A remnant of the Baghdadi Jesuits ten years after their expulsion from Baghdad gathered together at the first biennial reunion which was held in Detroit, Michigan during July 1979. The photo was taken by Sabah Tomina.
Activities at Baghdad College included watching the 1951 Fathers-Students thanksgiving day baseball game, trying to get past Fr. Kelly and onto the bus, waiting for the assembly to start, sleeping on the roof and playing basketball.
The 1954 spring brought a terrible flood to Baghdad and especially to Baghdad College. Water released north of the city flooded the desert area east of the sadda (dike) shown in the lower part of the picture, - the Tigris is seen in the upper part - thus surrounding B.C. The poor desert people brought their reed homes with them and moved onto the campus and along Baghdad College road.
Al-Hikma activities included seminars, surveying, taking final exams, playing backgammon and daily discussions.
Other Al-Hikma activities included mixing cement, testing its resistance and laying cornerstones for new buildings.
The four founders of Baghdad College who arrived in 1932

**Father William A. Rice**
- Born: Oct. 3, 1891
- Joined Jesuits: Aug. 14, 1911
- Ordained Priest: Aug. 27, 1925
- Arrived in Baghdad: March 9, 1932
- Years in Baghdad: 1932-1939
- Died: Feb. 28, 1946

**Father Edward F. Madaras**
- Born: Jan. 30, 1897
- Joined Jesuits: Sept. 1, 1916
- Ordained Priest: Aug. 27, 1929
- Arrived in Baghdad: March 9, 1932
- Years in Baghdad: 1932-46, 1946-67
- Died: Oct. 2, 1967 (buried in Baghdad)

**Father Edward J. Coffey**
- Born: Dec. 12, 1897
- Ordained Priest: Aug 24, 1929
- Arrived in Baghdad: July 27, 1932
- Years in Baghdad: 1932-1935
- Died: July 25, 1986

**Father John A. Mifsud (Miff)**
- Born: Dec. 7, 1895
- Joined Jesuits: Oct. 29, 1916
- Ordained Priest: July 29, 1929
- Arrived in Baghdad: late August/early September, 1932
- Years in Baghdad: 1932-46, 1948-64
- Died: Dec. 7, 1977
The author, Fr. MacDonnell spent eight years in Baghdad ('55-'58, '64-'69) teaching physics and mathematics at both Baghdad College and Al-Hikma. As physics teacher on Al-Hikma's pioneer faculty in 1956 he authored the first laboratory manuals and later on wrote several other books including Jesuit Geometers.

His degrees are from Boston College, Fordham and Colombia. He belongs to the Clavius Mathematical Research Group and is Professor of Mathematics at Fairfield University where he was voted Teacher of Year in 1986. He served as Trustee at Boston College for 14 years and as Consultor for the New England Province for 15 years.

Like many other Baghdadi Jesuits his interest in Baghdad was first stimulated by reading Fr. Madaras' periodical Al Baghdadi and then later enhanced by the persistent enthusiasm of alumni which is so evident in the biennial reunions organized by the B.J.A.A. The Baghdad Jesuit Alumni Association is energized by many alumni but especially through the generous efforts of Ramzi Hermiz, Dave Nona, Tahir Bazirgan and Waiel Hindo. The B.J.A.A. has many accomplishments, but Jesuits are especially proud of the genuine charity, intelligence and expertise their alumni displayed in getting massive amounts of food and medical supplies to desperate fellow Iraqis immediately after Desert Storm.