

## Briefly

### Marianists celebrate

SAN FRANCISCO — The Marianists, who for many years taught in Santa Cruz, celebrated the 100th anniversary of service to the Church and to Christian education in California last Saturday (Oct. 13) at a special Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco. Officially known as the Society of Mary and popularly called the Brothers of Mary in the past, the Marianists arrived in California in August, 1884, and within days began to teach in Marysville and Stockton.

From 1928-1930, the Marianists taught at Holy Cross School in Santa Cruz until they were able to open the new Chaminade High School in east Santa Cruz in 1930. The school was named for the founder of the Society, Venerable William Joseph Chaminade. The Depression years were financially difficult for the school and its students and Chaminade closed in 1940. Later it was reopened as the postulate and novitate of the new Marianist Province of the Pacific in 1949. "Santa Cruz's Chaminade High graduated many civic, professional and business leaders," Brother John Samaha, S.M., said. "The school had drawn students from Felton to Watsonville. The active alumni association still holds an annual reunion."