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THIS ISSUE—A 1941 Souvenir Number Which Portrays The Life Of A Novice
Training For The Teaching Brotherhood At Mont La Salle.



THE NOVITIATE SPECIALIZES IN one important phase of training preparatory to the Brother's professional life of teaching.

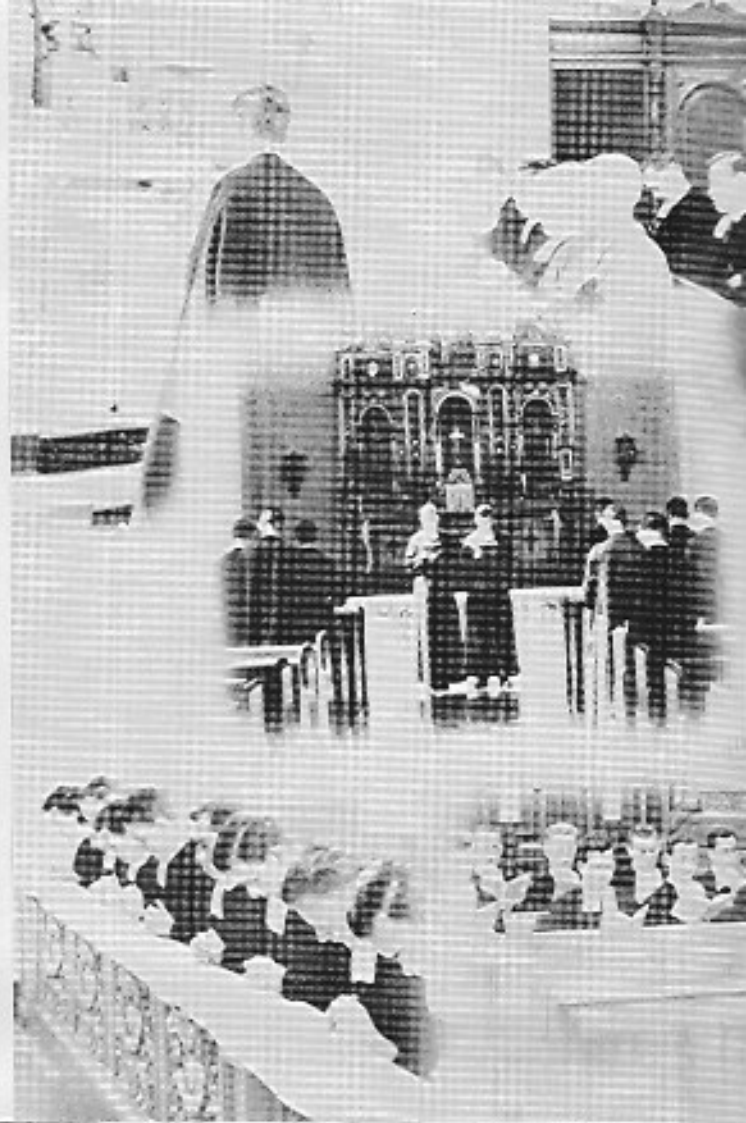
DURING HIS YEAR OF NOVITIATE the young Brother Novice dedicates his whole being to religious and spiritual formation.

The Novitiate
is the womb
Of the religious life.
—Meditation of St. La Salle

AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN THE supernatural growth of the Novice is his participation in the life of the Church, the Liturgy.

SO, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CHURCH which animated St. John Baptist de la Salle, Founder of the Christian Brothers, the Novice participates daily in Holy Mass, shares intensely in the sacramental life of Christ, and recites the little office of the Most Blessed Virgin.

The ordinary prayers of the Church
Should be our favorites
—Collection of St. La Salle.



BESIDES PRAYING THE LITURGY,
the Novice takes part in daily com-
munity prayers.

HIS FREQUENT MEDITATIONS
give him a keener insight into the things
of God and help him put on Christ's
Mind. Daily rosary, mementos for the
dead, and other Institute prayers in-
tensify his life in the "Communion of
Saints."

Endeavor to apply yourself well
To your exercises
Because they will sanctify you
And lead you to God.
—Meditation of St. La Salle



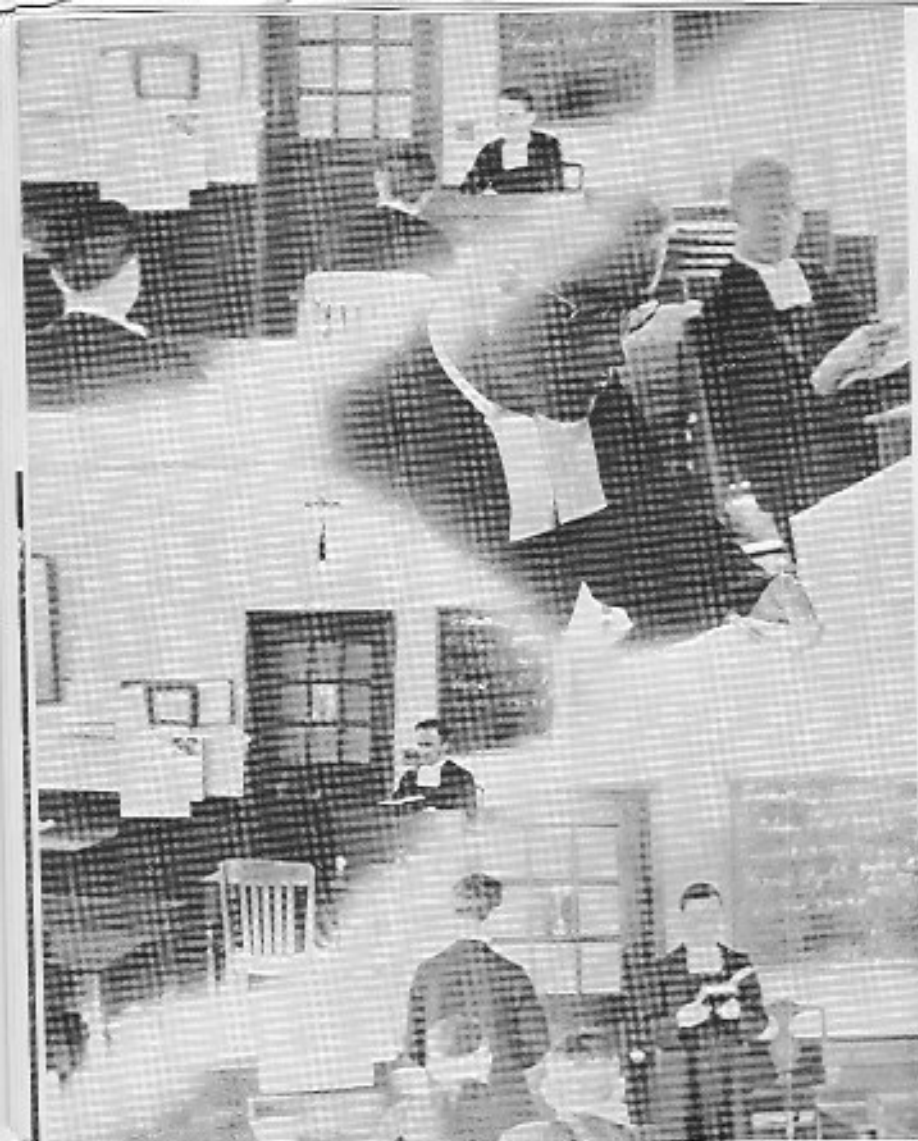


PRIVATE DEVOTION IS AN
element of the Novice's
life.

BY EXERCISES OF PERSONAL
devotion to Jesus, to Mary H
er, and to the saints, the young
fosters that spirit of piety wh
Salle so desired his followers to

Everything in you,
Both exterior and interior,
Should manifest the holiness
To which your profession
Obliges you

—Meditation of St. Lo Salle.



FOR THE NOVICE, THE STUDY of religion is a limitless source of Christlike development, so necessary to his work of teaching.

BESIDES OBTAINING wisdom through knowledge of Christian doctrine, he develops a deep understanding of vows and of the Institute's regulations. "Catechism of Formation" is the Novice practice in the art of giving catechism.

As you are obliged daily
To teach the doctrine
Of the holy Apostles
And of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself,
It is your duty to study it
In order to know it perfectly.
—Meditation of St. La Salle—

THE NOVICE'S DAILY INTELLECTUAL activities add still more to his fund of knowledge.

COURSES IN HOLY SCRIPTURE, the history of the Church, and liturgy form part of his daily schedule. Better to appreciate Holy Mass and the language of the Church, the Novice pursues a course in Liturgical Latin.

You are obliged to know
In order to teach
—Meditation of St. La Salle



TO MAKE TRUE PROGRESS ONE needs guidance. The Novice is counseled by the Novice Master and other skilled Brothers devoted to Novitiate work.

WHATEVER THE PROBLEM, BE IT intellectual, physical, or spiritual, the Brothers are ready and willing to lend their helpful assistance.

God has given you superiors
Whose duty it is
To hold his place in your regard
—Meditation of St. La Salle.





INTIMATELY LINKED WITH
religious formation of the Novice,
his formation of character.

FREQUENT REDDITION OF
conduct to the Brother Director
weekly charitable "Advertiser
Defects" aids him in this
Through his reading of spiritual
and especially of the New Test
the Novice is inspired to perfect
self after the example of his
founder.

Expose things
To those who conduct you
And submit
To their light and guidance.
—Meditation of St. La Salle.

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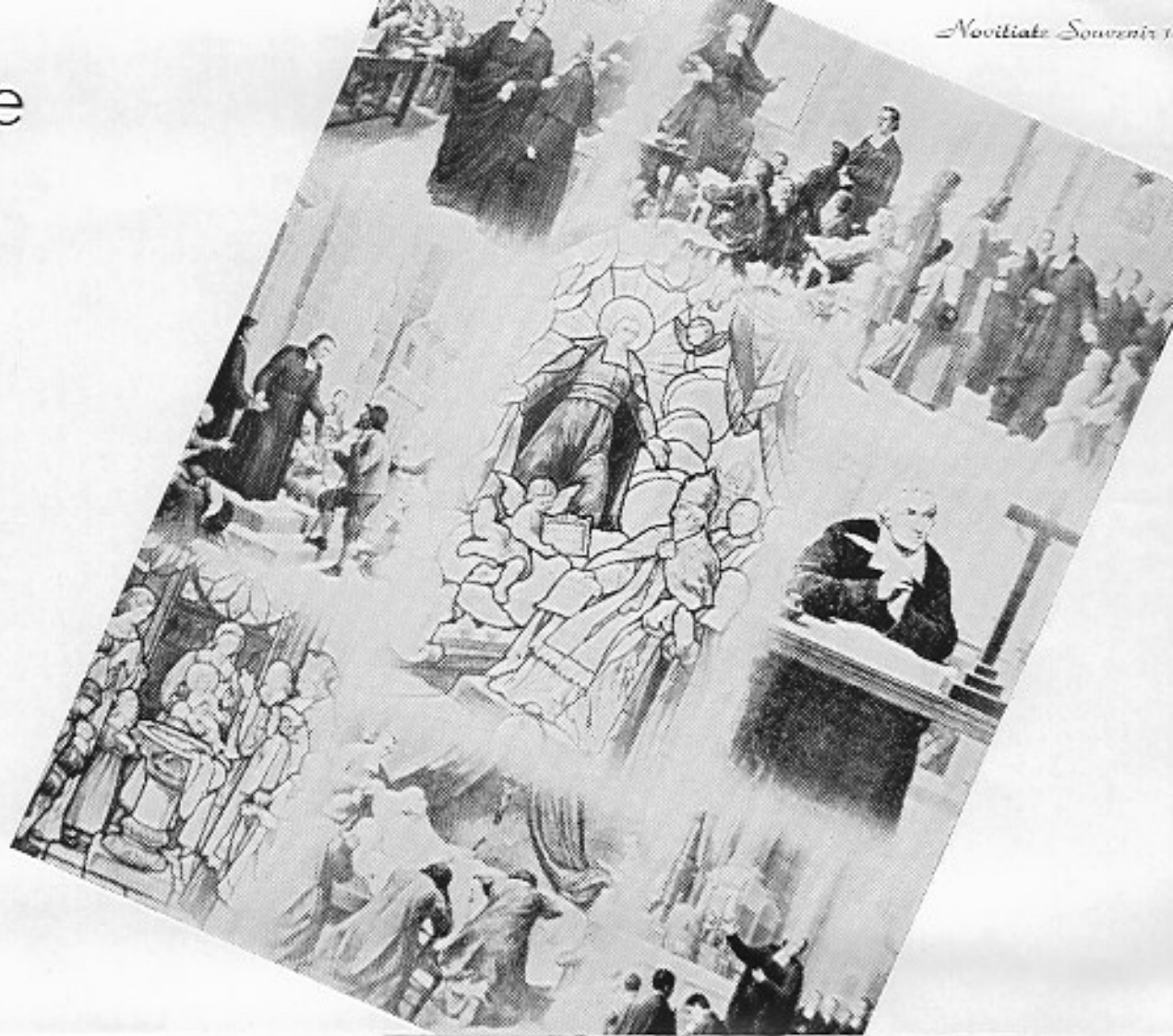


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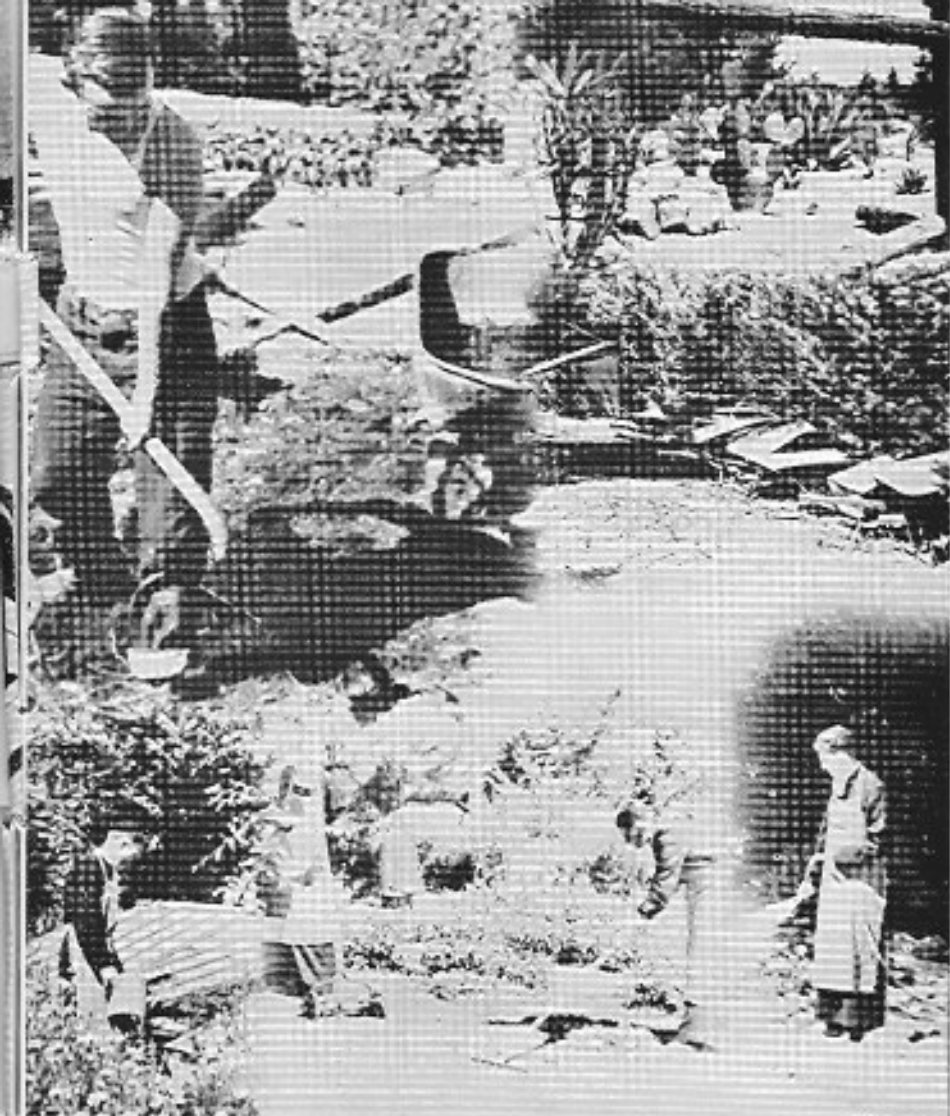


TO BALANCE HIS FORMAL PRAYER and intellectual discipline, the Novice engages in daily indoor manual labor.

Each Brother is assigned a particular task—sweeping, dusting, sacristy work, or the like—to be done with special care. If one should finish early, he helps another in need in true community spirit. Such an activity is for the Novice an exercise in responsibility and zeal.

To eat, to sweep, to clean up, etc.,
Appear little in themselves,
But when such actions
Are performed through obedience
They become very excellent.
—Meditation of St. Lo Salle



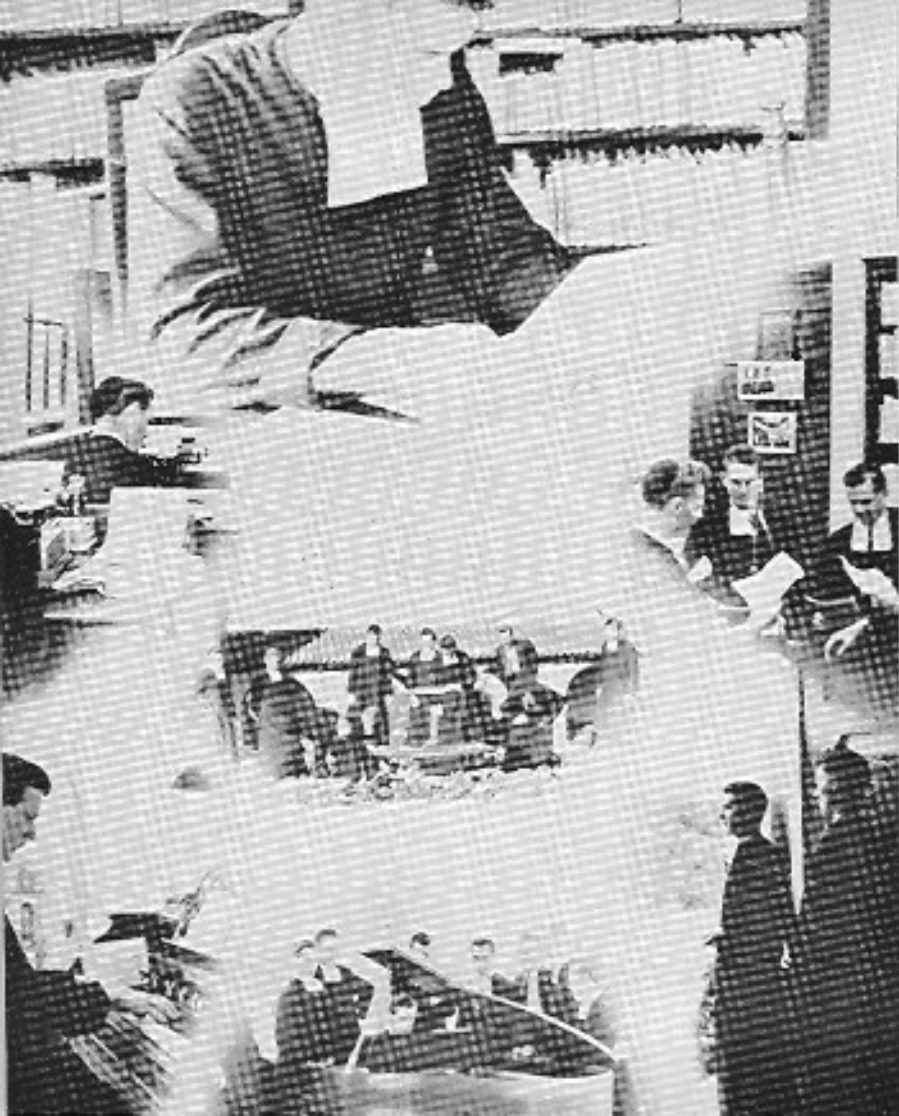


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patios, the young Brother t
pride in doing his work well.
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does his bit with a willing
spirit.

A slothful man is as slovenly
In his spiritual exercises
As he is heedless
Of his social obligations.

—The Christian's Duties of St. La Salle.



OF PURPOSES OF RELAXATION
The Novice recreates daily in
common with his Brothers.

MINDFUL OF THE COUNSEL
St. La Salle, the young Brother
his recreations wholesome and
At appointed times, he may read
the piano or organ, or engage in
ligent conversation. St. La Salle
"the manner of spending recreation
well" as one of the "exterior" sup
of the Institute.

Let your recreations
Be useful and Christian.
—Collection of St. La Salle

ST. LA SALLE WAS TRULY WISE
when he provided that his Brothers
should take daily recreations.

THE NOVICE IS NO EXCEPTION.
In addition to cultural recreation, the
novitiate curriculum provides for bod-
ily relaxation. Everyone takes part in
swims, hiking, ball games, and other
forms of diversion. Occasional picnics
are also a source of enjoyment.

Take a short recreation
Every day after meals,
So that you may afterwards
Resume your duties
With Greater affection and application
—Collection of St. La Salle.



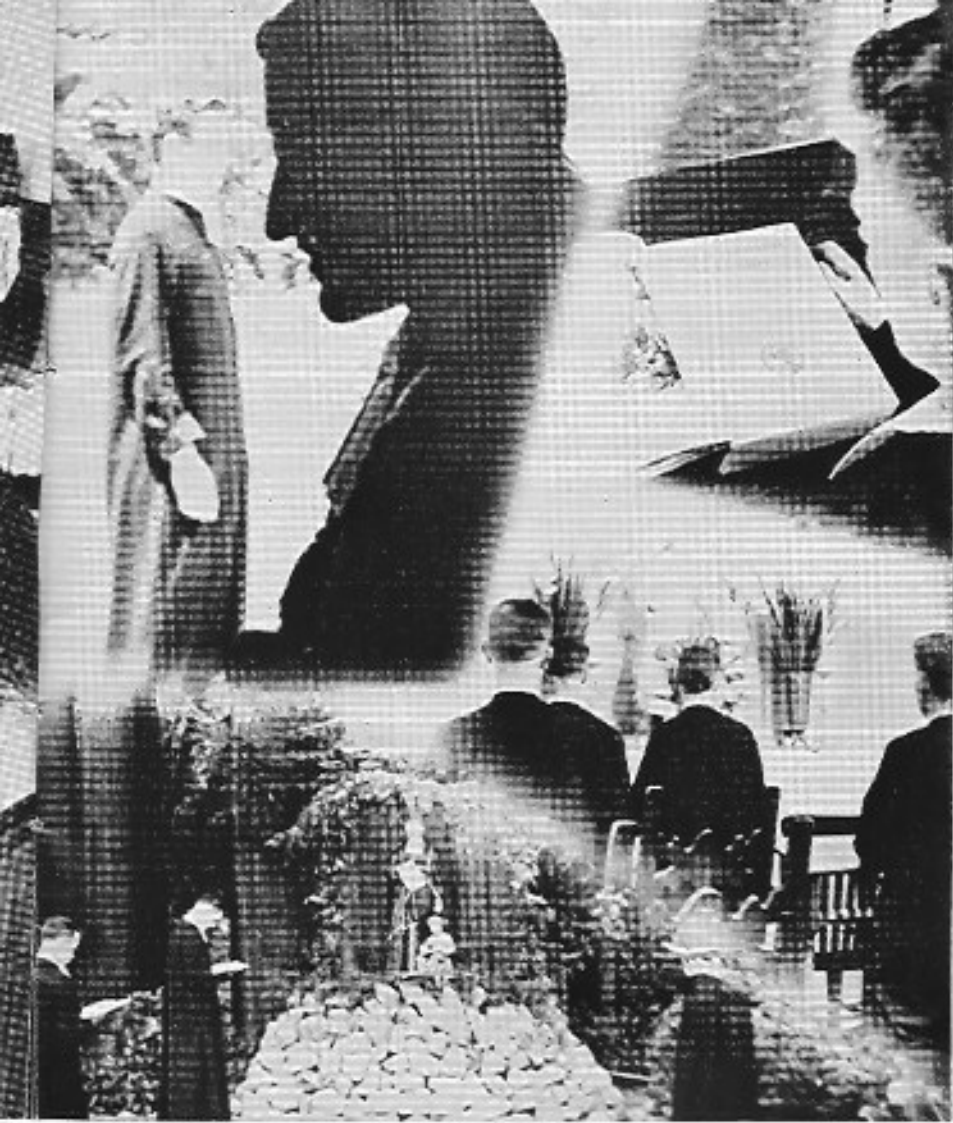
MUSIC FITS INTO THE NOVITATE schedule both as a prayer and as a recreation.

THE NOVICE TAKES GREAT DELIGHT in singing occasional Missae Cantatae, Vespers and Compline of Sunday, and Benediction hymns. During recreation he may listen to classical recordings. Organized effort is made to instill in the Novice an appreciation of Gregorian chant, the music of the Church.

The Church is our mother
With whom
We must be united in everything.
—Meditation of St. La Salle.



Benedictus
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Benedictus



O GOD

You have called me
To be a Leader of Boys
Like ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE
And I want to be like him
Because he's like your Son

Won't You give me
The same zeal he has
So I can do as much good as he
Toward the salvation and happiness
Of boys,
Especially poor boys

And, you, St. La Salle
Please ask Jesus to give me
Enough of His grace and love
To be like you,
An ideal

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

In all things
I adore the will of God
In my regard.
—Last words of St. La Salle

Just a Little Magazine

I'm just a little magazine,
By name, THE CHRISTIAN BROTHER,
I int'rest all, both big and small—
The youth, the Dad, the Mother.

I'm not a punster's joke book
And I'm not a rhymers' pal.
I'm just a little magazine,
Which tells of Mont La Salle.

My main intent this issue
Is to clearly demonstrate
The life of Senior Novices
In their Novitiate.

There's lots to learn about them;
But it's all contained in me.
You'll like to read their hist'ry here.
Just try it out and see!

I'm just a little magazine;
My name's THE CHRISTIAN BROTHER.
So read me through each one of you,
And pass me to another.

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