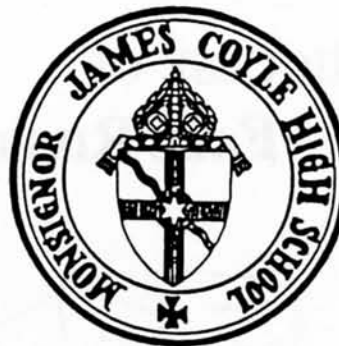


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BROTHER MARCIAN KARSKY, C.S.C.

**First Principal of
Msgr. James E. Coyle High School**



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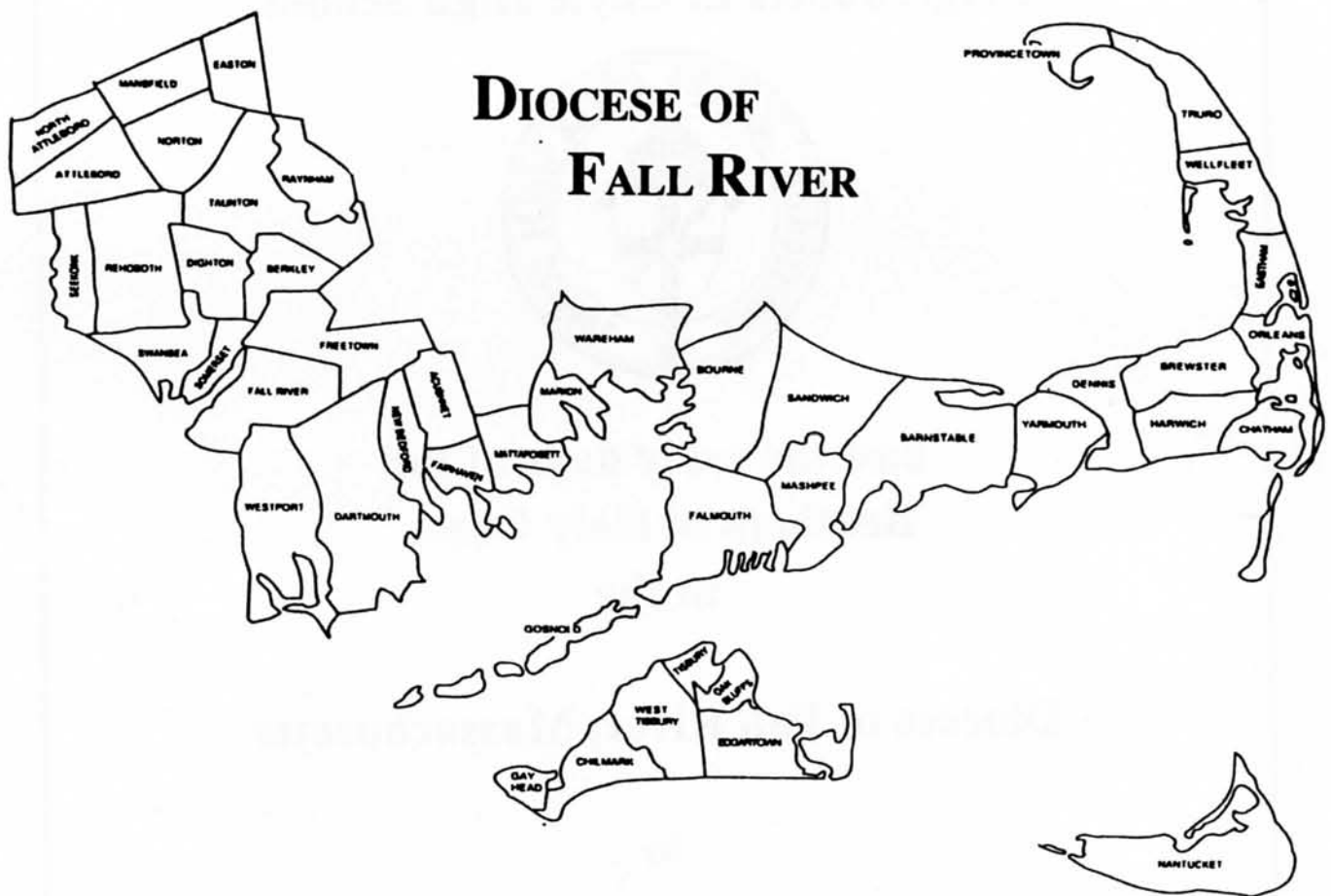
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Good evening everyone and welcome to Stonehill College, town of Easton, Bristol County,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Diocese of Fall River.

Before I get into the story of the very early years of the Brothers of Holy Cross in this area, I thought I might give to those of you unfamiliar with this section of the country a brief look at the history of the Church in Southeastern Massachusetts.



The Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, comprises the counties of Bristol, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket and a small portion of Plymouth County. Bristol county is the home of four cities, New Bedford, famous for its whaling history; Fall River once a leader in textile and knitting mills; Taunton, noted for silver plate and flat ware manufacturing; and Attleboro (along with North Attleborough) a center of costume and religious jewelry manufacturing. It is said that the second largest concentration of gold in the United States after Fort Knox is to be found in the vaults of Attleboro's L.G. Balfour Company which manufactures most of the high school and college class

rings in the country.

The Counties of Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket comprise one of the outstanding vacation spots on the east coast of our country, now locally called "the Cape and the Islands", that is Cape Cod and the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Finally to make Cape Cod and Bristol County geographically contiguous, the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett and Wareham in Plymouth County were detached from the Archdiocese of Boston and added to the Diocese of Fall River.

Originally the entire area of New England was under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Boston. However, with the influx of immigrants and the natural rise of the native population, over a period of time new dioceses were created and in 1872 this area was given over to the Diocese of Providence. It seemed that, before the advent of modern transportation, the Cape and the Islands were considered to be more of a burden than a benefit. Thus the designation to Providence. Again, in 1904 when Pope St. Pius X created the Diocese of Fall River, the Cape and the Islands were gladly handed over to the new entity. Today, much of the wealth of the diocese is to be found in those former hinterlands.

The Congregation of Holy Cross came to the Diocese of Fall River during the episcopate of James E. Cassidy, the third bishop. At that time our congregation in this country consisted of one mixed United States Province led by Father James Burns. The community took over property in North Dartmouth in 1933 which was incorporated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Our Lady of Holy Cross, Inc. On August 12, 1934. At about the same time the Bishop made arrangements with Father Burns for a group of Brothers to come to Taunton to staff the new diocesan boys' high school to be named in honor of Msgr. James E. Coyle, the recently deceased pastor of that city's St. Mary's Church. Coyle High School opened in September, 1933.

Before going any further it might be appropriate to say a few words about Msgr. Coyle. In the early 1950's, when I was either a Junior or Senior at Coyle High School, Msgr. James Dolan, at that time the Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Taunton was among of group of priests who came to the school for the annual student retreat to hear confessions. During a free period gab session a group of us were sitting in the bleachers overlooking the football field when Msgr. Dolan approached us.

This good man had a face and a look that gave the impression he could stop a legion of devils with a backward glance. I later learned he had a heart of gold and a disposition that was firm, fair and kindly, in a word-Christlike. He asked us, "Can any of you fellows tell me anything about Msgr. Coyle?" Beyond the fact that some twenty years earlier he had been the Pastor of St. Mary's in Taunton, none of knew anything about the man. Msgr. Dolan expressed his disappointment that we had no knowledge about our alma mater's name sake and took his leave of us. Needless to say, my efforts working on this paper, led me, some 53 or 54 years later, to delve into the life of Msgr. Coyle.

Msgr. James E. Coyle

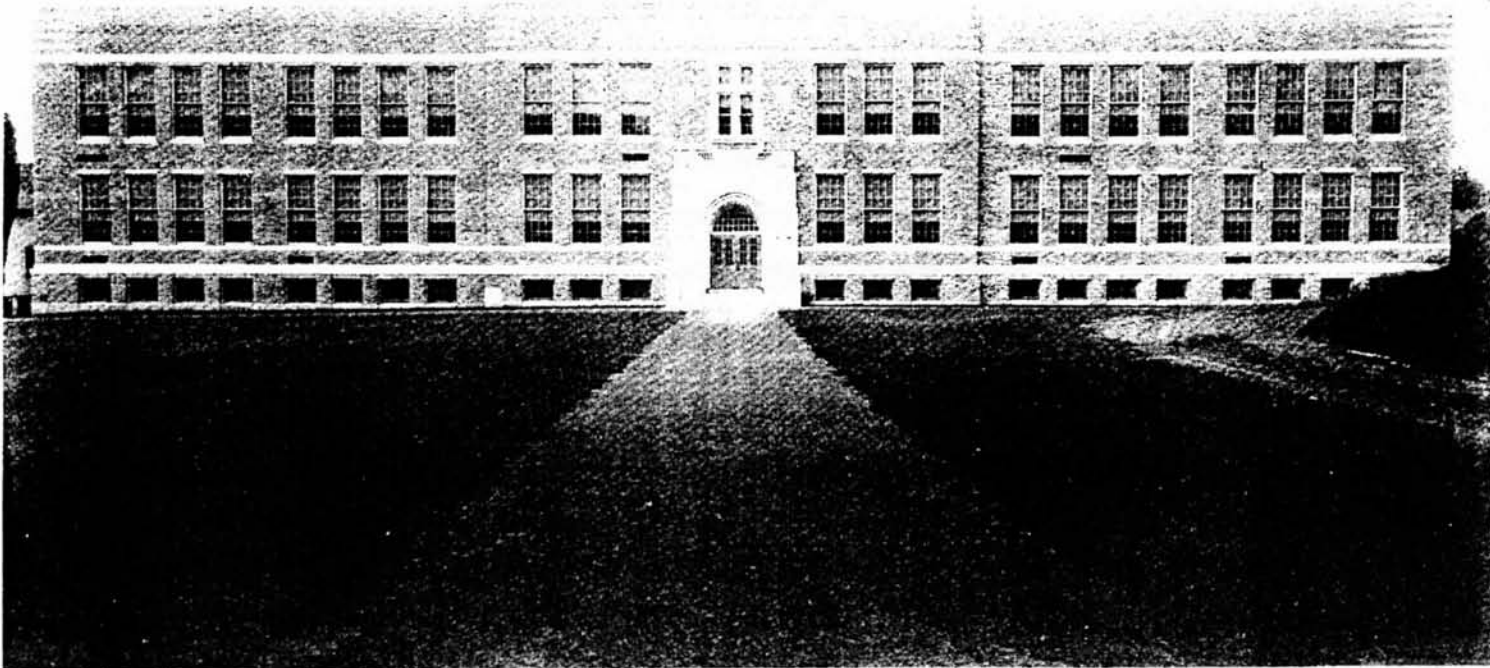
During his final years Bishop Feehan, the second Bishop of Fall River, was not able to carry out his episcopal duties and it was Bishop Cassidy, as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese, who oversaw the financing and construction of Msgr. Coyle High School. The formal dedication took place on Sunday, May 15, 1933. Classes commenced the following September.

The school was named after James E. Coyle who was born in County Longford, Ireland on September 9, 1850. He grew up in Providence, Rhode Island where he was an alumnus of LaSalle Academy in that city. He studied for the priesthood in St. Laurent, Canada and was ordained on December 22, 1877 for the Diocese of Providence. Before becoming Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Taunton he served in both North Adams and Millbury, Massachusetts and as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Newport, Rhode Island. He took up his duties in Taunton on September 26, 1896. He was an ardent Irish patriot, a firm advocate of the temperance movement, vocally opposed to the British position in the Boer War and a great admirer of Ulysses S. Grant. During the course of the years he became a great friend of Father Edward I. Lilly, C.S.C. and on June 16, 1910 at the 60th Commencement Exercises at Notre Dame was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa. Over the course of his life Msgr. Coyle became well known as an outstanding speaker. The Taunton Daily Gazette has this to say about him in an article on the dedication of the new school published on Monday, May 15, 1933

"Of the many attainments of the venerable pastor of St. Mary's none stands out any brighter than his reputation as an orator. His English of the purest diction and his delivery, that of the master of his art,

made Monsignor Coyle one of the most sought public speakers in New England. Among the notable appearances of the famed orator, the following stand out as eventful occasions: the going away of the boys of the Ninth Company in July, 1917; the dedication of the State Armory on January 30, 1917; McKinley memorial exercises; Harding memorial exercises in August, 1923; orator at Grand Army exercises and speaker on various occasions in the trying times of 1917."

As pastor of St. Mary's parish, he was responsible for the construction of the grade school which was later expanded to include a high school. It was at his urging that Bishop Cassidy undertook the project of building a high school in Taunton for the exclusive use of the education of boys in the diocese.



MONSIGNOR JAMES COYLE HIGH SCHOOL.

Monsignor James E. Coyle Memorial High School was erected on a residential plot of land located at 61 Summer Street in Taunton, Massachusetts. The Taunton Daily Gazette, in its account of the dedication of the building on Sunday, May 14, 1933 recounted that the first announcement of the building of Coyle High School had been made by Bishop Cassidy on Tuesday, March 8, 1932.

He announced that the contract for a three-story building, made of water struck brick, trimmed with white Vermont marble had been awarded to Rowley Construction Company of Pawtucket, Rhode Island for a sum of \$158,000. Joseph I. Higgins, an architect of Fall River had drawn up the plans. The article continued with the information that a few weeks later the Bishop announced that a contract had been signed with the Brothers of Holy Cross of Notre Dame, Indiana to staff the school beginning the Fall of 1933.

Bishop Cassidy sent the plans to Father James Burns, the Provincial, at Notre Dame who, in turn, submitted them to a group of veteran Brother teachers for their comments and suggestions. This group made some suggestions for adjustments to the original plans which were incorporated into the finished building.

The Gazette article went on to describe the new building:

"The exterior of the building has been developed in a modern design using a simplified collegiate Gothic motif, which expresses the character of the educational work carried on in the building and which harmonizes with the neighborhood. The soft, warm grey brick walls with white marble trim, simple and devoid of ostentation with the window groupings, is pleasing, harmonious and dignified."

The article then spent several paragraphs describing the many state-of-art aspects found within the new structure which made it one of the "safest and best protected school buildings in the country".

Most Reverend James Edwin Cassidy, D.D.

Third Bishop of the Diocese of Fall River

James Edwin Cassidy was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on August 1, 1869. At the age of 29 he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Providence on September 8, 1898. He was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Fall River and Titular Bishop of Ibora on March 21, 1930. For many

years Bishop Cassidy also served as Vicar General of the diocese. On July 13, 1934 at age 65 he was raised to the position of Coadjutor Bishop of Fall River with the right of succession. Fifteen days later, upon the death of his predecessor, Most Reverend Daniel F. Feehan, he assumed control of the Fall River See. His episcopacy last until his death at 81 years of age on May 17, 1951.

In the official web page of the Diocese of Fall River, Bishop Cassidy is described as

"a stern supporter of temperance and a staunch advocate of the rights of workingmen. He was concerned with the needs of the elderly and founded homes for the aged, which became model institutions of their kind."

I can attest to his support of temperance. In those days, I and everyone else who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Diocese of Fall River was expected to sign a pledge that we would not consume any alcoholic beverages until we had reached our 21st birthday.

It was this man, Bishop Cassidy, who, during the financially difficult days of the Great Depression, fostered, pursued and finally dedicated the building at 61 Summer Street in Taunton that was to be Msgr. Coyle High School. This school was the first in a series of secondary schools that eventually dotted all the major areas of the Bristol County area of the Diocese.

Brother Marcian (Stanislaus) Karsky, C.S.C.

The founding Principal of Msgr. Coyle High school was Brother Marcian Karsky, C.S.C., born Stanislaus Karsky on July 16, 1903 in what was then the country of Czechoslovakia. Shortly after his birth the Karsky family moved to the United States and settled in Langdon, North Dakota. In 1921, after graduating from the local public high school at age 19, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross at Sacred Heart Postulate in Watertown, Wisconsin as a candidate for the Brothers. After his novitiate year and three years of temporary vows he made his final profession on July 25, 1926. Being sent out on the missions prior to receiving his bachelor's degree, he began his teaching career at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Indiana in September 1924. It was not until 1930 that he was graduated magna cum laude by the University of Notre Dame. Later on, after a series

of summer studies, he was graduated with honors by Columbia University in 1937 with a Master of Arts in Education Administration.

The fact that his first teaching assignment was at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis is indicative of the impression he made on his superiors. Cathedral had the reputation of having a student body that delighted in challenging the faculty to educate them. Unless a man was a no nonsense disciplinarian and displayed no character weaknesses before the pupils he was assured a successful career there. More than one teacher failed the Cathedral challenge and was transferred at the end of the first semester or, at the latest, at the end of the first year. Brother Marcian remained there until his appointment as the first Principal of Coyle High School in September of 1933.

Throughout his teaching and administrative career the earmark of his educational philosophy was to keep the faculty well informed of his policies and goals and to draw the student body into the decision making process of the institution. In a brief biography of Brother Marcian, Brother Edward Sniatecki writes:

"In his very first teaching years at Indianapolis, he manifested definite qualities in judgement and impartiality, and he was soon appointed to the responsible position of Prefect of Discipline. A few years later he was named Assistant Principal."

It was fortunate, indeed, that a man of the caliber of Brother Marcian was selected to be the Pioneer Principal of Msgr. Coyle High School. It was to this new structure that Brother Marcian and Brothers Benoit, Columba, John Baptist, Majella, Thomas, and Victorian journeyed from Indiana to open. Two other members of the faculty were Father Francis Phelan, a Holy Cross priest who was chaplain to both the Brothers and the school, and Mr. James Burns, a Notre Dame graduate who had taught the previous year at the Brothers school in New Orleans, and who, over a period of many years, would establish a reputation as one of the outstanding Athletic Coaches in Southeastern Massachusetts. Occupying the office of Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Fall River was Father Edward J. Gorman. As originally agreed to, the Brother Principal was to have complete control of the Administration of the school and each of the Brothers serving their were to receive a

salary of \$800.00 per annum.

One of the things that occupied the time of Brother Marcian and Bishop Cassidy was that of finances. The Diocese of Fall River had gone into debt to build Coyle High School and it was the Bishop's desire that the debt be paid off as rapidly as possible, if not sooner! He was in close contact with Brother Marcian over a variety of situations, but financial considerations always occupied one of his primary concerns.

Early in the first year Brother Marcian had sent the Bishop a letter suggesting that serious thought be given to a number of items among which were: finishing the gym floor in advance of the opening basketball game; equipping the stage in preparation of a glee club concert and awarding of varsity letters for Fall sports; the request for a subscription within the school for the school newspaper and a yearbook; and a list of some eight other items ranging from having the school windows washed to the purchase of detergents and deodorants for the lavatories and shower rooms to purchase of three dozen more chairs for the cafeteria. He concluded a suggestion that a school band be organized as soon as possible. This letter was mailed to the Bishop on November 14, 1933.

The reply was penned by the Bishop on November 25th. He wrote, in part,

"I am afraid that you are likely to think what the citizens of the country seem to think of the United States Government that the Bishop has a bucket that he can let down and draw out money gratis whenever and wherever he pleases. Our national government is doing this and spreading money all over the country without reminding the people that this must be taken eventually out of the tax-payers hide.

I want you to clearly understand now that all the money I had for the Taunton High School has been spent, that the budget has long since been overdrawn and the utmost economy is to be practiced regarding any rule that I may lay down and that no one is authorized

to contract bills in the name of the High School save myself, with the exceptions which you will note in the following comment upon your letter which I am going to take up paragraph by paragraph."

He then indicated his own economical method of preparing the gym floor for the coming basketball season; no equipment for the stage could be purchased at this time; the school publications must be self-supporting. The janitors can wash the windows of the school and no detergents or disinfectants were to be used lest they destroy the septic system; more chairs for the cafeteria would be gradually supplied and no contract for band equipment was to be made. In a word all expenses not to do with salaries were to be absolutely under his control.

The Bishop opened this letter with the observation that the Brothers' Superior in Notre Dame told him that it would be necessary "to keep the Brothers down" and he had good evidence that they have spoken whereof they knew". This early exchange concerning financial matters reflects the desire of a dedicated group of religious who wished to gain for the school the best possible reputation by offering a superior education to their charges and of a equally dedicated prelate who had to face the creditors at a time when the country was in the depths of its most devastating financial disaster.

The following month a problem of a different sort presented itself to both Brother Marcian and Bishop Cassidy. It revolved around a fellow newly enrolled at Coyle who had been an outstanding student and athlete at Somerset High School where he was also the President of the Junior Class and a member of the Student Council. Writing to Brother Marcian the Bishop said that he had originally verbally approved of the transfer, but after serious consideration, now felt he had been wrong. However, Somerset High School authorities severed all athletic relations with Coyle High School due to the transfer which came about after "some outside person" had approached the lad. Who that outside person was could not be identified.

The Bishop's sense of ethical rectitude was offended. He therefore issued an order to both Coyle High School and to Holy Family High School, a parish high school in New Bedford, that after

January 1, 1935 the schools could not register any student from another school, except at the ordinary Fall registration time. If for any extraordinary reason, a mid-year registration were allowed, acceptance of registration shall "ipso facto" debar the recipient from engaging in any interscholastic athletic contests. All such registrations would require the prior knowledge and approval of the diocesan Superintendent of Schools. Brother Majella, acting on behalf of Brother Marcian, had a conference with the Principal of Somerset High School and the whole affair was settled in an amicable manner.

In a letter to Brother Marcian of September 24, 1934, Bishop Cassidy stated that "pressed by a perplexing totality of duties I have decided to try out, for the year 1934-1935, a plan of control of the High School which will put it under the combined and complete control of the Superintendent of Diocesan Schools and yourself." Henceforth Father Edward Gorman would be the Bishop's personal representative in all matters financial and scholastic pertaining to the Coyle High School. No doubt, the Bishop was finding it more and more difficult to micro manage the school, to the neglect of his other duties. This arrangement seems to have worked out fairly well and was continued beyond the 1935 scholastic year.

On August 31, 1935 the Bishop wrote to Brother Marcian concerning a request that had been conveyed to him via Father Gorman. In a second residence for the religious faculty the Bishop was asked to provide a sink and running water in the rooms of the individual Brothers. The religious were complaining that two bathrooms for four men often made it difficult for them to get to school on time. Hence, the request for the sinks and water. What with all his other financial problems, the good man was not overjoyed at receiving this request. He wrote in part:

"I wonder if you realize that there are rectories in the Diocese where as many as three priests have to share one bathroom and many more with two, with no other facilities than enjoyed by your Brothers?"

If you would bear in mind:-

- 1. The exceeding leanness of these times.*

2. *That our school tuition is lower than any other in New England. (To attempt to raise it now would be most unwise.)*
3. *That we pay much higher salaries to the Brothers than are paid elsewhere.*
4. *"In Cruce Salus" Let us all be mindful that the necessity of sacrifice applies not only to the people but to the religious, to the priests and Bishop as well."*

At the time this letter was written the Brothers' salaries was \$800.00 per year and the tuition was \$75.00 per year.

Along with the ordinary problems that an administrator must face daily in the execution of his duties, others of a non scholastic nature intruded upon Brother Marcian during his first three years as the Principal/Superior at Coyle High School. It was not infrequent that the Diocese was unable to pay the religious faculty on time, which caused the Brothers to take measures to cut down on their expenses. At the same time, he had to put off the provincial and general treasurers at Notre Dame due to the fact that the community in Taunton had not been able to make its mandated assessments to the Congregation because of delays in their income.

As the religious Superior he had to deal with problem subjects. During those years two problems arose; one of a Brother who became involved in "escapades" which took him out of the house until odd hours; the other of a Brother who became a renegade religious, moved to one of the suburbs of Boston and refused to return to Notre Dame for his formal dispensation. Correspondence between Father Burns and Brother Marcian indicate that the latter had to spend some of his time tracking down the wayward member and doing what he could to help regulate the situation.

Finally, the Bishop forbade Brother Marcian from attending the June commencement ceremonies in 1936. Father Gorman was instructed to preside. This action came some fifteen minutes before the start of the exercise. A careful reading of the correspondence recounting this incident seems to indicate that the Bishop, who was an ardent temperance man, took as a personal

affront the fact that an add for a liquor store or company found its way into the graduation program. In a letter to Father Burns recounting this incident, Brother Marcian says that he had a two hour meeting with the Bishop. One can only imagine what was said at the meeting, but Brother Marcian does say that at the conclusion of their talk the Bishop indicated he was planning to build a second school, this time in the New Bedford area and that he hoped the Holy Cross Brothers would be able to staff that one also. The Bishop was a forgiving man and in letters sent to Father Burns shortly thereafter he has nothing but praise to say about Brother Marcian.

The remaining correspondence in our Archives contains numerous letters exchanged between Brother Marcian and Father Gorman regarding expenditures. In this day and age where we think in terms of millions of dollars in the running of schools, the small amounts recorded in these letters gives the reader the impression that he has wandered into a financial wonderland. Very often amounts questioned are considerably less than ten dollars.

Nevertheless, over the first six years of its existence, the enrollment gradually went up and the reputation of the school as place of scholastic excellence rose with each year. In June of 1939 Brother Marcian came to the end of his two three year terms as Principal/Superior. The question now arose as to what course of action should be taken. By this time Father Thomas Steiner had succeeded Father Burns as Provincial and when the topic of a new Principal came up in the Provincial Council it was thought best that an indult be obtained to allow Brother Marcian to stay on for another three years. The indult was presented to the Superior General and with the consent of his council it was granted.

However, the plans of the Divinity did not coincide with those of the Congregation. At the very time that the question of what to do with regard to Coyle High School came up, events in Indianapolis took a turn for the worse. The Principal at Cathedral High School, Brother Agatho, had a down turn in his health and his doctors recommended a long period of complete rest from all administrative duties. Being presented with this news, and knowing the type of student body made up the Indiana school, and knowing Brother Marcian has been a successful teacher and administrator there, it was deemed best that he not return to Taunton, but should instead assume the duties of

Principal/Superior at Cathedral. It was further determined that Brother Owen Lynch would go to the Bay State and take over the reins at Coyle High.

Looking briefly ahead to the future, Brother Owen served one year as Principal at Coyle. After that year, the Bishop negotiated a change in the contract with the Congregation of Holy Cross which now stipulated that a priest of the Diocese of Fall River would hence forth be Principal of the school and the Religious Superior of the Brothers would be the Vice Principal. Brother Owen resigned from the faculty of Coyle and received another obedience. Father Raymond Bourgoin took up the role of Principal in September 1940 and Brother Bonaventure Foley became the Vice Principal. This system was in force for the next six years until Brother Ephrem became Provincial and renegotiated an new contract which made the Brother Superior the Principal of the School.

I note that over the years Coyle was the source of a good many vocations to the priesthood. In the six years of Brother Marcian's administration fifteen graduates entered the seminary, ten for the Diocese of Fall River and five for religious congregations. During those same years two alumni were professed Holy Cross Brothers. (Parenthetically I might add that five of my fellow classmates along with yours truly from the class of 1953 entered the Juniorate of the Holy Cross Brothers. Three dropped out from the Juniorate, three of us entered the novitiate, and I am the only one to remain.)

I conclude this paper with a short note about Brother Marcian after he left Taunton. He went to Indianapolis as Principal of Cathedral High School, but his stay there was not to be a long one. In December 1941, at age 38, he was stricken with a streptococcic infection which devastated his health. On his doctor's recommendation he was transferred to Seton Infirmary in Austin, Texas where he died on November 14, 1942.

On November 18 the student body of Msgr. Coyle High School assembled in St. Mary's Church in Taunton for a memorial Liturgy in his remembrance. I have attached the eulogy that Father Bourgoin gave in his honor to the end of this paper.

One of the most distinguished members of the Eastern Province of Holy Cross Brothers was

Brother Albertus Smith, who as Leo Smith was a class officer of the first graduating class of Coyle High School. In his later years Brother Albertus taught Mathematics here at Stonehill. He always said that the man he admired most in life and who had the greatest influence on his life was Brother Marcian. I close my remarks by presenting a tribute given by the first graduates of Coyle High School in the school's first yearbook.

A Tribute

Our class and our school were alike fortunate in being placed under the leadership of Brother Marcian, a religious educator according to old traditions, a guide and an inspiration to youth, a patron of the highest and best in life, a patient and sympathetic friend and counsellor, learned in the true philosophy of education and of life. We owe much to him — and shall owe more. We shall always say of him: "He treated us like men. He led the way to noble things — honor, courage, love of God — and opened wider vistas in a farther Sky, setting our feet upon the ways of Truth."

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Brother Marcian, C.S.C.

Remarks of Rev. Raymond B. Bourgoin, principal of Monsignor James Coyle High School, at the Solemn Requiem Mass for Brother Marcian, C.S.C., celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Taunton, Mass., Nov. 18, 1942.

Reverend Fathers, Dear Brothers, Students of the Coyle High School:

We have assembled in this church this morning to pay a Catholic tribute to a man who devoted his life to the cause of Catholic education. You did not know Brother Marcian; I did not know him; yet both you and I are his beneficiaries. It is altogether fitting that we of Coyle should honor this man who for six years gave to our school the benefit of his talents, his fine professional training and his life of religious devotion.

You did not know Brother Marcian but you do know his brothers in Religion. You meet them daily. They preside over your classes. They direct many of your school activities. They are men who bring to your classes not only a professional equipment of high degree but also a singleness of purpose that can come only from religious dedication. They left their homes, their families; they voluntarily relinquished the satisfactions that would come from a family life of their own. They not only spent years in academic effort that they might become professionally competent but, what is of even greater importance, they spent considerable time and effort in training themselves in spiritual accomplishment. Because of their religious dedication you have before you daily the example of men whose lives are lived with rigorous discipline; whose lives are characterized by complete self-sacrifice and unselfishness. All of this is done not for worldly gain or fame, all of this is done that they might become and remain fit instruments in the hands of God for the Christian education of youth. Their years of study, their years of spiritual preparation, their efforts, their prayers, their talents, their energy are all poured out that you may become worthy Catholic gentlemen. In short, their lives are being spent for you. Let us hope that you appreciate it.

Brother Marcian, then, was one of the Brothers of Holy Cross. His training was identical or at least similar to that of the Brothers whom you know. When the Coyle High School was only an empty building, he and his associates came here to give it form, direction and life. In cooperation with Father Gorman, the diocesan superintendent of schools, Brother Marcian directed the destinies of Coyle for six years during the all-important days of its beginnings. The courses of study which you follow, the activities in which you engage, the traditions which you cherish and the procedures with which you are familiar... all these were in large measure instituted and set in operation by the good Brother whose memory we honor this morning. While his funeral services are being conducted at the University of Notre Dame, we of Coyle today by this assembly make acknowledgement of our debt to Brother Marcian. We add the suffrage of our prayers to the offering of the Holy Sacrifice at which we have assisted that Almighty God, in Whose service Brother Marcian's life was spent, may speedily bestow upon him his eternal reward. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

