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Foreword

The **Annals of St. Ann's Hermitage** cover the years 1904 to 1944. They stop there probably because the monthly **Bulletin of Studies** had for a few years not been publishing "Chronicles" from the various establishments. The first part of the **Annals** from 1904 to 1934 is written in French; the second part continues in English and ends rather abruptly on 28 October 1944.

A translation of the French section of the **Annals** was done many years ago, undated but probably in the 1970's, by Adrian Perreault, retired Director of the Marist College Library. This translation in longhand was done on the basis of the original manuscript. It was never deposited in the Marist College Archives. Fortunately a copy has come into my hands very recently and has been of great use to me, particularly when my photocopy was not very legible; the original manuscript is no longer easily accessible.

I believe there are four different handwritings distinguishable in the original French: 1904-1920, 1921, 1922-1929, 1930-1934. Perreault noted that internal evidence shows that some parts were written several years after the events, though Bro. John Philibert assured him that none was written later than four or five years *post factum*. However, contemporary logs of events were certainly kept, as is evidenced by the names of the numerous visitors and retreat masters. By comparing with other records, Perreault also was able to correct minor errors of fact, for instance 8 Novices in 1908 and 8 for First Vows in 1909, when other records show that it was 9 in each case. He also added some interesting commentary to the text, duly noted by brackets. His translation is definitely worth consulting.

This present translation does not attempt any critical analysis or commentary. It aims exclusively at an accurate rendering of the original text in acceptable English. My rule for such work has always been: "As close to the original as good English allows." This accurate translation, therefore, may now be used by others for analysis and commentary.

The ink has faded in several places. We have done our best to decipher the original. Where this has been impossible, we have indicated it in the text.

We are happy to offer this translation to the Marist College Archives to supplement the fine work on the college's origins and heritage done by Brian Desilets, Richard Foy, and Victor Van Carpels on computer disk.

Finally, this translation is dedicated to all the stalwart pioneer Brothers who founded St. Ann's Hermitage and laid the foundations for Marist College. Their names are found throughout this work.

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15 August 2002

1904

Introduction:

For sometime now, but more particularly since the foundation of our establishments in New England and New York, the need was being felt for a house of formation for English-speaking recruits. Clearly we had to train teachers for the schools we had in the United States and for those we were being asked to open there, without considering that such a house, naturally, would become the center of a new province, the necessity of which was inevitable sooner or later.

It was the preoccupation particularly of our dear Brother Stratonique, then Assistant General, who later became Superior General.

In 1904 during his trip as delegate for the scheduled visit to the establishments of the region, he made known his thinking on the matter to His Excellency Archbishop Farley of New York, later named Cardinal. He asked him to allow that the projected house be established in his archdiocese.

His Excellency not only granted the requested permission, but expressed the desire that the project be undertaken immediately, and in his letter of approval he included a fine praise of the good done by the Brothers. [The Marist Brothers had three establishments in Manhattan at that time: St. Jean-Baptiste and St. Ann's Academy, both founded in 1892, and St. Agnes, where we started teaching in 1904.]

Our dear Brother Felix Eugene was Provincial at that time. Not being able to devote all his time to this matter, he put Brother Zepheriny, then Visitor of the Province, in charge of finding a good location for the projected Novitiate.

After much searching on both sides of the Hudson, Poughkeepsie was chosen (The word Poughkeepsie is an Indian name meaning waterfall, because of the cascade formed by the Fallkill River as it flowed into the Hudson River at that spot.)

In fact, on the other side of the river there was another beautiful spot not far from the Redemptorist Fathers in Esopus, but besides the fact that the means of communication with New York were not as easy as in Poughkeepsie, the Redemptorist Fathers could not guarantee us religious services. This reason especially made us lean towards Poughkeepsie where we would be well assured of religious services, as we will see below.

Poughkeepsie became the ideal spot for us especially because of the spiritual help and never-failing assistance of the Jesuit Fathers established near there in their Novitiate of St. Andrew-on-Hudson.

Let us add also the much appreciated advantage of being near a very important station serving two big railroads and near an active port on the Hudson River.

Thanks to the protection of Good Saint Ann and the gracious help of Rev. Father Jos. Havens Richards, then minister of St. Andrew, the undertaking could be accomplished beyond all our hopes.

Accompanied by Rev. Father Richards, Brother Zepheriny inquired about all the properties on sale in the area. One especially drew his attention, the MacPherson [sic] estate, owned then by a certain Mr. Goodwin. It offered several real advantages. The location, the building, and the price all seemed to be satisfactory and proper to the proposed goal. The large and beautiful rooms inside the building could be easily adapted to religious use: chapel, classrooms, dormitory on the top floor.

1905

After inquiries, several discussions with the owner, and a few difficulties which had to be overcome, the property was finally purchased on 28 February 1905, and since Good Saint Ann had seen all to a happy conclusion, the new acquisition was placed under her protection by being called St. Ann's Hermitage.

The house was said to be haunted. So much so that one day when Brother Provincial and Brother Ptolemeus came to visit it, the driver advised them not to buy that house because it was the devil's quarters. Our visitors calmed the good fellow by telling him nicely that that was the very reason why they wanted to buy it.

Visit of Brother Berillus, Assistant. Before we acquired the property Brother Berillus, Assistant General, happened to be passing through New York on his way back from South America; he came to visit the property, accompanied by Brothers Ptolemeus and M. Cephas. Needless to say that he found the property well suited to our needs and applauded the idea of purchasing it. He added that, if need be, he would speak on our behalf to the General Council.

General overview of the property.

This property of some 25 acres [actually 35], situated on the left bank of the Hudson which a thousand historical souvenirs still haunt, is, with its shaded groves, its lake with clear water, and its well-kept lanes, a location very well suited to prayer, study, and retreat. The main house, which had been richly furnished formerly, was in a terribly sorry state.

Settling in.

Brother Felix Eugene, Provincial at the time, immediately sent a few Brothers to occupy the newly acquired property. These were Brothers Ambroise and Etienne-Frédéric; then came Brothers Gervasius, Pimen, Jean-Albert, Henri-Colomb, and Flavien.

Brother Gervasius was named Director. Needless to say that he was the man for the job; he proved it by the work which was done.

A large part of the furnishings, including Mr. MacPherson's [sic] magnificent piano, were included in the bill of sale. We must say that in Mr. MacPherson's time, this villa was frequented by the high society of the city, of the area, and even of New York. Mr. MacPherson, the owner, had the habit of inviting these well-known people to frequent banquets and evenings. Being himself a noted pianist, he took pleasure in accompanying the songs and dances, enhancing the evening programs in his large reception halls. All these halls had been built for that purpose.

But since then the villa had passed into other hands, those of Mr. Goodwin as we said above, and the house and property had been left untended.

Condition of the house when purchased.

Seen as a whole, everything inside and outside of the building recalled the rich condition of times passed, but it takes somebody used to a house's dilapidated condition and an abandoned property to realize the pitiful state of the new place when we acquired it. General repairs were an absolute necessity and were done as well as possible. Brother Director and the other Brothers set to work courageously and soon everything was put in an acceptable state, besides the fact that they had to prepare a dormitory and classrooms for the expected Juniors.

1906

Arrival of the first Juniors.

The house had been just about made habitable when Brother Angelicus, Provincial following Bro. Felix Eugene, came with 13 Juniors from St.-Hyacinthe, Canada, to occupy the new premises.

It was 21 February 1906, one year after we had acquired the title to the property.

Brother Felix Eugene was named director of the new beehive.

The first months were very difficult. The Juniors had not only to bear the inconveniences inherent to a precarious installation, but their small number caused from the beginning a monotony which was a hard ordeal for them.

Better days soon followed, new recruits showed up and, the organization being finished, we all rejoiced deeply to feel that the Good Lord and the Blessed Mother must be satisfied.

The first exercises of the general retreat made in this cradle of the future province took place in the month of July. These were followed by the Brothers of the community and

by a few Brothers who came from New York and New England. Piety and recollection marked this first retreat. The good Marist spirit reigned supreme.

In order to accommodate the Brothers during this retreat the Juniors had to give up their quarters and were sent to New York to our school, St. Ann's Academy. They immensely enjoyed their trip which was made by boat and they spent their time in the city pleasantly.

Meanwhile the necessary repairs and improvements were continued, and despite the fact that the community had increased in numbers, there was enough place for everybody.

Besides Brother Director and the teachers in the Juniorate, there were Brothers in charge of the farm, the gardens, the tailoring and the laundry, and also the carpentry.

The first year produced many good results. In December of that year three Juniors were sent to St.-Hyacinthe, Canada, to do their period of Novitiate; nevertheless, thanks to the arrival of several new recruits the community still numbered 20 members.

By the way, we should note that winter that year was long and worrisome and the heating system, somewhat primitive, was far from producing the needed temperature. However, holy joy never failed among the fervent community, ready to make all the little sacrifices imposed by the circumstances.

1907

Visit of Brother Stratonique, Assistant, and Brother John, Assistant

That year 1907 stays as a memorable year because of the visit of Brother Stratonique, Assistant, who was finishing his "tour of the world" accompanied by Brother John, Assistant of the Islands. They came from Canada with Brother Angelicus, Provincial, and three children chosen to join the small St. Ann's family.

Two of these children, Edouard Gagnon and Jean-Baptiste Villeneuve, came from the Juniorate in Lévis, Canada.

Brother Statonique was happy to show Brother John the cradle of what he called: "A beautiful future province." His noble and grand wish was soon to be realized.

The two Brothers Assistants returned for the retreat which took place in July. Great was Brother Stratonique's satisfaction in seeing the little Community's progress. In a special talk he spoke of the great need for religious vocations to staff parish schools and educate the thousands upon thousands of children deprived of all Catholic education. He spoke of his great hopes based on his dear St. Ann's Hermitage which God had blessed as He had blessed and developed the first Marist Hermitage in Lavalla, so generously founded by Ven. Father Champagnat.

During the retreat the Juniors were sent to New York as in the previous year, where they spent pleasant vacations.

Bro. Boniface, Director. Recruitment.

During the vacations of this same year 1907 Bro. Boniface was named Director of the Community, which included Brothers and Juniors. He started a fervent campaign of recruitment and for this visited our schools in New England, greatly interested the Brothers in recruitment and, God helping, worked so well that at the beginning of December of that year the Juniorate counted 44 children.

The organization of classes was refined; the children were divided into three classes and a serious course of study began.

A new heating system.

Since the house was filling up, it became necessary to make it more comfortable, especially better heated. A new and complete heating system, therefore, was installed, not without difficulty, for the plumber chosen, a certain Mr. Blondin from St.-Hyacinthe, Canada, wanted at first to put in a heating apparatus which he had invented shortly before, but it proved unsatisfactory and had to be replaced.

General overview. Conclusion.

The house, then, was gradually renovated. Little by little, after numerous repairs and transformations, St. Ann's Hermitage became a very favorable place for the formation of our young subjects.

Our endeavors, begun under the auspices of Good Saint Ann, had been visibly blessed by God and the successes obtained in 18 months were entirely consoling.

May we be allowed here to give a public testimony of profound gratitude to the Reverend Jesuit Fathers of St. Andrew who have always been sincere and devoted friends for us.

Religious service.

It is needless to note that religious service was the cause of great anxiety to the Founders. It wasn't only a matter of finding a large property well situated for a house of formation; it was also necessary to furnish good religious service. It was the key idea of those of our Brothers who took a lot of trouble to find a suitable building and the conveniences needed to establish St. Ann's Juniorate.

If religious services had not mattered, other places perhaps would have been more suitable at first, but none of them could have fulfilled the wanted need like St. Ann's Hermitage. This is in fact what we'll see.

When the occasion came to buy the Juniorate property, Brother Zepheriny turned to the Rev. Father Gannon, then Provincial of the Jesuit Fathers, to guarantee religious services. With a good word from Rev. Father Pettit, then rector of St. Andrew and who had always been very devoted to us, Rev. Father Provincial promised us that service. Since then we have always had the best service possible.

The first eight months the Community, small in number, went to St. Andrew to hear Mass. At the end of that time Rev. Father Richards, who used to visit us from time to time, remarked how better it would be for the Community to have its own small chapel with the Blessed Sacrament. He offered himself then, and obtained the permission of his Superiors to come every day to say Mass in the small room which had been transformed into an oratory for the members of the Community.

From that time on we had the inexpressible consolation of possessing Jesus in our midst.

It would be interesting here to relate how we obtained all the items needed for this improvised chapel. As in many other circumstances, St. Ann knew how to provide. Through her we obtained from two charitable ladies in New York, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Picabia, the grand and splendid altar in sculptured oak, the sacred vessels, and everything needed for our worship.

And every day then we went to get and bring by carriage good Father Richards who wasn't afraid to take on himself this extra duty and to come every morning in spite of the bad weather and rigorous cold of that first winter, without counting that the room which served as chapel was far from being heated.

An overload of duties having prevented him from coming subsequently, Father Richards was replaced by the holy Father Coleman who came every day until he was appointed to the church in Pleasant Valley.

But our religious services were continued by the good Fathers, one of them coming every week by turns.

Towards the middle of 1906 the chapel was transferred to the large reception hall found to the right of the entrance. We used a smaller altar and the large one was put aside for later.

This small chapel, which could hold no more than 40 people, was also changed later on, to be definitively placed where it is today, except for improvements which were done as need arose.

In September 1907, the Community having increased in numbers, Rev. Father Williams was named Chaplain and took full charge of the religious services for that year. Needless to say that by his paternal goodness, his entire devotedness, his apostolic zeal,

this Father soon conquered our hearts and won the affection of all, young and old. Consequently, what good did he not do among us! Who among us will be able to forget Father Williams after having heard him or seen him at work? For him, our Brothers in general and St. Ann's Hermitage in particular were his "dear little company."

Let us add incidentally that it was due to the intervention of this devoted Father that Father Shehan [sic] of St. Peter's Church asked for and obtained Brothers for his parish school.

Good Father Williams, having to go to Woodstock to complete his theological studies, left us on 8 September 1908, to the deep regret of the Brothers and Juniors.

Later, at every opportunity he had to come to St. Andrew he never failed to come to see us and to stay among us as long as possible.

After Father Williams religious services were regularly and devotedly furnished as previously.

That year Rev. Father Dinan, minister at St. Andrew, came regularly for weekly Confession and spiritual direction.

Beginning of the Novitiate. Transfer of the Chapel.

We are still in 1907. Seven students were old enough and seemed to have the conditions needed to be admitted to the Novitiate. Until that time the Novices had been sent to St.-Hyacinthe, Canada, but that practice entailed many disadvantages. It was therefore deemed opportune to found a Novitiate in Poughkeepsie.

Besides, it was the great desire of the Superiors and of the Brothers of the entire Province.

With due permission from Rev. Brother Stratonique, now Superior General, and with the consent of Brother Zepheriny, Provincial, successor to Brother Angelicus who had been named Assistant, Brother Boniface, Director, was authorized to immediately start the transformations needed to the Juniorate building.

The building was rather small for both purposes, but encouraged by the project of putting up a new building everybody was determined to do the best with what we had.

As the Community chapel was really too small to accommodate all the personnel, Brother Director believed it was time to transfer it to the place it has occupied since. It was the place chosen by Rev. Brother Stratonique during his first visit.

However, that's not to say that it wasn't a sacrifice for all to leave the convenient little sanctuary where the religious offices were so devotional. The Community of 1907 will

always remember the beautiful ceremony for the First Communion of seven Juniors which took place on 8 December.

This small chapel was to remain subsequently the oratory for the Juniors.

1908

The Novitiate began on 14 January 1908 with the inauguration of the new chapel.

The 7 Juniors who began their Postulancy were then separated from their co-disciples and became the core of the new Novitiate.

Rev. Father Williams gave a magnificent sermon on this occasion. He made the startling contrast between the use made of the rooms which formed the chapel in the past and the present. He also compared the seeming pleasures enjoyed by mundane society with the real delights of the present occupants in their generous beginning of religious life.

The official inauguration of the Novitiate took place on 27 January 1908. It was presided over by Brother Ptolomeus, then Director of St. Ann's Academy in New York and delegate of Brother Provincial.

At the end of January of that year construction plans, with an option of another property on which to build, were submitted to Rev. Brother Superior General, but Providence had better in store for us.

Brother Director thought it was time to purchase a larger lot on which we would be able to build a Provincial House later, though all the Brothers said we also had to keep the McPherson estate, already bought and paid for.

The "Bech Property," adjacent to the McPherson estate had been on sale for several years. Brother Zepheriny had already visited it when he was looking for a site. The only thing which prevented him from buying it was that the price was much higher than for the McPherson estate and, having at that time almost no resources, he had to think of money. Nevertheless he voluntarily took on Brother Boniface's intention of submitting the purchase idea to the Rev. Brother Superior General, highlighting the many and real advantages which would follow in buying it as soon as possible.

In brief, everybody seemed to put himself in the act, even the good and devoted Father Williams who wrote to the Superiors about it to help them decide to go ahead and give the requested authorization.

In Community several fervent prayers and novenas to St. Ann were made for the same intention, because "man proposes and God disposes."

During this time Brother Zepheriny was proposing the purchase to the Provincial Council, which voted unanimously for it and sent their request to the General Council.

Finally the approval so much desired arrived and was received with great joy.

The property was bought by a devoted friend, Mr. John P. Murray, of the Coudert Brothers Firm in New York.

Before the purchase but while there was talk of it, several rumors had sounded the alarm. First, it was that the owner no longer wanted to sell it because he saw it passing into the hands of a Catholic religious institution; then it was that the city of Poughkeepsie wanted to buy it for a public park.

But Providence had its own ideas, and with the help of St. Ann, we bought it.

A word about the new property.

The new purchase was a magnificent property of some 65 acres, magnificently located. This property is separated from the McPherson estate only by a road leading to the city aqueduct.

Having been abandoned for several years, its looks were not prepossessing. It was something like the McPherson estate when we bought it. However, when we strolled along its wide roads we could see beautiful groves, a large number of trees of varied species, and several variety of plants growing here and there. We could also see remains of spacious greenhouses in different places, some indication of what the property must have been at the time of the bourgeois.

Like the McPherson estate, this property has a magnificent view of the Hudson; the part along the river for some 900 feet has several pleasant inlets and promontories.

A word on the buildings there at the time of purchase. There were several. First, there was the owner's residence which has become the Novitiate. It was big enough to accommodate thirty Novices, but the gas pipes and water drains needed serious repairs; all the lead and zinc had been stolen. The hot air heating system was unusable. The veranda was falling apart. All these indispensable repairs were done immediately.

Secondly, at the main entrance to the property from North Road there is a lovely small two-storied stone house in good enough condition. It was the gate-keeper's house; it was occupied at the time by Mr. Gindras, the property's florist and keeper. This house is what we call the "Château" which the good and devoted Brother François-Isidore will soon occupy when he comes from Iberville to be the Community tailor. He loved his little "Château" which he kept as charming as possible inside and out; consequently it will cost him when, later, the Community of working Brothers, having developed and regularized, had to go live in "Central." Since then the "Château" has always been called

the "Gate House" and now serves only to lodge a few students during the holidays and also some retreatants.

The cornices which were falling in ruins have been repaired and the "outhouse" has been replaced by a "toilet" and shower in the basement.

As we will see later, the "Château" was for several years the residence of the Brothers teaching at St. Peter's in Poughkeepsie, but they had no kitchen. They used to take their meals in the Juniorate. We put in water and gas for them; previously they pumped water from a cistern.

Thirdly, the Gardener's House. This small two-storied house is located to the north on the "Pumping Station Avenue." It used to be the gardener's residence, whence its name. The inside was in very bad shape; on the outside, the cornices were also rotten in many places.

First of all, Brother Désiré Stanislas, having become gardener on the new property, used it to store his tools, stands for his garden nets, grains, etc., and he also did all his minor repairs there.

In August 1910 the Brothers from St. Peter's came and occupied it and thenceforth formed a separate community. The needed repairs were done, inside and out, and we built the present kitchen with sink and drain. Bro. M. Gualbert built the kitchen and Bro. M. Pimen put in water, gas, heating and did a few other repairs. We hired a mason to repair the chimney and a few interior ceilings.

Fourthly, Central. What we are used to calling "Central" was two buildings, one in stone and the other in wood, which had served as horse stables, carriage sheds, and lodging for the coachman and his family. These 2 buildings were to become later, [the stone] one the Scholasticate with a laundry in the basement, and the other the living quarters of Bro. Director General and some working Brothers, the supply-room, the Provincial tailor-shop, etc.

In the very beginning they served to lodge the first Brothers who came to follow summer courses in 1909; that year these Brothers went to take their meals in the Novitiate. Later, the Brothers taking courses and the Brothers of the Community went to take their meals in the Juniorate.

Fifthly, other buildings. Near the two "Central" buildings was a charming, small chicken-coop with a slate roof and transferred farther later on, and several sheds more or less in good condition. These were all repaired and became the present carpentry-shop; the two wings, though, served different purposes. The west part became the carpentry-shop, and the east part the linen-room.

The plumber's shop, a cellar, and the furnace were fitted in under Central's wooden building.

In the course of the year 1908.

The negotiations for the purchase of the Beck [sic] property lasted into July of that year 1908.

Let's continue, therefore, our annals of the first months of that year, which we interrupted to say a word about the new property.

During Lent 1908 Rev. Father J.J. Williams, S.J., our devoted chaplain, was chosen by his superiors to preach during this holy season at St. Mary's Church in Poughkeepsie, whose pastor at that time was Rev. P.P. Daily.

The devoted chaplain saw in this occasion a good opportunity to make our Institute and its purpose known to this Catholic population in the city. Accordingly he got permission from the Pastor for our Novices and Juniors to attend the ceremonies twice a week and to do the singing. Since these ceremonies took place at 7 p.m., two large carriages came to pick the children up and return them. Needless to say that the singing, carefully prepared, was greatly appreciated and praised, and the services were well attended. Rev. Father Williams gave eloquent and substantial sermons which were all the better received. Our work became known and appreciated. Afterwards the population showed itself very sympathetic towards us. The raffling off of a gold watch, which was held the following year, brought in some \$900.

March. The month of March brought us the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, always celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm by our dear young men. For those days the Chapel takes on its beautiful decorations and the sweet voices of our Juniors enhance the beauty of the ceremonies and have us enjoy happy moments.

May. On the 22 of that month we had the unexpected visit of His Excellency Archbishop Farley, of New York, accompanied by the Rev. Father Lewis his secretary and Rev. Father Sheehan from St. Peter's. The brief words that the Archbishop spoke to us were for all of us a precious encouragement. After giving us his blessing, he departed, leaving with us a sweet souvenir of paternal benevolence and a profound feeling of religious veneration.

July. The first of this month 19 of our young men received the Sacrament of Confirmation, administered by Bishop Cussack, auxiliary bishop, in the little church of Pleasant Valley. Novices and Juniors attended the ceremony and enhanced the solemnity by their harmonious singing, prepared and led by Brother Boniface, Master of Novices.

House Members from February 1905 to July 1906

Bro. Gervasius, Director. Left in December 1905
 Bro. Felix Eugene, Director. Arrived in February 1906
 Bro. M. Pimen
 Bro. Henri Ambroise
 Bro. Victor Etienne
 Bro. Etienne Frédéric
 Bro. Ethelbertus. Didn't stay long
 Bro. Henri Stanislas. Didn't stay long
 Bro. Jean Albert. Didn't stay long
 Bro. Henri Colomb. Didn't stay long
 Bro. Marie Florian. Didn't stay long
 Bro. John Casimir.

House Members 1906-1907

Bro. Felix Eugene, Director
 Bro. M. Sylvestre, procurator and teacher
 BB. Victor Etienne, John Casimir, Joseph Athanasius, Jean Michel, teachers
 BB. Michel Ange, Marie Eugène, M. Piemen, Godefroy, workers
 BB. Jean-Albert, Stylien, M. Florian, Cadroès

House Members 1907-1908

Bro. Boniface, Director
 Bro. Victor Etienne, Sub-Director. Left June 1908
 Bro. John Casimir, teacher.
 Bro. M. Sylvestre, Procurator. Left November 1907
 Bro. M. Ovila, cook. Left December 1907
 BB. Michel Ange and Louis Sanctus, farmhands
 Bro. Désiré Stanislas, gardener
 Bro. Aldéricus, tailor
 Bro. Joseph Anthyme, carpenter
 Bro. M. Narcisse, cook. Arrived December 1907
 Bro. Charles Etienne, prefect. Arrived October 1907
 Bro. Abelus, teacher. Arrived November 1907
 Bro. Marcellien Louis, infirmarian. Arrived November 1907
 Bro. Mary Severinus, teacher. Arrived May 1908
 Bro. Hellade, prefect. Arrived January 1908. Left May 1908

The annual retreat opened on the 18th. As in the previous year, it was made by the Brothers of the Community and a few Brothers from New England and New York. For the first time the Novices made it, and the Juniors also took part for the final days.

The talks of that retreat were given with zeal and energy by Rev. Father Dooley, S.J.

The closing day was one of the most consoling, a truly remarkable day for St. Ann's Hermitage. The day of the feast of St. Ann, 26 July 1908, the first taking of the Habit took place. 9 Postulants were admitted. Here are their names.

Romeo Lelièvre -- Bro. Paul Statonic
 Adeldard Lirette -- Bro. Peter Anthony
 C. Henri Grégoire -- Bro. Henry Charles
 René Grégoire -- Bro. Mary Andrew
 Wilfrid Doiron -- Bro. Wilfrid Mary
 Edward Gagnon -- Bro. Joseph Edward
 Jean-Baptiste Villeneuve -- Bro. John Gabriel
 Rosario Fecteau -- Bro. Ambrose Paul
 Henry Hamel -- Bro. James Joseph

The splendor of the ceremony was enhanced by the presence of three of our friends from St. Andrew, the most sincere and the earliest: Rev. Father George A. Petit, S.J., Rector of St. Andrew, Rev. Father J.J. Williams, S.J., our devoted chaplain, and Rev. Father P. Richards who preached the sermon with vigor and eloquence. Never was there a more magnificent praise of the "Marist Cassock" which he termed the garment of glory and zeal.

That 26 was truly a day of joy, of a great future for the Community and the future Province.

Here we have to mention that the last legal deed for the purchase of the Beck [sic] property, so desired, had been signed two or three days before. This news was received with noticeable pleasure and we had an added reason to sing the "Te Deum" to thank God and Good St. Ann for the protection received, after so many others.

It goes without saying that that afternoon all the members of the Community wanted to inspect the newly acquired property.

July 27, the day after the Taking of the Habit, a few Juniors were chosen to add to the Novitiate core.

That day we had: 9 Novices, 10 Postulants, 39 Juniors. This start was truly consoling and promised much for our Marist family in the United States. It recalled the prophetic words of our Ven. Founder.

August. On August 25, with the nomination list, we learned that Bro. Félix-Eugène is once again named Director of the Juniors.

August 31 was a "pic nic" day for the young men and dinner was served outside on the new property. The entire Community was there. The young men's joy was

boundless, and they competed in their games and sports with liveliness and open joy until sunset when they had to return.

September. On the first, Bro. François-Isidore's tailor-shop was moved from the Juniorate to the stone residence at the main entrance to the Beck [sic] property. It's since then that that residence is better known among us as the "Château." (We spoke about this earlier.)

It's this year, on the first day of classes, that our Brothers, at the request of Rev. Father Sheehan, pastor of St. Peter's, began teaching the boys at the parish school, for sometime now directed by the Sisters of Charity.

Two Brothers began in the upper grades; a third Brother was soon added for the fifth grade. Later, there were five Brothers.

Rev. Father Williams, S.J., had worked to get us this school.

It has given us some good vocations and its venerated Pastor has always been very devoted to us.

It's on the 21st of this month that our good and capable woodworker Bro. Joseph Anthime had the sad accident which left him blind or almost. He was tended to by capable specialists, among them Dr. W.G. Dobson at Vassar Hospital, at that time the only big hospital in town. His case became hopeless; however, 2 months later he was taken to the "Ear and Eye Infirmary" in New York. In spite of several operations he recovered only a very small part of his sight.

In this sad situation, the good Brother had all the sympathy of the Community. He was so obliging and so eager to work for his religious family. He had been trained at N.D. de l'Hermitage in France and in Santa Maria in Italy by the good and capable Bro. Siméon-Joseph.

On the 25th the Novitiate was moved to new quarters which, though not completely ready, were sufficiently prepared to receive Novices and Postulants. The dormitories and the classrooms were ready.

October. During this month some changes were made in the Juniorate heating system. Results were satisfactory, and finally the house was adequately heated.

From that time on we had two very separate houses: the Juniorate house on the McPherson property, and the Novitiate one on the Beck [sic] property.

December. However, we must add that it was only in December, when the Beck [sic] residence was just about completely repaired and equipped with a satisfactory heating system, that the Novices and Postulants permanently took it over.

A beautiful small room on the second floor was turned into a chapel. From that time on they had Our Lord living under the same roof. They will be able to go visit Him often. From that time on they will have Mass in that chapel once a week; the rest of the time they will go to the Juniorate.

Midnight Mass. For the first time this Mass, almost unknown in the United States at that time, is celebrated in our Chapel with all the solemnity possible. For the older Brothers it was a sweet and pious remembrance of times past and, besides, of what took place in our Provincial Houses.

The Crèche, the Christmas melodies, everything reminded them of the simplicity and piety of our first Brothers. Was not our first cradle another "stable of Bethlehem?" And was not our St. Ann's Hermitage another Lavalla?

December 31. A "Te Deum" of thanksgiving is fervently sung before retiring to bed.

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January. The first of this month we had the traditional custom where the members of the Community wish each other "Happy New Year." Though simple, this custom is always moving.

The 10th of the same month 4 of our Juniors made their First Communion. That evening the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises took place. Rev. Fr. Bourgeois, S.J., Canadian, presided at the ceremony and preached a sermon in French entirely appropriate for the occasion.

On the 25th we celebrated the first Mass in the Novitiate chapel. The entire Community attended, notwithstanding the room's small size. The Novitiate had been founded a year before; what had been only an ardent desire was now a reality.

March. On the 3rd of this month the very small house near the Juniorate barns, which served as laundry room, went up in flames during the night. Everything was burned. Insurance covered part of the fire. Mrs. Winslow, our neighbor, sent us \$50 to help out.

Towards the end of this same month the zealous and devoted Brother Désiré Stanislas, taking advantage of the start of good weather, began clearing that part of the new Beck [sic] property which has become the vegetable garden. He had to clear everything at first, but the spot was well chosen.

During the month we were visited by Bro. Zepheriny, Provincial, and Brothers Alfrid [sic], M. Sylvestre, Joannis [sic] Emile, Philomène-Joseph, and M. Anicetus returning from Europe where they had made their Second Novitiate in Grugliasco, Italy.

April, May. During the beautiful days of these two months the Novices and Postulants are employed putting the roads in good condition, such that by the end of May the property had already taken on a better look.

June 14. Bro. Michaelis, Assistant General and delegate of the Rev. Brother Superior General in Mexico, passing through New York, came to visit our Hermitage. The entire assembled Community gave him a worthy reception. He was much edified and expressed his deep satisfaction for the occasion.

On the 20th a statue of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, sent by our Brothers in Manchester, was placed in our Juniorate chapel. This holy patron of our young men will be for them a stimulant to follow his example.

During this month some important modifications were done. A steam laundry is installed in one of the stone buildings on the Novitiate property.

The building next to that one was restored and made habitable for the future student Brothers who were to follow courses of study during the vacations.

July. Our magnificent river front gives us a preferred location to enjoy the "Boat races" which took place on the Hudson on the 2nd of this month.

On the 6th a contingent of student Brothers came to enlarge our Community for two months, spending this vacation time in study, prayer, recreation, as stipulated in our Rules. They quickly found pleasure in the middle of the tranquility of our groves, our shaded walks and our woods. It's an ideal place for study and reflection.

The annual retreat was preached by Rev. Father Rousseau, S.J., from the 19th to the 26th. As usual, the Profession of Vows took place on the last day; but this year, it was the First Vows of our eight [actually 9] first Novices trained in Poughkeepsie. They were called: the "Founders of the Juniorate and the Novitiate."

Devoted Father Williams, S.J., was present at this magnificent ceremony and gave the sermon. In practical and meaty words he sketched a line of conduct for these new Apostles of Mary.

The same day twelve Postulants took the Holy Habit.

The next day seven Juniors entered the Novitiate.

We had at that time: 8 [actually 9] Brothers in First Vows, 12 Novices, 8 [probably 9] Postulants, and 41 Juniors. It was very consoling, for sure, after only a little more than three years since the foundation of the Juniorate.

**Personnel of the House
School Year 1908-1909**

Novitiate

Bro. Boniface, Dir. & Master of Novices
 Bro. John Casimir
 Bro. Joseph Athanasius
 Bro. Joannès Adjutor, Sept. 1908
 Bro. Joannès Marius, left Jan. 1909
 Bro. Pierre Emilius, Feb. 1909

Juniorate

Bro. Felix Eugene, Master of Juniors
 Bro. Marcellien Louis, Procurator & Inf.
 Bro. Abelus
 Bro. M. Severinus
 Bro. Albert Marius, came Sept. 1908
 Bro. Etienne Adrien, left April 1909
 Bro. Henri Stanislas, came May 1908
 Bro. Edmond Jude, cook, left Nov 1908
 Br. Charles Honoré, cook, came Nov 1908

Working Brothers

Bro. Michel Ange, farm and carriages
 Bro. Désiré Stanislas, garden
 Bro. François Isidore, tailor shop
 Bro. M. Pimen, plumbing
 Bro. Jos. Anthyme, carpentry
 Bro. Louis Sanctus, farm and errands
 Bro. Ethelbertus, farm; came in January 1909
 Bro. Ambrosime, linens; left in Dec. 1908
 Bro. Abel Antoine, linens; came in Dec. 1908
 Bro. Paul Gaspard, fruit trees; came in April 1909.

St. Peter's: BB. John Vincent, Aloysius Mary, and Mary Severinus

August. The Community having grown in numbers, at the general nomination Bro. M. Anicetus was named Director General of the house; Bro. Boniface stayed as Master of Novices and Bro. John Casimir, who had just made his Vow of Stability, became Director of the Juniors.

Organization of Central. In August of this same year Central was organized and fitted for Bro. Director General, who was at the same time the Econome, for the working Brothers in the House and for the tailor shop which was transferred from the Château where it had been for some time; Bro. François Isidore continued as tailor.

Brothers Michel-Ange and M. Pimen put in a heating system and made other improvements in Central for lodging the working Brothers, about 8 of them including the Juniorate cook who continued to stay there.

With the transfer of the tailor shop and Bro. François Isidore the Château was remodeled for the five Brothers teaching at St. Peter's who moved there at the end of August, while continuing however to go take their meals at the Juniorate.

September. Building of the Calvary Group. The 5th of this month the first Calvary, put up on the small hill before getting to the Novitiate, was blessed by Rev. Fr. Williams, who said a few words *ad hoc*. In the thinking of this devoted Father, and he strongly stressed the point, this august sign of our redemption should keep in the minds of all, but especially in the Novices, the absolute necessity to become *experts* in self-conquest all of their life, and help prepare them to carry their cross in the example of our Divine Model and example.

Visit of Bro. Pierre-Joseph, Econome General.

On the 11th of this month of September we received the visit of Bro. Pierre-Joseph, Econome General, who came as the delegate of Rev. Brother Superior General. He was accompanied by Bro. Zepheriny, Provincial. He was welcomed with enthusiasm. His visit left a fond souvenir among us, and since his return, our Province counts one more eloquent advocate in the General Council.

Death of Bro. Charles-Camille.

On the 19th of September of this year God called to Himself the good, intelligent and devoted Brother Charles-Camille. He was only 23 years old, but had already been remarkable by his piety, his zeal and his great Marist spirit. He had been sent as professor in the Novitiate at the last nomination; he had begun his work there with much devotedness and success. God was satisfied with his good will.

For some time he complained of a big headache, without however giving it much attention. "The brisk air of Poughkeepsie is going to make me better," he would say at times. "There's no better place for that."

God had decided otherwise.

Friday 10 September he was obliged to take to bed and in spite of the best care of the Doctor and the fraternal attentions of the devoted Bro. Marcellien-Louis, infirmarian, his sickness got worse and became meningitis.

On the 16th he received the Last Sacraments and the next day fell into delirium until his death. During his last moments he almost never stopped singing the "Ave Maris Stella," the "Magnificat," and other hymns. He returned his soul to God on Sunday at 11:40 a.m. while the Community was making the visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

These were the first offerings of the province in the United States to our big Marist province in heaven. This painful loss occasioned the making of a private cemetery. Located at the extreme south end of the property, it is simple in taste but deeply religious. It is the preferred pilgrimage of the Brothers of the House and of the retreatants during vacation time. They go there to draw courage and consolation and take a comforting

example of fidelity. All cherish the very legitimate desire to take their last sleep there, in the shade of the tall weeping willows and helped by the prayers of the Community, faithful to its children in death as in the ephemeral days of their stay here on earth.

Good Bro. Charles-Camille was buried there on the 21st after a Requiem Mass was sung in the Juniorate chapel.

Bro. Ptolomeus, Provincial, came for the funeral. He had just been named Provincial, following Bro. Zepheriny, who had resigned because of ill health.

Bro. Zepheriny was named professor in the Novitiate to replace the deceased Bro. Charles-Camille.

December. Enlarging of the Juniorate Chapel.

The chapel having become too small to accommodate the entire Community, we undertook this month to enlarge it somewhat.

To do this Brothers Michel Ange, M. Pimen, and Jos. Anthyme knocked down the partitions and the sliding doors which separated the various halls and repaired the woodwork. We put new wallpaper in the two halls at the back, which also got new pews. Thus remodeled, the chapel became more than sufficient.

Towards this same time our good neighbor Mrs. Foley bought us a new statue of the Sacred Heart, curtains for the windows, and Stations of the Cross.

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January. This month five Juniors were sent to the Novitiate.

March. This month the blessing of the Stations of the Cross mentioned above took place in the presence of the entire Community.

The Stations of the Cross which were in the Juniorate chapel were moved to the Novitiate chapel and blessed later by Rev. Father Williams.

May. The last day of this month a beautiful statue of Mary "Queen of Heaven" was put in the chapel. We already had statues of St. Joseph and St. Ann.

June. The 3rd of this month Brother Provincial and some of the Brothers from our schools in New York came to the Juniorate and the Novitiate for their exams. Five Juniors passed their exams for the "Regents" and obtained their diploma.

During this month we made arrangements for the Brothers who were going to follow summer courses. A few tents were put up for dormitories and classrooms. During the courses the Brothers had to suffer much from mosquitoes, especially at night. This

nuisance led us to put in drainage in various places. The lake on the Beck [sic] property behind Central disappeared and other swampy places elsewhere were also drained.

July. Visit of Br. Stratonique, Superior General, and Bro. Angelicus, Assistant.

Memorable for us that day, July 24, which marked the arrival of Rev. Brother Stratonique, Superior General, accompanied by Bro. Angelicus, Assistant.

They were more than satisfied in seeing such a beautiful and edifying Community. More than 60 Brothers from the House or summer students, 12 Novices, 16 Postulants, and 49 Juniors.

Reverend Brother could not contain his joy and he spoke enthusiastically of the marvelous development of our work in Poughkeepsie.

He spoke about it as his heart's ardent desire and showed our place as the center of a new Province to be established shortly. He even spoke of enlarging it.

They stayed a few days with us. Their presence was for all of us a sweet inspiration and a powerful stimulant to greater effort.

July. Annual Retreat. That year the annual retreat was preached by Rev. Father Williams. His sermons were dictated by his great heart and his great interest in our Institute.

At the end, which took place on the 26th, two Brothers made their Vow of Stability, 12 Novices made their First Vows, 15 Postulants took the Holy Habit; among the latter, 2 were from another Province, having come here to learn English.

July. Blessing of the Statue of St. Ann.

That same day, July 26, a magnificent statue of St. Ann, gift of Mrs. F. Foley, was blessed by Rev. Father Williams and, in the presence of the entire Community, was put up near the entrance to the Juniorate, on a cement pedestal made by Bro. Titien. It was a memorial of Thanksgiving for all the favors received from our powerful and so good Patroness.

In a few substantial words Rev. Father Williams spoke of the beginnings of our work, of the spirit of sacrifice of the "little founders," and of the numerous favors obtained by Good St. Ann.

August. On the 27th a few Juniors enter the Novitiate.
On that day we had 15 Novices, 12 Postulants, and 36 Juniors.

September. At the beginning of this month the Brothers from St. Peter's moved from the Château and took up residence in the stone house known as the "Gardener's House," which we had repaired and to which an addition had been made for a kitchen. As of then, the Brothers had a young Brother as cook and formed their own community.

Two working Brothers remained at the Château for lack of accommodations elsewhere.

House Personnel
School Year 1909-1910

Bro. Marie Anicetus, Director General, came July 1909.
 Bro. Michel-Ange, farm and carriages
 Bro. Désiré Stanislas, garden
 Bro. M. Pimen, plumbing
 Bro. Jos. Anthyme, carpentry
 Bro. François Isidore, tailor shop
 Bro. Paul Gaspard, orchards
 Bro. M. Martinien, linens; left Jan. 1910
 Bro. Arthur Sébastien, linens; came 1910
 Bro. Peter Anthony, kitchen; left Oct. 1909
 Bro. Ambrose Paul, kitchen; left Oct. 1909
 Bro. Gimel, kitchen; came Oct. 1909

Novitiate

Bro. Boniface, Master of Novices
 Bro. Dacianus, left Sept. 1909
 Bro. Natal
 Bro. Abelus, Prefect
 Bro. Zepheriny, came Sept. 1909
 Bro. Henry Charles
 Bro. Charles-Camille, did Sept. 1909
 Bro. John Gabriel, cook; Oct. 1909
 Bro. James Joseph, cook; Oct. 1909
 Bro. Thomas Alban

Juniorate

Bro. John Casimir, Director
 Bro. Félix de Cantalice, Sub-Director
 Bro. Paul Stratonique, teacher
 Bro. Henry Stanislas, teacher
 Bro. Delphinus, teacher
 Bro. Jos. Adjutor, teacher
 Bro. Marcellien-Louis, infirmarian

St. Peter's: BB. Adolphe Armand, Director; M. Severinus, Paul-Mary, Albert-Marius, Victor-Henry

Last visit of Rev. Brother Stratonique, Superior General.

Returning from Canada, Rev. Brother Stratonique, Superior General, accompanied by Bro. Angelicus, Assistant General, and Bro. Ptolomeus, Provincial, came once more to see us and say a final goodbye.

His last words were very encouraging. He made positive allusion to the building of a large and spacious provincial house.

He left the following day at 1 p.m. for New York, taking with him two good and brave Juniors, one from Lévis [Canada] and the other from here, Austin O'Donnell, to for the International Juniorate in Grugliasco.

We wished our travelers "Bon Voyage" and promised the help of our prayers.

Some time later we learned of their safe arrival in Europe.

October 29. Bro. Héribert replaces Bro. Boniface as Master of Novices.

House Personnel School Year 1910-1911

Novitiate

Bro. M. Anicetus, Director & Econome
Bro. Michel-Ange, farm
Bro. Natal
Bro. François Isidore, tailor
Bro. Abelus, plumbing
Bro. Désiré Stanislas, farm
Bro. Louis Sanctus, farm
Bro. Pierre Augustin, tailor
Bro. Jos. Anthyme, carpenter
Bro. Altin, carpenter
Bro. Cyril Arthur, came Dec.
Bro. Michael Norbert, came Dec.
Bro. Joseph Azarias, came Dec.
Bro. Gimel, cook

Bro. Boniface, M of Novices; left Oct.29
Bro. Héribert, M. of Novices; came Oct.29
Bro. Zepheriny, teacher
Bro. Charles Alphonse, teacher
Bro. Leo Anselm, cook
Bro. Mary Alexander, cook

Juniorate

Bro. John Casimir, Director
Bro. Felix de Cantalice, teacher
Bro. Hellade, teacher
Bro. Leo Clement, teacher
Bro. Joannes Adjutor, Prefect

Scholasticate

Bro. M. Florentius, Professor
Bro. Ambrose Paul, student
Bro. Dominico, student
Bro. Eugene Francis, student
Bro. Francis Louis, student
Bro. Jos. Raphael, student
Bro. Louis Albert, student
Bro. Louis Euthyme, student
Bro. Wilfrid Mary, student

St. Peter's

Bro. Adolph Armand, Director
Bro. M. Severinus, Sub-Director
Bro. Albert Marius, teacher
Bro. Victor Henri, teacher
Bro. Thomas Alban, teacher
Bro. Anthony of Padua, cook

November 11. Transfer of the Scholasticate.

At the beginning of November of this year the English Scholasticate, then in New York, was transferred here and lodged in Central. It was placed under the direction of Bro. M. Florentius as professor.

Departure of Bro. Angelicus, Assistant General.

From November 17 to 24 we had the pleasure of having Bro. Angelicus, Assistant General, in our midst. It was his last visit. From here he went to New England, then to New York where he embarked for Europe on "La Lorraine" on December 15.

Our prayers and our best wishes went with him.

He visited all the Houses of the Province, leaving everywhere a new proof of his love and his entire devotedness to one and all.

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Division of the Provinces of Canada and the United States. Provincial House.

March. In the month of March of this year there took place the split in two of the then Province of North America. For some time already this split had been desired and expected.

Bro. Ptolomeus remains in charge of our United States Province.

As for personnel, each Province is in a proportion of 1 to 2. We keep all our establishments in the United States, plus St-Michel in Montreal and our establishments in the Canadian West. [These schools in Canada were English-speaking.]

St. Ann's Hermitage becomes *de facto* the Provincial House. Bro. Provincial comes to live there and takes up residence in the Juniorate; a double room has been prepared for this. Two other rooms nearby are set up for the Father Preacher of Retreats and a room for travelers.

Holy Week.

The Holy Week services are celebrated with all possible solemnity. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings the Office of Tenebrae is held at 5:15 p.m.

The other daily Services, according to the customs of the House.

April. During this month Brothers Legontianus and Aloysius M. install a private telephone system which links all the houses on the property.

Communication between one residence and another thus becomes easy.

The town telephone which had been first installed in the Novitiate was moved in 1911 to Central where Brother Director was; he served also as local Economone and Provincial.

May. Death of Joe Hanley.

May 1 was a day of sorrow. Joe Hanley from New York, a fine Postulant who had spent a year in the Juniorate and 8 months in the Novitiate, leaving everywhere a sweet odor of gentleness, piety, obedience and regularity, was taken from us by death after a short illness of five days. During these few days of sickness he was a model of patience and resignation. His pure and fresh soul returned to its Creator.

We would have been happy to lay his mortal remains in our cemetery next to those of good Brother Charles-Camille, but his parents insisted that he be placed in the family plot. We had to accede to their request.

His gentle souvenir will remain among those who knew him.

June. Confirmation. On the 13th of this month 17 Juniors receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Church of the Nativity in town, conferred by Bishop Cusack, Auxiliary Bishop of New York.

July. Summer Courses. About 70 Brothers arrived on July 1 to take summer courses. All our buildings were bursting at the seams. On days off the Brothers were divided into groups under the direction of the Professors and kept busy cleaning and embellishing the property. A lot of work got done.

Novitiate Retreat. The annual Novitiate retreat took place from July 19 to the 26, also followed by a few Brothers from the establishments. It was preached by Rev. Father Williams, S.J.

11 Postulants took the Holy Habit and 12 Novices took their First Vows.

August. General Retreat. The general retreat took place from August 18-25. It was preached by Rev. Father Brousseau [?], S.J.

Vow of Stability. At the end of this retreat Brothers Pierre-Raphaël, Louis-Raphaël and Namase took their Vow of Stability.

Founding of St. Norbert, Manitoba, Canada.

That year we founded the establishment of St. Norbert, Manitoba, Canada, a short distance from St. Boniface, where the preceding year 4 Brothers had been sent at the request of the Reverend Jesuit Fathers to teach commercial courses in their school.

September. On the 4th of this month eleven Juniors, well disposed, went on to the Novitiate.

On the 26th Rev. Father Dillon, S.J., minister at St. Andrew, tells us he has been designated to be our Chaplain. The devotedness and interest he seemed to have towards us from the beginning make him a benefactor and friend.

Various Projects. As soon as Spring came that year extensive work was undertaken to drain the Juniorate lake. To be able to empty it completely in order to clean it, we put in 12-inch stoneware tubes. This conduit starts at the lake, crosses the neighboring field and the aqueduct road, extends into the Novitiate property and empties at the end into the southwest part of the city water basin. The wall encircling the lake is also rebuilt new and covered with large flat stones having belonged to the wall along the main road. This wall, half-cemented, enabled us to raise the water level.

Repairs made on the wall along the road.

In January 1911 the wall running on the property along the road was falling down in many places and was repaired in its entire length on the 2 properties. The exceptionally good weather that winter allowed us to begin this work in January and to continue it in February. At the same time the same workers dug the well in the field to the left, going to the Novitiate. The intention was to provide water to the houses by means of a hot-air pump sent by St. Ann's Academy. This plan was replaced by the present power system, much more practical.

Construction of the 2 Bungalows.

In the month of May our carpenters, helped by the Scholastics, built 2 bungalows to lodge the Brothers coming for summer courses. We had noticed that the tents put up for this purpose until now were not practical.

These bungalows measured 72 feet long by 27 feet wide and 15 feet high at the peak. They served as dormitories during courses and retreats.

Construction of a chicken coop. From one chimney in Central and another at the base to the carpenter shop.

In October & November 1911 a chicken coop, 90 feet long and 16 feet wide, was built on the south side of the hill where the vegetable *caveau* [cellar] is and which was there when we bought the property.

The following year the Brothers taking summer courses helped Bro. Titien make a small attractive cement pool for the ducks. The water comes from the hot-air pump which was placed on the well in the field.

The small chicken coop, with a slate roof, which was already there and which is along the path going from the carpenter shop to the laundry, is moved by workers from its original spot to its present spot to the southeast of the big chicken coop. It will be used initially for pigeons and chicks.

Other projects.

By this time the large rock near the Juniorate has completely disappeared; nearby we make the little cemented yard with its retaining wall. The picturesque look has also disappeared with the rock, but at least we enjoy light and convenience.

Early in August and continuing in the Fall the Juniorate house undergoes welcome changes in the dormitories, classes, stairway, etc, making the different sections more suitable to present and future needs. This important work was done by our two Brother carpenters, who then, during the winter, also made improvements to the Novitiate, either in the dormitories by eliminating the brick wall partitions which created rooms, or in relocating and rebuilding the stairs going from the ground floor to the first floor, making them wide and straight; then enlarging the classrooms by adding extra windows, etc.

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On January 1, gathering for the traditional New Year wishes presided over by Bro. Ptolomeus, Provincial. That morning announcement of the results of the December exams for the Scholastics, Novices, and Juniors and proclamation of the diplomas.

May. The 13th of this month, Bro. Césidius, Provincial of Canada, visited us. He is going to Grugliasco with our dear Brother Provincial. The Juniors offer them a little reception, wishing them "Bon Voyage" and honoring Brother Césidius in an address filled with filial affection; the music is well executed. Brother Césidius talks and congratulates them on their beautiful singing.

June 1: Solemnity of the feast of the Most Holy Sacrament.

After Vespers, for the first time we had the procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the Juniorate property. The repository put up in the Juniorate yard overlooking the Hudson gracefully rose high under the shade of the tall trees. The hymns and chants sung lustily by the whole Community echoed along the way and raised our hearts towards Jesus Who was blessing us.

Some faithful from the neighborhood followed behind the Blessed Sacrament.

July. The first of this month some 60 Brothers arrive to follow summer courses.

On the 26th the Novices' retreat ends; it had been followed by a few Brothers as well. It was preached by Rev. Father Butler, S.J.

That same day 15 Postulants take the Holy Habit and 11 Novices pronounce their First Annual Vows.

August. On the 28th end of the big annual retreat preached by the Rev. Father McCoughlin, S.J. Brothers Léon Adolphe and Dioscoride take their Vow of Stability.

September. On the 5th 14 Juniors enter the Novitiate.

November. On the 24th visit of His Eminence Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York.

His Eminence came to Poughkeepsie for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of St. Peter's Church, the first Catholic church in the city.

That morning Brother Provincial and Bro. Zepheriny go to St. Andrew's to pay their respects to His Eminence, who had gone there on the eve, and to solicit a visit to St. Ann's Hermitage. We received that visit at 2:30 p.m.

The front of the Juniorate had been decorated and banners hung. The Juniors, lined up on the porch and each one holding the Papal flag or the flag of the United States, greeted the worthy Prelate at his arrival, accompanied by Father Lewis, his secretary, then everybody went into the reunion hall where the Brothers and Novices had already gathered.

Two speeches, one read by a Postulant and the other by a Junior, and the songs for the occasion told him our joy and feelings of gratitude, to which he answered paternally and blessed us.

A half-hour later His Eminence left for another appointment in New York.

His Eminence visited us while a fierce storm raged over the area.

On the 25th 16 Juniors and 1 Postulant are confirmed in St. Peter's Church by Bishop Cusack.

Projects. In the Fall improvements are made to the Provincial tailor shop area, which had originally been a barn: skylights, ceiling, divider, etc., then a skylight in the tailor shop itself to give more light.

December. The New York Central Railroad Company, needing land to widen its tracks, buys about 6 acres of land from us along the two properties for \$20,000 and has two iron bridges built for us, one at the Novitiate and the other at the Juniorate, linking these properties to the land located along the Hudson.

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January. On the 1st traditional greetings among the Brothers of the Community, the Brothers, Novices & Juniors for a good and happy year.

In the evening, entertainment given the whole Community by the Juniors. The young actors are all taken up by their parts; the songs and orchestra pieces are well appreciated.

February. The 16th, 6 Brothers from Italy, chosen by the Rev. Brother Superior General to do their apostolate in North America visit us. Four leave the next day for Canada with Bro. Joseph-Emeric who had come down to accompany them.

March. On the 12th, 3 Brothers from Canada, returning from the Second Novitiate, spend the day with us, giving us news of our respected Superiors.

April. On the 14th, Brother Angelicus, Assistant General and delegate of the Rev. Brother Superior General for the visitation of the 2 Provinces of Canada and the United States, stops at St. Ann's Hermitage for 2 days, on the way from New York to Iberville.

He arrives accompanied by Brother Provincial who had gone to meet him at the Station. Upon his arrival the Brothers, Novices & Juniors are happy to see him and to receive a fraternal embrace.

A welcome is then given him, a few songs for the occasion, and Brother Provincial expresses to him the feelings of filial affection of the entire Community.

That evening the Juniors offer some brief entertainment.

May. As in previous years the choir goes each evening to the Mission exercises for singing and Benediction. These are given by the Rev. Jesuit Fathers in the Chapel of the State Hospital.

June. On the 30th of this month some 40 Brothers from the establishments arrive to take summer courses.

July. On the 26th, end of the Novitiate retreat, followed also by some 30 Brothers.

The program included a Communion Mass at 6 a.m. in the Juniorate by Rev. Father Green, preacher, followed by a Mass of Thanksgiving by Rev. Father Dillon, Chaplain. At 8:30 a.m. High Mass by Rev. Father Sheehan, pastor of St. Peter's.

At 10 a.m. Taking of the Habit, taking and renewal of Vows presided over by Rev. Father Sheehan, Rev. Father Green, Rev. Father Dillon, and Rev. Brother Angelicus, Assistant General, Delegate. The sermon was given by Rev. Father Dillon. The ceremony ended with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

That evening at 6:30 p.m. exercises to close the retreat in the Juniorate chapel. These exercises consisted of hymns and consecration to the Sacred Heart and to the Blessed Virgin.

Twelve postulants had taken the Habit that morning and 12 Novices had made their First Vows. One of the Novices, not having the [canonical] age, had to wait a few days.

August. On the 23rd, end of the annual retreat preached by Rev. Father Dooley, S.J.

That day we celebrated Brother Dioscoride's Golden Jubilee.

The day's program included: Communion Mass at 6 a.m., High Mass at 8 a.m., renewal of Vows at 9:30 a.m. presided over by Rev. Father Dillon and Brother Angelicus,

Assistant General, Delegate. At 11 a.m. presentation of best wishes to the Venerated Jubilarian.

The whole Community, having gathered in the hall decorated for the occasion, our Bro. Dioscoride, Rev. Bro. Assistant on his right and Bro. Provincial on his left, took their places on the stage.

A feast day hymn and an orchestra piece were performed, then there was the reading of the speeches: one by a very small Junior, the other by Bro. Léon Bernardin, Director of Lowell. His face radiating with joy, the Jubilarian acknowledged with his Marist simplicity the good wishes offered him and heartily thanked the Brothers, Novices & Juniors.

Brother Provincial, speaking next, talked about the zeal, the devotedness, the piety and the qualities of a true Little Brother of Mary which our Venerated Jubilarian possessed and wished him on to his Diamond Jubilee.

Another song and orchestra piece concluded the fraternal reunion. Then Bro. Assistant said a few words of paternal affection to the day's hero and asked us to sing the "Magnificat" in thanksgiving.

Next came the refectory where a dinner for the occasion invited all to satisfy their hunger.

A holy card was given to everybody as a souvenir.

In the evening after Beads the announcement of exam and diploma results was made.

Various Projects. During the two months of summer vacation a dam for hydro-electric power was built across the brook in the field below the Juniorate. This wall thus created a waterfall which was to generate power. This project was continued during the following months: namely, we buried a conduit of some 20 feet for the brook and the generation of power, a building was put up and the overshoot water wheel was put in and a pump added; later, an artesian well 65 feet deep was dug a few feet from the building.

The final installation was continued the following year.

Bro. François Isidore's accident. On Sunday August 31 Bro. François-Isidore was taking a stroll along the road with Bro. Paul Mary when, around 2:30 p.m. a car coming up behind them hit him and threw him down, causing grave wounds to the head and several bruises, knocking him unconscious.

An ambulance took him to the State Hospital where doctors gave him immediate care.

After examining him the doctors stated that his life was not in danger, but the Last Sacraments were given him, just in case.

The next day he recovered consciousness and stayed under the care of the doctors and nurses at the hospital until September 8. Out of danger then and well on his way to recovery, he was brought to the House infirmary, staying under our doctor's care.

September. On the 3rd of this month, 4 Brothers coming from Grugliasco, Italy, visit us on their way to Canada.

On the 9th, classes began at the Juniorate and the Novitiate.

On the 27th, Brother Assistant makes his farewell visit to the Provincial House. That same day, accompanied by Brother Provincial, he goes to New York where, after a short stay, he takes a boat to Europe.

Our good wishes and prayers go with him.

October. Bro. Alexander-Josaphat's accident.

This month Bro. Alexander-Josaphat, Novice, had a foot crushed by a tree he was felling. He was brought to Vassar Hospital, and amputation was judged urgent. After a month of care he is brought to the infirmary where he later gets a prosthetic leg.

December. On the 26th, Brothers Legontianus & Jos. Césidius come to spend a few days, preparing plans for the installation of electricity in the Juniorate from the water power we already had.

Building of the silo. In the Fall the Brothers in charge of the farm build a silo near the stables with special hollow bricks.

1914

January. On the 1st traditional best wishes from the entire Community assembled.

On the 16th we have the pleasant visit of Bro. Césidius, former Provincial of North America. He is accompanied by Bro. M. Florentius, Director of St. Michel, our school in Montreal.

The happiness which Bro. Césidius experiences in once again seeing the Community and the Provincial House in Poughkeepsie is shared by our own happiness in having him with us for 2 days.

February. The Scholasticate rooms are upgraded by a large sliding partition allowing them to be transformed into a single hall for prayers during summer courses or retreats. In January the Scholastics had put in a floor in the dormitory and wooden ceilings in the rooms, the plaster ceilings no longer staying up.

April. On the 12th we learn that Bro. Héribert, the Master of Novices, is officially named Provincial, replacing Bro. Ptolomeus. This appointment is received with joy.

July. On the 22nd the Brothers taking summer courses put up a tall pole on the Novitiate property.

Vacation time. General excitement of the Brothers taking summer courses caused by the declaration of war in Europe. Some of them think about the mobilization and prepare themselves for it.

August. The devoted and sympathetic Father Dillon, S.J., is removed as Chaplain. He is replaced by Rev. Father Hedrick, S.J.

September. On the 1st 16 Juniors enter the Novitiate.

A dozen young Brothers follow the Scholasticate.

On the 21st and 22nd of this month a warm and fraternal welcome is given to 6 Brothers coming from Mexico, driven out by the revolution. They had many things to [tell] us about Mexico, the revolution, and what they had to endure.

October. The project for the water installation is completely finished and on the 9th the switch on the city water pipe is closed and we have our own water. This will be a great saving. Being outside the city limits, we are paying the city double for what we use.

The total installation cost about \$2200.

Enlarging the Juniorate. The first work for enlarging the Juniorate starts by the second week of October. One wing of the building, when completed, will replace the kitchen and its dependencies, now too small, as well as the rooms above them, to make room for a spacious kitchen, an attractive refectory for the Juniors, and above that a small dormitory and some rooms.

November. On the 15th we have the pleasant and unexpected visit of His Eminence Cardinal Farley, come to Poughkeepsie to preside at a celebration of the Jesuit Fathers at St. Andrew.

The Community, hastily gathered, gives him a warm welcome and reception to which His Eminence answers with very paternal words, speaking especially of the union of prayers for the end to the scourge of the war raging in Europe.

1915

January. The 1st brings the traditional gathering for New Year wishes. Brother Provincial says a few kind words and gives us all some advice.

On the 6th the Juniors give a bit of entertainment in which the young performers put all their know how to please the audience.

February. On the 27th we are visited by BB. Joseph-Wenceslas and Léon-Alphonse coming from Italy and on their way to Canada.

In 1910 Bro. Léon-Alphonse, then E. Ellard coming from the Juniorate of Lévis, Canada, had left with our Austin O'Donnell for the International Juniorate in Grugliasco, accompanied by Rev. Brother Stratonique, Superior General.

April. On the 10th Brother Bassus, cook, takes possession of his new kitchen.

On the 18th the Juniors provide more entertainment on the occasion of the feastday of St. Anicetus, patron of Brother Director General.

May. On the 13th, Ascension Day, our good and intelligent Brother Pierre-Raphaël, Principal of St. Peter's School, not feeling well for a few days now, is taken to St. Francis Hospital.

On the 17th the sickness, typhoid pneumonia, having gotten worse, he is given the Last Rites.

On the 19th at 5 a.m. he returns his beautiful soul to God after having been able to see his brother, Bro. Marie-Saintin who had arrived the night before from Canada.

The body of our regretted deceased was brought from the hospital and laid in our parlor turned into a funeral chapel. He was visited by many people from the parish where he was well liked and was doing much good for the children. He always had outstanding success with his students and was a model Principal.

On the 21st at 6 a.m. Requiem Mass in the Community Chapel, and at 9 a.m. the casket is transferred to St. Peter's Church with the Community attending. There a second Requiem Mass is sung.

Rev. Father Sheahan, pastor of the parish and celebrant, gave a moving allocution on the dear deceased, who is brought back to be interred in the Community cemetery. Rev. Father Dillon was there to say the final prayers.

June. Death of Bro. Namase. The 2nd of this month Brother Provincial, accompanied by Bro. John Casimir, brings back the mortal remains of our dear Bro. Namase, who died in Manchester on May 31.

At 11 a.m. after a final absolution our regretted Deceased goes to sleep in peace next to Bro. Pierre-Raphaël.

These are two excellent Brothers and 2 good teachers who are taken from us in a few days. They have gone to add to the Marist family in heaven.

On the 20th 8 Juniors received the sacrament of Confirmation in St. Peter's Church, given by Bishop J.P. Hayes, Auxiliary Bishop of His Eminence Cardinal Farley.

Brother Provincial having been promised a visit by the Bishop for that evening, the welcome preparations are made, but we are disappointed. His Grandeur, having been obliged to go to some rural parishes, came by only at 9 p.m., when the Community was going to bed. His secretary came in to express His Grandeur's regrets.

August. On the 11th of this month a statue of the Sacred Heart is put up in the Juniorate yard. Bro. M. Florentius made the pedestal for it in cement.

September. On the 5th, announcement of the results of the June compositions; 9 Juniors receive their 1st diploma.

On the 7th, studies take up again with spirit.

December. On the 14th a rumor goes around, all too true, that one of the 2 bungalows had been leveled by the weight of the snow that fell that evening and night, and we all go see the damage: three sides have caved in and the roof lies on the floor. ...There's a good job ahead for our Brothers Carpenters already too few.

The year ends with the Christmas celebrations.

Individual Project. During the summer vacation a few projects are started to build a vegetable *caveau* [cellar] next to the Juniorate barn. Under the direction of Bro. M. Florentius, several blastings prepare the place, which is all rock. Brothers Michel-Ange and Sanctus, helped by other Brothers and some Scholastics, built the *caveau* later. It was finished in October.

Personnel

Bro. Héribert, Provincial
 Bro. M. Anicetus, Director General, local and provincial Economy
 Bro. Adolph-Leo, Master of Novices
 Bro. John Casimir, Master of Juniors
 Bro. Ptolomeus, Master of Scholastics
 18 other Brothers, teaching or doing manual work
 12 Scholastics
 18 Novices
 54 Juniors

In 1915

16 Postulants took the Habit
 6 Novices took their First Vows
 7 Brothers made Perpetual Profession

1916

January. 1st. Traditional wishes for a good and holy year.

6th. Splendid entertainment given the entire Community by the Juniors: songs, skits, and various pieces done to our best expectations by the young performers provided a pleasant time.

17th. The horse (the gray one) arrives from Ile La Motte (Vermont).

26th. Not an empty place in the Juniorate: 58 present for dinner, but at 4:30 p.m. 18 leave the beehive to increase the Novitiate; of course, all are pleased and happy.

February. On the 21st, 10th anniversary of the Juniorate. At Mass, hymns of Thanksgiving.

At dinner in the Juniorate, Brothers Provincial, Zepheriny & Peter Anthony, one of the founding Juniors, are in the place of honor. A speech is read for Brother Zepheriny, who responds with his customary talent. Dinner is interrupted by songs and speeches.

At 6 p.m., prayers in the Chapel close this memorable day.

March 4. St. Casimir. In the evening entertainment in honor of Brother Director of the Juniorate is given the entire Community. A splendid program composed of 2 songs, 2 wonderful skits, a quartet, a pantomime earn the applause of all present.

The 17th [St. Patrick's] and the 25th [the Annunciation] are celebrated as usual.

April. On Easter the 23rd the skies are dark but our hearts are gay.

On the 25th a 3rd evening of entertainment, ending the long days of winter, is given Brother M. Anicetus, Director General, in honor of his patron saint. It is a real success. Juniors and Scholastics performed very well.

May. Every evening at 8 p.m. the Juniors, Novices & Scholastics go sing in the State Hospital chapel where the annual Mission is given.

June. From June 26 to July 3, first retreat made in the Novitiate, followed by 34 Brothers. It is preached by Rev. Father Guinette, Provincial of the La Salette Fathers.

July. On the 16th, Novitiate retreat preached by Rev. Father Earls, S.J., also followed by the Brothers who are preparing for their Final Vows.

On the 26th, Saint Ann, 20 Postulants take the Holy Habit, 12 Novices take their First Vows, 3 Brothers make their Perpetual Profession, and 1 Brother takes his Vow of Stability. It is a beautiful day for all.

On the 27th and 28th, Brother Legontianus graciously gives the Community an evening of movies.

August. Electric lighting is installed in the Juniorate. Bro. Jos. Cécilius, helped by BB. Aubery, Pierre Vincent, Paul Acyndinus start installing the wires needed for the electric lighting in the Juniorate.

New Provincial. On the 8th, we receive news from Grugliasco that Brother Dacianus has been appointed Provincial, replacing Brother Héribert, who resigned because of health. Our profound respect and entire submission go to the newly elect, who had been Director of St. Ann's Academy in New York, which he had put on a solid footing.

That same day our Brothers Carpenters put in some new skylights in the corridor next to the Juniorate chapel.

That day is memorable for its temperature: 98° in the shade and 98% humidity. A storm that evening allowed us to breathe somewhat more easily.

From the 17th to the 24th. The big Annual Retreat preached by Rev. Father Hammer, S.J.

September 11. Beginning of classes.

The Juniors in High School go take courses with Brother Ptolomeus in Central.

On the 18th, the foundations for enlarging the Novitiate are finished and the Novices take a well-earned picnic.

The chimney built by Brother Titien has reached its top, and this devoted Brother gets ready to return to Lowell for the school year.

The Brothers Carpenters have already begun to raise the façade.

October. On the 1st, as in the preceding years, devotions of the Holy Rosary in the State Hospital chapel where we go do the singing.

On the 2nd, our Brother Théodose, who came from New York two days earlier, has a diabetic seizure. He receives the Last Rites and is taken by ambulance to St. Francis Hospital.

On the 3rd, our good Brother Théodose breathes his last at 8:25 p.m.

On the 4th, our dear deceased is waked in the Juniorate parlor, turned into a funeral chapel.

On the 5th, Requiem Mass at 6 a.m., then the remains of our regretted Brother are laid in our cemetery. R.I.P.

On the 21st, the Juniors have a half-hour for their first practice on the "Fire Escape" newly transformed and at the new one added to the Sacred Heart dormitory.

On the 28th, at 7 p.m. good Father Hendrick, S.J., comes to give the students an astronomy lesson on the "Flag Pole Hill." The night is splendid, the weather clear & very cold.

That same day the new roof on the Novitiate is finished.

November 1. High Mass by Rev. Father Dillon, S.J.

At Vespers, sermon by Rev. Father Murphy on the theme of the feast.

On the 5th, for the first time our electric lighting system functions in the Juniorate. Farewell to gas jets. The refectory of the Community Brothers is the first to enjoy the change-over.

On the 24th, electric lighting appears in the chapel.

On the 28th, Brother Marcellien-Louis, our devoted infirmarian, goes to St. Francis Hospital to undergo operations for a double hernia.

December 8. High Mass & splendid feastday.

On the 14th, Bro. Marcellien-Louis returns from the hospital happy & pleased.

On the 18th, first day of skating.

On the 25th, solemn celebration of the beautiful feast of Christmas.

From the 26th to the 28th exams given in the Juniorate by Brother Provincial.

Projects. In the Fall we replace the water conduits from the Juniorate to Central, about 2000 feet. The work is done by the Scholastics, Novices & Juniors.

1917
Centenary Year of the Founding of the Institute

1917 marks the great celebrations of the Centenary of the founding of the Institute.

January. On the 1st, the Community gathers for the customary exchange of best wishes for a good year. Bro. Provincial wishes that it be exceptionally good and productive in fruits of salvation for us & souls.

On the 2nd, the program for celebrating the Centenary begins. At 6 a.m. special High Mass for the occasion; beautiful performance of the music and ornamentation of the altars. In the evening solemn Vespers and sermon by Rev. Father Chetwood, S.J., on Catholic teaching & the good we do in our work; afterwards, solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & hymns of Thanksgiving.

A large painting of our Venerable Founder is placed in the Juniorate and Novitiate. Then, here and there decorations and some of the Institute's commemorative dates recall the spirit of the day which remains memorable.

On the 23rd and 24th, some Juniors take the Regents Exams.

On the 27th, 24 Juniors move up to the Novitiate, happy to take another step in religious life. They leave behind exactly the same number.

The new Postulants will continue to go to the Juniorate for classes.

February. On the 15th, our Brother Louis-Sanctus, wanting to treat the cattle with some gasoline, accidentally starts a fire and burns his two hands trying to extinguish it and save the cattle and the barn. He's taken to the hospital. He returns after spending some two weeks there, during which he had to endure terrible sufferings.

We had to gradually replace the cattle which got burned and which we had to slaughter.

March. On the 2nd, the Community offers its condolences to the Reverend Jesuit Fathers at St. Andrew's by assisting at the Funeral Mass of the Rev. Father Pettit, rector, who had always been so sympathetic to us.

On the 12th, Monday Mass is started again in the Novitiate. It had been suspended since mid-November because of the work to enlarge the Chapel.

April. On the 6th, formal declaration of war between the United States and Germany. All the Brothers between 21 and 31 years old, according to the new law of military service have to answer a 16-page questionnaire given by the Authorities, but because of their functions, all our Brothers are exempt. However, three French Brothers enroll in the American Army in order to settle their military status with the French government.

May. On the 13th, opening of the annual Mission at the State Hospital Chapel by the Reverend Jesuit Fathers and, as usual, the singing and the evening Prayers during the week are done by the Juniors, Novices, & Scholastics.

On the 16th, 6 Juniors are confirmed in St. Peter's Church by Bishop J.P. Hayes, auxiliary bishop of New York.

June. On the 7th, feast of Corpus Christi.

Procession on the Juniorate property with Benediction at the repository put up in the yard. The sky was overcast, but the scattered drops of rain did not interfere with this beautiful & touching ceremony.

On the 14th, celebration of the Centenary of St. Peter's Church, sumptuously decorated for the occasion. All the Communities of the Provincial House attended. The hymns at Mass were done by the Juniors with the children of the school. Sermon by the Rev. Father Sheahan, who was the celebrant. Rev. Father Donohue, former student of our Brothers in Ireland, served as Deacon, Rev. Father O'Brien from St. Mary's parish served as Sub-Deacon, and Rev. Father Lalli, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, was the Master of Ceremonies.

That evening, solemn Benediction and sermon by Rev. Father O'Brien, pastor of St. Mary's. Bad weather prevented all the Community from attending.

On the 16th, St. Peter's parish school held the civil celebration of the Centenary in Columbus Hall, decorated for the occasion.

Speech by Mr. J. Lavery, city notable, who develops the history of our Institute and pays glorious tribute to the patriotism of Catholics during the United States wars.

The evening included: plays, songs, recitations, tableaux, etc., all well performed by the children of the school.

From June 25 to July 2, 1st retreat preached by Rev. Father Salmon, C.S.E., full of zeal and Marist sentiments.

July. From the 16th to the 26th Novices' retreat preached by Rev. Father Butler, S.J.

On the 23rd, the Juniors join the retreat.

On the 26th, Mass of Communion, High Mass.

At the ceremony afterwards, 20 Postulants take the religious Habit and 20 Novices pronounce their First Vows. The ceremony is presided over by Rev. Father Sheahan, pastor of St. Peter's; Rev. Father O'Brien, pastor of St. Mary's, gives the Sermon, and

Rev. Father Dillon, S.J., minister at St. Andrew's, gives the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

August. 14 & 15. Celebration of the Centenary at the Provincial House. On this occasion we had from the Province of Canada: Bro. Joseph-Emerie, Provincial, BB. Césidius, Chryseuil & Priscillianus, Provincial Councillors.

The afternoon of the 14th, all the communities gather on the hill next to the Novitiate, decorated with flags and garlands, to assist at entertainment organized by some Brothers taking summer courses. On a platform set up outside but tastefully arranged and decorated are presented one after another: a short comedy, songs & declamations; the band offers its best pieces.

On the 15th, religious celebration of the Centenary. In the morning, Mass of Communion with hymns of Thanksgiving.

High Mass celebrated by Rev. Father Dillon, S.J. In the evening at 5 p.m., solemn Vespers, special Sermon & Benediction.

In the afternoon the Communities are once again gathered on the Novitiate hill for entertainment offered by the Novices & Juniors. At the very beginning a downpour obliges us to transport everything to the Novitiate oratory where the program continues, made up of songs, hymns, recitations and staging of 2 incidents in the life of the Founder at the beginning of the Institute, and a play.

In the evening at 7:30 p.m., Rev. Father Coffey, S.J., opened the annual general retreat.

September. The Brothers in charge of the farm add 10 feet to the silo; it now measures 30 feet x 10 feet.

On the 4th, classes begin again in the Juniorate, Novitiate & Scholasticate.

October. On the 13th, 4 Juniors are confirmed in St. Mary's Church by Cardinal Farley.

On the 28th, blessing of a statue of the Immaculate Conception for the Juniorate grotto.

December. The 25th, Christmas with its ceremonies, songs, crèche, tree, etc.

Beautiful Centenary observances, religious as well as civil, were celebrated in all the Houses of the Province & in all the Provinces. God be praised!

Personnel

Bro. Dacianus, Provincial

Bro. Héribert, Director General

Bro. M. Anicetus, local & provincial Econome

Bro. Adolph Leo, Master of Novices, helped by BB. Zepheriny, Fred. Charles & Patrick Nicholas, cook. 20 Novices.

Bro. John Casimir, Master of Juniors, helped by BB. Francis Regis, Jos. Severinus, Jos. Walter, Edward Wilfrid, Louis Mary. 34 Juniors.

BB. Ptolomeus & Leon Bernardin, professors at the Scholasticate. 12 Scholastics.

To take care of the House: 12 Brothers

1918

January. A new year starts, as usual, with the good wishes and talks of our dear Brother Provincial to all the communities of the Provincial House gathered together. This gathering shows that family spirit is still well alive in the hearts of the Marist Brothers of the United States.

On the 6th, pleasant, short entertainment of songs, talks, violin and piano pieces performed by the Juniors introduces some small break in the winter monotony.

March. On the 16th, our devoted Bro. François-Isidore, tailor and sacristan, dies in St. Francis Hospital where, a few days before, he had been operated on for varicose veins from which he had long suffered. On the 18th, after the Requiem Mass for the deceased, his mortal remains are taken to the Community cemetery.

On the 16th of this month, when the Church celebrates the feast of St. Héribert, Bro. Director General's patron, we cancelled all the preparations which had been made in honor of the Superior of the House, as sign of our mourning.

April. On April 11 we receive the official news that Bro. Héribert has been named Provincial, replacing Brother Dacianus who, to the great scandal of all his subordinates, had abandoned his vocation.

It would not be out of place here to note that on the 14th of this month there took place in our [word undecipherable] a family celebration on the occasion of Bro. Marie-Céphas's 60th birthday. This celebration brought joy to the Community and comforted the Brothers whom the departure of the Provincial (Bro. Dacianus) had stunned.

That same day 4 Juniors became Postulants, adding to their numbers.

June. On June 24 the first retreat, followed by 38 Brothers, is preached by Rev. Father Aubin, S.S.E., great friend of the Brothers. His talks and conferences were as had

been expected, all heart and all soul. At the closing on July 1 there was a solemn consecration of the Province to the Sacred Heart by our dear Brother Provincial.

July. On July 2, under the direction of Bro. Legontianus, director of our school in Manchester, and with the help of BB. Francis Regis, Titien, Aubéry and others, work on the cement basin to receive the water from the stream coming from the Winslow property is begun. Most of the cost is covered by entertainment and plays given in our schools.

On the 16th, opening of the Novitiate retreat, preached by Rev. Father Cronin, S.J. On the 26th, patronal feast of the property, the solemn closing takes place. 10 Postulants take the religious Habit and 20 Novices make their First Vows. The sermon is preached by Rev. Father Burns, S.J., minister at St. Andrew's. Once again we could appreciate how much this good Father loves us. He pointed out to these young men what they had to become to do the good which the Catholic population expected of them. Talking next to the parents, he encouraged them to complete the sacrifice which they had already done of their sons, and he made them see the great reward promised by the Divine Master.

The 31st of this same month, 5 Brothers who had prolonged till now the retreat followed with the Novices took their Final Vows.

August. The third retreat began on the 16th, preached by Rev. Father Williams, S.J., one of the first chaplains of our House in Poughkeepsie and great friend of our work.

On the 31st of this same month, 12 Juniors enter the Novitiate.

September. Opening of school on September 3: 12 Scholastics under the direction of BB. Ptolomeus and Legontianus; 12 Postulants and 10 Novices with Bro. Adolph Leo as Master of Novices, Bro. Zepheriny as Sub-Master, and BB. Paul Acyndinus and Jerome Vincent as teachers; 31 Juniors under the direction of BB. John Casimir, Jos. Severinus, Jos. Walter, Joseph Godwin, Frederick Charles.

The personnel of the Provincial House is as follows:

Rev. Bro. Heribert, Provincial
 Bro. Marie Anicetus, Director General & Econome
 Bro. Marcellien Louis, infirmarian
 And 12 Brothers doing various manual work

October. The former barn being too small to hold all the hay harvested on the property, the Brothers Carpenters add to it on the east side and make it accessible to carriages.

During this same month the small building in mud bricks to the west of the garage is built to house the batteries, a small dynamo, and the switchboard.. Nothing much of note happened this month. The beautiful feast of Christmas is celebrated with its customary solemnity. The year ends leaving the Provincial House some very useful improvements.

1919

January 1. After the day's Mass Bro. Rudolph Xavier, who didn't have the required age at the end of the last retreat to make his Perpetual Vows, makes them on this holiday, chosen specifically to make them more solemn. As usual, in the Juniorate recreation hall well decorated for the occasion, New Year's best wishes and a talk by our dear Bro. Provincial. At 2:30 p.m. our dear Brother Legontianus gives a magic lantern presentation on the life of O.L.J.C. to the Communities gathered there.

February. On the first of February, 2 Juniors move up to the Novitiate increasing the number of Postulants.

On the 26th of this month the final installation of electricity in the Juniorate is made; it's the dormitories' turn. Nobody misses the gas jets.

March. On the 19th, feast of St. Joseph, the Juniors put on a fine presentation: "The Bells of the Forest," along with beautiful songs and interesting interludes. The young performers well deserved the applause which the audience lavished on them.

May. On May 20, 3 Juniors are made perfect Christians by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Peter's Church.

June. On the 12th of the month, we receive the pleasant visit of dear Bro. Joseph Célestin, delegate of the Rev. Brother Superior General for the establishments in South America.

On the 16th, 17th, & 18th, there are Regents exams in the Juniorate; the exams are presided over by dear Bro. Francis Borgia, delegated by St. Ann's Academy in New York, with which our Juniorate is affiliated with permission of the University of Albany. Before that, our children used to go take their exams with the students in St. Peter's which our Brothers run in Poughkeepsie.

On the 28th of this same month the first retreat begins, preached by Rev. Father Henri de la Chapelle, Provincial of the Marist Fathers. This retreat, followed by 45 Brothers, was all Marist, Father Preacher having applied himself to making it ours.

July. 4th. Good Brother Césidius, former Provincial and founder of the provinces of Canada and the United States, having come from St.-Hyacinthe to visit us, followed the retreat exercises. Since the Venerable Religious was celebrating his Diamond Jubilee this year, all the Brothers present were happy to seize the opportunity: on the day of closing they expressed their congratulations and feelings of veneration and affection to the worthy Veteran. Besides the Low Mass, Holy Communion of the closing, the renewal of Vows, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, there was also High Mass with sermon in which Rev. Father Lebuff, S.J., eulogized the Jubilarian's religious life and career. Under the tall trees of the Novitiate there were also compliments, songs, instrumental music, as well as dinner and supper outdoors. A fine souvenir program with

the day's doings and the words of the songs executed had on the first page the photograph of the good Brother. This beautiful celebration, all family, ended that evening in the Juniorate yard with a wonderful small display of fireworks, paid for by the Benjamins.

From the 16th to the 26th, the Novices' retreat takes place; it is preached by Rev. Father Fox, S.J. On the last day 11 Postulants take the Marist Habit and the next day, the 27th, Sunday, 3 Brothers make their Perpetual Vows and 6 Novices make their First Vows.

August. From the 15th to the 22nd the general retreat is held; it is preached by Rev. Father Hardagon, S.J. The retreat exercises having ended, each Brother, well disposed to doing his best in the new school year, heads for his establishment.

On the 31st of the month, Bishop Bruneau, Bishop of Nicolet, Canada, accompanied by Father Tetrault, pastor of Drummondville and former pastor of St. Jean-Baptiste in New York, and two other priests, passing through Poughkeepsie, were kind enough to visit us and spend two days at the Hermitage. We did everything possible to make his stay as pleasant as could be.

September. On September 1, 16 Juniors moved to the Novitiate; shaking hands with the 40 remaining, they invited them to be exemplary in everything so as to come, all 40 of them, to join them the following year.

On the 24th, Mr. Charles, friend of our Brothers at St. Ann's Academy in New York, brings us in his own car, accompanied with Brother Provincial, Bro. Paul Mary who had undergone an operation for intestinal cancer in St. Francis Hospital, Bronx, NY. On the 29th, our dear sick Brother receives the Last Rites with much resignation and in the most edifying dispositions.

On the 26th, seven Juniors receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Peter's Church, given by His Grandeur Bishop Hayes.

December. On the 3rd, Bro. Thomas Austin who had gone to the International Juniorate on 16 September 1910, returns from Italy and is very happy to see St. Ann's Hermitage once again where he had spent 2 and a half years as a Junior.

On the 14th of the month, according to the instructions of Rev. Brother Stratonique, Sup. Gen., the Professed Brothers vote for the delegate who, with Bro. Heribert, Provincial, will represent the United States Province at the next General Chapter which is to take place in Grugliasco the following May. Brother Legontianus, Director of the Academy in NY is elected delegate and Bro. Pierre Vincent, substitute.

On the 25th, an evening of entertainment entirely Marist is given by the Novices and Postulants. "An Evening with Father Champagnat and his first disciples;" such was the title for the evening's Program.

The [undecipherable] feast of Christmas brought us with its solemnity all the customary joy of the season.

1920

January. The first day of the new year occasions the traditional greetings and good wishes. Gathering of the various Communities at the Juniorate, presided over as usual by dear Bro. Provincial who suggests 6 means to spend this new year in a holy way, consequently in a happy way. Happiness and holy joy appear on every face, especially the Benjamins.

On the 6th, feast of the Epiphany, two Postulants take the Holy Habit; the best wishes of the entire Community for their perseverance go with them.

On the 20th, Regents Exams are given in the Novitiate under the supervision of our dear Bro. Legontianus, Director and delegate of St. Ann's Academy in NY.

On the 24th, two of our Brothers from Mexico, returning from Europe and having served during the entire Great War, pay us a pleasant visit; the account of their exploits was most interesting.

On the 29th, 6 Juniors animated with excellent dispositions, enter the Novitiate.

February. On the 2nd, the Community is not celebrating; the flu epidemic raging in the region makes its appearance at the Hermitage: Brothers, Novices, Postulants and Juniors catch it each in turn. Two Sisters from St. Francis Hospital were kind enough to help us. Day and night they worked to save our sick. Good Sister Madeleine spent 36 hours without a break at the side of Bro. Michel-Ange. The Good Lord did not judge it proper to reward the zeal of this devoted religious in this world.

Our doctor, C.J. McCambridge, gave us on this occasion countless proofs of his affection and devotedness for our work. Neither the large amount of snow which covered the ground nor the almost constant storms nor his numerous patients in town prevented him from visiting our sick Brothers and children 2 and even 3 times a day. More than 60 members of the Community are affected at the same time. Several lives were in danger, but thanks to the devotedness of the Good Sisters, of the doctor, and of some Brothers who stayed healthy: dear Bro. Provincial, Bro. John Casimir, Bro. Paul Acyndinus, Bro. Marie Cephas, Bro. Altin, and dear Brothers Legontianus and Stylien, who came from NY to reinforce the help, we had only one loss to mourn.

Our dear and devoted Brother Michel, counting on his strong health, having delayed a bit too long before being cared for, became a victim of the epidemic; on the 10th, he received the Last Rites and on the 15th in the morning he returned his beautiful soul to God, in his 50th year. On the 17th, the Requiem Mass was said in the Novitiate, where he had died, and from there his mortal remains were transported to the great Marist reliquary

of the Hermitage, next to the Brothers who had already left for the big Marist province in Heaven.

On the 21st of this month, 6 Brothers from the Province of Canada returning from Europe stop by to say hello.

On the 24th, Bro. Adolph Leo returns to us after his Second Novitiate. He is named assistant to the Provincial [undecipherable; possibly Procurator].

March. On the 3rd, dear Brother Alphonsus Mary, from the Province of New Zealand, on his way to the General Chapter, spends two days in our midst. He gives a very interesting conference on our work, the mores and the products of New Zealand and Australia.

On the 24th, BB. Gabriel Marie and Marie Beatrix from the province of Canada and delegates to the Chapter, together with BB. Classicus and Louis Joanny going on a family visit, stop in Poughkeepsie.

On the 31st, our dear Brother Provincial, accompanied by dear Brother Legontianus, Bro. Jos. Emerie, Provincial of Canada, and the two delegates from Mexico leave for the General Chapter, and also Bro. Marie Anicetus who is going to see his elderly parents. We assure them of our best wishes and prayers for a Bon Voyage. Dear Brother Ptolomeus, First Councillor, takes charge of the Province during the absence of dear Brother Provincial, and good Brother Adolph Leo, for the time being, handles the finances of the Province and the Provincial House.

April. On April 3, dear Brother Denis, Provincial of New Zealand, visits us briefly on his way to the General Chapter. He says a few words to the Community which is happy to listen to this Brother coming from such a far-away country.

On the 17th, still another pleasant visit, this time from our Brothers in Oceania: Brother Albano, Vice-Provincial of New Caledonia, also en route to the General Chapter. He is accompanied by dear Brother Felix Eugene, one of his great friends, having worked a long time together in those distant countries.

On the 24th, Brother Jos. Cesidius, econome in St. Ann's Academy, NY, installs an electric dish washing machine in the Juniorate. The Juniors will no longer burn their fingers in the boiling water.

May. On the 26th, we receive a cablegram from Grugliasco announcing the nomination of dear Brother Diogène as Superior General of the Congregation.

June. 14. Dear Bro. John Casimir, Master of Juniors, having received permission to go spend some time in his native country, says good-bye. Bon Voyage and Safe Return!

On the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th, Regents Exams are given, supervised by Bro. Islide from the Academy in NY.

July. On the 4th of this month BB. Chryseuil and Priscillian of the Province of Canada, on their way to France, stop at St. Ann's Hermitage for part of the day.

On the 8th, after a good trip to Europe, Bro. M. Anicetus returns.

A few Brothers from Canada returning from Europe stop to visit St. Ann's Hermitage; they spend a few hours with the Community.

On July 2, good Bro. Paul Mary undergoes a major operation with great suffering, which he bears with admirable resignation and heroic courage. Ten days later Rev. Father Byrne, S.J., gives him the Last Rites. How the dear sick Brother counts himself happy to be assisted by such a holy Priest and to have persevered in his holy vocation.

On Sunday the 14th, after having received a final blessing, the good Brother returns his soul to God towards 7 p.m. The long and very painful sufferings which he so patiently bore surely must have abridged his purgatory. The Requiem Mass took place on the 15th and his mortal remains were transported next to those of the good Brothers who had preceded him.

On the 10th, opening of the Novitiate retreat, preached by Rev. Father Corbert, S.J.

On the 20th, we have the pleasure of welcoming dear Brother Provincial returning from the General Chapter; what interesting things he had to tell us!

At the closing of the retreat, the day of the feast of Good St. Ann, presided over by Rev. Father Williams, 21 Postulants take on Mary's livery. The next day at Mass Bro. Abelus takes his Vow of Stability; BB. Emile Nestor and George Henry make their Perpetual Vows; 10 Novices take their First Vows.

August. The general retreat begins on the 20th and ends on the 27th; it is preached by Rev. Father Murphy, S.J. 81 Brothers make that retreat. At the closing Bro. Altin makes his Vow of Stability.

The last retreat takes place from August 30th to September 4th; it is preached by Rev. Father De La Chapelle, Provincial of the Marist Fathers. 39 Brothers are present. Bro. Marcellien Louis makes the Vow of Stability and Bro. Victor Aimé his Perpetual Vows, delayed by reason of age.

The personnel of the [Provincial] House is as follows:
 Bro. Heribert, Provincial
 Bro. M. Anicetus, Director & Econome
 Bro. Marcellien Louis, Infirmarian

Bro. M. Cephas; Bro. Pierre Augustin
 Bro. Frederick Charles, Recruiter
 Bro. Abelus; Bro. Frederick Etienne
 Bro. Altin; Bro. Louis Sanctus; Bro. Onesime Gerard
 Bro. Jos. Anthyme; Bro. Paul Gaspard; Bro. George Leo

The Personnel of the Novitiate:

Bro. Zepheriny, Master of Novices; Br. Paul Acyndinus, Sub-Master;
 BB. Jerome Vincent, Jo. Arthur

Personnel of the Juniorate:

BB. John Casimir, Leo Anselm, Jos. Walter, Wilfrid Mary, Leo Mary

On September 27th, the Juniors are happy to wish a warm "welcome" to dear Bro. John Casimir, their Director who is returning from Europe.

From October 6th to 9th, a special retreat is held for the Juniors for the first time. It is preached by Rev. Father Corbett, S.J.

On November 10th, we learn of the death of dear Bro. Marie Sylvain. He died at St. Ann's Hermitage, France. He was getting ready to return after a family visit when he got blood poisoning. He succumbed after 4 or 5 days of sickness.

On the 29th of this same month, the improvement made to the shoe room and the cabinets [toilets?] is finished. The changes made are appreciated.

On December 18, the automobile garage started in November is completed.

On the 25th, Christmas returns with its happy chimes; religious celebrations, open cheeriness are the order of the day.

During the year 1920, especially in the Fall, the Novitiate surroundings were embellished by planting trees, improving the roads, enlarging the Novitiate playground, etc. We must note especially the splendid Calvary group of Christ, the Blessed Virgin, St. John and St. Mary Magdalen, gift of Mrs. Dowd. The cement pedestal and stairway are the work of Bro. Paul Acyndinus.

1921

To ask Heaven's blessings on the New Year, we begin the first day with a High Mass very well sung by the Novices and Juniors. Next come the traditional good wishes.

On the evening of January 2nd, anniversary of the founding of the Institute, there is a very interesting production on the origins of the Congregation, the Venerable Father, and our first Brothers.

On the 10th of this month, two Novices who had taken the Marist Habit on January 6 of the year before pronounced their First Vows.

On the 11th, a Dodge, secondhand but very good, is put in the garage. The drivers especially appreciate this acquisition.

On the 18th, 19th, and 20th, Regents exams are given. On the 26th, 16 very happy and well disposed Juniors enter the Novitiate; may they all persevere in the excellent dispositions animating them all.

February. On Sunday 20th, a huge snow storm obliges us to sing Vespers without a priest. The next morning the ground is covered with so much snow that the little sleigh which had not been used for a long time is returned to service.

March. On the 8th, the rumbling of thunder is heard; it seems to announce the end of winter; in fact, on the 13th, the first game of "Base Ball" is played.

On the 14th, BB. Louis Humbert and Andréas, from the Province of Canada, returning from Europe, spend the day at the Hermitage, happy to see the old Brothers once again and visit the property.

During this month the Brothers Carpenters embellish the walls of the central part of the chapel, putting in panels and moldings as in the sanctuary. The back remains the same because it will shortly be changed by the addition to be made on the west of the present building.

The new part will include a large refectory, an enlargement of the chapel, a study hall for the use of the Brothers in the Provincial House, rooms for the Brothers, an infirmary, a dormitory for the Juniors, etc.

On the 29th, the first pickaxe is put to the foundations.

April. On the 18th, dear Brother Angélicus, Assistant General and delegate of the Rev. Bro. Superior General for the visits to the provinces of the United States and Canada, lands in New York. On the 22nd, he arrives by car after having covered the 75 miles which separate Poughkeepsie and New York. The welcome he received was most filial and somewhat grandiose.

After a few days spent at the Hermitage he went to New England and from there to Canada.

Rev. Brother Stratonique, former Superior General, returning from visiting the provinces of South America, and eager to see once again the work he had established in North America when he was Assistant General, took the student road after his official visit; June 24 he lands in New York. The welcome given to "Grandfather"—he loved to

call himself that—at the Provincial House in Poughkeepsie was most impressive and filial. The response to the welcome speech given him by Brother Zepheriny showed how deep were his affection and attachment to his children in the United States and Canada.

Very Rev. Brother Stratonique and dear Brother Assistant presided over the various retreats. Needless to say that the Brothers were most happy to see these Venerated Superiors once again and to listen to their lively words, penetrating and wholly paternal.

On July 16th, the Novitiate retreat began, preached by Rev. Father J. McGuire, S.J. At the end of this retreat 16 Postulants took the Marist Habit, 20 Novices made their First Vows, and two Brothers made Perpetual Profession.

The general retreat which took place from August 19-26 was preached by Rev. Father H.A. Dalton, S.J. 78 Brothers followed the exercises, three Brothers made Perpetual Profession and Brothers Mary Florentius and Vétérin pronounced the Vow of Stability.

From August 30 to September 5 the exercises of the last retreat took place; 44 Brothers were present. Bro. Elie-Justin made the Vow of Stability. Rev. Father Maitraux, S.M.S., was the preacher.

In order to intensify recruiting among the French Canadian population of New England, Very Rev. Bro. Stratonique and dear Brother Angelicus strongly insisted that a Juniorate be opened in the Boston area. To do this, we bought a property of some 200 acres in Tyngsboro, MA, at the end of August.

During the school year 1921-1922 the personnel of the **Provincial House** was as follows:

Bro. Heribert, Provincial	Bro. Pierre Augustin	Bro. Onesime Gerard
Bro. M. Anicetus, Director & Procurator	Bro. Jerome Vincent	Bro. Ovide Francis
Bro. M. Cephas	Bro. Louis Sanctus	Bro. Andrew Bernard
Bro. Altin	Bro. Paul Gaspard	Bro. Henry Omer
Bro. Abelus	Bro. Frederic Charles	Bro. James Austin
Bro. Jos. Anthyme	Bro. Frederic Etienne	

On December 28 news of the nomination of dear Bro. Legontianus, Director of St. Ann's Academy in New York, as Provincial is announced by Bro. Heribert, who resigned. The next day the various communities of the Provincial House, gathered in the Novitiate as one happy family, are happy to offer their homage and best wishes to the Newly Elected, as well as their thanks to dear Bro. Heribert for the devotedness he brought to the government of the Province during the time of his administration.

During the course of the year our Brothers Carpenters: BB. Jos. Anthyme, Altin & Abelus, put up the walls and installed the roof on the Juniorate extension: 100 feet long, 28 wide, and 4 storeys high.

1922

The 1st of the year brings the traditional ceremony of the exchange of best wishes for a good year.

In his chat dear Brother Provincial encourages the young Brothers, Novices, Postulants, and Juniors to follow the right path which leads to perseverance.

On the date of January 6 Brother Heribert is named Director of the Provincial House. Bro. Ptolomeus, director of St. Ann's Academy in NY, and Bro. Aloysius M., director of the Juniorate in Tyngsboro.

Bro. M. Anicetus stays as local and provincial Econome.

Two entertainments are given during the winter, one by the Juniors, the other by the Novices; the latter presented scenes taken from the life of the first Brothers.

In the Spring the Brothers in charge of manual work begin a series of transformations in the Scholasticate where soon only the tailors and the Brothers Scholastics under the direction of Bro. Paul Stratonique will remain.

To have capable teachers and to foster the studies of the young Brothers, the Provincial Council is of the opinion that certain Brothers chosen by Brother Provincial take courses during the summer given by the Jesuit Fathers at Fordham.

Brother Provincial buys a considerable amount of physics, chemistry, and biology equipment in Germany.

In the Juniorate the classroom for the first year of high school is improved by adding two windows on the north side and by mounting two large slate blackboards.

An important annex for lodging the Community and enlarging the Juniorate is begun.

In the course of the Summer Stations of the Cross are erected in the Novitiate woods. The Stations in reinforced cement are made by Bro. Paul Acyndinus and the Novices who also put them up. The bas reliefs in terra cotta are imported from Fance.

The Way of the Cross was blessed and indulgenced by Rev. Father Solanus Dowling, O.F.M.

Shortly afterwards, Bro. Paul Acyndinus, helped by the Novices, starts and completes a wall in reinforced cement along Delafield Street. This work is done during the good months of 1922 and 1923.

The first retreat (July 16-26) for the Postulants and Novices is preached by the Rev. F. X. Doyle, S.J. 17 Postulants take the Habit and 16 Novices make their First Vows.

The second retreat is preached by Rev. Father Ch. F. Connor, S.J., and the third (in French) by Rev. F. Bruneau, S.S.S., from August 29 to September 5.

At the end of these retreats 42 young Brothers renew their Annual Vows, 7 make Perpetual Profession and BB. Francis Regis, Joseph Cecilius and Francis Borgia make the Vow of Stability.

Towards the end of the year there is an exchange of correspondence between Brother Provincial and the Knauss Brothers, owners of a slaughter house, over the pollution of our water supply by the drainage from the slaughter house built a short time before to the northeast of our property.

Mr. Thomas Lawlor, superintendent of the Bureau of Public Works of the city, answers that our property being outside the city limits, he is not competent, but since the drainage from the slaughter house flowing into the sewers of the former Fiat Co. risks polluting the city reservoirs, he is as eager as we to see the present state of affairs improve.

Brother Provincial is obliged to have Coudert Brothers intervene, our law firm in New York.

On September 16 the Knauss Brothers write that their drainage system will be modified and that the plans to be submitted for approval will have no conduits near our property.

Another letter sent to Coudert Brothers by Mr. C.A. Holmquist, Director of the Bureau of Hygiene in Albany, announces that the Knauss Brothers will have to obtain a written permission after inquiry before disposing of the waters coming from their slaughter house.

1923

The projects to improve and enlarge the Juniorate are continued.

Eight Brothers in the Province obtain the "State Life Certificate."

The February **Bulletin** is dedicated to dear Brother Angelicus, A.G., on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee.

In this same **Bulletin** the Brothers are told that only those who have completed two years of High School will be called to the Scholasticate.

On February 2 we receive the news that our Houses of Formation are recognized by the Regents of the University of New York as "High Schools" with full rights.

The second edition of the Office Book is prepared by Bro. Francis Borgia, then teacher at St. Ann's Academy.

Towards mid-March entertainment is provided by the Juniors. Shortly after that the Scholastics also entertain us.

The Juniorate lab is enlarged. Bro. Louis Viateur sends a beautiful collection of birds and some stuffed animals from Manchester.

The April **Bulletin** is dedicated to Rev. Brother Diogène, S.G., on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee which will be solemnly celebrated on the 24th of the same month. A superb Spiritual Bouquet is sent him, as well as 4000 lire for the chapel in San Leone Magno in Rome.

In June Bro. Charles Honoré receives the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Jefferson & Lincoln in Chicago, and the Brothers who are to follow courses at Fordham are told that they have to notify Brother Provincial and that their names must be sent to the Secretary before June 30.

The annual retreats take place on the following dates: the first, from July 16-26 for the Brothers preparing their Perpetual Profession, and for the Novices and Postulants; it is preached by Rev. X. McFadden, S.J.; the second, from August 17-24 by Rev. John G. Mahoney, S.J.; the third, from August 29-September 5 by Rev. D. Barillec, O.P., who preaches in French.

At the end of these retreats 11 Brothers make their First Vows, 45 Brothers renew their Temporary Vows, and 2 Brothers make their Perpetual Vows.

BB. Victor Hilaire, Frederick Charles, Alphonse Victor and Leo Hyacinth make the vow of Stability.

Bro. Adolph Leo is renamed Master of Novices.

Before winter sets in, Bro. Paul Acyndinus, helped by the Novices, finishes the cement wall along "Delafield Street."

1924

At the beginning of the year Mr. John P. Murray gives \$100 for church ornaments and St. Ann's Academy in NY donates a beautiful chalice.

Moreover, St. Ann's Academy sends an adjustable bed for use in the infirmary.

The Brothers at St. Michel's in Montreal, whose school is being closed at the end of the school year, send two small hand-operated movie projectors.

On February 25th, an explosion near the garage sends rocks into the neighboring property.

We take advantage of the winter season to repair the Novitiate floors at the entrance, in the recreation hall, and in the cloakroom.

Showers and bathtubs are also installed. All this work is done by our Brothers without employing unknown workers in the house.

In March we get a letter announcing the arrival shortly of dear Brother Angelicus, A.G., who is coming for the regular triennial visitation.

In April the chapel roof is finished after a month's work. Pews are put in.

The Juniorate has 55 Juniors.

On April 19th, Holy Saturday, welcome for dear Brother Angelicus at 5:30 p.m. The Community meets him at the entrance and goes to the chapel to sing a "Magnificat."

Tuesday of Easter Week he feels a beginning of amnesia which makes him almost unable to speak in public; his headaches are continual, and paralysis begins to settle in his legs.

On April 29th, after consulting with Dr. O'Brien in Lowell, he goes to Manchester to be cared for by a chiropractor who has an excellent reputation among our Brothers. Novenas are made in our houses of formation.

As soon as good weather comes, Bro. Paul Acyndinus, helped by Bro. Victor Hilaire and the Novices, begins to build a grotto where a statue of Our Lady of Sorrows is placed and in an adjoining recess behind the grotto, a group representing Our Lord in agony.

The Novices' retreat is preached by Rev. Davis Cronin, S.J. Twelve young Brothers take their First Vows.

Dear Brother Columbanus, A.G., on his way to Australia, goes from Montreal to Manchester to see dear Brother Angelicus. He stops by Poughkeepsie only for supper and leaves for Vancouver where he is to take the boat.

The Postulants coming from the Juniorate are admitted to the Postulancy on July 28, one month before the regular date. It's a group which offers little hope for the future. None will persevere.

The retreat from August 21-28 is preached by Rev. John Conway, CSsR.

From August 30-September 5 a retreat at the Novitiate for the Brothers who were at camp and a few others is preached in English by Rev. J. Schmitt, S.J.

After these retreats 40 Brothers renew their Temporary Vows and 3 make Perpetual Profession.

Bro. Edmund Alphonse makes the Vow of Stability.

We begin a translation of the Catechism of the Blessed Virgin. Bro. Francis Borgia is in charge of that work.

The personnel of the **House** is as follows:

Bro. Leo, Provincial	Bro. Heribert, Director	Bro. M. Anicetus, Econome
Bro. Abelus	Bro. Altin	Bro. Pierre Augustin
Bro. Fred. Charles, Recruiter	Bro. Louis Sanctus	Bro. Onesime Gerard
Bro. Andrew Bernard	Bro. Charles Ernest	Bro. Edward Francis
Bro. Bassus, Chef	Bro. Arthur Xavier	Bro. Marcellien Louis, Infirmarian
Bro. Zepheriny, sick	Bro. M. Cephas, sick	

In the Scholasticate:

Bro. Adolph Armand, Director	Bro. Thomas Austin, Prof.	Bro. Anthony Charles
Bro. Francis Gerard	Bro. Francis Michael	Bro. Francis Raymond
Bro. Joseph Nathaniel	Bro. Linus William	Bro. Thomas Edmund
Bro. Louis Anselm	Bro. Thomas Leo	

In the Novitiate:

Bro. Adolph Leo, Master of Novices	Bro. Paul Acyndinus, Sub-Master
Bro. Leo Camille	Bro. Victor Hilaire, Prefect
Bro. Paul Anthony, Chef	

In the Juniorate:

Bro. Paul Stratonic, Master of Juniors	Bro. John Philibert, Sub-Master
Bro. Vincent Dominic	Bro. James Joseph
Bro. Arthur	Bro. Joseph Albert, Prefect

Three Brothers in the Province ask permission to study Latin. The General Council grants them this permission. [Actually only to two. See 1926 below]

October 12. Blessing of the new Juniorate in Tyngsboro.

November 16. Very sharp cold. 15°.

December 8. Farewell to dear Brother Assistant, delegate, at 10:30 a.m. He will leave for New York the next morning. His health is slightly better.

December 31. According to custom, the Brothers who preside over the different groups, Old Brothers, Scholasticate, Novitiate and Juniorate, offer their Good Year wishes to dear Brother Provincial who announces that some American Brothers are asked for in China. We will be able to send some as soon as the 25 Novices make their First Vows at the regular time.

1925

In January two Brothers from this Province are sent to Europe for their Second Novitiate.

On January 15th, a circular letter from dear Brother Provincial requires that the Brothers who want low-cut shoes give their reasons for this preference; permission will be given if the reasons are judged sufficient.

About 50 Brothers ask permission and give their reasons.

A new floor is put in the laundry.

In February a flu epidemic, rather mild, spreads through the Juniorate, Novitiate, and Scholasticate.

With gifts received from our Brothers in the parish schools of New York we buy a large ciborium able to hold 800 hosts for the chapel in St. Ann's Hermitage, a bellows for the mediophone [organ] and some fifty books for the Scholasticate library.

March 16. Feast of St. Heribert, patron of Brother Director. The various Communities of the House provide their share of the entertainment given on this occasion.

March 19. Conference given by Rev. Jos. Williams, S.J., on Jamaica where he worked a long time as missionary.

April 20. Two handball courts are put up in the Juniors' playground.

April 22. Visit from Rev. Timothy Foley, chancellor of the Savannah diocese. He spends two days at the Hermitage.

Rev. Bro. Jean Joseph, Superior General of the Brothers of Christian Instruction (Lamennais Brothers), visits St. Ann's Hermitage on his way to Canada.

May 1. Inspection of the High School classes by Mr. Seymour from Albany. He shows deep satisfaction.

June 4. Sick Bro. Pierre Augustin is taken to St. Francis Hospital.

June 6. We receive news of the complete incorporation of the High School.

Fordham University gives us the privilege of taking courses preparatory to university level at St. Ann's Hermitage during the summer. These courses include Algebra, Physics, and History of Modern Times.

Some High School courses—English, Mathematics and French—are given to those young Brothers who have not yet obtained their diploma.

On June 29th, 9 Juniors arrive from Tyngsboro.

Our retreats take place on the following dates: in the Novitiate for the Postulants and Novices, from July 16-26, preached by Rev. John Corbett, S.J.; the second one, from August 18-25, is preached by Rev. Albert Stern, CSsR; the third one, from August 28-September 3, by Rev. F. Ledwith, M.S.

At the end of the Novices' retreat 9 of them make their First Annual Vows.

In all, at the end of the two other retreats, 45 Brothers renew their Annual Vows and two make Perpetual Profession.

Brothers Bonaventure and Apollone make the Vow of Stability.

On August 25th, solemn celebration of Bro. Felix Eugene's Golden Jubilee.

At 6 a.m., High Mass

At 10 a.m., Reception in the Novitiate where a stage had been put up outside on the north side.

At noon, fraternal agapes.

On September 7th, we receive some beautiful church vestments bought in Europe.

During this month we receive the news that our plans for St. Michael High School in NY have been accepted by the General Council.

September 8. 20 Juniors begin their Postulancy. There are still 35 Juniors at St. Ann's, and Tyngsboro has close to 60.

September 15. Two Brothers from Canada visit us on their way to Grugliasco, whence they will leave for New Caledonia.

At the end of the 2nd retreat Bro. Mary Florentius is named Director of St. Ann's Academy in NY. Bro. Francis Borgia Sub-Director and Principal.

Camp Ile La Motte occupies 35 Brothers for 206 students. The number 200 holds good the entire season.

September 26. Blessing of the first stone for St. Michael's High School in NY. All the members of the Provincial Council are present.

Cement work at the entrance to the Juniorate refectory is finished towards the end of September.

October 1. Brother Provincial receives a telegram from Haverhill. Bro. Leo Victor must be replaced immediately. [Perreault, a student there at the time, says Brother Leo Victor hit a student too hard.] Bro. Ptolomeus is sent temporarily to lead the community.

Personnel in the House at the end of the second retreat:

Bro. Leo, Provincial	Bro. Heribert, Director	Bro. M. Anicetus, Prov. Econ.
Bro. Altin	Bro. Abelus	Bro. Pierre Augustin
Bro. Onesime Gerard	Bro. Charles Ernest	Bro. Edmund Regis
Bro. Philibertus	Bro. Bassus	Bro. Edward Francis
Bro. Austin Mary		

In the infirmary:

Bro. Marcellien Louis	Bro. Zepheriny	Bro. M. Cephas
Bro. Ptolomeus		

In the Scholasticate:

Bro. Adolph Armand	Bro. Thomas Austin	12 Scholastics
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In the Novitiate:

Bro. Adolph Leo	Bro. Paul Acyndinus	Bro. Leo Camille
Bro. Victor Hilaire	Bro. Aidan Francis	

In the Juniorate:

Bro. Paul Stratonic	Bro. John Philibert	Bro. James Joseph
Bro. Joseph Albert		

1926

Permission to study Latin is given to two of the Brothers who had asked.

It is decided that the Juniors will be authorized to spend 5 days home around New Year before entering the Postulancy in September.

In March we begin work needed to provide the Juniors with a recreation hall: grading the land to put it flush with the refectory, columns to support the roof, floor at ground level, etc.

March 4. Bro. Ptolomeus is delegated to visit the establishment in Savannah; he spends a week there.

March 20. We learn of the death of Very Rev. Bro. Stratonique, former Superior General, on March 8.

The **Bulletin of Studies** asks that the week of the 2nd to the 9th be a week of vocations.

During the summer 40 Brothers take courses at the Provincial House.

The Professors are Bro. Adolph Armand, Bro. Pierre Vincent, Bro. Paul Acyndinus, Bro. Joseph Phil [Philip Joseph?], Bro. Joseph Robert.

The retreat for the Novices and Postulants is preached by Rev. M.L. Fortier, S.J.

BB. Ptolomeus, Adolph Leo, Francis Borgia, Tertullian, and Leo Victor make this retreat.

Rev. G.A. Foley, V.G. of the Savannah diocese and pastor of the cathedral, presides at the vesture; he had already spent a week at the Hermitage and visited St. Ann's Camp at Ile La Motte.

At the end of this retreat 11 Brothers make their First Vows. During the retreat the temperature went up to 104°.

The retreat from August 16-23 is preached by Rev. L. Whalen, O.P.

From August 6-26 a retreat is preached in Tyngsboro by Rev. John G. Kirchmayer, S.J., for the Brothers preparing their Perpetual Profession.

In all, 18 Brothers followed the exercises and 10 made Perpetual Profession.

On closing day all the Brothers left for a family visit. All the parents who had come for the ceremony had their car.

The last retreat, preached by Rev. Peter Wartinger, CSsR, takes place from August 28 to September 3.

At the end of these retreats 40 Brothers renewed their Annual Vows.

Bro. Joseph Cadroès takes the Vow of Stability.

Sept. 13. Opening of the new school in the Bronx. They start with 108 students.

A few days later Bro. M. Florentius is solemnly installed as Director.

Almost all the Brothers from our schools in NY and 3 Brothers from Poughkeepsie were present at the family celebration.

On Sept. 13th, we receive a legacy of \$939.94 from Mrs. Durnin, who lived on Delafield Street opposite our property.

An equal amount is bequeathed by the same person to the Sacred Heart Orphanage [Cabrini in West Park].

October 4. Bro. Heribert, Director, accompanied by Brother Provincial goes to Oka for his retreat. He falls sick and is cared for at St.-Hyacinthe, then in Tyngsboro; he returns to Poughkeepsie on November 15.

A report is sent to the General Council asking authorization to teach Latin in our Houses of Formation. Granted.

On December 8th, High Mass sung by the Juniors and Novices. Singing very beautifully done.

Snow covers the ground since Dec. 4

Personnel of the House:

Bro. Leo, Prov.	Bro. Heribert, Dir.	Bro. M. Anicetus, P.Econ.
Bro. Altin, Sub-Dir.	Bro. Abelus	Bro. Pierre Augustin
Bro. Louis Sanctus	Bro. Andrew Bernard, Chef	Bro. Alexander Jos., Ass't Chef
Bro. Charles Ernest	Bro. Edmund Regis	Bro. Bassus
Bro. Edm. Francis	Bro. Robert Francis	

In the Infirmary:

Br. Marcellien Louis	Bro. Zepheriny	Bro. M. Cephas
Bro. Ptolomeus	Bro. George Robert	

In the Scholasticate:

Bro. Adolph Armand	Bro. Phil. Joseph	and 8 Scholastics
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In the Novitiate:

Bro. Adolph Leo	Bro. Paul Acyndinus	Bro. Leo Camille
Bro. Victor Hilaire	Bro. James Thomas	

In the Juniorate:

Bro. Paul Stratonic	Bro. John Philibert	Bro. Victor Albert
Bro. Edmund Conrad	Bro. Joseph Albert	

1927

The number of Juniors being small in the highest class, one of the teachers is sent to Tyngsboro to replace a Brother who has just taken over the 8th grade in St. Peter's.

In January an organ obtained at a discount price because the church of [blank] where it was thought to be too old (1820) and too weak is installed in the chapel and inaugurated on the 20th of this month.

On this occasion a religious concert is given in the chapel for the community only.

The pieces chosen were performed by our Brothers.

February 2. Golden Jubilee celebrations of Brothers Zepheriny and Marie Cephas.

High Mass and very beautiful sermon by a Jesuit Father. At 10 a.m. reception in the Juniorate hall. Everything lasts until 11:30. The program was very well executed.

At 4 p.m. Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Brothers M. Anicetus and Pierre Vincent had come from New York.

We learn that a third section of First Year of H.S. has been opened at St. Ann's Academy, where the number of boarders reaches 125.

On February 12th, 3 young Brothers arrive here from Italy. They are accompanied by the Brothers from Canada who are returning from the Second Novitiate.

On March 4th, we receive in Poughkeepsie a few Brothers on their way to Canada; they spend a day with us.

Around March 11 very mild weather allows us to work in the fields; by the 16th all the snow has disappeared.

May 8. Blessing of the house at St. Michael's in the Bronx by Bishop Lavelle, V.G. Beautiful celebration helped by ideal temperature. Very many attend.

June 29. Rev. Brother Diogène, Superior General, arrives in New York, accompanied by dear Brother Columbanus, A.G. for the provinces of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the British Isles.

June 30. Reception for the Rev. Brother Superior General at St. Ann's Hermitage; he arrives in the evening.

July 2. Rev. Brother Superior General, accompanied by dear Brother Columbanus and dear Brother Leo, Provincial, leave for Tyngsboro at 4 a.m. by car.

They will hear Mass at the Jesuits in Colebrook; they intend to visit the Camp around July 6 and return by the 8th after having greeted the Brothers in St.-Hyacinthe and Iberville.

On July 26th, 18 Postulants take the religious Habit and 19 Novices make their First Vows at the end of the retreat preached by Rev. W.F. Clark, S.J.

The next day Rev. Brother Superior General goes to Iberville, accompanied by dear Brother Provincial.

The general retreat begins on August 16. Every day Rev. Brother Superior General gives the 8:30 conference. He speaks in French.

This retreat is preached by Rev. [undecipherable] A. Kaspar and the third retreat is preached by Rev. Edward Fox, O.M.S.

Every day Rev. Brother Superior General gives the morning conference as at the first retreat.

In all 37 Brothers renew their Annual Vows, 9 make Perpetual Profession.

Vow of Stability. BB. Marie Petrus, Joseph Robert, Paul Stratonis, Henry Charles.

September 6. Rev. Brother Superior General leaves us to go to New York, accompanied by dear Brother Provincial and a Brother from Canada.

Rev. Brother Superior General and this Canadian Brother take the boat for Le Havre.

October 30. Visit from dear Bro. Pierre Vincent coming from Lowell where he gave some high school courses to a few Brothers in New England.

November 8. Installation of dear Bro. Francis Borgia named director of St. Ann's Academy, replacing Bro. Pierre Vincent who is named interim Director at St. Jean-Baptiste.

On December 29th at 3:40 p.m. Brother Zepheriny falls unconscious in his room. His death was sudden.

That same day two [Marianist?] Brothers from Beacon had come to see us; Brother Zepheriny had been very happy with them. At two o'clock he went to his room; he didn't look more tired than usual and nothing let us foresee his sudden death.

Personnel in the House:

Bro. Leo, Prov.	Bro. Heribert, Dir.	Bro. M. Anicetus, Prov.Econ.
Bro. Altin, Sub-Director		Bro. Abelus
Bro. Pierre Augustin, farm		Bro. Andrew Bernard, tailor
Bro. Alexander Jos., ass't tailor		Bro. Charles Ernest
Bro. Edmund Regis		Bro. Bassus, chef
Bro. Tarcisius, ass't chef		Bro. Robert Francis, laundry
Bro. Paul Wildrid		

In the Infirmary:

Bro. Marcellien Louis	Bro. Ptolomeus	Bro. Zepheriny
Bro. Marie Cephass	Bro. Edward Michael	Bro. John Francis

In the Novitiate:

Bro. Adolph Leo, Master	Bro. Paul Acyndinus, Sub-Master
Bro. Leo Camille	Bro. Philippe Joseph
Bro. Victor Hilaire	Bro. Michael Norbert

In the Scholasticate:

Bro. Emile Nestor	Bro. Joseph Abel	with 11 Scholastics
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In the Juniorate:

Bro. Paul Stratonic, Master of Juniors	Bro. John Philibert, Sub-Master
Bro. Victor Albert	Bro. Joseph Albert, Prefect

1928

On January 2nd, funeral for Bro. Zepheriny. Rev. Father Fox, his godchild, officiates.

Rev. Father John Tétreault, pastor in Washingtonville and Rev. Father Jacolucci from Newburg were present.

Also came: two Marianists from Beacon, Dr. Charles McCambridge, Mr. McCann, the Sisters from St. Francis Hospital, and representatives from our four communities in New York.

We decide to admit to the Novitiate only those Juniors who have completed two years of High School.

Mr. Bennett, professor at New Paltz Teachers College comes every week to teach literature to our Scholastics.

The course in Philosophy is given by Rev. Bruce McLean from the Oblate Juniorate in Newburg.

At the beginning of April the construction of a new building at Mt. St. Michael is begun. Mr. O'Hare is chosen as contractor general, even though his bid was high; he offers better guarantees than the other bidders.

Plumbing and heating are given to Mr. McLaughlin.

The house occupied by our Brothers teaching at St. Peter's in Poughkeepsie being too small for the ten Brothers of that community, we decide to enlarge it. The work will be done by our Brothers in the Provincial House. The St. Peter's community will pay \$600 rent per year.

The Brothers of the St. Peter's community will have to pay the Provincial House for the fruits and vegetables they pick on the property.

April 15. Brothers Heribert and Ptolomeus leave for Europe; they should be back by mid-July.

Authorization for changes in the Scholasticate building [i.e. Greystone] having been obtained, the work is confided to Michael Bogo, contractor in Poughkeepsie.

The changes consist of adding a storey, adding windows, putting a stairway in the tower, replacing the wooden floors by reinforced concrete resting on iron beams. This entails moving the laundry, installing a new furnace, etc.

The cost of this work for the Scholasticate only:

Transformations in the building: \$10,000

Heating and plumbing: \$2000

Steel and putting in the beams: \$2600

Labor and materials for electric lighting are estimated at \$1000. Bro. Paul Acyndinus who has taken an *ad hoc* course will do the latter work.

The sale to the Dutton Lumber Company of 150x100 feet of river front on the south is settled. Cost of the sale: \$10,000 net.

Retreat for the Novices and Postulants from July 16-26 preached by Rev. J.F. Cox, S.J. 17 Brothers make their First Vows and 2 make Perpetual Profession.

August 21. Closing of the retreat preached by Rev. Richard Fay, C.P. 46 Brothers renew their Annual Vows.

The last retreat from August 23-30 is preached by Rev. Philip M. Finnegan, S.J. 6 Brothers renew their Temporary Vows, 2 of them for the fifth time, and another makes Perpetual Profession.

The old plumber's shop located under the Scholasticate dormitory is changed into a laundry, a building on the outside will house the furnace which has to supply hot water to this laundry and heat the 3 storeys of the new laboratories and library of the Scholasticate.

A cement roof our Brothers put up over the building for the new furnace collapses because the planks holding this roof up were removed too soon.

Mr. Champagne, House employee, is slightly hurt; he has to spend a few days in St. Francis Hospital.

Finally, the walls which were lightly damaged are rebuilt in part with artificial blocks, together with a reinforced cement roof. Mr. Bogo is paid \$300 for this work.

At the end of the retreat Brother Heribert is named Econome of Mt. St. Michael high school in NY. He has to be replaced by Bro. Pierre Vincent as Director of the House.

Bro. Pierre Vincent happening to be in Europe and not returning to America, Brother Ptolomeus is Director of the **Provincial House** whose personnel is as follows:

Bro. Leo, Prov.	Bro. Ptolomeus, Dir.	Bro. M. Anicetus, Prov.Econ.
Bro. Altin, Sub-Director	Bro. Abelus	Bro. Pierre Augustin
Bro. Louis Sanctus	Bro. Armand Désiré, tailor	Bro. Alexander Joseph
Bro. Charles Ernest	Bro. Bassus, Chef	Bro. Tarcisius
Bro. Robert Francis, laundry	Bro. Jerome Vincent	

In the Infirmary:

Bro. Marcellien Louis	Bro. Marie Cephas
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In the Scholasticate:

Bro. Emile Nestor	Bro. Joseph Abel	and 17 Scholastics
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In the Novitiate:

Bro. Adolph Leo	Bro. Paul Acyndinus	Bro. Leo Camille
Bro. Philippe Joseph	Bro. Victor Hilaire	Bro. John Berchmans

In the Juniorate:

Bro. Paul Stratonic	Bro. John Philibert	Bro. Victor Albert
Bro. Victor Baptist	Bro. Joseph Albert	

December 11. Death of dear Brother Angelicus, A.G., in Grugliasco, Italy.

1929

January 9. Slight flu epidemic. It strikes especially the Scholastics.

February 2. Brother Ptolomeus's fiftieth anniversary of the taking of the Habit. High Mass. Beautiful sermon by a Jesuit Father. Reception by the assembled community.

March 3. Bro. Francis Borgia, director of St. Ann's Academy, is elected Assistant General.

After a visit to Poughkeepsie, he leaves for Canada accompanied by Bro. Paul Stratonic.

May 29. Bro. Marie Cephas is found dead in his bed. Nothing had let us foresee so sudden a death. He was 69 years old.

July 28. Blessing of the Provincial House in Iberville, Canada. The Province of the United States is represented by BB. Leo, Provincial, Ptolomeus, Heribert, Felix Eugene.

Some 40 Brothers follow summer courses in Poughkeepsie and 25 at Fordham; they stay at Mt. St. Michael's.

The cost for the work in the Scholasticate comes to \$30,000 for the construction and \$10,000 for the furnishings.

In August the Provincial Council decides to reopen the 8th grade in the Poughkeepsie Juniorate.

Bro. Charles Honoré, principal at St. Ann's Academy, is authorized to follow summer courses at the Catholic University in Washington; he lives with the Marist Fathers.

Brothers are forbidden to leave the property in lay dress, i.e. without the Roman collar.

The High School in Lowell is closed; the Brothers' salary is raised from \$450 to \$550.

At St. Agnes H.S. the Brothers' salary is \$900.

We decide to reprint the "Plan Book" or Class Preparation copybook.

Dear Brother Assistant recommends two monthly Recollections longer than usual. One of them will take place on Friday after Thanksgiving Day, the other on Good Friday if possible.

The Saturday fast can be modified for those Brothers who go take courses outside.

The retreat for the Novices and Postulants is preached by Rev. Atlee F.X. Devereux, S.J. Dear Brother Assistant gives a conference every day and on closing day he receives the First Vows of 6 Novices.

The big retreat is preached by Rev. James Molloy, C.P. Bro. Francis Borgia gives the 8:30 conference. Closing on August 20.

The retreat preparatory to Perpetual Profession is held in Tyngsboro from July 16-26. It is presided by dear Bro. Florentius. Dear Brother Assistant receives the Perpetual Vows of 10 Brothers. Preacher: Rev. Van... [undecipherable].

The last retreat takes place August 26-September 2. It is preached by Rev. Venantius Buessing, O.F.M. Cap. Bro. Assistant gives the 8:30 conference.

At the end of the various retreats 11 Brothers made Perpetual Profession and 44 renewed their Temporary Vows.

Bro. Tertullian took the Vow of Stability.

During the year the Dutton Company had asked to buy 600 more feet of our river front on the Hudson.

The deal is concluded for the sum of \$50,000. We still have a piece of land immediately to the north of what has been sold. It's about 180 feet long.

During this year Rev. Bruce McLean, O.M.I., comes twice a week from Newburg to teach Philosophy to the Scholastics.

Mr. Pierre Marique, Professor at Fordham, comes once a week to teach the Scholastics the History of Pedagogy. We take him to St. Andrew's at 4 p.m. where he also teaches.

October 30. Bro. Francis Borgia, A.G., takes the DeGrasse together with dear Brother Celestin, recruiter in Canada. They're going to Le Havre.

December 7. Death of Bro. John Francis. Two days later the funeral is presided over by Rev. Francis Brennan, S.S.S.

Personnel in 1928:

Bro. Leo, Prov.	Bro. Ptolomeus, Dir.	Bro. M. Anicetus, Prov. Econ.
Bro. Altin, Sub-Director		Bro. Pierre Aug.
Bro. Louis Sanctus		Bro. Victor Hilaire, tailor
Bro. Alex. Josephat, Ass't Librarian		Bro. Charles Ernest, Econ.
Bro. Bassus, Chef		Br. Tarcisius, Ass't Chef
Bro. Rob. Francis, laundry		Bro. Louis Frederick

In the Infirmary:

Bro. Elie Justin, Infirmaryman, replaced by Bro. Eugene Francis in August		
Bro. Marcellien Louis	Bro. Abelus	Bro. John Francis

In the Scholasticate:

Bro. Emile Nestor
With 21 Scholastics

Bro. Joseph Abel

Bro. Francis Louis, Librarian

In the Novitiate:

Bro. Adolph Leo, Master
Bro. Philippe Joseph
Bro. Victor Edward

Bro. Paul Acyndinus
Bro. Gabriel Vincent

Bro. Leo Camille
Bro. Climacus Leo

In the Juniorate:

Bro. Paul Stratonic
Bro. Joseph Albert

Bro. John Philibert
Bro. Hubert Joseph

Bro. Anthony of Padua
Bro. David James

1930

January 1. Customary greetings exchanged in the Juniors' recreation hall.

The community in Lawrence sends gifts in nature (300 volumes) for the Scholasticate library. \$65 (Christmas gifts) are sent by some Brothers in the establishments.

Scholarships were founded the year before for the Houses of Formation.

February 2. Vermillion Jubilee [70 years] of dear Brother Césidius in Iberville. Brothers Ptolomeus and Felix Eugene are delegated to represent the Province of the United States. Beautiful family celebration. Besides the Brothers from the area, the priests of the parish were present.

March 4. A first contract to remove the stones from the Scholasticate playground is given to Mr. Bogos from Poughkeepsie for the sum of \$750, \$350 to be paid when half the work has been done and \$400 at completion.

March 31. Another contract is given to the same Mr. Bogos to continue grading the playground.

In March the order is given to fill out the Bulletins of Information for the Vows on a determined day, during meditation time. Requests for admission [to the Vows] must be made at the same time.

Decision of dear Brother Assistant to have two recollections longer than the others: the first on Good Friday and the other on Friday after Thanksgiving.

The Brothers in Savannah send 60 volumes for the Scholasticate library.

April 4. Dr. Heisler visits to be sure that the studies in the Scholasticate correspond to the first two years of college.

April 9. Final certification by the Regents of the University of the State of New York of the Scholasticate in Poughkeepsie as a Junior College under the name of "Marist Training School."

Also, approval of the Religion course in the High School.

In April a plot of land of about 5 acres is bought in Washington, D.C. The land is located at a short distance from the Catholic University. This purchase is made with the intention of establishing a house of studies there later.

Bishop Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, sees our arrival with pleasure. This prelate is a former student of the Brothers in Athlone, Ireland.

May 5. The final contract, \$275, is given Mr. Bogos for grading the Scholastics' playground.

A stone crusher is ordered from the New Holland Man [?] Co. Cost: \$573, plus freight charges.

A secondhand tractor is bought for the sum of \$100, plus \$15 for delivery charges, and \$150 for repairs.

On Easter Monday, visit of dear Brother Jules-Adrien, Provincial of Canada, on his way to Europe with Bro. Jos. Germain of the same Province.

June 20. Brothers Joseph Abel and Philippe Joseph go to New York to represent the community at the graduation exercises and awards at St. Ann's Academy.

July 3. Bro. Paul Acyndinus replaces Bro. Charles Ernest as local econome. Bro. Charles Ernest has been appointed to Mt. St. Michael's in the Bronx.

July 5. Eleven Brothers come to St. Ann's Hermitage to take college courses, and two others to complete their High School.

July 16. Beginning of the retreat for the Postulants and Novices. It is preached by Rev. Father Wheeler, S.J. Very high temperatures for the first days. The closing ceremony, July 26, is presided over by Rev. Joseph Crokes, Vicar General of Savannah, GA. Eleven Postulants take the Marist Habit and twelve Novices make their First Vows.

The number of Juniors at the Hermitage reaches 56.

August 14. Opening of the first retreat, preached by Rev. Father F.E. Cerrutte, S.J. 90 Brothers follow the exercises.

August 26. 82 Brothers make the last retreat from August 26-September 3. It is preached by Rev. Father Apollinar Baumgartner, Capuchin.

The personnel of the **Provincial House** is made up as follows:

Bro. Leo, Prov.	Bro. Ptolomeus, Dir.Gen.	Bro. M. Anicetus, Prov.Econ.
Bro. Altin, D.D. [actually S.D.]		Bro. Abelus, gardener
Bro. Pierre Augustin		Bro. Paul Acyndinus, local Econ.
Bro. Victor Hilaire, tailor		Bro. Louis Sanctus, greenhouses
Bro. Alexander Josaphat, Ass't Librarian		Bro. Tarcisius, Chef
Bro. Robert Francis, laundry		Bro. Edward Francis, farm
Bro. Louis Frederick, farm help		Bro. Jerome Eugene, ass't tailor
Bro. Climacus Leo, Ass't Chef		

In the Infirmary:

Bro. Eugene Francis, Infirmaryman	Bro. Edmund Jude, sick
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In the Scholasticate:

Bro. Emile Nestor, Master	Bro. Adrian August, Professor
Bro. Joseph Abel, Sub-Master	Bro. Francis Louis, Librarian
21 young student Brothers	

In the Novitiate:

Bro. Adolph Leo, Master	Bro. Leo Camille, Sub-Master/H.S. 3
Bro. Marie Petrus, teacher	Bro. Edward Wilfrid, H.S. 2
Bro. John Boniface, teacher	Bro. Gabriel Vincent, Prefect
Bro. Emile Michel, tailor	Bro. Austin Mary, Chef
Bro. Joannès Alexius, Ass't Chef	11 Novices & 18 Postulants

In the Juniorate:

Bro. Paul Stratonic, Master	Bro. John Philibert, Sub-Master/H.S. 2
Bro. Philibertus, H.S. 1	Bro. Owen Cuthbert, 8 th grade
Bro. Joseph Albert, Prefect	[56 Juniors]

October 20. We decide to repair the organ in the chapel. A series of pipes from an organ recently dismantled in Rhinebeck was bought through Mr. Rose of Poughkeepsie. Cost: \$30. This same Mr. Rose oversees the work, for the sum of \$100. Finding that that sum was not high enough, he did only part of the work; Bro. Adrian August, with the help of a few Brothers, finished the job.

December 26. Bro. Leo, Provincial, goes to New York and returns on Saturday the 27th with Bro. Henry Charles, Director of St. Ann's Academy, who had been very recently named Provincial. The new superior is welcomed with the singing of the "Magnificat" in the chapel, Brother Provincial joining the choir. That same day, Bro. Paul Stratonic, Master of Juniors, goes to take over St. Ann's Academy. Bro. John

Philibert is named Master of Juniors. Bro. Leo, former Provincial, replaces him as Sub-Master and teacher.

1931

January 1. In the Juniors' recreation hall and presided over by the new Provincial, customary gathering to express good wishes for the new year.

July 16-26. Novices' retreat preached by Rev. Father A.H. Raines, S.J. 11 Novices make their First Vows and 12 Postulants take the Holy Habit.

August 5-12. First retreat for the Brothers, preached by Rev. Father Charles F. Barry, O.M.I.

August 4-28. Great Exercises in Tyngsboro for the Brothers making Perpetual Profession and a certain number of Brothers from the area. 4 Brothers make their Final Vows.

August 17-24. Last retreat, preached by Rev. Father Jos. M. Sullivan, S.M. Brothers Hippolyte, Constantin-Ernest, Mary Andrew and Joseph Ambrose take the Vow of Stability.

The personnel of the House is as follows:

Bro. Henry Charles, Prov.	Bro. Herbert, Dir.Gen.	Bro. M. Anicetus, Prov.Econ.
Bro. Altin, Sub-Dir.		Bro. Abelus, gardener
Bro. Louis Sanctus, orchards		Bro. Edward Francis, farm
Bro. Tarcisius, animals		Bro. Victor Hilaire, tailor
Bro. Jerome Eugene, tailor		Bro. Robert Francis, laundry
Bro. Mary Anthony, head Chef		Bro. Louis Boniface, cook

In the Infirmary:

Bro. Eugene Francis, Infirmarian	Bro. Pierre Augustin, sick
Bro. Edmund Jude, sick	Bro. Stylien, sick

In the Scholasticate:

Bro. Adrian August, Master	Bro. Thomas Austin, Prof.
Bro. Ptolomeus, Prof.	Bro. Francis Michael, Prof.
Bro. Francis Louis, Librarian	18 Scholastics

In the Novitiate:

Br. Adolph Leo, Master	Bro. Leo Camille, Sub-Master
Bro. Edward Wilfrid, Prof.	Bro. Marie Petrus, Prof.
Bro. Gabriel Vincent, Prefect	Bro. Paul Ambrose, cook

12 Novices and 24 Postulants

In the Juniorate:

Bro. John Philibert, Master
 Bro. Philip Joseph, Teacher
 Bro. Owen Cuthbert, teacher

Bro. Marcel Henry, Sub-Master
 Bro. Aidan Francis, teacher
 Bro. John Patrick, Prefect

Sept. 17. Dear Brother Provincial, accompanied by Brother Ptolomeus, Director, goes to make his retreat in Oka, Canada.

Sept. 22. During the corn harvest the silo machine breaks down; nobody is hurt. A new one is bought immediately. Cost: \$180.

Oct. 9. Bro. Ptolomeus, not feeling well for some time now, resigns as Director. Brother Heribert comes from the Bronx to replace him.

Nov. 8. Election for the Delegate to the General Chapter; no candidate obtains an absolute majority.

Nov. 22. Bro. Mary Florentius, Director of Mt. St. Michael's in the Bronx, being very tired, has to take a rest. Bro. Heribert, Director, goes to replace him.

Dec. 2. Good Brother Stylien, who was operated on at the beginning of October for stomach cancer, after having felt much better falls asleep [in the Lord] almost suddenly.

Dec. 24. Christmas vacations having begun at Mt. St. Michael's and Bro. Marie Florentius, feeling better, Brother Heribert returns again to Poughkeepsie.

Dec. 30. Second election for the deputy to the Chapter. Bro. Leo (Legontianus) is elected and Bro. Tertullien is the Substitute.

1932

January 21. The Canadian Brothers going to the Second Novitiate stop here en route; their confrères, returning, do the same in February.

February 24. Bro. Archange, Assistant for the Lamennais Brothers, visiting the establishments of their Institute in America, kindly comes to spend a day at St. Ann's Hermitage.

February 27. Bro. Paulin Alphonse dies in Manchester. He is buried in the Provincial House cemetery on the following Tuesday, March 2.

March 2. Rev. Father Tappin [sic], chaplain at Mt. St. Michael's in the Bronx, who had known the deceased well, comes with 4 Brothers and sings another service. After accompanying the mortal remains to the cemetery, they return immediately to New York.

March. This month the exercises of the month of St. Joseph take place as usual.

March 13. Five working Brothers from the Provincial House go see the Passion Play at the Passionist Fathers in Union City, N.J.

March 16. Feast of St. Heribert, Brother Director's patron. According to Brother's desires, nothing special is held anywhere; however, in the refectory Brother Procurator judges it proper to add a dessert and coffee.

March 17. Feast of St. Patrick. That evening after supper, the Juniors provide some entertainment.

March 19. High Mass and fervent Communion for the feast of St. Joseph. Recreation in the afternoon.

April 13. Bro. Jules Adrien, Provincial of Canada, Bro. Marie-Stratonique, Visitor, and Bro. Louis-Patrice, delegate, going to the General Chapter, spend two days with us.

April 24. Dear Bro. Henry Charles, Provincial, and Bro. Leo (Legontianus), delegate, leave for the Chapter which is scheduled to open in Grugliasco on May 16.

May 1. In its meeting on May 1 the local Council decided to hire Mr. Bogo, contractor, for a day, with his air drill to remove the boulder in the Scholasticate playground; this man asks \$20 to drill; he brings the dynamite and blows up the holes; for these two items he charges \$20.

Mid-May. A tank is installed in the Juniorate tower, to supply water to the dormitories, which don't have any when wanted. Capacity: 380 gallons. Cost: \$13.

Mid-June. Since the city was having an embankment built along the Hudson River near our property, we took advantage of this situation to have a platform built to serve as diving place for the Scholastics during the summer. The company which was putting in the pilings offered to sink four trees [trunks] in the ground and tie them with beams for \$47.

End of June. Since Mr. Bogo had removed only part of the boulder in the Scholasticate playground, Bro. Francis Xavier, professor, with the permission of the Director, arranged with Spoor & Lascher Company to provide a double drill for 2 days at \$15 per day. The professor, helped by several young Brothers drilled more than 350 feet in two days. The Company supplied the dynamite and sent 2 experts to blow up the holes. There was some surprise when we received the bill which came to \$82.50; but the boulder was completely broken up.

June 24. Return of the Brother Delegates from our province and Canada. The Brothers from Canada, accompanied by a French priest, are our guests for two days.

July 2. Dear Bro. Clement, Assistant, on his way to visiting the provinces of Australia and New Zealand, spends 5 days in our midst. By his interesting conferences he captures fully our young people's attention. As he leaves he says he was delighted and edified by his stay at St. Ann's Hermitage.

July 16-26. Retreat of the Novices and Postulants preached by Rev. Father Stephen F. McNamer, S.J. 10 Brothers make this retreat; 9 Novices make their First Vows and 12 Postulants take the Cassock.

15 Brothers having completed 27 days of retreat in Tyngsboro make Perpetual Profession here, at the same ceremony. Their retreat was preached by the Rev. Fathers John E. Welch, Thomas F. Barrett, & Daniel H. Sullivan, S.J.

July 27. BB. Gabriel Marie, Saintin & Paul Henri, en route to a family visit in France, stop here for two days.

August 5-12. First retreat preached by Rev. Father John W. Moran, S.J. 72 Brothers follow the exercises. Bro. Oswald makes his Vow of Stability.

August 17-24. 69 Brothers make the 4th and last retreat, preached by Rev. Father Ronald McDonald, S.J. Bro. Louis Viateur makes the Vow of Stability.

August 25-28. Rev. Father John Corbett, S.J., preaches the Juniors' retreat. On Sunday, closing day, 20 Juniors go to the Novitiate.

September. Before classes begin, the Scholastics paint all their rooms: dormitory, halls, classrooms.

This same month the interior of the stable is renovated. The old beamed floor is replaced by a cement one, the wooden shackles are replaced by others in wrought iron; cost: approximately \$90-\$100.

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Bro. Altin, S.D.		Bro. Paul Acyndinus, Local Econ.
Bro. Abelus, gardener		Bro. Louis Viateur, horticulturist
Bro. Edward Francis, farmer		Bro. Tarcisius, animals
Bro. Frederick Charles, tailor		Bro. Placid Robert, ass't tailor
Bro. Thomas Edmund, ass't tailor		Bro. Robert Francis, laundry
Bro. Mary Anthony, Chef		Bro. Louis Boniface, Ass't Chef
Br. Anthony of Padua, Recruiter		

In the Infirmary:

Bro. Victor Hilaire, Infirmarian	Br. Felix Eugene, sick
Bro. Pierre Augustin, sick	Bro. Edmund Jude, sick

In the Scholasticate:

Bro. Adrian August, Master	24 Scholastics
Bro. Francis Xavier, Prof.	Bro. Francis Michael, Prof.
Bro. Francis Louis, Librarian	

In the Novitiate:

Bro. Adolph Leo, Master	Bro. Leo Camille, Sub-Master
Bro. Marie Petrus, Prof.	Bro. Edward Wilfrid, Prof.
Bro. Louis Mary, Prefect	Bro. Daniel Andrew, cook

12 Novices and 24 Postulants

In the Juniorate:

Bro. John Philibert, Master	Bro. Marcel Henry, Sub-Master
Bro. Philippe Joseph, Teacher	Bro. Victor Ralph, Teacher
Bro. Owen Cuthbert, Teacher	Bro. John Patrick, Prefect

54 Juniors

End of September. One of the horses having been seriously burned on his flank and the veterinarian having decided that he would never again be able to work, the two horses are exchanged for two others. Cost: \$250 minus \$80 = \$170.

October. For a long time the Brother in charge of the animals had asked, not without cause, that some improvements be made in the pigpen. During the month of October Bro. Altin, helped by a few Brothers, enlarged and modified the old chicken coop behind the barn. He turned it into a very convenient pigpen capable of holding 25 to 30 pigs at a time. Every day St. Francis Hospital sent down its kitchen swill which, added to that of our different houses, enabled us to feed from 20 to 30 animals.

The cost of the cement and wood needed comes to about \$70 to \$75.

October 20. The old dump truck, no longer any good for carrying the sand, rocks, etc. which we needed to carry, is sold for \$50; it is replaced by another one, secondhand. Cost: \$285.

October 26. The special Recollection recommended by dear Brother Assistant takes place in the afternoon: A Jesuit Father comes at 3:30 to give a sermon which is followed by Confessions.

December 20. 13 Graduales, 60 "Canctus" [Laudates?], costing \$1.20 and \$0.19 respectively, with 55 Masses for the feast of Christ the King and 55 others for the feast of the Sacred Heart, are ordered from Desclée & Cie in Belgium.

End of December. The ceremonies and Offices for Christmas and the New Year take place as usual.

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January 5. Ile La Motte sends us the statue of St. Ann which had been bought (\$80) for the camp in 1929. Unfortunately, having been poorly packed, the head is broken in several places. Bro. Aloysius Mary, recuperating in the infirmary, was able to repair it and return it to a very acceptable condition. It was placed in front of the Scholasticate.

January 16. Bro. Adrian August orders from Paris 35 No.1, 20 No.2, and 24 No.4 "Solfège de Limagne" [collections of vocal music]. Freight included, each copy cost 14 and a half cents.

The building fire inspector, having made his visit, asks that we install electric alarms in the Juniorate. Bro. Paul Acyndinus puts in 4 bells in various places of the house; cost: \$72.

January. During January a secondhand tractor was bought to replace the old one which was broken. The cost was \$300 with the trade-in.

Brother Infirmarian, insisting on getting a new refrigerator bigger and more convenient than the old one in the infirmary kitchen, a secondhand electric one replaced the old one. Cost: \$70.

The mangle in the laundry being broken more often than not, and too small and dangerous, was replaced by a bigger and safer one for those who press the linen. Instead of paying \$2,000 for a new one we paid \$242 for one which had already been used in a sanitarium in Goshen.

In the Novitiate the floor of the sink and the beams which supported it being rotten, Bro. Altin relaces everything with new material after pouring a good cement base. The wooden sink in use since 1908, leaking everywhere, was replaced by a new one in sheet metal. Cost: \$40.

February 4. Two Canadian Brothers coming from the Second Novitiate stop here; they leave by bus the following morning via New England.

April. To follow the desires of our Holy Father the Pope and the directives given by the Cardinal of New York on the occasion of the opening of the Holy Year Jubilee going from 3 April 1933 to 2 April 1934, in commemoration of the Passion and Death of O.L.J.C., on Thursday April 6, from 5-6 p.m. there is a Holy Hour in our Juniorate chapel consisting of various prayers interspersed with hymns and ending with a solemn Way of the Cross.

April 21. To help pollinate our numerous fruit trees, dear Brother Provincial bought four beehives. Bro. Marie Petrus will be the beekeeper.

April 29. Good Fathers Jos. Ouimet and Béat Gmür, S.S.S., accompanied by Bro. Marie Clement—driver—and Bro. Alfred Eugene come to spend a most pleasant day in our Hermitage.

May 3. Rev. Father Hubert Campo, national secretary for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States, residing in New York and chaplain of our Brothers at St. Agnes, accompanied by Bro. Louis Hyacinth, Director, comes to pay us a visit.

May 7. Under the direction of Bro. Francis Xavier, the Scholastics put on a melodrama called "The Seven Keys to Baldpate" in the first bungalow. The show was very well done and enormously pleased the young people.

June 6. June 6, Tuesday, we learn the sad news of the death of Mr. John P. Murray, the great benefactor of our Province. He died suddenly the day before in the morning. On the following Friday dear Brother Provincial with BB. Ptolomeus, Heribert, and Legontianus, former Provincials, attended his funeral which took place in St. Paul's Church, Jersey City.

June 16. On June 16th, dear Brother Provincial gives us the news that, this September, the province will take over Central Catholic H.S. in Wheeling, WVA.

July 16. Opening of the retreat for the Novices and Postulants in the Novitiate, preached by Rev. Father Zema, S.J.

The same day in the Juniorate 97 Brothers, among them all the Directors of the province, start their retreat. Rev. Father [blank], S.M., directs the exercises.

July 17. Monday morning dear Bro. Francis Borgia, Assistant General, arrives from Canada where he had already presided over two retreats. All the Brothers here are happy to hear a major superior speak to them in their language; consequently, the talks of dear Brother Delegate are listened to with the greatest attention.

July 23. Closing of the Brothers' retreat at which Bro. Alfred Eugene made the Vow of Stability; and 5 young Brothers, having made the Great Exercises in Tyngsboro the year before, made Perpetual Profession.

July 26. Feast of our good Grandmother, end of the Novices' retreat. The ceremonies are presided over by Msgr. Chidwick, pastor of St. Agnes in N.Y. Eight Novices make their First Vows and 20 Postulants take the Holy Habit. May they all persevere till death!

July 27. Dear Brother Assistant returns to Canada to preside over still three more retreats. He'll be back here on August 17 for the opening of the last retreat. Then he'll stay here to visit the province.

July 27. Brother Provincial and two other Lamennais Brothers, coming from Haiti and going to their Chapter in Europe, pay us a short visit.

August 17. Opening of the last retreat. 99 Brothers follow the exercises, most of them students from Fordham University. This retreat is preached by Rev. Father [blank]. Bro. Mary Feliciani makes the Vow of Stability. After this retreat dear Brother Assistant stays in Poughkeepsie, waiting to begin his visit of the province.

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Bro. Henry Charles, Prov.	Bro. Heribert, Dir.Gen.	Bro. M. Anicetus, Prov.Econ.
Bro. Altin, S.D., general treasurer	Bro. Abelus, gardener	
Bro. Paul Acyndinus, Econome	Bro. Frederick Charles, tailor	
Bro. Sanctus, horticulturist	Bro. Edward Francis, farmer	
Bro. Tarcisius, animals	Bro. Robert Francis, laundry	
Bro. Jos. Orens, ass't tailor	Bro. Basil Norbert, ass't tailor	
Bro. Jerome Vincent, cook	Bro. Louis Boniface, ass't cook	
Bro. Anthony of Padua, Recruiter		

In the Infirmary:

Bro. Victor Hilaire, Infirmarian	Bro. Felix Eugene, sick
Bro. Pierre Augustin, sick	Bro. Edmund Jude, sick

In the Scholasticate: 22 Scholastics

Bro. Adrian August, Master	Bro. Albert, Sub-Master
Bro. Ptolomeus, Prof.	Bro. Francis Michael, Prof.
Bro. Francis Louis, Librarian	

In the Novitiate: 20 Novices, 24 Postulants

Bro. Adolph Leo, Master	Bro. Joseph Cadroès, Sub-Master
Bro. Leo, Prof.	Bro. Edward Wilfrid, Prof.
Bro. Marie Petrus, Prof.	Bro. Louis Mary, Prefect
Bro. Giles Marcellin, Chef	

In the Juniorate: 56 Juniors

Bro. John Philibert, Master	Bro. Marcel Henry, Sub-Master
Bro. John Patrick, Prefect	Bro. Philippe Joseph, teacher
Bro. Victor Ralph, teacher	Bro. Thomas Alban, teacher

Sept. 17. Sunday morning a telegram from Iberville announces the sad news that good Brother Césidius is gravely ill; he was given the Last Rites the day before. Dear Brother Assistant leaves Monday to go see and console the sick Brother.

Sept. 27. A second telegram Sunday morning tells us of the death of the Founder of the two Provinces in Canada and the United States. He returned his soul to God around

5:30 a.m., surrounded by all the Brothers of the community. He was 88 years old and had spent 73 years in community, 48 of them in America.

Sept. 29. His funeral took place in Iberville the following Tuesday; it was most splendid. Bishop Desmarais, Auxiliary of St.-Hyacinthe, celebrated the Mass. Some 30 priests and as many Brothers from other Congregations and a large number of Marist Brothers were present. Dear Bro. Henry Charles, Provincial, Bro. Ptolomeus and Bro. Leo, former Provincials, and Bro. Paul Acyndinus represented the Province of the United States. Bro. Heribert, who had spent some ten days with the dear deceased towards the beginning of September, did not return to Iberville.

Oct. 7. Dear Brother Assistant having finished his visit to the different communities of the Provincial House, leaves for New England where he'll spend most of the month. November will be given to visiting the schools in and around New York and down South.

Nov. 28. On Nov. 28th in the evening, dear Brother Adonius, Master of Juniors in Iberville for 23 years, returning from France, stops at St. Ann's Hermitage to meet dear Brother Francis Borgia, Assistant General, and boards the Champlain with him on December 2.

Nov. 30. The 30th, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at 7 p.m. all the communities of the Provincial House gather in the Juniorate recreation hall to thank dear Brother Delegate for all his devotedness to the Brothers of the Province during the four months he stayed with us. We wish him Bon Voyage and a happy return to the Mother House and Rev. Brother Superior General. Dear Brother Provincial goes to New York with him.

Dec. 1. The special Recollection of Thanksgiving takes place in the afternoon from 1:30 to Saturday morning after breakfast [lunch?]. The Jesuit Father not being able to come for the morning conference, we followed the same schedule as the year before.

Dec. 7. Dear Brother Ptolomeus having had several weak spells in which he lost consciousness, we send for the doctor, who declares the sick person in danger. Consequently, on this 7th of the month, Thursday, Father Glaser, Minister, came to give the sick man the Last Rites. All the Brothers of the community and the Scholastics were present.

Dec. 19. At 8:30 p.m. a telephone call from Tyngsboro tells us that the Juniorate house is on fire. The fire began in the linen room. Everybody is safe. Another call the next morning informs us that the roof and part of the children's dormitory have been destroyed and the rest of the house very badly damaged by water. Nobody has been hurt; almost all the furnishings have been saved. The losses are covered by insurance. The Juniors are sent home.

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July 16. Opening of the Novitiate retreat, preached by Rev. Father J.F. Haitz, S.J.

July 26. 15 Novices make their First Vows and 18 Postulants take the Holy Habit.

August 6. Opening of the first retreat for the Brothers. 83 take part. Rev. Father [blank] is the retreat master.

August 24. At the end of the second general retreat dear Brother Leo is named Director General to replace dear Brother Heribert, who resigned for reasons of health.

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Bro. Altin, S.Dir.		Bro. Paul Acyndinus, local Econ.
Bro. Anthony of Padua, Recruiter		Bro. Etienne André, music
Bro. Abelus, garden		Bro. Sanctus, farm
Bro. Edward Francis, farm		Bro. Tarcisius, farm
Bro. Frederick Charles, tailor		Bro. Basil Norbert, ass't tailor
Bro. Robert Francis, laundry		Bro. Andrew Bernard, cook
Bro. Daniel Mary, ass't cook		Bro. Eugene Francis, gen. work
Br. Heribert, gen. work		Bro. Ptolomeus, gen. work

In the Infirmary:

Bro. Victor Hilaire, informarian	Bro. Felix Eugene, sick
Bro. Pierre Augustin, sick	Bro. Edmund Jude, sick

In the Scholasticate: 27 Scholastics

Bro. Adrian August, Master	Bro. Paul Ernest, Sub-Master
Bro. Victor Aimé	Bro. Francis Louis, library

In the Novitiate: 17 Novices, 17 Postulants

Bro. Adolph Leo, Master	Bro. Joseph Cadroès, Sub-Master
Bro. Marie Petrus, Prof.	Bro. Edward Wilfrid
Bro. Louis Marie, Prefect	Bro. Hugh Arthur, cook

In the Juniorate: 46 Juniors

Bro. John Philibert, Master	Bro. Nicholas Mary, Sub-Master
Bro. Philip Joseph	Bro. Victor Ralph
Bro. Henry Joseph	Br. John Patrick, Prefect

August 24. Bro. Etienne-André of the Canadian province will spend a year with us to train the students in our different houses of formation in Gregorian chant.

Sept. 17. Dear Bro. John Philibert, Master of Juniors, leaves by bus for his retreat in Oka. Dear Brother Provincial gets ready to follow him the next day.

Sept. 20. We are painfully surprised to note that the bill for the water taken from the city system during the summer amounts to \$611. We conclude that there is a leak in the underground conduits. We dig in 4 or 5 suspect places to fix them. The city authorities agree to let us pay city rates. Consequently, we are paying only \$305 instead of \$611.

Oct. 6. Bro. Paul Acyndinus goes to Tyngsboro to wire the new Juniorate chapel for electricity. We think this work will take about three weeks.

Oct. 20. Dear Brother Director goes to New England with dear Brother Provincial to take part in the reunion of our former students from Lowell, Manchester and Lawrence, which takes place in Lowell on the 24th of this month. Splendid religious and civil demonstration.

Nov. 1. All Saints. Mass and Benediction in Gregorian chant impeccably executed. Dear Brother Etienne André, music master, has done good work and has every intention to continue.

Nov. 2. Msgr. Sheahan, pastor of St. Peter's parish, is found dead in his bed at 6 a.m. We lose our best friend on earth; but we firmly expect that from high heaven he'll continue to be interested in St. Ann's Hermitage. Besides the prayers prescribed in our Rules for him, we have a solemn Requiem Mass sung in our chapel.

[The rest is in English in the original. We give it as is.]

Nov. 22. Splendid musicale on the occasion of St. Cecilia's Day. Everything was a grand success, from the hand-made souvenir-programs, down to the last number on the list. It serves to show the work accomplish in a few months in Church music and voice culture under the able leadership of Bro. Etienne André.

Dec. 5. Bro. Stephen Regis arrives from Wheeling for a rest in the infirmary.

Dec. 6. Beginning to-day the mail-man will deliver letters and packages at the parlor door instead of the gate-house. A report sent the postmaster for securing this privilege shows about 150 people on the property at this date: Juniorate, 6 Brothers and 44 juniors; Scholasticate, 4 teachers and 27 students; Novitiate, 6 Brothers, 15 postulants, 15 novices; Prov. House, 24 Brothers.

Dec. 8. High Mass in Gregorian Chant. The rendering is very good and shows good voice training.

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