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Archbishop O’Hara Awarded Signum Fidei Medal

At a memorable Alumni Association Dinner on January 31 in the La Salle gymnasium, 465 Alumni, Christian Brothers and guests, witnessed the conferment of the Ninth Signum Fidei Medal upon His Excellency, Archbishop Gerald P. O’Hara, in recognition of his “forthright Christian service within the Communist sphere of influence.”

In his acceptance speech, the Archbishop, who is Papal Legate to Rumania and Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta, paid tribute to the Christian Brothers and delivered a stirring account of conditions in Communist-dominated Rumania.

The prelate reiterated his pledge to eventually present the Medal to “the heroic Christian Brothers in Rumania for their unsurprising courage and loyalty to the Church.”

The Archbishop described how Communists in Rumania struck first at the Catholic school system, and how, leading up to outright confiscation of the schools, all traces of Catholicism were obliterated, in acts of vandalism. There followed orders for the removal of Catholic teachers; the Clergy, Brothers and Nuns were forbidden to wear their habits, and were required to return to their families or be confined to inadequate government monasteries and convents.

The Medalist concluded his remarks with an appeal to the Alumni, and to Catholic college graduates in general, to bear in mind their ultimate spiritual objective, and not to lose sight of it in their quest for material gains. He said “we are apt to take for granted the sacrifices that are made by other men for us. They literally live by the Injunction, ‘what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his soul?’ We in America should be moved to put foremost not a ‘good living,’ but a ‘living faith.’”

Toastmaster for the occasion was John J. Sullivan, noted lawyer, banker and member of the La Salle Endowment Foundation. The Medal was presented by O. Francis Levy, ’38, President of the Alumni Association. Other speakers were Albert J. Crawford, ’36, Dinner Chairman; Alfred F. D’Allesandro, ’41, Dinner Chairman; and the Clergy, Brothers and Nuns.

Library Fund Increased by Alumni Gifts

Library Fund donations of 473 Alumni have reached a total of $24,110, which represents an average gift of $50.

These donations, in the form of pledges and contributions, have been made since the inauguration of the Library Fund Appeal in May of 1950, and reflect a strong Alumni interest in the College expansion program.

Construction of the new library is proceeding at a rapid pace, with the erection of temporary forms for the foundation and first floor. These forms will encase the structural concrete which is scheduled to be poured within a few weeks.

Since publication of the January Alumnius, the following members of the Alumni have made pledges and contributions:

Anthony J. Dewar, ’35
Peter L. Stecca, M.D., ’35
Thomas Gilligan, ’36
C. Herbert O’Hara, ’37
Michael F. Sharkey, ’38
John P. Ryan, ’49, Treasurer.

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Brothers Acquire Elkins Park Site For Scholasticate

Arrival of fifty student Brothers and transfer of the Provincial’s residence from Ammendale, marked the opening of the new Christian Brothers Scholasticate at Elkins Park on December 27, 1950.

The Scholasticate, on the former estate of Mrs. Eleanor Widener Dixon, was acquired in February of last year by the Baltimore Province of the Christian Brothers, to alleviate the overcrowded conditions at De La Salle College, the Brothers Scholasticate at Catholic University in Washington.

The estate includes fifty-two acres of ground, a mansion, swimming pool, gymnasium, tennis court, greenhouses, a gardener’s house, an eight-room butler’s house, and a twelve-room residence, formerly occupied by Mrs. Dixon’s secretary.

Brother Emilian James, Provincial, and members of his staff are now occupying the former room residence, formerly occupied by Mrs. Dixon’s secretary.

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Alumni Officers Slated for ’51

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association convened on Friday evening, February 9, 1951, in the Faculty House Board Room.

After the submission of the Annual Report, officers were nominated for the 1951-52 term. The nominees were: Lawrence G. Bowman, ’35, for the office of President; John A. Clement, ’39, for Vice-President; and John P. Ryan, ’49, Treasurer.

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A. L. Fitzpatrick, '00 Receives Medal from St. John's University

For his outstanding leadership in the field of social service, Aloysius L. Fitzpatrick, '00, K.S.G., has been awarded the 1950 St. Vincent de Paul Medal by St. John's University, Brooklyn.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, who is a member of the Board of Education in Philadelphia, was honored for his philanthropic interests in every form of social service, including hospitals, orphanages, vocational schools and protectories.

The medalist is widely known as president of Burk Brothers, leather manufacturers. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook; St. Joseph's and Misericordia Hospitals; the Philadelphia Protective Home for Boys; St. Margaret's Vocational School; St. John's Orphan Asylum; St. Francis Vocational School; and the Associated Hospital Service of Philadelphia. Much of the success of the free-lunch program in Philadelphia public schools is credited to his untiring efforts.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is the father of five children, two of whom are Nuns, members of the Community of the Sisters of Mercy; one son is a Jesuit priest, stationed in the Philippines. Another son, Henry, lives in Wynnewood, and a daughter, Mrs. Gresham O'Malley, resides in Chestnut Hill. He is a brother of the Right Reverend Monsignor Fenton J. Fitzpatrick, Rector of the Church of the Incarnation.

ARCHBISHOP O'HARA

Brother Emilian, Provincial of the Baltimore Province; and Brother Gregorian Paul, President of La Salle.


Harris, '48, Secretary Of New Student Group

Theodore Harris, '48, has been appointed Associate General Secretary of the World University Service, a newly-formed international university organization, with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The new service combines the former activities of International Student Service and World Student Relief.

Prior to receiving his new assignment, he was American Secretary of the International Student Service. In addition to his duties as General Secretary, he will conduct the association's conferences, seminars and educational projects.

Harris has been prominent in national and international student activities since his graduation from La Salle in June, 1948.

O. Francis Levy, '38, President of the Alumni Association, presents the Signum Fidei Medal to Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara. To the right is Albert J. Crawford, Jr., '36, Dinner Chairman and Alumni Past President.

Meet the Brothers


His first assignment, as Student Brother and Class Assistant, was at the Philadelphia Protectorate for Boys in Phoenixville, where he was stationed in 1910.

Subsequent assignments in the same capacity included St. Thomas High School, Scranton, 1911-1915; St. Stephen's Parochial School, Philadelphia, 1915; Calvert Hall High School, Baltimore, 1915-16; and from 1916 to 1918, Rock Hill College High School.

In 1918, Brother Joseph received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Science and Mathematics from Rock Hill College. From 1918 to 1926, he taught at St. John's High School in Washington. While there, he completed further graduate studies in 1921, and received his Master's degree from Rock Hill College.

In 1926, Brother Joseph left the Mother-House of the Brothers in Lembech, Belgium, where he remained for one year, studying pedagogical methods in general and those of the Belgian schools in particular.

He was appointed Professor of Physics at St. Thomas College in 1927, where he remained for one year.

Since 1928, Brother Joseph has been Professor of Physics at La Salle. During this period, he was made Registrar of the College.

PARENTS AND RELATIVES:

If addressee is in the military service, please forward this publication to him.
Personal Patter—By John A. Clement ’39

As I settled down to the business of dishing out these particulars, I began pondering over the events on the night of January 31. The Dinner . . . that left nothing to be desired. But the weather! I read one account which described the temperature as down to 16, with snow, sleet, and of all things, freezing rain! The remarkable turnout, upon absolutely one of the worst nights of this winter, still causes me to shake my head in wonderment. . . . Well, here goes.

THE MILITARY: Becoming quite evident is the expanding roster of La Salle men in the armed forces. Second Lieutenant Andrew B. McClosky, ’49, is stationed at the Air Force’s Lowry Field in Denver, Colorado. Ensign Louis Morgenstern, ’49, has been recalled to active duty with the Pacific Fleet and is aboard the U.S.S. Parchman. William E. Edwards, ’50, is serving with the Army combat Engineers at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. James I. Grau, ’50, is stationed at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C. Assigned to the infantry at Fort Dix is Edward M. Salvucci, ’48. Walter L. Colman, ’50, who played on the 49-50 basketball club, is at the Marine Corps base at Parris Island, South Carolina. Also stationed in the same state, at the Army’s Fort Jackson, is Theodore F. Drake, ’49. Ensign Gerald P. Nugent, Jr., ’49, is temporarily assigned to the Naval Supply School in Bayonne, N.J. William J. McCracken, ’49, is a cadet in pre-flight training at Pensacola, Florida. Lieutenant William J. Heavy, ’45, is serving at the Mechanicsburg Naval Supply Depot as Assistant to the Operations Officer. At Virginia’s Camp Pickett and in the Army, are Thomas F. Keohoe, ’50, and Joseph J. Byrne, ’50. Thomas B. Quaid, ’49, is based at Camp Gordon, Virginia. Paul J. Donahue, ’39, is also in the Army as a First Lieutenant. William F. Grauer, ’50, with the 91st Engineer Construction Battalion at Camp Rucker, Alabama. Assigned to an Army Maintenance Battalion is James P. Harvey, ’50. Aviation Cadet John J. Jackiewicz, ’48, is in training at Randolph Field, Texas. More next month.


BASSINETTES AND FORMULAS: Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Schneiders, ’41, announced the birth of a son, Thomas, on October 11, 1950. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Rainone, ’38, was born Andrew B. Rainone, on October 31, 1950. Andrew, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces, arrived on December 15, 1950; he’s the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Swoyer, ’50. The birth of Gregory Charles, 8 pounds and 14 ounces, was announced by the Francis A. McConkey, ’49, and Mrs. John P. Ryan, ’49, on February 6, 1951.


THE PROFESSIONS: Dr. Peter L. Steffas, ’35, who has his general medical practice in this city, visited the campus on January 16 and talked over old times with Brother Paul and Doctors Holroyd and Flubacher. Dr. Edward J. Cannon, ’46, is resident surgeon at Wills Eye Hospital.

BROTHERS ACQUIRE ELKINS PARK SITE

(Continued from Page 1) secretory’s house, which has been designated as the Provincialate. Brother D. Edward, inspector of schools, and Brother D. Francis, secretary, are the members of the Provincial’s staff. Brother Francis Benilde is Director of the new Scholasticate, which accommodates freshman and sophomore student Brothers. These Brothers, especially those pursuing science courses, will attend classes on the La Salle campus. The present senior and junior Brothers will remain at the De La Salle Scholasticate.

Eight Brothers have been assigned to the Elkins Park faculty, among them Brothers E. Felix, J. Emilian, G. Auxilian, E. Victor and G. Francis.

Ronalea Manor, the former mansion home of Mrs. Dixon, and the principal building of the new Scholasticate, has been renamed Anselm Hall, in honor of Brother E. Anselm, who was President of La Salle from 1932 to 1941, and is presently Vocational Director for the Baltimore Province.

Anselm Hall is rich in architectural beauty, being an exact reproduction of Compton Wyngate Manor in England. Horace Thaumauher, Philadelphia architct, designed and built the mansion in 1923 for Mrs. Dixon. The Hall is 183 feet long, 74 feet wide, and has a wing extending at right angles to the main building. It is of fireproof construction, with an elevator, and has a total of 52 rooms and 30 baths.

Fortunately, the large first-floor rooms required comparatively little alteration to meet the needs of the student Brothers. The reception hall, on the same floor, has been converted into a chapel.

La Salle Explorers Nearing Season's End Score New Triumphs

The La Salle Explorers, in capturing the mythical city basketball championship for the second successive year, have registered twenty victories and lost five decisions, through February 21.

In its last 14 games, the La Salle quintet, which leads local college fives with a 72-7 offensive average, has scored triumphs over Geneva, St. Joseph’s, Scranton, Loyola, Lafayette, Miami, George Washington, Georgetown, Muhlenberg and Manhattan.

In other games, the Blue and Gold lost to North Carolina State, Temple and Miami; the latter two teams, however, had been previously conquered by La Salle. Earlier losses were to Western Kentucky and Duquesne.

Individual scoring of the squad’s leading players is as follows:

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In Memoriam

In your prayers, please remember:

Brother Abban Phillip, F.S.C.
Brother Dativus James, F.S.C.
Charles H. Connor, ’02
Albert J. Kenney, ’39
Mrs. Sarah L. McCloskey
Campus Review

The newly organized La Salle Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management held its Charter Dinner for 90 members and guests on Wednesday, January 17 in Leonard Hall. John M. McIlvain, Chief Industrial Engineer of the Atlantic Refining Company, spoke on "Management and the Management Student—What Each Should Expect of the Other." Guests were: David T. Graham, Factory Superintendent, Leeds and Northrup; James V. Marron, Yale and Towne's Director of Industrial Relations; W. E. Nyce, Superintendent, Electric Storage Battery Company; and P. K. Schwartz, Vice-President of Proctor and Schwartz. . . .

Brother George Thomas, Dean of Freshmen, has been appointed Chairman of an oratorical contest, sponsored by the College, for senior students of Christian Brothers high schools in the Baltimore province. To be held on Sunday, April 15, the contest will have for its topic "St. John Baptist de La Salle and His Contribution to Modern Education." A scholarship will be awarded to the winner. . . .

Under a new Defense Department ruling, students enrolled in colleges and universities and thus automatically deferred from military induction until the end of the current academic year, may enlist in the service of their choice, rather than face induction, which precludes a choice of service. . . .

Jack George, La Salle's outstanding basketball scorer, was voted the "Player of the Week" award by the Philadelphia Basketball Writers Association, at their luncheon during the week of January 22. . . . The Explorers were saluted on WCAU's Varsity Club Show on January 26. The team was represented by Coach Ken Loeffler and Jimmy Phelan, who were interviewed by sportscaster Bill Sears. . . .

A La Salle faculty member was elected to the executive council of the American Catholic Historical Association at its 31st annual meeting in Chicago. He is the Reverend Hugh P. Nolan, Lecturer in History. Father Nolan, who received his Ph.D. from Catholic University in 1944, is a contributor to various secular and ecclesiastical historical reviews and editor of the Philadelphia Catholic Historical Society "Records." . . .

Balloting for Freshman Class Officers took place on January 25 and 26. Elected to the presidency was Gerald Corkery, Joseph Gallagher is vice-president, and Joseph Kriz and Francis Hodgeson are secretary and treasurer, respectively. . . .

Willard G. Walsh, Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama, is now casting two new plays, to complete the College Theatre schedule. Tryouts were held for "The Mikado" and the St. La Salle Play, as yet unnamed. The Theatre presented a one-act comedy, Richard Hartley's "Hope Is a Thing With Feathers," on February 9 at the College of Chestnut Hill; the vehicle was also presented at the University of Pennsylvania Cultural Olympics, on March 2 and 3 . . .

The new Collegian Staff, which published its first issue on February 14, is headed by Joseph Gavin. '52. Associate Editor is John Keenan, '52 and Copy Editor is Francis X. Conaty, '52. Also on the Staff are James Sanzare, '52, News Editor; John Di Sangro, '52, Sports Editor; Richard Kloos, '52, Business Manager; and James Ledwith, '53, Circulation Manager. . . .

Bob Considine, International News Service columnist and author of the best-sellers "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," "General Wainwright's Story," and "MacArthur the Magnificent," received the Collegian's "Public Service in Journalism Award" on February 15. The award was presented at the Collegian Staff's 20th annual banquet at Kugler's Restaurant. Retiring editor Eugene P. McLoone, '52, indicated that Considine's noteworthy articles on underworld gambling, which helped stimulate the organization of the Kefauver Senate Investigating Committee, was a basis for the conferment of the award. Other considerations in the journalist's selection were his excellent news releases from Korea and his brilliant "Newspaperman's Prayer for 1951."