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BROTHER WILLIAM CYRIL, Henri J. Boselli: b. January 22, 1907, at San Diego, California, son of Leopoldo and Amelia Morelle Boselli; d. September 3, 1956, 10:25 A.M. at Merced General Hospital, Merced, California, after an auto accident between Athlone and Lingard Sidings on U.S. Highway 99, August 22, 1956; burial at Mont La Salle Novitiate Cemetery.

Twenty-three year old Henri Boselli, a parish and theatre organist from South San Diego, became a postulant at De La Salle Institute, Martinez, California, on January 7, 1931. Brother Victorinus Leo, Director, gave him the Holy Habit less than three months later, St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1931. Short Novitiate vows were pronounced by him and then on August 8, 1932, he recited his first annuals, at the first Mont LaSalle Retreat in history. They were repeated on August 5, 1933 there in Napa County. Triennial vows, June 23, 1934, and his perpetual profession, August 15, 1937, were also pronounced at Mont La Salle. His Grand Exercises from July 5 to August 4, 1935, under the direction of Brother Conall Andrew and Father Lawrence Dowling, OFM, Cap. were there likewise. Brother William Cyril passed one examination in Catechism, Dogma, 1934, 78, BIEN.

It is remarkable of Brother William Cyril that he was able to gain the spirit of study from his novice-master, Brother Victorinus Leo. Having no high school diploma when he entered the Brothers, he secured one in his novitiate studies and in the Mont La Salle Juniorate faculty quarters after April 11, 1932, after December 20, 1932 as Sub-Director of Novices to Brother Chrysostom down to December 30, 1934 when he was transferred to Cathedral High School, Los Angeles. In the latter, rough lads quickly caught on to the fact of his lack of preparation and gave him a "bad time." That is why he went by Brother William when he returned as Director of the Los Angeles prep. school after June 30, 1946.

In the meantime Brother Cyril studied at the Scholasticate of St. Mary's College for a year, and acted as Sub-Director to his younger confreres. He always maintained a bearing of superiority over those who were ahead of him in learning, but a decade behind him in age. He co-operated with his Director, Brother Ligouri Edward, to the best of his knowledge, but after a year of college training he was transferred to Sacred Heart College, Ellis and Franklin Streets, San Francisco, under Brother Christian Victor to 1938, and Brother Arator Justin, to June of 1939. The latter noticed the sense of organization and command that Brother Cyril had over the Sanctuary Society and recommended him for office.

Therefore, during that summer Brother Cyril was sent up to Christian Brothers' School to reorganize that school after the benevolent rule of Brother Arcadius Patrick, who left many sorrowful friends behind when he reported to Barrytown, N.Y.

Aiding Brother Cyril in his new task was Brother Silverius Leonard, who suggested many innovations to the inexperienced director. They introduced comfortable furniture, new furnishings, varied entertainments for the Brothers like phonograph records and Friday night movies in the community room. The boarding department became known as the resident students quarters, and extra-curricular activities sometimes in conjunction with St. Francis and St. Joseph's Girls High Schools were encouraged. Monthly dances led to some wholesome and lasting friendships. Brother Cyril's most popular innovation was a series of quarterly trips and summer vacation at the "Cabin," between Philips and Lake Audrain on Highway U.S. 50 in El Dorado County near Lake Tahoe. Community spirit flourished in that era.

On June 30, 1945, Brother Cyril was transferred to Sacred Heart College. Going by the boards was his student recruitment program at old CBS when his successor thought more of emulating the difficult standards of Catholic U. too hurriedly. The ex-Director now became a Sub-Director and offered freely of his advice.

A year later, he was Director again. As was said before, he now went by the name of William in Los Angeles. An influx of colored and Spanish-speaking boys lowered the standards of the school somewhat, but the solicitude of Brother William Cyril was equal to the task. Away from the minstrel show atmosphere of Sacred Heart and CBS, he molded a fine singing group out of the rough-house elements.

Leaving Cathedral High in good shape for his successor, Brother William Cyril was sent to St. Peter's Boys School in San Francisco, and acted as Sub-Director to his old associate, Brother Silverius Leonard. They put off an extravaganza minstrel show which was boycotted by some left-wing minority groups. With the closing of the St. Peter's community, Brother William Cyril became Sub-Director of the Junior Novitiate, June 30, 1953. Three years later he was sent to Sacred Heart College, 1075 Ellis Street and was preparing for his Silver Jubilee when death intervened.



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BROTHER CONRAD DRESCHLER, F.S.C.

Born: April 12, 1894

Died: April 27, 1981

Napa, California

SERVICES

Mass of the Resurrection

Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., April 29,

St. Mary's Cathedral

San Francisco, California

Burial: Thursday, April 30, 19

Christian Brothers' Cemetery

Mont La Salle, Napa California

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