability to share it with others.

At Immaculate Heart of Mary we have much to be thankful for. The increase of vocations has been the answer to many prayers and sacrifices for which we are most grateful. For these reasons and many more, we are happy to include you and your intentions in our Christmas novena of Masses. In return, I hope you will continue to remember our work in preparing the seminarians for the challenging work that is before them.

With prayers and blessings of the Christ Child upon you and your loved ones, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

*Father M. Guine*

## Pope Prays At Novena

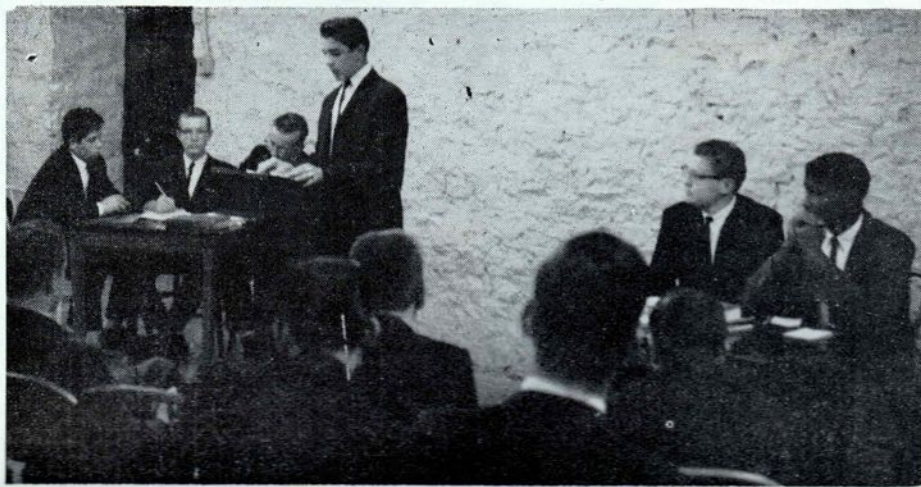
His Holiness Pope John XXIII personally took part in the novena in honor of the Holy Spirit in a Rome parish church in preparation for the Ecumenical Council.

The novena ran from September 21st. to 29th. in all Rome churches.

A notice in the Vatican City daily, *L'Osservatore Romano*, stated the Pontiff chose the Church of Christ the King because of its title and its association with the late Pope Pius XII, as well as the fact that it is staffed by Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose founder Pope John knew as a young man.

## Robust Rhetorical Activity

*Should U. S. Invade Cuba?*



Here is the sophomore team that won the Turkey Bowl game. Clinton Martin, the first affirmative speaker, presenting the issues for his team.

The debate took place on November 11. The affirmative side, which argued that we should invade Cuba, was composed of three juniors: Peter Adams, the captain of the side; Clinton Martin; and Dennis Mayor. The negative side was made up of two juniors and a sophomore: Alexander Cudzewicz, the captain of the group; Eugene Lavoie; and Daniel Sowinski.

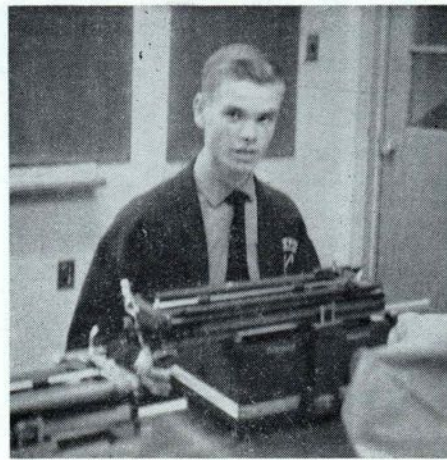
Both teams were well prepared and informed on the debate issue. The beginning of the debate was composed of four speeches delivered by two members from each team. A ten minute question period followed which allowed the audience to question the teams on the issues discussed. Next, a

member from each team gave a five minute rebuttle speech, counteracting the opposition.

Afterwards, the faculty members who were appointed judges convened to decide the outcome. They judged each side on definite points, such as content, deliverance of speeches, and the rebuttles. The audience agreed that both sides had done a wonderful job. The judges voting came out 63-59 in favor of the affirmative.

Both sides were commended on the wonderful job they did. We hope that in the future all of the debates will be up to par with this one. It was very educational, and the time used for it was well spent.

## Junior Of The Month



Timothy Revers at work in the Vocational Office.

Born in Braddock, Pa., on June 26, 1946, Tim learned his "Three R's" at St. Brendan's grammar school. He must have studied them well for he has shown his scholastic ability here in the seminary. He must have a knack for languages, for his favorite subjects are French and English, both being laborious subjects which are hard to like.

In the line of sports, football and soccer are considered tops by him. Tim is one of the best "A" league linemen.

Tim is very active in extracurricular activities, such as the C.S.M.C. This year he has remained captain of the African discussion group which, headed by him last year, ranked as the second best group of the C.S.M.C. Once the Sodality of Mary is formed, Tim wishes to become an active member in it.

For work periods, Tim is usually found working in the school's vocational office. Not only does he do his best during the periods assigned, but is often found working long overtime in order to finish some various campaign in the office.

Tim's dramatic talent earned him a role in last year's play "Brother Orchid." He has also done fine work for this newspaper, which ranks him as one of its chief writers.

## The True Christmas Spirit

If one asked a three or four-year-old what he thought a true Christmas spirit meant, he'd probably say that it meant being good to everybody so that Santa Claus would bring him many presents. A person in about the fourth, fifth, or sixth grade, would probably reply that it means to give gifts to others without expecting anything in return and doing this for the love of God. We can all see that the latter answer, by all means, is closer to the real meaning than the former.

There is more, however, to a true Christmas spirit than just the giving of gifts with the right intention. Looking at it from a worldly point of view, we readily see that a man going about dressed as Santa Claus, and distributing gifts to everyone is truly a one-sided spirit of Christmas. But there is also a spiritual side of this point. Our actions should be directed towards giving the Son of Man the love, respect, and glory due to Him at all times throughout the year, but especially in this, the season commemorating His birth.

There are two ways, of course, of doing this. The first way is to be a "holy of holies." That is, walking slowly about, with hands joined and eyes cast down and, as usual, head bowed in silent meditation and adoration. This is fine, I'm sure, for monks in cloistered monasteries and abbeys, but I'm sure none of you live under such conditions.

You can still glorify God and at the same time be yourself, not a counterfeit. This is the second way. You should be joyful at Christmas time; give gifts; have fun with others. Just keep in mind the intention of praising, loving, and respecting Our Lord on His birthday by your actions. Do this and you will be well on the way to acquiring a true Christmas spirit.

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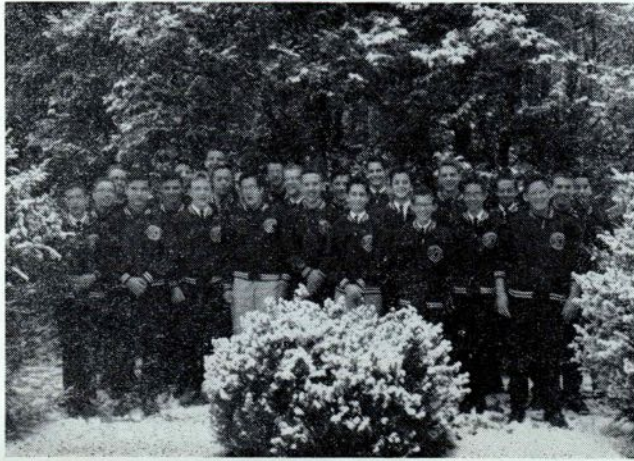
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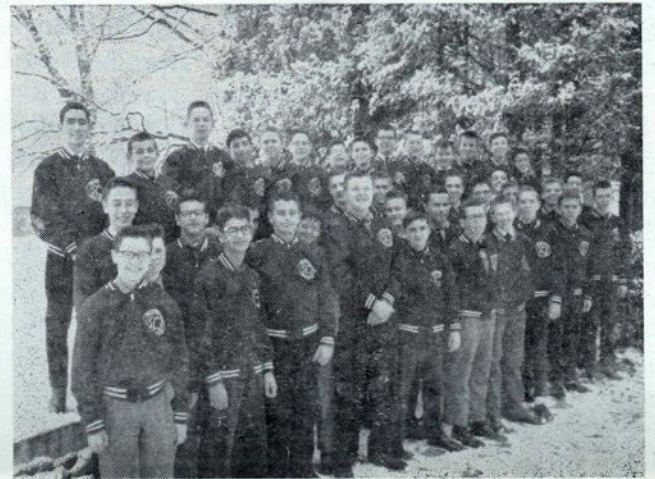
# MERRY CHRISTMAS



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## From The Students Of Bellefontaine



Father Richard

Hi Fellows,

December 3, 1962

When I drove through downtown Brooklyn last night, I was impressed by all of the decorations and displays drawing everyone's attention to the fact that Christmas is just around the corner. I saw people buying gifts for their loved ones and hurrying home with the packages in their arms.

It's a good reminder for all of us to realize that Christmas is fast approaching and that we should prepare gifts for our loved ones - our parents, brothers and sisters, friends and relatives. However, in preparing for Christmas, we shouldn't forget our closest and dearest Friend in the crib - the Christ Child.

He has given us many gifts - our parents and families, our Catholic Faith - in short, all of the wonderful things we have in life. Also, He has given us our vocation to the Priesthood. This special gift is given only to a few and we should cherish and guard this gift by making ourselves worthy of it. We should show our appreciation for our vocation by thanking Christ for these gifts, by renewed effort in using the talents He has given us, and by coming closer to the love Christ has for us by receiving Him in Holy Communion during Advent and especially on Christmas Day.

May the Infant in the crib bring you, your family and loved ones, Peace and Joy at Christmas.

I shall be remembering all of you in my three Holy Masses Christmas Day. God Bless You.

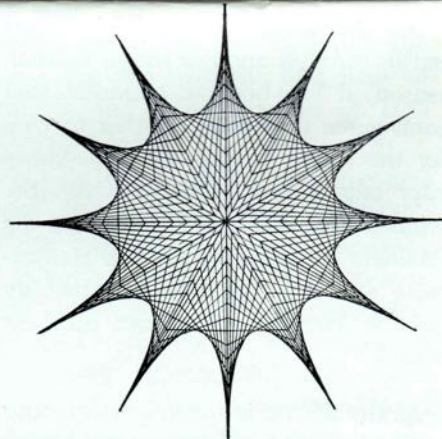
Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

*F. Richard, S.C.J.*

### Geometry Can Be Fun

Geometry is one of the fascinating branches of mathematics. One of its main purposes is to make the student think, and try to reason things out. It also aids the memory, because in geometry, the student is constantly referring back to things he learned a day, a week, or a month ago. We thus see that geometry is a major help in the art of thinking.

In arithmetic, we have different divisions, such as addition, subtraction, decimals, ration and proportion, etc. So too in geometry we have certain divisions. One that is looked upon as the most enjoyable is "Construction".



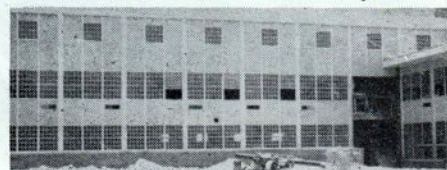
A fascinating geometric design, made entirely of straight lines, by Fritz Sabo.

The word "Construct", as used in geometry, means to draw accurately. The only instruments used in construction are the straight edge "ruler" for drawing straight lines; and the compass, for the drawing of arcs and measuring lengths of line segments.

### Progress In Construction Of The New Building



The front section is almost completed.



Within a week the glass and aluminum wall of the back section should be finished.

### Dear Mom and Dad,

By the time you receive this issue of the school paper, I am sure that my report card has made the rounds of the family. It looks as though I am going to have my ups and downs with certain subjects again this year, but I want you to know that I am doing my best in all subjects. I will try to bring up my American History mark this month. My class work in general is very interesting and we have a lot of enthusiasm in the class with regards to almost every subject. Some of the boys in the class have continued the project that they started last year, namely, the Latin class paper. It is getting bigger with each issue and we all enjoy helping to work on it and also reading the final product. Since work on it has to be done out of class hours, I find that I can't spend too much time on it. I would send you a copy, but I don't think you would find too much reading enjoyment in it, but maybe Bill would, since he had four years of Latin.

Everyone is writing, asking whether I have been sick with the flu, or laid low with the virus. Thus far, we have had a few boys sick with the virus, but for the most part everyone is in good health. We received two cold shots at the beginning of the school year and maybe it will work as it did last year with no one sick at all.

I was thinking of all the kids on Halloween night and what they did for their trick or treat. Did Jenny come home with another bushel basket of fruit? Our Halloween night was spent on a talent show in which each class participated. Just prior to the Halloween festivities, one of my classmates caught a skunk in his trap, so we had a little more excitement on how to get him out of the trap, and come home without making our catch too noticeable. It didn't work out too well.

In a few more days we will have our Thanksgiving day, and not only is it going to be a day of thanks for material things but also for spiritual as well. I will be thinking of all of you and the family and relatives who will be at the house for the occasion. I want you to know that I too will be enjoying a big turkey as well. In the afternoon we will have our class rivalry football games and I hope that the weather is good because we sophomores think that we can beat the juniors this year. I'll let you know the results.

The new building is coming along very well and everyone is very happy to see the progress that has been made. It is a fact that the whole building had to be enclosed for the winter and we hope that we will be into one section around the first of January. This is the first building I've ever seen in detail go up from the footings to the top. It's going to be a real education to watch them work on the interior. When it is all finished, I think we are going to have one of the nicest seminaries in the area. Father Peter Miller, our Provincial, is coming this week to examine the progress of the building and also to pay us a friendly visit. Whenever he comes, we are hopeful for a free day, even though our first motive is to welcome him to Bellefontaine, and our second motive is our hopeful anticipation for a free day. I will let you know how we make out on the second motive.

Well, Mom and Dad, in a few more weeks I will be home for Christmas and many of you have been asking me what I want for Christmas, and it may sound strange, but I can't think of anything at the present time. I have grown a little, so maybe we had better wait until I get home with regard to clothes for Christmas. Now that I think of it, there is one thing I would like to have, and that is a pair of ice-skates. We're going to do quite a bit of skating again this year and last year I had to keep borrowing someone else's. I think I take a size 8.

What I really want though, is to see all of you and to spend the two weeks with both of you, and the rest of the family. It will mean my second Christmas coming home, and I'm looking forward to this one more than the last one. So until then, I will be remembering all of you as usual in my daily Mass and in the prayers that we say during the day, especially our evening Rosary. I know that all of you are praying for me, because my happiness in the life I have chosen is even greater. So I am with love,

Your loving Son,

*Joe*

# S. C. J. Mission Activity In Sumatra

\*The largest island in the Dutch East Indies is Sumatra, a country with a killing climate and a hatred for foreigners. This was the environment that the first Dutch S. C. J.'s moved into in September, 1924. Up to this time the Capuchin Fathers had the whole island, but in 1923, the Propagation of the Faith divided the island into three Prefectures. The Southern third was allotted to the Priests of the Sacred Heart. The city of Palembang became the main station, from where the first missionaries set out to acquaint themselves with the 420 Catholics in the 72,000 square miles of territory.

The greatest fruits of the missionary labors were wrought from 1923 to 1941; then the Japanese invaded the island and destroyed many of the mission stations. The first Apostolic Prefect was Msgr. Smeets who came from the Congo. He sums up mission work in Sumatra with these words: "In the Congo whenever I passed through a village everyone ran out to greet me. Here when I arrive at a village the people run off in all directions to save themselves." This attitude proved to be true among the Malayan people who lived on the coast of the island and who are greatly influenced by the Mohammedans. In the center of the island live the Lampaungs; they are the real aboriginals of the island, unapproachable and wild, but they are dying out in the remote forest regions.

In 1934 Rev. Henry Mekhelholt, S. C. J., became the Prefect Apostolic and began to eliminate religious prejudices by building hospitals and schools for the natives and the Europeans. In 1939, Rome saw and acknowledged the great work that was being done in the Prefecture and raised it to an Apostolic Vicariate. Pope Pius XII consecrated Msgr. Mekhelholt Bishop of the territory. The worthy crowning had its thorns when World War II broke out. None of our missions suffered greater losses than that of Sumatra - nine priests, two Brothers and thirty-one sisters died in Japanese concentration camps.

In April, 1949, a seminary was opened for native boys; today it has twelve Japanese students studying for the priesthood. Four hospitals are operating, seven clinics, three orphanages and seven schools. Twenty-three of our Fathers and seven Brothers are working with ten Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Sacred Heart and about eighty Sisters. Of the 3,000,000 people, 5,700 are Catholics.

\*The information about the S.C.J. work in Sumatra from its beginnings to 1952 is taken from "Cor Unum", Vol. VII, No. 3. The author is our own Father Robert P. McGuire, S. C. J. The history of our mission activity from 1952 to 1962 will be found in the next issue of BELLEFONTAINE.

## Meet The Faculty

Brother Robert, S.C.J.

From  
The  
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Marines



Brother Robert, S. C. J., one of the pioneer brothers of BELLEFONTAINE.

To  
The  
Army  
Of  
Christ

Perhaps one of the most frequent questions visitors to the Seminary ask is: "Who takes care of the beautiful grounds?" The credit must go to Brother Robert, S. C. J. The task of keeping our 35 acres of lawn in trim, along with the gardening, falls upon Brother; and no less frequent is the sight of Brother pruning the trees on the 60 some acres of woods.

Besides keeping the grounds in shape, he is also infirmarian and Brother Sacristan. He has always had a great love for sports, but although he once played semi-pro baseball, his favorite sport is football. Here at the seminary Brother's ability in sports is put to use as an assistant to the sports director.

Brother Robert was born in Brooklyn, New York, on the third of February, 1935. Before he entered religious life, Brother held a number of jobs varying from truck driver to tree-topper and from plumber to worker for the Park Department of New

York City. However, many of his proudest and happiest memories lie with the Marines, with whom he served our country overseas in Korea from 1952 to 1954. Then in 1959, the Sacred Heart asked Brother to serve Him as an S.C.J. Brother, and in 1960 he took his first vows. A year later Brother was assigned to Bellefontaine.

We seminarians want most of all to thank Brother for that wonderful wit which has made him the center of many a recreation period. For it is that wit which has often drowned our troubles and has made our good school spirit what it is.

For an indispensable faculty member, who is fulfilling his motto: "To do all things in the spirit of the Sacred Heart," we pray that the Heart of Jesus may shower him with graces and blessings, as he is prostrated before His Divine Presence on the day of his final profession of vows.

# Sophomores Take Two In Turkey Bowl



The winning team of the Junior-Sophomore game.

The Thanksgiving Day Bowl, or Turkey Bowl, was started in the first year of Bellefontaine. However, none of the games will be remembered more than the two which were played on this past Thanksgiving Day. Here is the story on the Turkey Bowl of '62.

Thursday, November 22, was not an ideal day for football. It rained for the greater part of the day, but despite this fact, the games were played.

In the morning game, the sophomores under the leadership of Pat Houterman played the juniors led by Clent Martin. The sophomores took an early lead when Pat Houterman ran a touchdown. Then the extra point was scored by John Kasper. The juniors failed to score, but the sopho-

mores again scored a touchdown and an extra point, making the score fourteen to nothing. In the second half, the juniors came back to score a touchdown, Terry Trotochaud receiving a pass from Clent Martin. After this there was no more scoring and the sophomores won by a score of fourteen to six.

In the B League game, the present freshmen lost by a score of twenty-six to eight. They were defeated by the sophomores who made up the B League of last year. The captains of the respective teams were George Nestler for the freshmen and Pat Reddy for the sophomores.

In both games, the losers as well as the winners showed great sportsmanship. All the players played as true seminarians - seminarians of the Sacred Heart.

## SPORT SHORTS

### A League

As the teams of the "A" league battle through another rough football season, it has become apparent that each game is getting tougher to win, for the scores of the last few games vary only a few points between the winner and the loser. Thus far, the "Raiders", headed by Patrick Houterman, and the "Spartans", headed by Clinton Martin have shown the best results.

As the season is speedily advancing to the end mark, the teams are beginning to show their true colors. The main interest in the league is the battle for first place which is going on between the "Raiders" and the "Spartans". Because of a recent upset, in which the "Spartans" won 21 to 20 after falling behind 20 to 7, they are now in first place by a game and a half. So the way it is going now, it should prove to be an interesting finish to a fine season, and there is no telling what may happen.



One of the exciting A league games; Pat Houterman's team is on the left, Tom Rieger's on the right.

### B League

The B league this year is composed of four freshmen teams. They are: the "Bombers" headed by George Nestler, the "Crusaders" captained by Kevin Kelly, the "Vikings" led by Emmet Helrich, and the "Trojans" headed by Paul Regan.

Since the football talent has been divided very evenly in the B league, the games have as a result turned out to be very good. Of course they are not as yet up to par with the A league games, but then the freshmen are still learning the knack of flag football.

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