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Brother's Centennary Dinner
May 12

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Explorings
by
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Three Big Events To Mark Brothers' American Centennial

Superior General to Receive Honorary Degree

For the second time in the Christian Brothers' 268 year history, the Superior General of the Order will visit America. The Most Honored Brother Athanasius Emile will be awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Laws at LSC during special convocation to be held on the campus, April 26.

This will be the first affair of three planned to celebrate the Brothers' centenary in America.

On Wednesday, April 28, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty will celebrate a Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral to which Alumni officers and board members have been invited.

Founders Day, celebrated on May 12 this year, will be marked by a huge banquet to be held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Under the chairmanship of John A. Guisard, '38, the committee has planned an extensive program. Invited guests include some of the country's outstanding laymen and clergy. Father Robert Gannon, S.J., president of Fordham University, will deliver the principal address.

An event which has added great lustre to the centennary celebrations was the beatification of Venerable Brother Benildus by Pope Pius XII in Rome, April 4.

The centenary it would seem comes at a most opportune time in our history. It occurs when all the precepts and principles for which the Brothers long have labored are as-sailed in many corners of the world. In France, birthplace of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, these principles survived in one of the bitterest of elections. In Italy the showdown is yet to come, but so great is the strife that the Universal Church urges all to pray ceaselessly for a Christian victory at the Italian polls.

And even in this country, atheistic communism has made inroads far too well organized to be ignored by those who cherish their Christian way of life. Witness how in our own state the foes of religion fight to withhold pupils from getting religious instruction during school hours from their respective pastors. These are but a few of many such instances that could be cited of strong opposition to the teaching of Christian principles.

And so I repeat that it is an excellent time to reassert our love for the Christian philosophy of life by turning out to show our love for the teaching of Christian principles. And so I repeat that it is an excellent time to reassert our love for the Christian philosophy of life by turning out to show our love for the teaching of Christian principles.

I trust that as many as possible will attend the Alumni Dinner this year. This is no routine affair this year. With the other students and friends of the Brothers of the Christian Schools we pay special tribute to the Brothers as they celebrate their American Centennial.

The Brothers, however, ask for no recognition. They delight only in the knowledge that by their instruction and example they have helped to send better citizens into the American way of life.

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Personal Letter
By John Clement, '39

EDITOR'S NOTE: If any mistakes occur in this month's column by Mr. Clement, he is to be excused insofar as Mrs. Clement presented him with a bouncing baby girl, Catherine Irma, on April 11 in the Jefferson Hospital. His cat, Minnie, also had a blessed event on the same day—triplets. Both mothers and progeny are doing nicely but John still is a little weak from the trying circumstances.

ACHIEVEMENT: "Pat" Dooley, '34, and Anthony J. Di Ienno, '39, received their C.P.A. Certificates.

EDUCATION: Dominic Dougherty, '38, teaching history at Niagara University. Alvin Loomis, '38, teaching history and coaching football at Coatesville H.S. John Davies, '39, teaching history at Wilkes- Barre H.S. Joseph Mancuso, '42, is studying for his M.A. in American and Colonial history at U. of P. evening school. He has a daughter, Terry, who is now 15 months old. Charles Halpin, '44, is an instructor of economics at LSC. He received his M.A. in that subject from the U. of P. Lawrence Dondero, '43, is teaching at Camden Catholic H.S. Francis Eigo, '48, was elected president of the freshman class at Catholic Univ. Law School. Francis Eigo, '48, was teaching at Camden Catholic H.S.

BUSINESS: Charles Gernsheimer, '35, is in the personnel relations dept. of the Frankford Arsenal. "Ted" Borek, Ex.'48, was elected president of the freshman class at Catholic Univ. Law School. Francis Eigo, '48, was teaching at Camden Catholic H.S.

Engagement: Dr. Thomas Langan, '39, was engaged to Joan Hennessy of

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John T. Greene, '78, LSC's oldest alumus passed away Saturday, April 10 in the Germantown Hospital after a brief illness. He was 85.

Despite failing health, Mr. Greene maintained by active interest in alumni affairs and attended many functions. He was present at the last Communion Breakfast and had intended to be at the Centenary Dinner, May 12.

He is survived by 3 sons and 3 daughters. Solemn Requiem Mass was sung at the Church of the Holy Child and burial was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Please remember him and the other deceased members of the Alumni in your prayers.

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Alumni Honors LSC Athletes

LSC Alumni president, Albert J. Crawford '36 (center) presents alumni “Outstanding Athlete” awards to world's champion swimmer Joe Verdeur (left) and Fred Bernhardt (right) captain of the first LSC basketball team ever to receive a national invitation.

A large gathering of the Alumni was on hand at Leonard Hall, April 8, for the annual Open House Night and to pay tribute to LSC’s athletes.

Joseph Verdeur, '50, LSC’s world champion breaststroker, received the Alumni’s Outstanding Athlete trophy for the second consecutive year, while Fred Bernhardt, '48, basketball captain, was awarded the Outstanding Basketball Player trophy.

The recipients were introduced by James J. Henry, Director of Athletics, who first outlined their sparkling achievements and later lauded the Alumni for making the presentation possible. Both men thanked the Alumni for the awards and voiced the opinion that such tributes are encouraging to all LSC athletes.

Jack Rensel, publicity director of the Philadelphia Phillies, described a few amusing sidelights of the national pastime, while Max Patkin, clown of the Cleveland Indians, amused the crowd with his popular imitations and hilarious antics of ball players. Refreshments were served following the program.

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