

Bishop Ordains Three St. Francis Graduates

Entering the ranks of the priesthood on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Victoria, were three Kansas Capuchins, all 1961 graduates of St. Francis Seminary.

Most Rev. Bishop Cyril J. Vogel administered the Sacrament of Holy Orders to Fathers Earl Befort, David Gottschalk, and Steven Reichert. They and 20 other priests then concelebrated Mass with the Bishop.

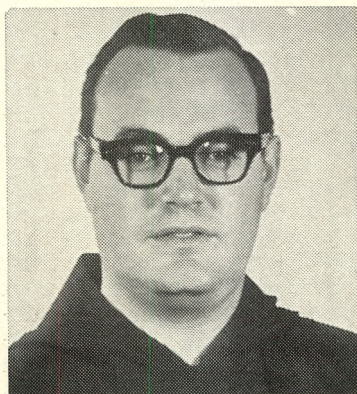
The newly-ordained are also 1965 graduates of St. Fidelis College in Herman, Pa., where they earned their bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. They are presently enrolled at Capu-

Father Steven Reichert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Reichert, Selden, Kansas, attended Leoville public grade school before coming to SFS.

He has been doing social work and acting as a youth counselor at the Children Center in Laurel, Md. Last summer he took courses in linguistics at the University of Oklahoma.

Several seminarians played guitar and led singing at the ordination, and two busloads of students went into Hays for first Masses the next day.

The three new priests returned to SFS, Oct. 2, and concelebrated Mass with the Seminary faculty and student body.



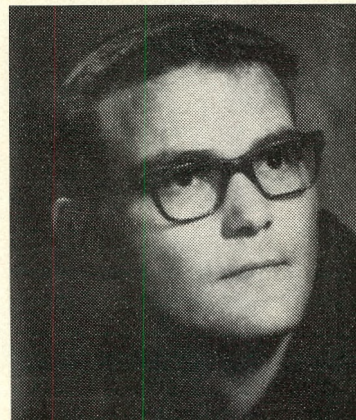
Rev. Earl Befort, O.F.M. Cap.

chin College in Washington, D.C. They have all received master's degrees in religious education.

Father Earl Befort, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome A. Befort, Hays, received his elementary school education at Jefferson West in Hays, Kansas.

Father worked at a number of retreats for men in Herman, Pa., this past summer.

Father David Gottschalk, son



Rev. Dave Gottschalk, O.F.M. Cap.

of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gottschalk, Hays, also received his elementary school education at Jefferson West.

Father has been teaching CCD courses at St. John Evangelist parish, Silver Springs, Md., and at the Capuchin Youth Center, Washington, D.C.



Rev. Steve Reichert, O.F.M. Cap.

Teachers Earn M.S. Degrees

After many years of hard work and summer classes, three faculty members, Fathers Francis, Harvey, and Cyrus, received master's degrees this August.

Fr. Francis Fugini, rector of the Seminary, and Fr. Harvey Dinkel attended classes this summer at Fort Hays Kansas State College and obtained their diplomas, Aug. 8. Fr. Francis could not be present for commencement exercises, but Fr. Harvey did attend.

Fr. Cyrus Gallagher worked at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., where he completed courses necessary for his degree.

The three degrees were presented as masters of science—Fr. Francis' being in secondary administration, Fr. Harvey's in mathematics, and Fr. Cyrus' in science.

All three priests have their bachelor of arts degrees in philosophy which they obtained at St. Fidelis College, Herman, Pa.,

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Friars Call Prep Thomas More

Thomas More Prep is the name chosen by the Administrative Council for the Capuchin college preparatory school to open in Hays in September, 1970, on the site of St. Joseph's Military Academy. The Council made this public Sept. 19.

Thomas More Prep, which will replace St. Francis Seminary and the Academy, will be a high-quality college preparatory school specializing in preparing young men to accept with mature decision, roles of Christian leadership, as priests, brothers, and as concerned and competent laymen in such fields as law, medicine, business, agriculture, politics, teaching, and the sciences.

The Provincial Board of Consultors, which is also the board of trustees for both schools, made the decision to establish Thomas More Prep during its meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 23.

With Rev. Bernard Finerty, O.F.M. Cap., as chairman, and Very Rev. Anselm Martin, O.F.M. Cap., as vice-chairman, the Administrative Council has been meeting regularly since late August to develop the prep school's program.

Other members of the committee are Rev. Francis Fugini, O.F.M. Cap., principal of St. Francis Seminary; Rev. Paulinus Karlin, O.F.M. Cap., pastor of St. Fidelis parish, Victoria; and Dr. Emerald Dechant, professor of education, Fort Hays Kansas State College, Hays.

The Provincial Board of Consultors decided that Thomas More Prep will not include R.O. T.C. training, which the present Academy does; but the decision of other specifics of the program has been left to the Administrative Council, which has already established 10 subcommittees to advise it.

The entire program is expected to be outlined by February, 1970, and put into operation by September of that year.

In October, the Board of Consultors will meet again to consider the future use of the seven-year old building at St. Francis Seminary, now housing the classrooms and living quarters of the students.

It is anticipated that in the future a center will be established at Victoria for a Capuchin Preaching Service and apostolic programs. The present building and facilities of the Seminary may then be used for retreats, days of recollection, and other spiritual programs for priests, religious, seminarians, and laity, as well as for ecumenical and adult-education programs, and youth and vocational activities.

Facilities at the present Academy include the main building, the field house, and 80 acres of open land.

The main building houses on the main floor administration offices, classrooms, the auditorium, and the chapel. Single rooms in which three or four senior Cadets live, the library, priests' quarters, and classrooms are on the second floor. Dorms for the underclassmen are on the top floor, while on the basement level are found the locker-shower rooms, science labs, study halls, and the dining hall.

By Fred Sramek '70



Fr. Gene Emrisek and Fr. Jerome Dunn, two new administration members, examine a provincial bulletin.

Term Brings Changes In Teacher Assignment

In addition to other changes made for the new school year, four faculty members have received new assignments.

Taking on duties as head of the religion department and spiritual director is Fr. Emil Fischer. Having joined the faculty two years ago, Fr. Emil is no longer a prefect, but continues to teach religion, geometry, and music. During his first year on the faculty of St.

Francis Seminary, Fr. Emil attended Fort Hays Kansas State College and taught at Russell High School to obtain his teaching certificate. He has his M.A. in religious education.

Mr. Gerald Laprade teaches government to the seniors in addition to keeping his previous assignment as French teacher. Qualifying Mr. Laprade to teach government is his minor in social sciences. He received his B.A. majoring in French at FHKSC.

Coach Robert Drake will replace Mr. Laprade as freshmen history teacher. He also has his minor in social sciences. His other teaching assignments are physical education and health.

With Fr. Cyrus taking on Mr. Peter Karlin's biology classes, Mr. Karlin is now the present school counsellor and teaches chemistry to the seniors and earth science to the freshmen. Mr. Karlin's counselling work consists mainly of a school testing program. Formerly a teacher at Victoria Rural High School, Mr. Karlin joined the faculty last year to teach biology and chemistry. At the same time Mr. Karlin took various courses at FHKSC to obtain his B.S. in counselling. Mr. Karlin also has a B.S. in biology.

New Elective Choices Broaden Curriculum

Besides their required courses the three upper classes were given a choice of one or two electives. Each sophomore and senior could pick one and each junior two from a list of nine electives.

Although journalism was offered to all three classes, only juniors took it, 12 of them. Two students are taking French I, both seniors. Twenty of the students chose reading proficiency, and 19 chose Algebra II. German I was taken by six sophomores and juniors, and four juniors and seniors took Biology II. Library Science, an extra elective, was chosen by nearly 20 students, but since the enrollment was limited, only four were admitted, three sophomores and one junior.

Why Name It Thomas More?

Every foundation tries to have a certain patron it can look up to for moral guidance. This explains why Thomas More was chosen as patron for the college prep school in Hays.

Thomas More was a great lawyer, teacher, diplomat writer, and theologian. He was rich, had a good reputation among his countrymen and had a very respected family. Yet he gave all this up rather than denounce God and allow King Henry VIII to disobey Catholic law and marry twice. From a purely human point of view it did not do him much good. After staying in prison several years, he was beheaded.

Catholic youth today are in a world with a "do what you want" attitude and are growing up with a free spirit of peace, love, and joy in their hearts. Their ideas are unbridled and limitless. In their own personal way they are closer to God than ever before.

What does this have to do with Thomas More? Thomas More dared to be different. He scoffed at the phoniness and selfishness of King Henry's decree to make himself head of England's church. Only he and a few dozen others were willing to defend their faith.

Thomas More was a Franciscan tertiary. We truly hope the administrators of this prep school, direct followers of St. Francis of Assisi, will have a success in gaining access to the infinite and fantastic powers and dreams that exist in Catholic youth, and change these dreams into something tangible so their lives, like Thomas More's, are closer to God.

Mike Krannawitter '70

New Personnel Arrive

By Fred Arrambidez '71

Fathers Jerome Dunn and Gene Emrisek and Brother Michael Suchnicki joined the faculty and administration of St. Francis Seminary this year; and two former members, Fr. Gilmery Tallman and Fr. Finian Meis, were transferred.

Joining both the faculty and administration is Fr. Gene Emrisek. He teaches English, typing, and speech and also acts as prefect.

Fr. Gene was born in Tarentum, Pa., in 1941. He entered St. Fidelis College in Herman, Pa., and graduated in 1965. Father then went on to Capuchin College in Washington, D.C. He was ordained a priest on Oct. 19, 1968, in the parish of St. Augustine, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Presently the director of the CYC (Catholic Youth Center) in Kansas, Fr. Jerome Dunn is also on the administration of SFS. He was born in Turton, South Dak., in 1938, where he attended grade school and high school. After spending four years in the service, he decided to go to St. Fidelis College in Herman, Pa., and spent three years there. Father made his novitiate in Annapolis, Md., and

went back to Herman for two more years. Ordained on Oct. 19, 1968, in Victoria, Fr. Jerome is now the new director of admissions for SFS, replacing Fr. Finian.

Assisting Fr. Jerome in his work with the C.Y.O. is Brother Michael Suchnicki. Br. Mike, 29 years of age, was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1940. Brother made his solemn profession in 1965 and later came to Kansas to join the administration of St. Joseph's Military Academy. After three years at SJMA, Brother Michael was transferred to the administration of SFS. Brother Michael is the assistant director of admissions and also counselor of the CYO.

Fr. Gilmery Tallman, who spent six years here as religion, speech, and English teacher, and spiritual director, is now on the faculty of SJMA. Fr. Finian, who was former director of admissions here for four years, is now the chaplain of the Catholic Student Center at Fort Hays State College.



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Stuco Votes In New Secretary

Dave Wessling '71 has been elected secretary-treasurer of the student council.

This office was vacant because the former secretary-treasurer had not returned. Dave's job will be to keep the minutes of each meeting, and to make reports of the financial standing of the student council.

All members of the student body assembled for the election in the auditorium Sunday, Sept. 14, at 10:30 a.m. When President Dennis Herman '70 opened the floor for nominations, Dave Wessling, Tim Werth, Dave Dunn, Jerry Spiess, and Steve Lang, all juniors, were nominated. After only one ballot, Dave Wessling was elected secretary-treasurer with 31 votes, as opposed to Tim Werth's five, Dave Dunn's four, Jerry Spiess's 12, and Steve Lang's four votes.

Each class met later to elect class representatives. Dennis Engel was elected for the freshman class, George White for the sophomore class, Charles Drees for the junior class, and Jerry Billinger for the senior class.

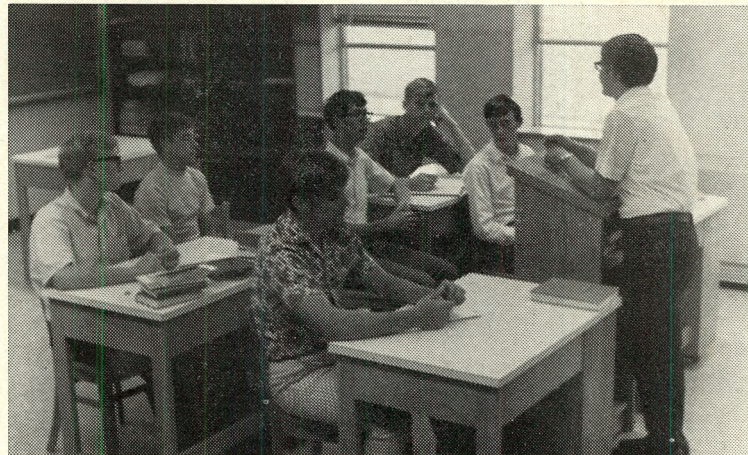
Of the five committees set up by the executive committee, the

entertainment was the first to go to work. At its first meeting this committee arranged to have a cookout and bonfire Friday, Oct. 3. It also set a date for this year's amateur night—Friday, Oct. 31, Halloween.

Sports committee members also met in an effort to prepare for this year's football season. At their first meeting, they set

up five teams. They later chalked the fields and checked the equipment.

Heading various committees this year are John Pfannenstiel, entertainment committee; Ron Rippe, sports committee; Dave Ricken, liturgical committee; Evan Stickney, recreation committee; and Anthony Pfannenstiel, grounds committee.



Dennis Herman '70, Stuco president, meets with his new executive board to appoint standing committee members.

Laconian Has Early Outset

Jerry Billinger, editor-in-chief of the 1970 Laconian, reports that the staff got off to an early start in order to meet the first deadline, Nov. 5.

The second deadline is Jan. 5. The remainder of the book will be sent in soon enough for the students to receive yearbooks before school ends.

Highlighting this year's yearbook will be color pictures on all divisional pages.

Led by Dave Ricken '70, the layout staff is busily designing the yearbook. Dave Wessling '71 is in charge of the copy staff which describes the pictures and the year in general. Heading the photography staff is Ken Klaus '71, who is busy taking and developing pictures for the layout design.

In charge of the business staff are Dennis Herman '70 and Jerry Schmidtberger '70.

Work on this year's yearbook had begun already last year when the layout and photography staffs started to set up page layouts and to take pictures. Several meetings of each of the staffs have enabled editors to pave the way for the last and, they hope, the best of the three yearbooks SFS will have produced.

Editors Attend Institute

Attending the High Plains Yearbook Institute held at Fort Hays Kansas State College, Aug. 10-13, were Jerry Billinger '70 and Ken Klaus '71, along with representatives from approximately 20 other schools.

Besides hearing lectures and viewing slides concerning yearbook staffs, organization, picture cropping, and selection, they received assignments dealing with layouts and photography, and had them evaluated.

SFS's '69 Graduates Attend Five Colleges

Eight new alumni join 31 other alumni of St. Francis Seminary this year in attending major seminaries throughout the country.

George Erbacher, Bob Dunn, Ron Ludwig, and John Lager are attending St. Fidelis College at Herman, Pa. St. Fidelis is conducted by the same Capuchin province which runs SFS.

Dean Thibault and Don Krampe are enrolled at St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, Colo. Thibault is studying for the diocese of Salina, while Krampe is studying for the diocese of Dodge City. Mike Curtin is joining other alumni at St. Mary's College, St. Marys, Ky., and is studying for the diocese of Salina.

Steven Peebles, a former student, who spent his first two years at St. Francis Seminary, has participated in a home seminary program in Dallas the last two years. Peebles will be attending the Holy Trinity Seminary at the University of Dallas.

1969 grads attending Fort Hays Kansas State College are Tom Hammeke, Gus Liebl, Don Hoffman, Dave Karlin, Jerry Malone, Linus Pfannenstiel, Dan Ladenburger, Tom Fisher, and John Walters. Norman Pfeifer is attending Marymount College, Salina.

By Steve Lang '71

Notes From The News Desk

With enrollment totaling only 57, empty space has become overly abundant at St. Francis. Returning this year are nine seniors, 19 juniors, 16 sophomores, and 13 freshmen.

The entertainment committee set Oct. 31 as the date for Amateur Night and also planned a cookout and bonfire for Oct. 3, the eve of the feast of St. Francis.

Thirty-four students took advantage of the opportunity to see the movie "Charley", Sept. 11. In general they agreed it was well worth seeing.

Two alumni of the class of '67, Kerry Ninemire and James Vahling, and six members from the class of '69, Jerry Malone, Tom Hammeke, Gus Liebl, Mike Curtin, Ron Ludwig, and John Lager, stopped at St. Francis before going on their way to college.

Coach Drake has received his chauffeur's license. This enables him to drive the bus into Hays for basketball practice and also to the basketball games.

One senior and 12 sophomores are preparing to become members of the Third Order of St. Francis.

Fr. Emil Fischer, O.F.M. Cap., new spiritual director, divided the student body into six spiritual groups. Each group tries to have a conference at least every two weeks. The groups also work as teams in the apostolic program.

Dec. 7 has been set aside for this year's guild carnival and raffle. The St. Francis Seminary Guild met Sept. 14 and 21 to discuss plans for the Seminary's second annual fund-raising project.

Three juniors, Kendall Klaus, John Pfannenstiel, and Richard Leiker, have joined Jerry Schmidtberger '70 as cantors for Mass. Tom Lynch '71 and Richard Leiker '71 are new guitarists.

Mrs. Leona Schuckman is now head cook at St. Francis, taking the place of Mrs. Mary Lamberd who with her husband is managing a motel in Junction City.



Seniors Dennis Herman and Jerry Schmidtberger, Laconian business managers, obtain an ad from a local business.

Football Season Begins With Great Spirit



Tom Kinderknecht attempts to block Kendall Klaus's pass in intramural football action.

Flag football has gotten off to an early and enthusiastic start this year. Pleasant weather conditions have greatly contributed to this. Headed by Ron Rippe, the sports committee had a meeting to organize the teams and recruit volunteers to measure and work off the fields.

Due to the smaller enrollment, all teams were placed in one league. There were five teams organized, with three seniors and two juniors as captains.

Senior captains are Dennis Herman, Ron Rippe, and Anthony Pfannenstiel; junior captains are Rick Pfannenstiel and Dave Wessling.

Members of the sports committee schedule the different games, appoint referees, and record the winning teams. Each team will play eight times; and since there will be no tournament this year, the team with the best record wins the championship.

Football Team Standings

RICK'S RANGERS	3-1	.750
(R. Pfannenstiel)		
GOLDEN JACKS	2-1	.667
(R. Rippe)		
RHINOS	2-2	.500
(D. Herman)		
A. J. BEARS	1-2	.333
(A. Pfannenstiel)		
BIG EIGHT	1-3	.250
(D. Wessling)		

Coach Prepares Cagers

Though handicapped by fewer prospects to work with, Coach Bob Drake and the basketball team will try to maintain the fairly good record of last year.

Returning from last year's varsity and B-teams are Ron Rippe, Dave Wessling, Kendall Klaus, Rick Pfannenstiel, Bill Robben, and Rich Leiker. The Spartans will have a total of 14 games plus the Ness City Tournament, January 22-24.

The first game will be at Otis, Dec. 2. The first home game will be against Claflin, Dec. 5, at Victoria High School.

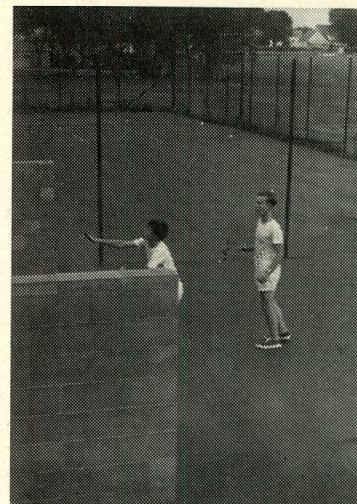
This will be the Spartans' fourth season.

Many Enthusiasts Augment Activities On Repaired Handball, Tennis Courts

Handball, spurred on this year by the resurfacing of the handball and tennis courts, is already in full swing.

Resurfacing the courts has helped in many ways by sealing holes and dips in the asphalt. One disadvantage is that handballs, tennis balls, and tennis shoes become black, but with more wear of the courts this should soon diminish.

The tennis courts have not been busy so far this year, but with the repairing of one of the nets, the regular crowd of faculty and students, plus several new freshmen, is expected to keep the courts full until winter.



T. Dressman '73 and G. Steffan '73 enjoy a handball game.

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