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Sodalists Make Temporary, Perpetual Consecration

30 sodalists made acts of temporary or perpetual consecration to the Blessed Virgin, Wednesday, December 8.

A high Mass and prescribed ceremonies opened the sodality day of consecration. 10 seniors made their perpetual consecration while six sophomores made their first temporary consecration. Six juniors renewed their acts of consecration.

Those making the perpetual consecration pledged themselves to a lifetime of devotion to the Blessed Virgin. They are obliged to fulfill, without exception, all the duties which the sodality imposes on its members.

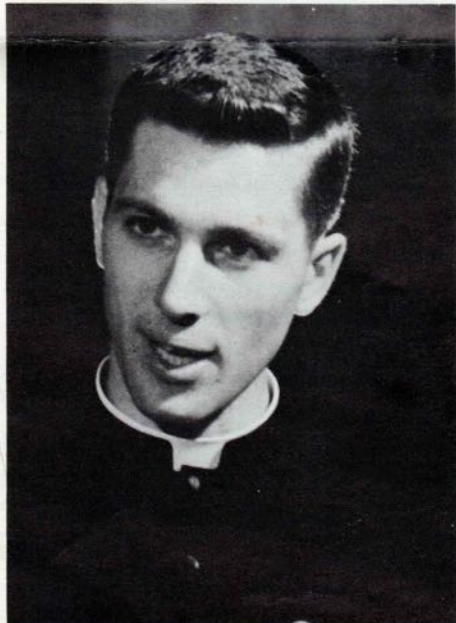
The temporary consecration binds the candidate to the sodality way of life for the period of one year. He must have the intention of making the perpetual consecration in time before he is admitted to temporary consecration. Prior to this time he must serve an aspirancy period.

All candidates are permitted to make the acts of consecration only after they have exhibited the intention and ability to live up to the sodality norms and ideals. They must be approved by the director.

Sodalities are religious associations approved by the Holy See. Their purpose is to cultivate a deep devotion and love for Mother of God. Its members are expected to sanctify both themselves and others.

IHM has had the Sodality of Mary since its founding in 1961. Members meet once a week with their respective classes for the purpose of discussion. Discussion topics are usually chosen by the discussion leaders. The sodality is also currently engaged in various other apostolic activities.

Priest Delivers Slide-Lecture on Canada



Father Ignatius Van Damme, S.C.J., guest lecturer.

Wednesday, November 10, Fr. Ignatius Van Damme, S.C.J., a member of the Canadian province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, delivered a slide-lecture on Canada and the work of the congregation in that country.

Father Van Damme related the history of the province which was founded first by the French and then by the Dutch fathers who still administer it today. He also spoke on the congregation's parish work and social work with the immigrants and young delinquents.

The talk was followed by a question-answer session.

Father concluded the lecture with slides of Sacred Heart Seminary in Delaware, Ontario the Canadian minor seminary.

Seniors Enact Courtroom Drama

Members of the senior class opened IHM's dramatic season with their performance of Herman Wouk's "Caine Mutiny Court Martial," December 8.

The play is Wouk's adaptation of his own Pulitzer Prize winning novel by that name, a novel hailed by critics as "The best sea story . . ." and ". . . the best World War II novel."



The play portrays the court martial proceedings against Lieutenant Stephen Maryk who relieved his commanding officer, Captain Queeg, at the height of a typhoon. Maryk did so on the grounds that the captain was psychopathic and incapable of commanding the ship in an emergency.

Richard Jacob and Larry Whitney appeared in the roles of Maryk and Queeg respectively. Thomas Kane portrayed Challee, the judge's advocate, while Louis Belker enacted the role of Greenwald, the brilliant defense attorney. The judge was depicted by Robert Markunas.

The part of Keefer, communications officer and writer who strongly influenced Maryk's decision was filled by John Button. George Nestler portrayed Keith, assistant communications officer of the Caine.

Completing the cast were Albert Stark, Edward Gunn, Eugene Philipp, Richard Scheiber, Phil Dahl, John Scheiber, Charles Marotta, Claude Marchessault, and James O'Brien.

The faculty director was Fr. Walter Nabity, S.C.J. He was assisted by student director, Thomas Bruce.

Several friends and benefactors of Bellefontaine were at the performance.

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Sodality Undertakes Shut-in Apostolate

Junior and senior sodalists are now playing an active role in the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club, a local organization which aims at brightening the lives of the sick and aged.

Since November 4 the sodalists have been visiting shut-ins in hospitals and nursing homes throughout the area. One member remarked that the visits were probably ". . . cheering him more than they were the patients."

IHM has also undertaken the publishing of "Rays", a quarterly publication distributed among club members. They are now working on the Christmas edition scheduled for publication during the second week of December.

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CSMC Sponsors Special Presentation

Each of the discussion groups of IHM's mission unit sponsored a "Day of Special Presentations," during the first week of December.

The presentations consisted of movies, debates, discussions, and lectures pertinent to certain aspects of the Church's missionary role.

The days were planned in order to increase the students' knowledge of and concern for the missions. It was hoped that the information provided would encourage prayer, work, and sacrifices for the missions and missionaries.

NEWS NOTES

● Frater Wayne Richards, S.C.J. is conducting a five week first-aid course.

● November 5 was a day of recollection for the entire student body. It was conducted by Fr. Robert Meyer, S.C.J., faculty member at Dehon Seminary in Great Barrington.

● December 16 the junior class staged the play, "The Christmas Carol." The glee club also sang for the Christmas program.

The Rector's Corner



many months of preparation accomplished with accreditation of the Seminary by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. The fact that it came about in such a short time is a tribute to the faculty, the students and you as Benefactors of *Bellefontaine*. These are but a few of the material blessings of this year. The spiritual benefits we cannot measure—their presence is always before us in the fine young men training for the priesthood.

My dear Friends,

With this issue of the school paper we bring Christmas wishes and prayers to you and your family. It seems as though it was not very long ago that we were extending the blessings for the New Year. As we look back over the year, I hope the highlights for the year have been those of happiness for you and the family. We know that your being a friend of the Seminary has been an appreciative highlight in our year.

It was this year that we sent our first full four-year class to the novitiate. It was also a year in which we saw the largest class—fifty freshmen—enter the Seminary. Just a few weeks ago we saw the reward of

It is with you, as a friend of the Seminary, that we want to share in the happiness of this year. We know of no better way to do this than in our prayers and good works. In our Novena of Masses beginning on Christmas Day you will have a special remembrance. Even though our students will not be here for the novena, you will be in their prayers while they are home for their vacation.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas and many happy memories for 1966, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Father McGuire

• Forward •

It's that joyous time of year again. People are busy with their last minute shopping; millions of Christmas cards are flooding the mails. We seminarians are looking forward to our departure for Christmas vacation. And all the Church's liturgy is pointed toward that happy day on which Christ was born. We as human beings are beginning to experience the excitement and the expectation of this holy season.

In all this hustle and bustle we sometimes seem to lose sight of the reason for all this joy. We seem to forget what happened 2000 years ago in a stable in Bethlehem. God had stooped to the dignity of Man so that He might gain for us the right to enjoy the everlasting pleasures of heaven.

The giving of Christmas gifts is a fine custom, but how often do we remember Him who gave the greatest Christmas gift ever—Himself. Shouldn't we try to give something to Him for His own birthday? No matter how small the gift, if we have the right intention God will be pleased.

Merry Christmas from the staff of *Bellefontaine*!

Season's Greetings

Senior(s) of the Month

At IHM one can find pairs of many places, items, and groups. Take, for instance, the fact that there are two chapels (faculty and student), two wings of the building (old and new), and two freshman classes (A and B). But there is also another pair that no one needs to be reminded of. This is the Scheiber pair, John and Dick, the first and only set of twins ever to (*hit*) *Bellefontaine*.

Their hometown is New York where they are members of Our Lady of Refuge Parish in Brooklyn. Both attended St. Brendan's grammar school. Dick spent his first year

of high school at Most Holy Trinity before coming to IHM.

Both "J" and "R", as they are usually distinguished, are active members in exploring and in the Latin Club. They are presently engaged in making a Latin movie for the latter organization.

In studies John ranks English literature as his favorite while Dick finds the study of modern European history most interesting.

Their hobbies include coin collecting and photography. In the field of sports John enjoys a good game of basketball while Dick prefers to battle it out on the football field.

Both young men are striving for the fulfillment of their purpose in life, to be good seminarians today, and good priests in the future.



IHM's doubles: Richard and John Scheiber

Honor Roll



Standing, left to right: Edward Lach, Ronald Pferdehirt, sophomores. John Holland, James Pezullo, juniors. Seated, left to right: William Borzansky, Dennis Larrivee, Raymond Reska, freshmen. These seven students merited their place on IHM's honor roll by maintaining an average of 90 or above in all subjects.

Seniors Visit Kilroe Seminary

The students and faculty of Kilroe Seminary in Honesdale, Pennsylvania hosted IHM's seniors, October 17, 18 and 19. It is at Kilroe that the seniors will undertake the college phase of their preparation for the priesthood.

They arrived at the seminary, Friday, October 17. The day was spent in touring the building and campus and chatting with the scholastics (the title of the collegians who have already taken their first vows).

Saturday's highlights were a trip to West Point and a "day on the town" in nearby Scranton. Seniors and scholastics were given the option of how they would spend the day.

The next day featured a touch football game in the afternoon, and a buffet dinner and talent show in the evening. Both schools furnished the talent.

Sodalists Conduct Model Meeting

Senior members of the sodality of Mary conducted a sodality workshop here for 37 girls from St. Joseph's High School in North Adams, November 14.

The event was arranged by Sister Angela, the girls' moderator, and Frs. Casper and Corcoran, S.C.J., IHM's sodality moderators.

The senior sodalists set up the schedule which included two talks by Fathers Casper and Corcoran respectively. Each talk was followed by a discussion in which the seminarians and girls participated.

The seminarians also staged a model meeting in order to demonstrate typical sodality discussion procedure here.

The day ended with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Ten Entrants Qualify For Speech Tournament Finals



IHM's James O'Brien (center) speaks into microphone during radio newscasting session in the Springfield Diocese Speech Festival, as two other contestants await their turn.

Ten of IHM's seventeen entrants survived the preliminaries in the Diocese of Springfield Speech Festival, November 11 at Cathedral High School in Springfield. They are now eligible to compete in the finals at St. Michael's, Northampton, December 18.

The festival featured three rounds of speaking in the following categories: original oratory, extemporaneous speaking, extemporaneous reading, prose reading, poetry reading, dramatic monologue, humorous monologue, oratorical interpretation, and radio newscasting.

To qualify for the final rounds of competition it was necessary to re-

ceive an average rating of excellent for the three rounds.

IHM's finalists are: Larry Whitney, Richard Urda, extemporaneous reading; Robert Derrico, Gregory Blanchfield, prose reading; Eugene Philipp, Yvon Sheehy, poetry reading; Thomas Kane, oratorical interpretation; James O'Brien, Samuel Roma, radio newscasting; Edward Lach, humorous monologues.

This represents the largest number of contestants that IHM has ever placed in the finals.

Coaching the students was Father Walter Nabity, S.C.J., head of the speech department.



Dear Mom and Dad

This letter might be a little longer than I expected since there are so many things to write about.

I took part in the recent speech contest and really put a lot of work into it. But the day of the contest I felt a little nervous and although I tried my best I didn't quite qualify. I'm going to keep trying though.

My subjects are coming along all right, now that I have a study schedule. I'm still having difficulty with algebra. It seems that mathematics and I don't get along too well. But I'll keep trying.

Speaking of studies just reminded me of something else—our recent blackout. A few weeks back the lights went out and instead of studying we teamed up with the seniors and tried to beat the juniors and sophomores in cageball. The cageball is so big that it's the only sport you don't need much light for.

Thanksgiving was really something. It being my first Thanksgiving away from home I didn't expect too much. But the sisters put out a tremendous spread. Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce the whole works—plus the Thanksgiving package you sent me. I really went to town—maybe even a little too much.

Well, Thanksgiving's over now and it seems as if everyone is buzzing around getting ready for Christmas. The glee club has been practicing Christmas carols and the decorating committee has been working overtime. So it won't be long now. I'm looking forward to coming home.

So much for thinking about home. I still have some tests to take before leaving and plenty of studying to do.

I'll be remembering you in my prayers.

Your loving son,

Dave

High Honors Accorded Sem Scouting Unit

Priest-Chairman

Fr. Anthony Bruder, S.C.J., Post 101's institutional representative, was elected chairman of the South District Berkshire Council of Scouting at a district meeting in South Lee, Massachusetts, October 21.

Fr. Bruder will be the official head of all scouting units in southwestern Massachusetts. He is the first Catholic priest to hold this position and according to Mr. William Dyer, the Berkshire Council executive director, this in itself is unique in scouting.

National Unit Award

Post 101 was recently named recipient of the National Unit award.

This is one of the highest honors in scouting. It is the first time a Berkshire Council troop has received such an honor. The award is presented to those posts that are considered outstanding in the fulfillment of their charter goals.

Bellefontaine's post ranked high in membership, merit badges, and activities.

Faculty Spotlight:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary is now in its fifth year of existence. Many changes have occurred during the course of those five years. Students and faculty members have come and gone but one of the moving spirits behind Bellefontaine's own spirit has remained. This is Father Paul Casper, S.C.J.

Father Casper was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, April 29, 1930. Father, like the seminarians at IHM began his studies for the priesthood at the age of fourteen. At that time he attended Divine Heart Seminary in Donaldson, Indiana.

Upon completion of his course of studies Father was ordained by the late Cardinal Meyer in St. John's Cathedral. His first assignment was at Divine Heart Seminary where he was to teach Latin.

In the fall of 1960 it was announced that Father had been transferred to IHM where he was to serve as prefect of discipline. In 1964 he



Reverend Fr. Casper, S.C.J.

became the school's spiritual director. This has been one of his most time consuming, but also most rewarding positions.

Father Casper is also moderator of the Sodality of Mary which has experienced a marked growth under his supervision.

His teaching assignment for this year includes first, second, and fourth year religion.



Glee Club Prepares Christmas Program

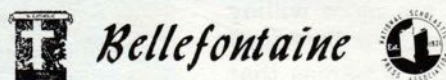
To alleviate the loneliness felt by many patients during the Christmas



Father Krah "tunes in" glee club during Christmas program rehearsal.

season the I.H.M. Glee Club plans to make a number of visits to hospitals and nursing homes in the Berkshire area. Besides adding to their own enjoyment and appreciation of music, the Glee Club members feel that they are performing a community service by bringing the Christmas spirit to those who are often in the greatest need of it.

Under the direction of Fr. Krah, S.C.J. and President Ed Frankovich the Club has been practicing Christmas carols. By the time the Christmas season arrives, they plan to have a well-balanced selection of old and new Yuletide favorites.



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Faculty Wins in Football First

A free day, a brisk November morning, and a cloudless sky provided the perfect setting for a football first—a student-faculty game. Representatives of both factions had clashed before—on the ice, on the diamond, and on the court—but never on the gridiron.

The faculty captains were Fr. O'Bell, S.C.J., and Fr. Krah, S.C.J., while Larry Whitney and Paul Fontaine assumed leadership of the students. The students won the toss and elected to receive.

It was a wise choice. Paul Fontaine ran the kickoff back to the faculty ten. Three plays later and the students were home free with the first touchdown of the game—a pass from Fontaine to Whitney. The try for the point after failed.

As the game progressed neither

team mounted much of a drive against the opposing defense, and it was a defensive play that turned the tide. Brother Camillus picked off a Whitney pass deep in the students' territory and raced over for the touchdown. The try for the point after failed and the score stood 6-6 at the half.

The second half was a repetition of the defensive stalemate. Neither team scored in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, however, Fr. O'Bell moved the faculty to within 20 yards of the students' goal. On a second down play Fr. Bruder broke away from his defender, caught a short pass near the sideline, ran for what proved to be the winning touchdown. The extra point attempt was good.

Final score: Faculty 13—Students 6.

Father Stephen Writes



rience such joy. We want our loved ones to be as happy as we are. For this reason we give them something, and by giving and making them happy we make ourselves happy also.

Christmas time has always been the best (though by no means the only) time for giving. The reason is that it was on the first Christmas that God gave us the best example of how to give. He gave us and all men His Son as our savior.

And so, fellows, I think you should pay close attention to how many shopping days there are till Christmas. If you have an allowance, save some of it to buy something for the other members of your family. But even more important, give them yourselves. Help them in any way you can.

And don't forget God. He remembered us on that first Christmas day when we needed Him so badly. Give Him something too. Give Him your love and prayers and all the good things you do. This will make Him as happy as all your Christmas presents will make you.

Merry Christmas to all of you!

Fr Stephen S.C.J.

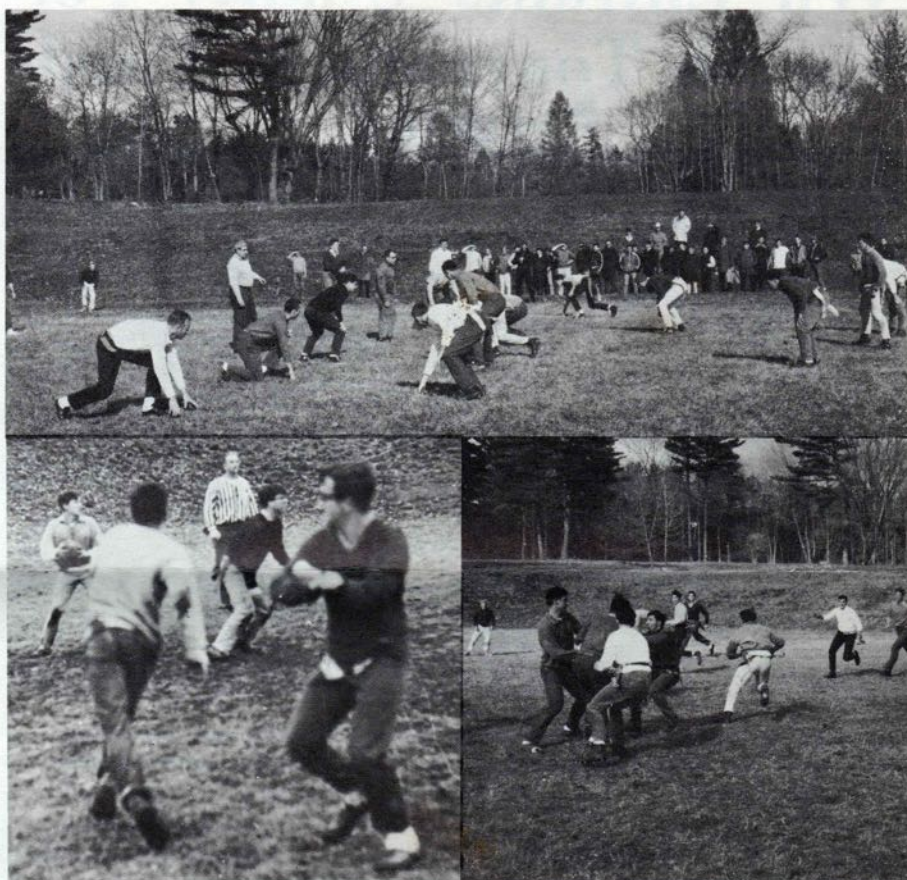


Hobby Corner



Senior Charles Yuhascik tinkers with enlarging machine in new dark room. Chuck is one of three photographers who snap and develop Bellefontaine's pictures. The others are John and Richard Scheiber.

SPORTLIGHT: FOOTBALL



Fontaine's Footballers Capture Varsity League Title

Using a highly diversified offensive attack, Paul Fontaine quarterbacked his team to the varsity league championship. Effective passing and running from various formations proved to be a winning combination, good enough to chalk up a 9-2 record.

Paul Cunningham and company

finished in second, three games off the pace with a 6-5 record.

George Nestler's squad lost the services of their captain and quarterback when George incurred a head injury early in the season. Field leadership passed to Phil Dahl and the team finished third with four wins and seven losses.

One game out of third but battling all the way was Larry Whitney's crew, also hampered by injuries to their quarterback-captain.

A Request

Our school library can always use a few good books and any help you can provide in this regard would be appreciated. If you are able to help in any way, please let us know.

Frosh Initiation and Hike To Greylock Highlight Explorers' Activities

● In an impressive moonlight ceremony, November 6, Freshman explorers were inducted into Post 101.

The induction ceremony began with a torchlight march along Scout Trail. At certain intervals one of the veteran explorers would exhort them to live up to the scouting ideal.

On reaching the Post bonfire

the neophytes recited the prescribed ceremonial logue. This was the climax of weeks of preparation and screening. The new members had been officially inducted into the Post.

● Saturday, November 20, the Post participated in the Hiking Merit Badge Program.

In partial fulfillment of the merit badge requirements the explorers hiked to the top of Mount Greylock, highest mountain in Massachusetts.

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