



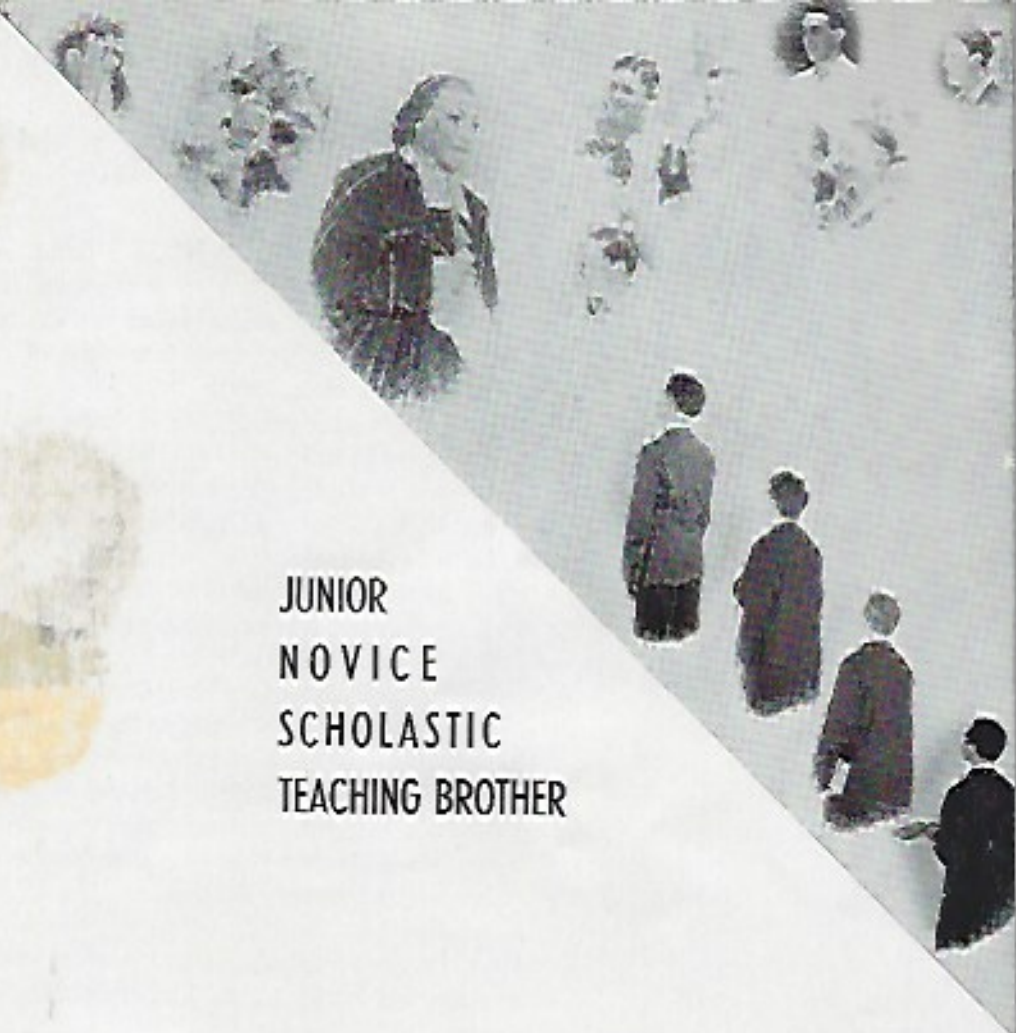
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JUNIOR  
NOVICE  
SCHOLASTIC  
TEACHING BROTHER

"He that shall do and teach  
Shall be called great  
In the kingdom of heaven."

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**J**IM BOYE HEEDS CHRIST'S CALL —  
Rounding the last turn on the road, **Jim Boye**, the new **Junior Novice**, and Brother Patrick, his teacher, came into sight of an imposing set of buildings.

"That's your home, Jim; I know you're going to like it."

Jim could do nothing but nod, so delighted was he with his long desired arrival at **Mont La Salle Juniorate**.

Some months later when Jim, now a full fledged **Junior Novice**, again saw his friend, Brother Patrick, he had much to say.

"It surely is **tops** up here, Brother; everything is better than I thought it was going to be."

"Yes," agreed Brother Patrick, "I knew that you'd like it. But wait until you get to the **Novitiate** and take the robe; you'll be happier than ever! By the way, Jim, is the schedule very tough?"

Jim, with a surprised look on his face which slowly but surely turned into a broad grin, said:

"Brother, I'm really surprised; I thought you knew how everything was. The schedule is balanced fine; we not only study and recreate, but also pray, as you can see by this snapshot."

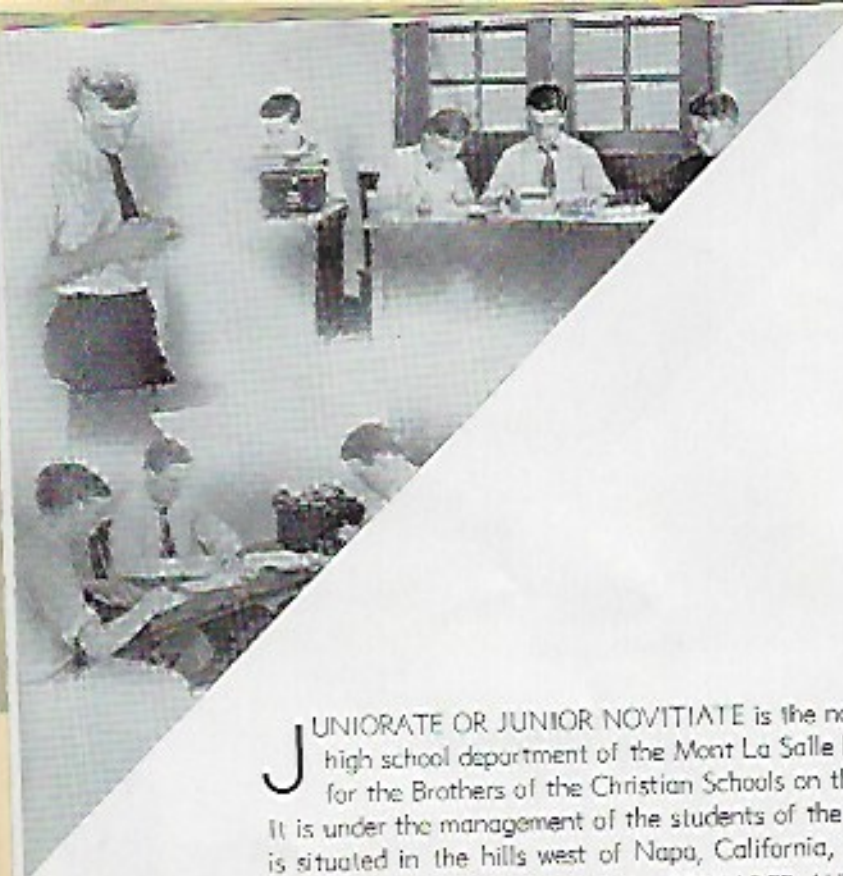
"You're perfectly content, then, Jim?"

"Perfectly content is right, and I'm looking forward to the time when I'll be in the **Novitiate** department. I'm certainly glad that I came to **Mont La Salle**."

Brother Patrick smiled radiantly, for he knew that Jim would make good. . . .



"Blessed is he  
That has borne  
The yoke of the Lord  
From his youth."



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**J**UNIORATE OR JUNIOR NOVITIATE is the name given to the high school department of the Mont La Salle house of training for the Brothers of the Christian Schools on the Pacific Coast. It is under the management of the students of the **Juniorate**, which is situated in the hills west of Napa, California, that this special 1940 SOUVENIR NUMBER of the CRUSADER-AUXILIARY is published.

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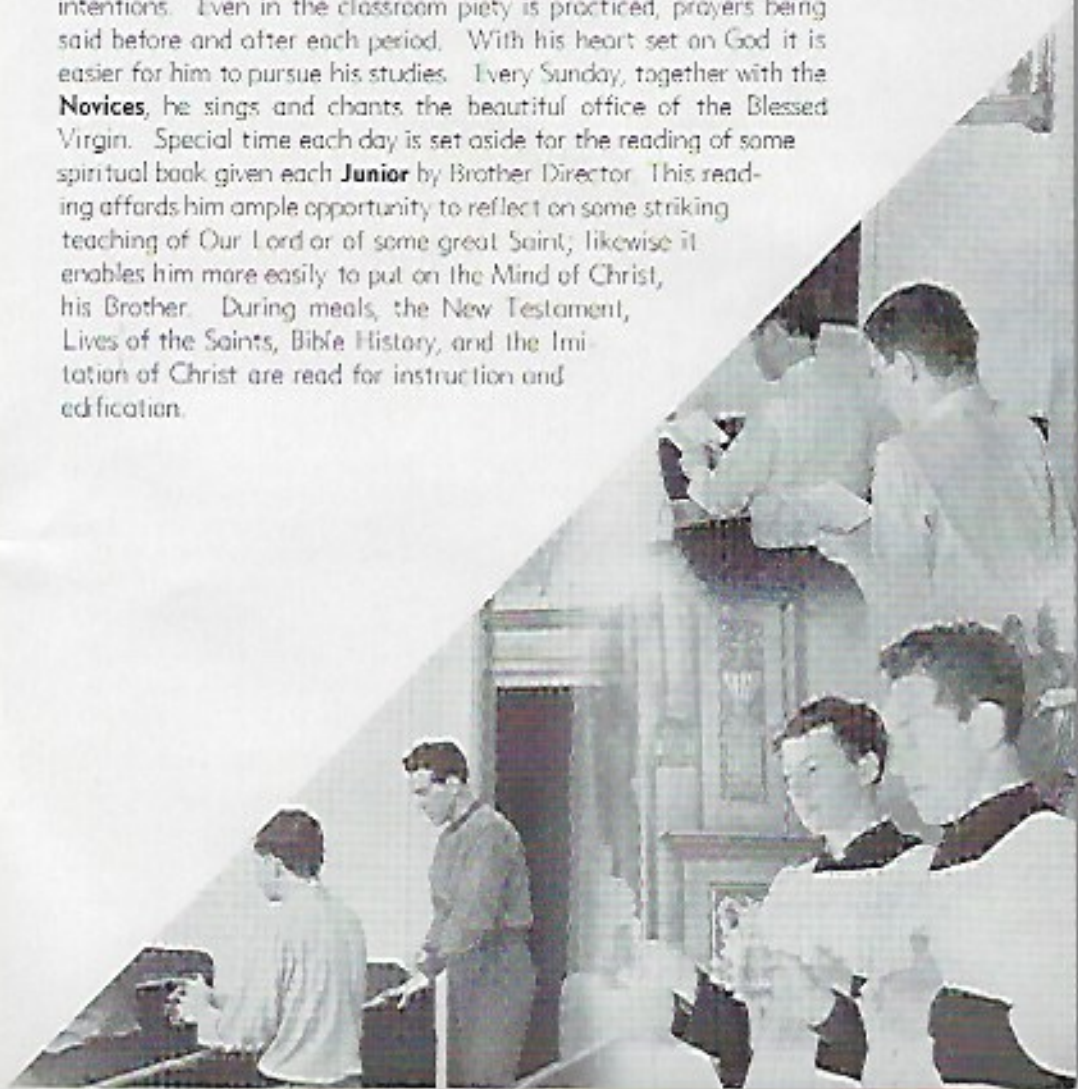
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**J**UNIOR NOVICES, commonly called **Juniors**, live according to a daily plan of life set down in the spirit of the prudent founder of the Brothers. The first act of the day is one of piety. On rising at the sound of the bell, the young **Junior** answers the signal, **Live Jesus in our Hearts**, with a distinct **Forever**. From sun up till sunset the **Junior** is always performing acts of devotion to God whether privately or publicly, formally or informally.

Once a week the **Junior** goes to confession at which time he confidently opens his soul to his confessor. He is likewise a regular communicant, receiving the Divine Victim daily. The rosary forms an important part of the day; six decades are offered up for numerous intentions. Even in the classroom piety is practiced, prayers being said before and after each period. With his heart set on God it is easier for him to pursue his studies. Every Sunday, together with the **Novices**, he sings and chants the beautiful office of the Blessed Virgin. Special time each day is set aside for the reading of some spiritual book given each **Junior** by Brother Director. This reading affords him ample opportunity to reflect on some striking teaching of Our Lord or of some great Saint; likewise it enables him more easily to put on the Mind of Christ, his Brother. During meals, the New Testament, Lives of the Saints, Bible History, and the Imitation of Christ are read for instruction and edification.



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**A**CTIVITIES AT MONT LA SALLE are many, consisting in everything of importance from music to gardening. The following are several not contained elsewhere in this book.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**, under faculty supervision, is in use at Mont La Salle. Officers are elected each semester from the Student Council. Al Jones held the presidency for two semesters with Joe O'Brien and Jack Stahl dividing the honors of vice-president for one term each. Art Marin, secretary for the first term was relieved by Bartley Flaherty for the present semester.

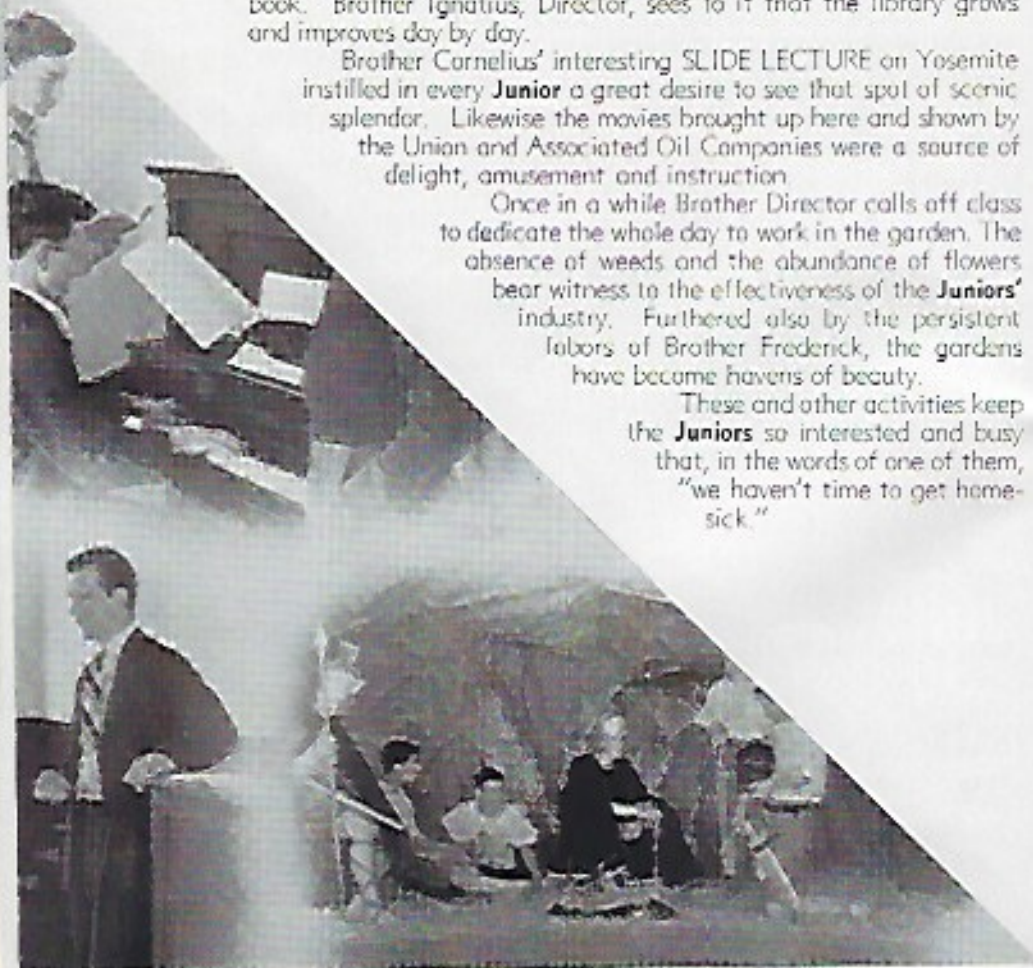
**ENGLISH CLASSES** often undertake the preparing of dramas as a means of training in speech and memory work. These plays also afford the **Novices** and other **Juniors** real enjoyment. Skits, plays, songs, instrumental music and recitations all furnish pleasant entertainment.


**A LIBRARY** filled with many delightful books is the regular haven of many a reader seeking diversion. Whether one desires history, fiction, travel, or religion, the library always affords the right book. Brother Ignatius, Director, sees to it that the library grows and improves day by day.

Brother Cornelius' interesting **SLIDE LECTURE** on Yosemite instilled in every **Junior** a great desire to see that spot of scenic splendor. Likewise the movies brought up here and shown by the Union and Associated Oil Companies were a source of delight, amusement and instruction.

Once in a while Brother Director calls off class to dedicate the whole day to work in the garden. The absence of weeds and the abundance of flowers bear witness to the effectiveness of the **Juniors'** industry. Furthered also by the persistent labors of Brother Frederick, the gardens have become havens of beauty.

These and other activities keep the **Juniors** so interested and busy that, in the words of one of them, "we haven't time to get homesick."





ONE OF THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS of a prospective Christian Brother is the spirit of study. At the Mont La Salle **Junior Novitiate**, a complete curriculum routine is put before the **Perit Novice**, by which he prepares himself for later life.

At eight o'clock, following the first three decades of the rosary, the **Junior** goes to class until 11:45 at which time he eats lunch. The afternoon session beginning at 1:15 terminates at 2:45 followed by a period of recreation.

The classes at Mont La Salle take subjects resembling those of a regular academic high school. In the Freshman class, work centers in a general survey of Christian Doctrine, English, ancient history, Latin I, and algebra. The Sophomore program consists of religion, the study of moral and worship, English, French I, Latin, plane geometry, and modern history. Religion, which includes the life of Christ and the Gospels, occupies the Junior class, together with second year algebra, English, physics, and French II. The Senior group undertakes in Religion, a study of Church History.

English, physics, American history, and second year algebra round out the remainder of the fourth year students' schedule. Responsible for the teaching of these subjects are Brother Ignatius, Director, Brother Boniface, Brother Benedict, Brother Fabian, of the Novitiate, and Brother Frederick, of the Ancients' department. Brother Fabian, recent arrival from Quebec, is a native of our neighbor to the North, Canada. Brother Frederick, originally from France, came to M.L.S. after a period of teaching at St. Peter's High School, San Francisco.

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## R e c r e a t i o n

**T**HE LIFE OF A **Junior Novice** isn't always one of concentrated prayer and study. When fair weather envelops the hills of Napa, advantage is taken of the climate in picnicking and hiking. The surrounding hills afford excellent opportunity for hikes, whether to historic Sonoma by ancient wagon trail, or to beautiful Trinity Falls by rocky creek and winding path. A gem of a picnic was had in Sacramento, where after a delicious picnic lunch, the **Juniors** were treated to a most amusing minstrel show, presented by the boys of C.B.S. Greatly appreciated was a trip to St. Mary's College and the entertaining company of the **Scholastics**. Two trips to Lakoya furnished afternoons of swimming in a pool that approaches perfection. Swimming meets and picnic suppers on the campus were another source of merriment.

In the radio room many a Junior finds relaxation listening to his favorite program. Of varying appeal are the Standard Symphony, Alec Templeton, Fibber McGee, Charlie McCarthy and popular music. Occasionally Brothers Benedict and Boniface provide musical programs for the appreciation and instruction of the **Juniors**.

Motors and crystal sets have become quite an attraction for many of the Juniors since electricity was studied in physics. A regular hook-up has been established in the carpenter shop, where many spend their free periods.

These diversions together with the numerous games enjoyed daily by the **Juniors** help to keep an even balance in their life of prayer, study, and recreation.

"So run  
That you may obtain  
The prize."





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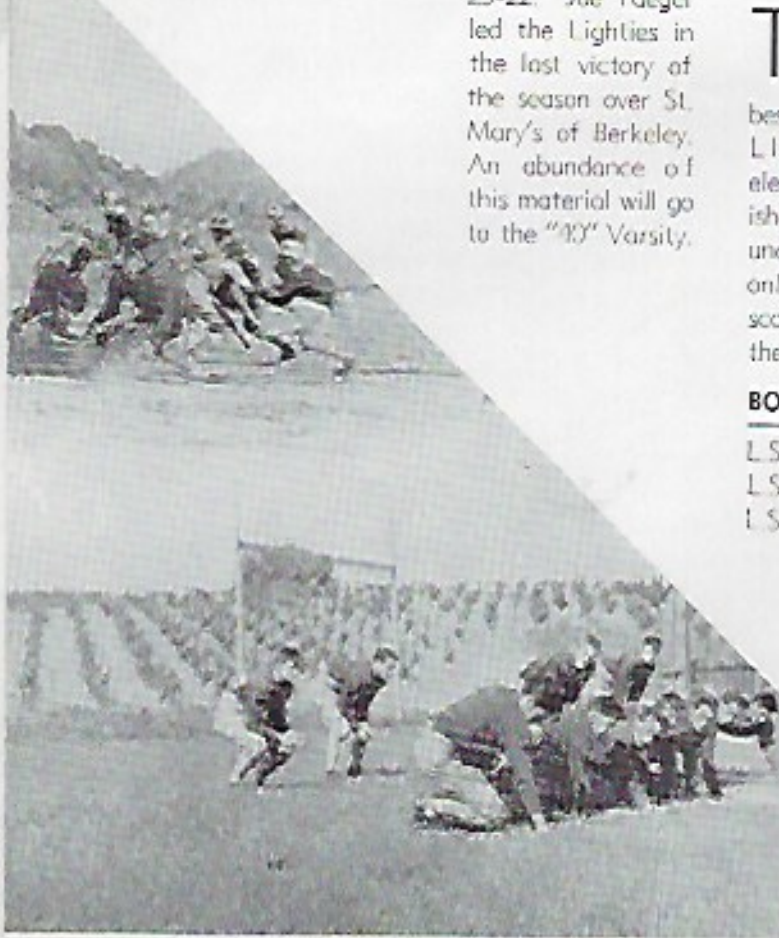
**T**HE Squires ended their BASKETBALL season with an 80 per cent average. The Sacred Heart 110's eked out a 34-32 win in an overtime period. A week later St. Peter's fell beneath the La Salites' attack 14-11. The No. 2 team of the Scholastics held down the fastbreaking Lighties for an

18-11 win. Next the Squires emerged winners in a four-game series with the Napa Intermediates. A team from St. John's of Napa fell before the Lighties, 23-22. Joe Yaeger led the Lighties in the last victory of the season over St. Mary's of Berkeley. An abundance of this material will go to the "NY" Varsity.

**T**HE "39" FOOTBALL season was one of the best ever for the LIGHTWEIGHT eleven. They finished their season undefeated and with only one touchdown scored against them.

**BOX SCORE**

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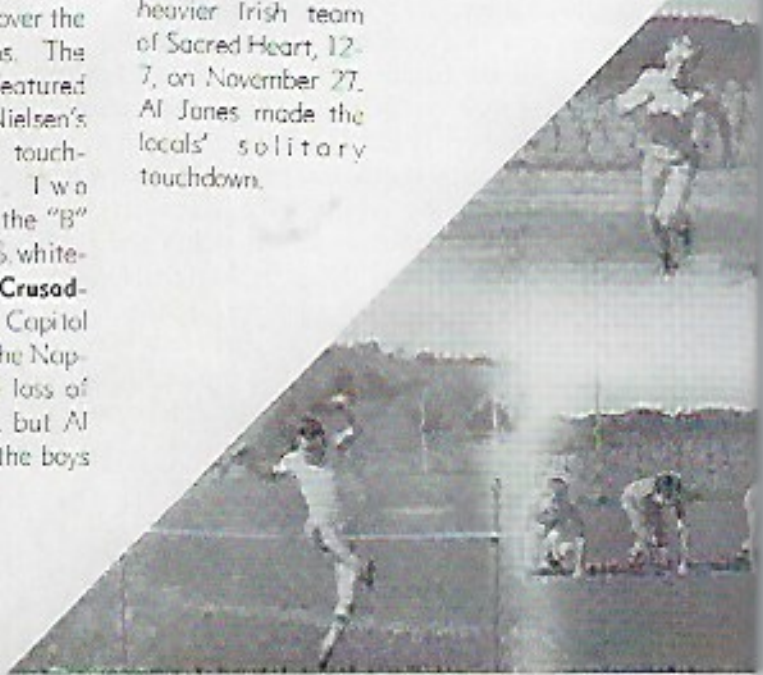


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"There shall be  
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And one shepherd."

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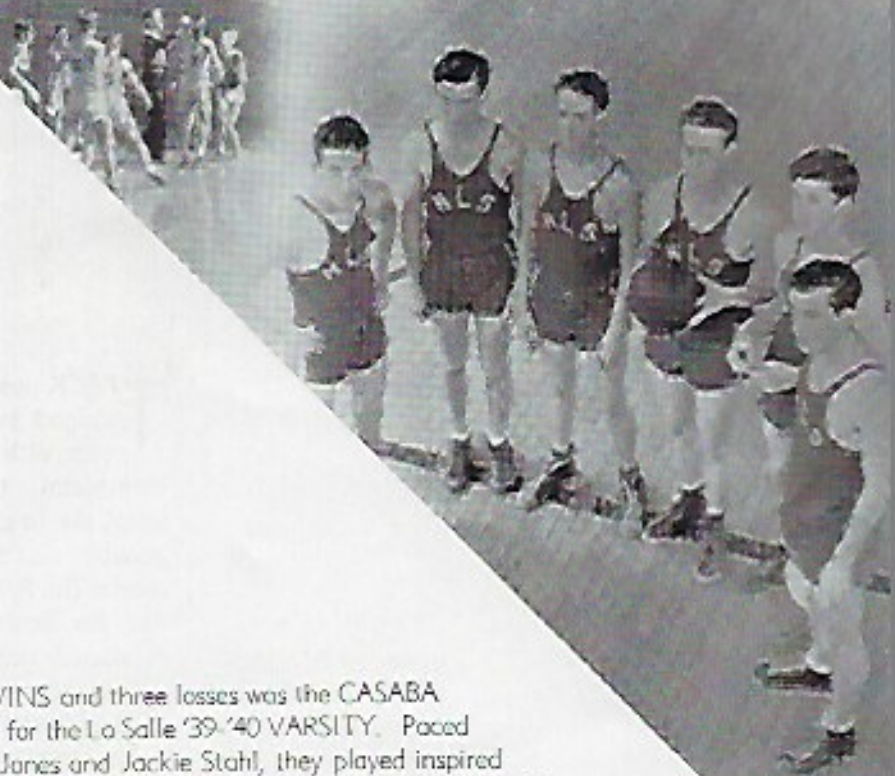
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**S**OPHOMORES of the Class of '42 look back upon the passing school year and discover much in the way of fond recollections: August 1, '39. Enthusiastic sophomores to be terminated an enjoyable vacation at home and at camp, and settled down gladly for a new year of study and prayer.

**Labor Day:** The whole class tramped down to the gridiron to try out for football. Two made the varsity; four the lightweights. Incidentally the lightweights had an undefeated season.

**Juniors' Day:** For the first time in their lives as individuals and as a class, all were initiated into the great festival of the **Juniorate**. High Mass and Holy Communion, Treasure Hunt over the hills, General recreational activity, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament!

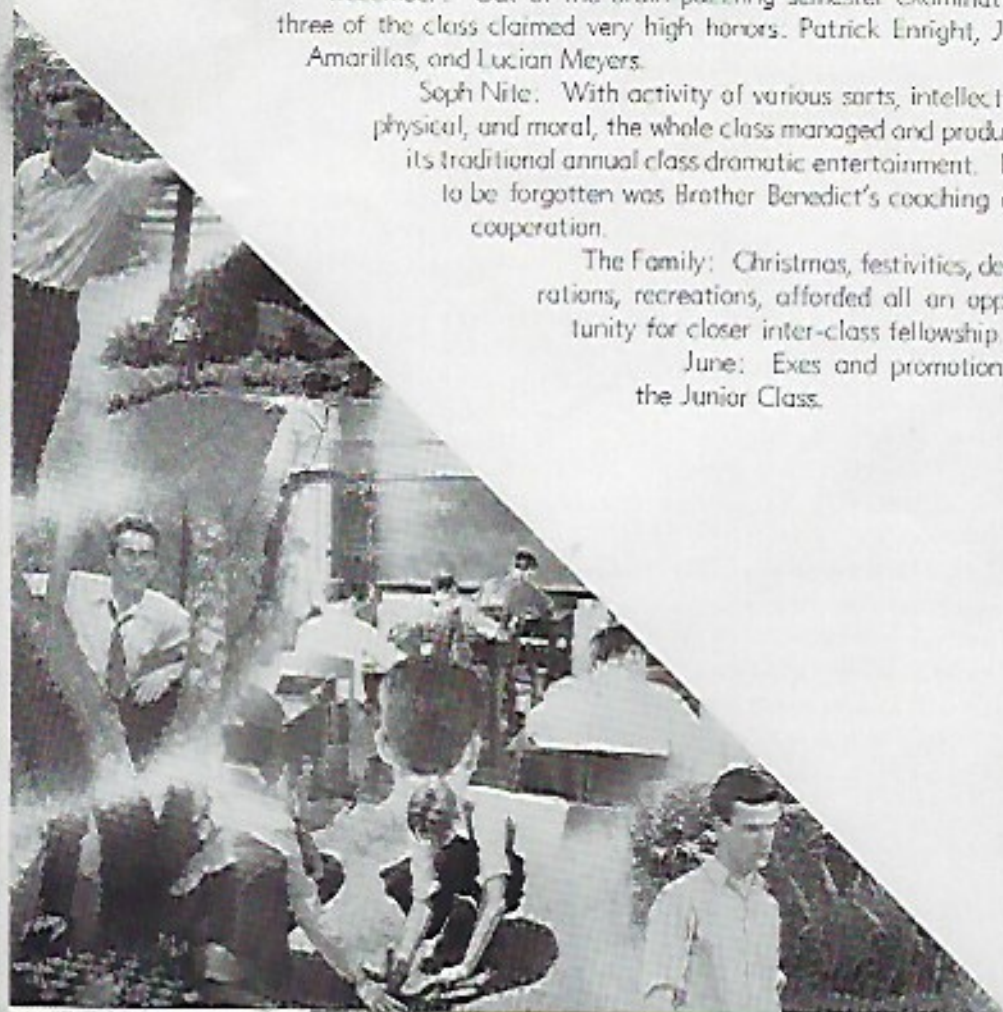
**Halloween:** In the interest of dramatics the entire class staged **Peace and Quiet**.

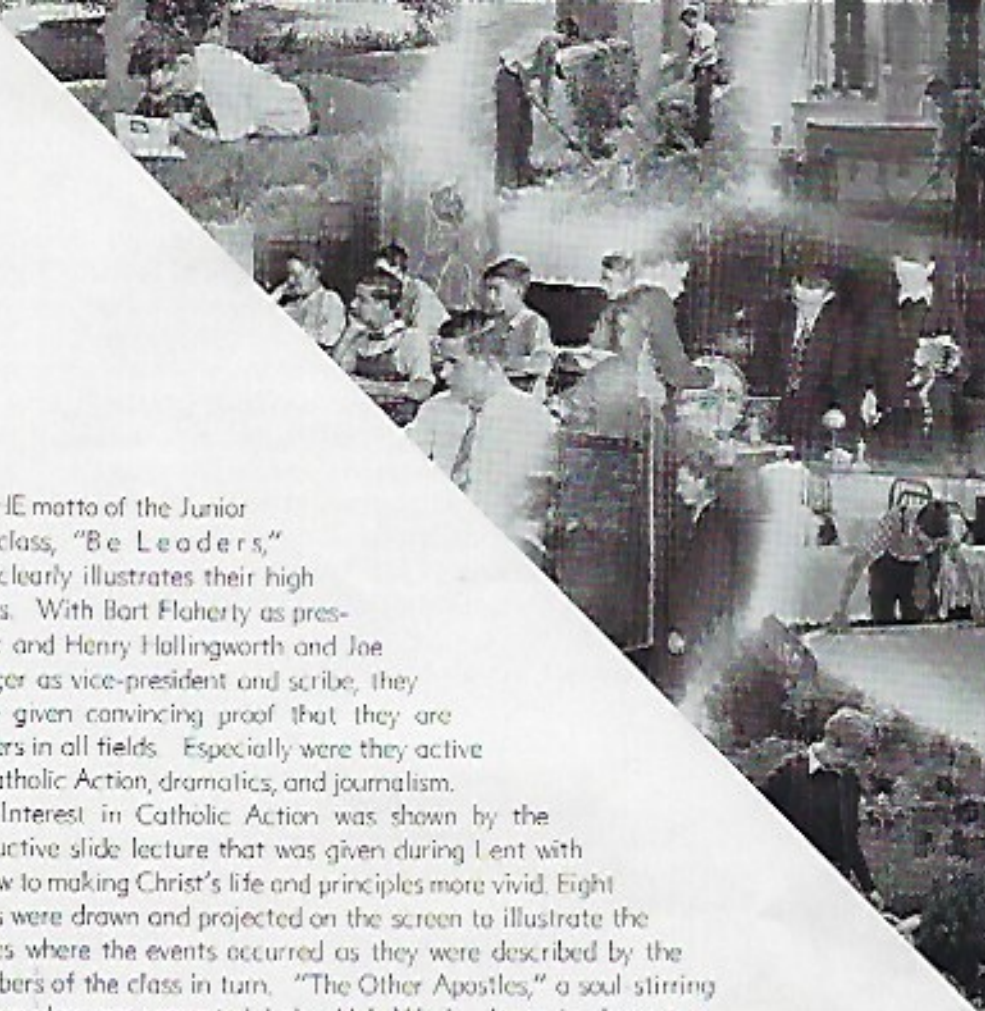
**December:** Out of the brain-puzzling semester examinations three of the class claimed very high honors. Patrick Enright, John Amarillas, and Lucian Meyers.

**Soph Nite:** With activity of various sorts, intellectual, physical, and moral, the whole class managed and produced its traditional annual class dramatic entertainment. Not to be forgotten was Brother Benedict's coaching and cooperation.

**The Family:** Christmas, festivities, decorations, recreations, afforded all an opportunity for closer inter-class fellowship.

**June:** Exes and promotion to the Junior Class.





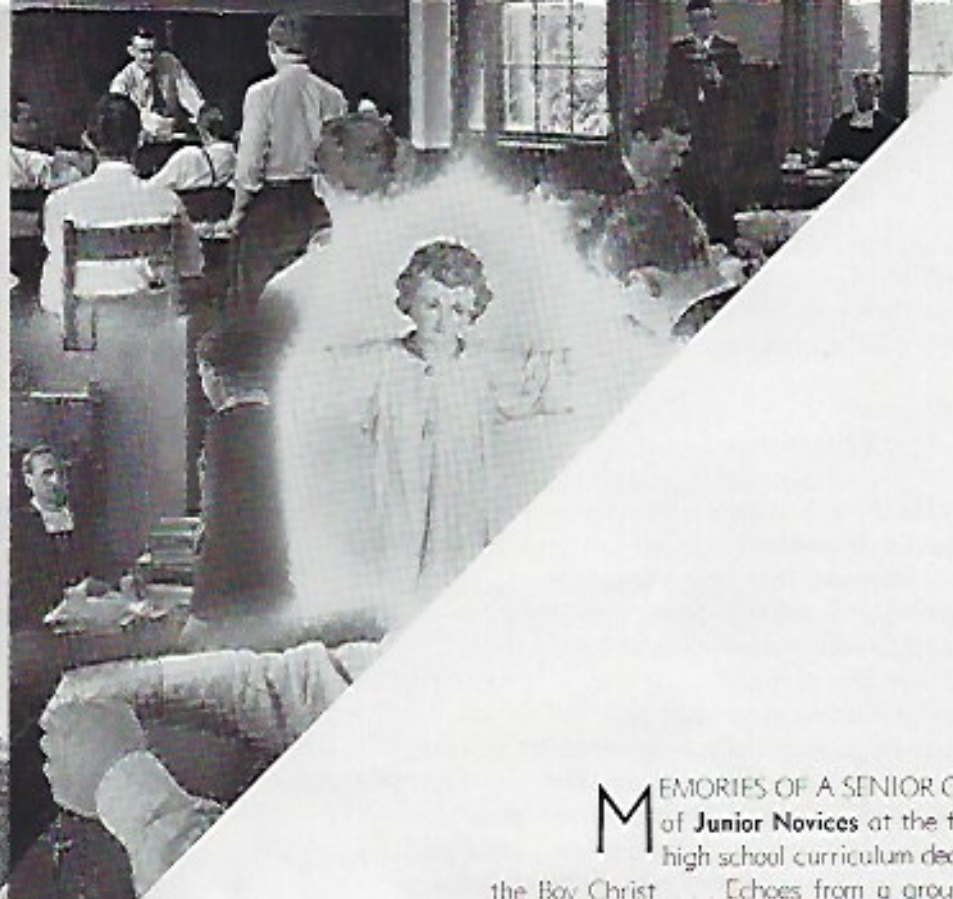
THE motto of the Junior class, "Be Leaders," clearly illustrates their high ideals. With Bart Flaherty as president and Henry Hollingworth and Joe Yaeger as vice-president and scribe, they have given convincing proof that they are leaders in all fields. Especially were they active in Catholic Action, dramatics, and journalism.

Interest in Catholic Action was shown by the instructive slide lecture that was given during Lent with a view to making Christ's life and principles more vivid. Eight maps were drawn and projected on the screen to illustrate the places where the events occurred as they were described by the members of the class in turn. "The Other Apostles," a soul-stirring passion play, was presented during Holy Week. Its main characters, Longinus, Judas, and Paulus, were played respectively by Joseph Yaeger, Victor Houston, and Bart Flaherty.

Success in dramatics was likewise achieved by numerous other plays, among them the humorous parody, **The Idlings of the King**, presented on Washington's birthday. Art Morin, as Guinivere, and Bart Flaherty, as King Arthur, were responsible for a delighted audience. Junior Nite, put off in late May, featured the production of two plays, **The Substitute** and **The Wonderful Telephone**, and a new treat, a negro midget show, which had everyone weeping with laughter.

Under the editorship of Art Morin, the class published a paper, **The Leader**, a worthy achievement in journalism.

These and their other many activities help to establish the Junior class members as true leaders in the Juniorate.



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**M**EMORIES OF A SENIOR CLASS . . .  
of **Junior Novices** at the finish of a  
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the Boy Christ . . . Echoes from a group of boys  
who have left the world in an endeavor to save it . . .  
who have completed four short years of academic high  
school . . . motivated by Christ's ideals . . . Memories linger—

**THOSE FIRST THREE YEARS** . . . arrival . . . new life, family  
. . . debut into dramatics . . . **Soph Nite** tradition revived . . . class  
publications initiated . . . third year raid on honor roll . . .

**THIS LAST YEAR**, an ending and a commencing . . .

**Study** . . . the regular solids . . . glee club . . . Jack Stahl ahead  
on the honor roll . . .

**Sports** . . . intramural basketball championship . . . other student's  
out-splashed in swimming . . .

**Religion** . . . special novenas supplementing daily spiritual life . . .  
Catholic Action discussion . . .

**Activity** . . . dramatics and Jones' acting . . . O'Brien's altar  
decorating . . . Dabovich's horseshoe tossing . . . Nielsen's track  
work . . .

**Farewell** . . . banquet given by undergraduates . . . Seniors rate.  
**FINIS** . . . diplomas from Brother Visitor . . . **ENTERED** novitiate  
June 4.

**C**OMMENCEMENT always implies a vision of the future, and so the Senior class of 1940 eagerly looks forward to the life of teaching and religious education. Its roster indicates something of the preparation underlying youthful idealism.

**MERYYN DABOVICH**—Formerly of Sacred Heart College, S. F.; entered **Juniorate**, Aug. '38. INTERESTS: Debating, literature. OFFICES: Ass't editor of Crusader. ATHLETICS: Basketball, baseball.

**ALBERT JONES**—Originally from St. Monica's Grammar School, S. F.; entered **Juniorate**, Aug. '36. INTERESTS: Writing, singing. OFFICES: Class, 1, 2, 3, 4; student council, 3, 4; Catholic Action, 4; editor, 1940 annual. ATHLETICS: Football, basketball, lightweight football coach.

**EUGENE NIELSEN**—From St. Paul's Grammar School, S. F. Entered **Juniorate**, Aug. '36. INTERESTS: Physics, photography, hiking. OFFICES: Class, 4; ass't editor of the Crusader. ATHLETICS: Track, football.

**JOSEPH O'BRIEN**—Formerly of St. Mary's Academy, Winlock, Washington, entered **Juniorate**, Dec. '36. INTERESTS: Church history, music. OFFICES: Class, 3; student council, 4; circulation editor of Crusader. ATHLETICS: Track.

**JOHN STAHL**—Originally from St. Paul's Grammar School, S. F.; entered **Juniorate**, Aug. '36. INTERESTS: Catholic Action, hiking. OFFICES: Class, 1, 4; Sports editor of Crusader, Catholic Action, 4. ATHLETICS: Basketball, baseball.



**J**IM BOYE BECOMES BROTHER RICHARD DURING YEAR OF NOVITIATE—When he and his fellow-postulants received the Christian Brother's religious habit, they were joyful and confident. Ever since their graduation from the **Juniorate**, they had been studying the Religious life in close relation with the **Novices**. Then came the final decision. Jim had prayed, he had talked with the Novice-Master, he was now thoroughly convinced that God had called him to this life.

On that happy day of robe-taking, the feast of the Annunciation, Brother Patrick was there as Jim's sponsor.

"Still like it, Jim? . . . er . . . I mean **Brother Richard?**"

"I'm set on it, Brother. Since I've been here, I've gotten a better slant on life, and I'm sold on the idea of being a Brother."

Brother Patrick smiled. "That's the right way to feel. Remember to stay that way all the time."

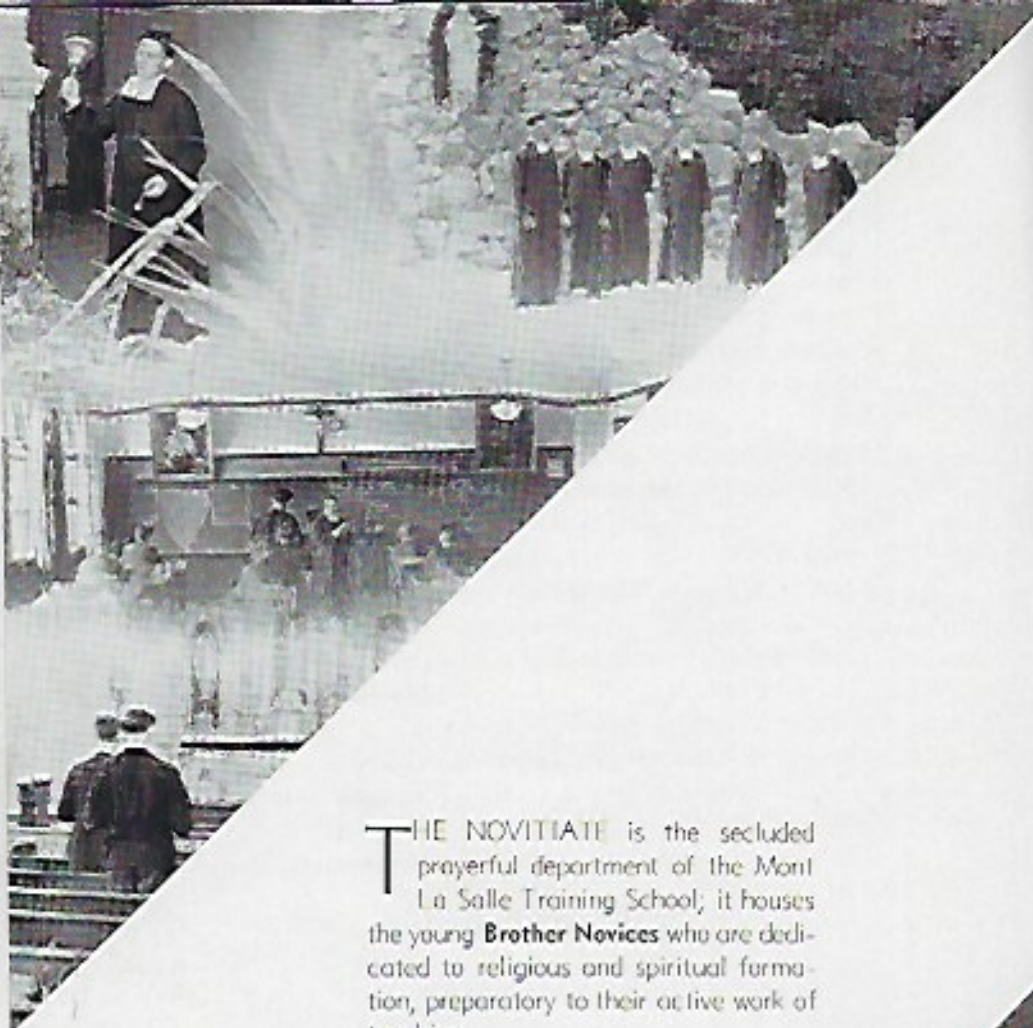
**Brother Richard** laughed. "O.K. Brother, I will."

And he did. As time went by, he began to like it more and more. He was coming closer to God, was forming a stronger character, was learning more about his religion—he'd never before realized how fine it was, how much it really meant to him—and he was supremely happy. His future, dedicated to the glory of God and to helping boys become thoroughly good and happy Christians was always before him. He was well on the way to a generous and unselfish life of doing good to others.

The vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience would be the climax and outcome of this training; he would then be ready to devote himself entirely to the education of boys. . . .

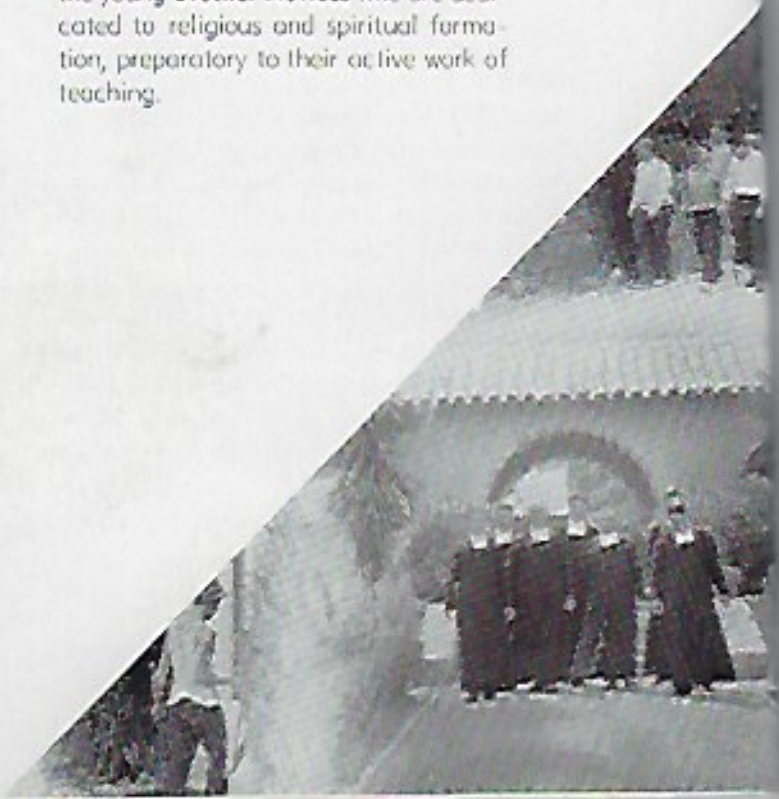


"And He advanced  
In wisdom, and age, and grace  
With God and Man."



THE NOVITIATE is the secluded prayerful department of the Mont La Salle Training School; it houses the young **Brother Novices** who are dedicated to religious and spiritual formation, preparatory to their active work of teaching.

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## G LIMPSES OF A NOVICE'S DIARY:

**Aug. 14:** Today I am a Brother! . . . what a thrill to wear the religious habit—the robe, rabat, calot . . . a real Brother! . . . Christ's Brother . . . dedicated to Him. . . .

**Sept. 2:** Wanted to be sacristan, but Brother Xavier got the job and I am just bell ringer . . . makes me realize the value of time . . . every second for God!

**Dec. 15:** Novices' Day! . . . High Mass was beautiful . . . and what a banquet! (and I thought I was controlling my love for food!) . . . family spirit . . . real treat all day. •

**Dec. 25:** Christmas in the **Novitiate!** . . . a new thrill . . . A fervent Advent makes Christmas truly joyful . . . more fun giving . . . Jesus in the Crib, God's Gift to men . . .

**Feb. 20:** Lent in full swing . . . putting on the new man with Christ isn't easy . . . hikes planned to Trinity Falls . . . to Sonoma . . . they'll keep the old man in check . . . a new slant on the Cross . . . the more I suffer and work, the more I love . . . maybe I can even bear Brother Jude's hair-cuts. . . .

**Holy Week:** Sang a Lamentation! . . . I was scared . . . singing alone . . . Brothers Fidelis and Jude sang beautifully . . .

**Easter:** Lent is over! . . . Sheer joy. . . . I feel risen with Christ . . . the Liturgy certainly appeals to the whole man. . . .

**June 1:** Next week the **postulants** will enter . . . theirs will be the same experiences as mine . . . hope they are as happy . . . in three months they'll be Novices and I'll be a Brother with vows . . . then the **Scholasticate** . . . and the realization of dreams . . . working for souls.

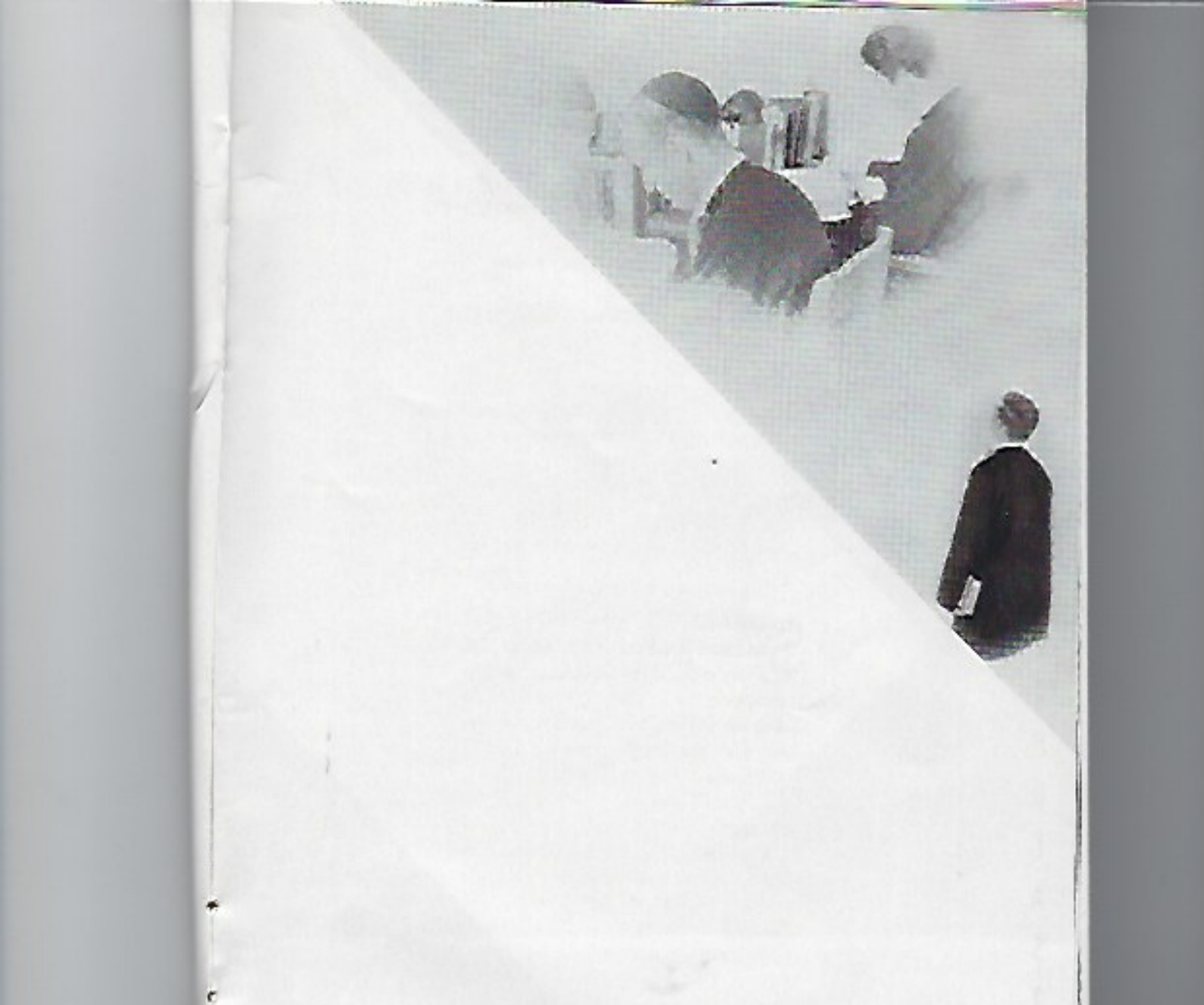




**B**ROTHER RICHARD COMMENCES PERIOD OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING—

The peaceful, prayerful days of **Novitiate** slipped by so quickly. Young **Brother Richard** hardly believed that he was already in the bustling routine of **Scholasticate** life at St. Mary's College. With youthful enthusiasm and a deepening piety he happily envisioned a few years of higher education which would prime him for his first **crack** at the art of **religious teaching** of which he had been dreaming so long. With this brilliant road before him and the firm conviction of the holy year behind him—that it was **for** and **in** God alone he was working—**Brother Richard** threw himself into his study and play in that zealous way that only generosity can inspire. These **Scholasticate** days were his last big opportunity to develop in himself what he would later develop in others—a sound body, a keen mind, and above all, a holy and manly character; dedicated to Christ and His Church for the happiness of all mankind.

"Brother Patrick!" exclaimed our young zealot to his welcome visitor who had brought his **gang** on a class picnic to St. Mary's, "I didn't realize it was so glorious out here! Why, besides learning more and more every day that will help me later on, I even find some time for basketball and swimming after classes; and that's not even half of it! Just think, Brother Patrick, in a couple of years more I may be in community teaching with you! I'll bet my class will **trounce** those fellows of yours in almost anything you can think to offer!"



"Blessed is the man  
Whom Thou shall instruct,  
O Lord!"



**S**CHOLASTICS, commonly called **Student Brothers**, reside at St. Mary's College, California, where they specialize in study, preparatory to a life of professional teaching in the schools of the Brothers on the Pacific Coast . . .

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**A** SCHOLASTIC'S REMINISCENCES AT GRADUATION—The prayerful peace of the Novitiate remained unbroken by the entrance to the **Scholasticate**. . . Changed only were the number of interests . . . more studies, more intellectual life . . . the feeling that the last hurdle before the fulfillment of dreams and ambitions was before me . . . a meticulous three-year preparation of prayer and study for a fruitful teaching life . . . souls to be saved . . . everything studied for this aim . . . Was baffled at first by the recondite problem of College life, but rode on air after a month or so. . .

Religious inspiration was found in the beautiful St. Mary's chapel, its prayerful atmosphere, its stained glass windows . . . in the visits of the College students . . . in a new appreciation for the traditional liturgical music of the Church, Gregorian Chant, as sung by our **Student-Brothers' Choir**. . . Brother Visitor General's presence among us instilled new spiritual vigor . . . his insight lent valuable assistance to all of us. . .

Especially beneficial was the inspiring intellectual interest of my fellows as exemplified by the honors all received at graduation. . . Brothers **Jerome** and **Peter**, Maxima Cum Laude; Brothers **Albert**, and **Veronian**, Magna Cum Laude; Brothers **Brandon**, **Damion**, **Lewis**, and **Vincent**, Cum Laude. . .

Now for the longed-for fulfillment of the desire to save souls . . . a life engrossed in boy-work . . . bringing little ones to Christ. . .



"The harvest  
Indeed is great."

**B**ROTHER RICHARD NOW BECOMES AN OFFICIAL HARVESTER OF SOULS—Boys, boys, and more boys! An ever-widening horizon of youngsters hungry for happiness! At last, after years of training, **Brother Richard** discovers himself ushered into the field of his labors. God has planted the precious seed on the earth and **Brother Richard** is an official harvester of the crop.

But in harvesting souls he must work many long hours, day in and day out. Even much of his valuable time outside of class is sacrificed for Christ's boys. To one he finds himself explaining some needed truth of religion in that plain, simple, though most efficient manner praised by Pope Pius IX. To another he must offer a word of encouragement concerning his desire to enter the serene life of the Brother; to still another it's advice about the priesthood. Another young soul stops him on his way to the chapel to ask him for an explanation of a puzzling algebra problem; so down he sits on the steps, happy to be of assistance in clearing up the difficulty. Again, he helps along a young fickle soul in his first love affair and explains that true love is not centered in passions and emotion or based on campus popularity; but rather that it's a thing of the mind, soul, and will, and that true love will result in a true Christian marriage. Later he meets a young fellow with an ambition to make the varsity and gives him a few valuable pointers on side-stepping and on punting. Many a clouded heart is brightened, too, when **Brother Richard** turns on his cheery smile of greeting, as he meets boys along the hallways.

The fellows think him great, though often in his mind, it's just plain hard work for Christ. Some day after football practice, he may even hear a group of boys talking about him. Bits of their conversation may run like this:

"**Brother Richard** is a real Brother! I've learned more about my religion from him than from anyone else."



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