

Dedication

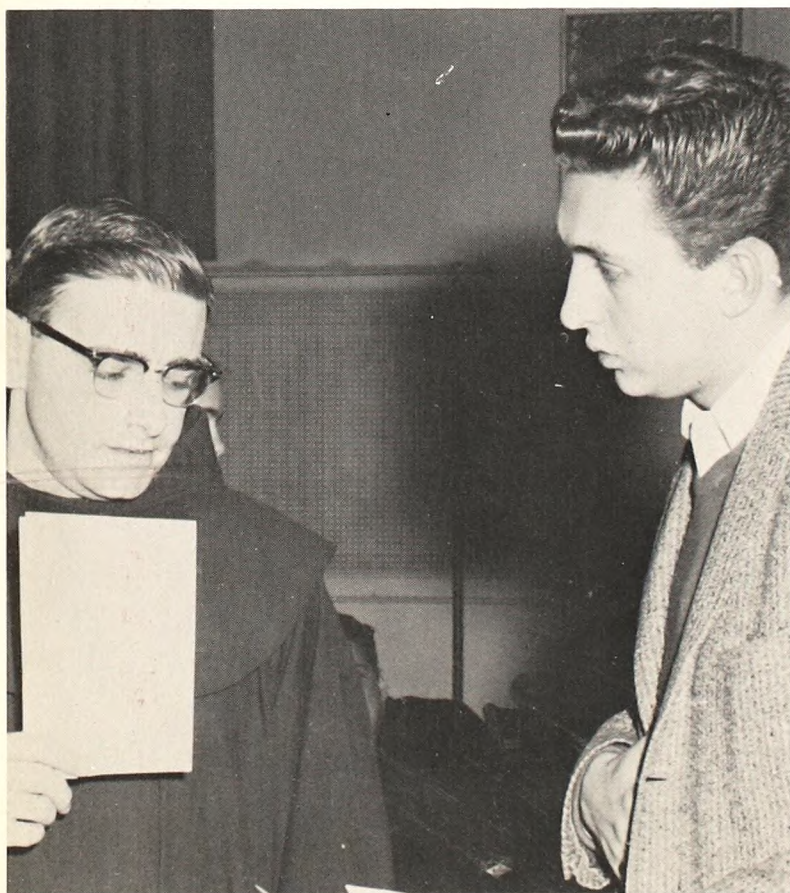


Brother Alexander, O.S.F.

THE CLASS OF 1961 has reached the fullness of its cycle here and moves on to the next. But another cycle which began with ours will continue long after we have gone and will renew itself with each new class.

Brother Alexander, O.S.F., became Registrar four years ago. Since then he has shown the true spirit of Franciscanism in all his dealings with the students. He has shown that a Franciscan Brother, dedicated to God and his fellow man, can fulfill a difficult and tedious job with efficiency, patience and understanding.

For his friendship and his guidance, for his labors for us and for all those who will follow us, in whatever capacity he may serve, we respectfully dedicate all the work, all the time, and all the satisfaction that are embodied in the 1961 *Franciscan* to Brother Alexander, O.S.F.



"THEOLOGY 301-2 IS DEFINITELY CLOSED!" . . . Serving in his capacity as Registrar, Brother Alexander expounds upon a well-known cliché of the registration cycle to a questioning Ronald Cianici.



TRYING MOMENTS such as this are not excluded from the duties of the Registrar. Brother Alexander checks over the spring term registration schedule. Intricate schedules, long hours and information-seeking students made a night's sleep much appreciated.



President's

Message

EXPRESSION COUNTS . . . Brother Urban realizes this while speaking to the Seniors in the Lounge. Brother's wisdom, foresight and loyalty are truly evident in his very apropos message below.

Dear Graduates:

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS to each of you on the success of the 1961 *Franciscan*. In selecting the theme *The Cycle of Education at St. Francis College* and having it permeate your yearbook, you have wrestled with a concept that has intrigued serious minds for centuries.

IT WAS THE CYCLE of the inundation of the Nile River that offered the Egyptians the basis of a primitive calendar. Confucius speculated on the phenomenon of the *cycle* of life. The regularity of the weather *cycle* inspired the first tillers of the soil.

IN CHAPTER 8, verses 4 to 16, St. Luke illustrates how Jesus used the clear and well understood *cycle* of farming as the basis for one of His most beautiful parables—"The Sower of the Seed", but the Divine Teacher notes that certain factors may interfere with the anticipated results.

RESPECTFULLY, to paraphrase the Gospel, the faculty are the sowers of the seeds of knowledge. As in the parable, it happens that some seed falls by the wayside, some falls among the rocks, some among thorns and some on good ground.

THE YOUNG MEN who were your classmates as undergraduates and are not your graduating companions may be represented as belonging to one of the first three groups. But even among you graduates, unfortunately, there may be a few in whom the seed of learning will not develop to its full potential.

MEDITATING on the possibilities that Christ cites in the Holy Gospel, we can conceive that in some of you the seed of knowledge may not develop fully because it will be devoured by the birds of materialism; some others may be choked by the thorns of modern skepticism and cynicism; some may fail because of lack of the moisture of sustained spiritual, educational and intellectual development.

IT IS THE FERVENT PRAYER of the sowers of the seeds of Franciscan Education, the Brothers and the lay faculty, that none of these unfortunate consequences will befall any of the class of 1961.

MAY GOD GRANT His blessings to each of you and may the seed of knowledge grow to full fruition that you may live well in this world and participate in the beatitude of Heaven for all eternity.

Sincerely yours,
Brother Urban, O.S.F.
President