BROTHERS OF HOLY CROSS

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Brothers help create special spirit at Holy Cross Village

ucked between Holy Cross College, St. Mary's College, the University of Notre Dame and the St. Joseph River on 45 beautifully landscaped acres sits Holy Cross Village, a continuum of care community for senior living.

What began as an infirmary for aging brothers in the 1960s at Dujarié House, Holy Cross Village has become a first class retirement campus for the brothers and lay people in Notre Dame, Ind. Owned by the Brothers of Holy Cross and run by professional medical lay people, the Village is home to 250 residents.

Yet it is the brothers, retired as teachers, administrators, cooks and social workers, who bring the Holy Cross spirit to the residents in the Village while they themselves are in their 70s, 80s and even 90s.

The Village has a waiting list in its Future Residents' Club for one of the 154 independent living spaces, 46 assisted living apartments and 50 suites for skilled nursing care.

It was the vision of the late Brother William Geenen, (provincial 1994-2000) to create Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame for lay people and brothers as a multigenerational community with medical care and retirement opportunities. Thirty-eight villas were constructed for independent living, and 46 studio apartments at Schubert Villas were designed for assisted living. Riverside Place with 26 apartments was built in 2000 for independent housing.

Dujarié House, a long-term nursing health care center which includes the Quinn Memory Care Unit and a rehabilitation facility, was expanded in 2002 for 50 residents that includes lay people.

St. Joseph Chapel, with seating for 300 and shared with Holy Cross College, was built in 1966. André Place, a 90-unit independent living facility, was completed in 2006. Walking paths through beautifully landscaped grounds connect the facilities.



Brother Joseph Fox, rector of St. Joseph Chapel and religious director of Holy Cross Village Community, chats with a group of women playing mahjong at Holy Cross Village. The Village has an abundance of activities for the residents living on campus.

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Shared efforts of brothers and lay people give hope to future

Dear Family and Friends of the Brothers of Holy Cross,

Each year we make a special effort to recognize and thank all our donors. We have come to depend upon the generosity of those who place us among their giving priorities and we—all the brothers—are very grateful for all who share with us so faithfully.

I have been provincial for a little over a year, and I must admit that I am still learning so much more about the giftedness of those many brothers who have served for so long. Their faithfulness and example continue to inspire me. I am learning more about the breadth, depth and excellence of our many individual and corporate ministries. I am very proud of what the brothers have and continue to accomplish. And I am learning about the current needs of our brothers, most of them are older than I.

I am hopeful about our future because it is very much *our* future – a future that involves both the brothers and all of you. You have been and continue to be a part of our lives. For many years we served you, but now we are much better collaborators, fellow workers who share in combined efforts to build the Kingdom.

Thank you for joining with us as we serve God's people. Some join us through generous financial support, which we greatly appreciate. But for many of you, it is more than making a financial contribution. You have joined us in our spiritual and apostolic journey, remembering and living the

lessons that went beyond information to include formation based on the charism, values and traditions of the brothers. In education, Blessed Basil Moreau called it educating the heart as well as the mind.

Thank you for joining us on our journey toward holiness. Thank you for digging deeply to offer gifts



Brother Ken Haders, CSC

of financial support that allow us to take care of the needs of our brothers and to continue to be active in ministry. Thank you for being our collaborators and keeping alive many of the lessons we may have originally taught, but now continue equally well through your generous example and conformity to a set of values that have meant so much to the brothers and to you.

God bless you, and be assured of my prayers for you and for your family.

Your brother in Christ,

Brother Ken Haders, CSC

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Remembering our deceased brothers in your prayers

Brother James (John) Bluma, C.S.C.,

at the age of 91 died June 11, 2019 70 years of vowed religious life

Brother John (Herbert) Kuhn, C.S.C.,

at the age of 89 died June 14, 2019 70 years of vowed religious life

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Many of the brothers live among the residents and share meals, liturgies, prayer time or maybe a game of cards. They are a friendly face, a welcoming smile, a prayerful partner, a ride to a doctor's appointment, a listening ear.

Brother Joseph Fox has been the rector for St. Joseph Chapel for 25 years. He prepares for the liturgies held each evening and on Sunday mornings for the residents, the brothers on campus and students from Holy Cross College. He facilitates weddings, baptisms and funerals. Each morning Brother Joseph leads morning prayer in Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel in Schubert Villa. His active schedule belies his 84 years.

"After morning prayer, I like to have breakfast with the residents at Schubert Villa, by sitting at different tables and getting to know the folks," Brother Joseph said. "I have my evening meal at André Place, sometimes calling a resident to join me for dinner."

Brother Joseph also transforms the central table in the lobby of André Place with beautiful seasonal decorations to the delight of the residents and staff.

Making life at the Village unique is that the independent residents are encouraged to perform community service. In keeping with Holy Cross values, residents can help cook or serve one day a week at St. Augustine Kitchen, donate food to the Sister Maura Brannick, CSC Health Clinic and food pantry or deliver Meals on Wheels.

Before moving to Holy Cross Village to become the religious superior for the brothers requiring full-time medical care, Brother Carlos Parrilla served as the Director of Hispanic Community for the Diocese of Charleston, S.C., was involved in prison ministry, was the



Residents play a game of cards on the covered porch of the new Brother Thomas Shaughnessy, CSC Skilled Nursing & Therapy addition to Dujarié House, a long-term care and rehabilitation facility on the campus of Holy Cross Village.

vocation director for the brothers and was campus minister at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. He exchanged his role as an advocate for the Hispanic population to become an advocate for brothers now needing long-term medical assistance. He is the liaison between the province and the brothers in the infirmary who now reside at Schubert Villa or Dujarié House. Currently there are eight brothers needing this type of care.

Brother Carlos, at 76 years old, along with Brother Frederick Raehsler at 85, work in tandem in supporting these brothers by visiting with them on a regular basis and being in contact with their medical personnel. Brother Fred retired after years of working as a nurse and a physician's assistant, as well as being on the faculty at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Yet, an important part of their day is just intermingling with the residents by participating at liturgies, guiding their wheelchairs to the dining hall and joining them at meals.

"You begin to form a connection with the residents when you see them on a daily basis," Brother Carlos said.

"We become like a family. It becomes natural."

The brothers continue to use the talents that served them so well in the classroom or in their vocation.

Brother Lewis Brazil, a former music teacher, directs a jazz band that performs twice a year for the residents. The popular concerts are held in St. Joseph Chapel and Geenen Hall at André Place. Brother Lewis, at 79 years old is the director of health care and aging for the brothers and was the first resident service coordinator at Holy Cross Village, visiting with new residents in the hospital and making sure they are doing well.

Many of the residents enjoy the beautiful gardens that Brother Tom Rock, at 86 years old, still maintains. And Brother John McMuldren coordinates monthly dinners at a local restaurant for the residents.

"We came into the religious life as young men and we were formed to a set of ideals," Brother Carlos said. "We were nurtured all of our lives to keep those ideals going. We still have those real ideals. Some of us just feel young."

Annual Report July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Responding to needs of others our mission remains the same

By Brother Roy Smith, CSC

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT-MIDWEST PROVINCE

I am writing to you on this late summer day to thank you for your kind generosity. We ask you again for your help because we believe in our mission and we are encouraged by your steadfast support.

In July 2019, members of our congregation from around the world gathered in Rome to determine the future structure of our community. But the reality is that no matter the structure, our mission remains the same: responding to the needs of others through ministries which educate both the minds and hearts of those we serve in ways that will create a better future.

A 1970s graduate from one of our schools recently wrote and bemoaned the fact that only one Holy Cross Brother remained in teaching at his former high school. What is significant though, is that the spirit of Holy Cross and that of our founder Blessed Basil Moreau, still permeates the school.

No matter the ministry, our common values in Holy Cross (trust in Divine Providence, compassion, courage to take risks, family spirit, promotion of justice) need to be a part of our work and of your work.

During the year, July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, we had 694 donors who gave a total of \$459,107.81.



Brother Roy Smith, CSC

We appreciate your support of our mission, wherever we try to live out the values of Holy Cross. We believe in our mission, and we thank you for supporting us.

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-Richard Hesse

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reached retirement, I felt a desire to give back by contributing to the annual fund to help with their care and security. Then, during a recent visit to Notre Dame, I had the opportunity to tour Holy Cross Village. Seeing the great work that the brothers are doing in the area of elder care gave me another reason to support the annual fund."

John Lang Cathedral High School, Class of 1960



Brother Roy Smith and John Lang look over some of the archives for the Brothers of Holy Cross in Notre Dame, Ind. John shared stories with many of the brothers residing there, toured the campus and visited Holy Cross Village this past summer.

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Brother Robert Lavelle defines his calling as a brother in a new way

from your calling.

These words of former University of Notre Dame president Father Edward "Monk" Malloy resonated with Brother Robert Lavelle when he retired in 2015 as headmaster of Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio, having served the academy in that position for 36 years.

ou may retire from a position, but you never retire

Today, instead of greeting young boys and girls at the doors of Gilmour, Brother Robert, just shy of 80 years old, greets the men and women from their "homes," where they are camping under the bridges, in the bushes and the dark alleys. And instead of handing these students, filled with hope for a bright future, a diploma at commencement, he offers a bag of food to a nameless man or woman, unsure of what tomorrow may bring. And just as he was called through his vocation as an educator to listen to his students, faculty, parents and board members, he is now called as a brother to listen with compassion to the stories of these street people.

Brother Robert joined St. Edward High School, his alma mater (1958), in starting the Labre Ministry, now in its second year. Up to 15 students make bags of food and go out in vans every Thursday night along with faculty, staff and Brother Robert to meet with the homeless at more than 14 locations around Cleveland. Working with an outreach program that helps identify where people are, the group arrives at a certain time each week and engages in conversation, learning names and finding out what individuals might need, such as clothing and blankets.

"We befriend the homeless, and we try to engage the students in understanding that there are people who live in this environment," Brother Robert said. "At some point in their life they may be in the position to help determine how these persons are helped, whether they are serving on a board or whatever, we tell them to remember that you represent all these



Brother Robert Lavelle (second from right) meets with students and faculty from St. Edward High School as they prepare to go out on the streets of Cleveland through the Labre Ministry.



Brother Robert Lavelle (right) talks with Jim Schlecht, a professional outreach worker in Cleveland. Brother Robert often accompanies students and faculty from St. Edward High School with the Labre Ministry.

people, even though they don't have the same advantages in life."

Another program Brother Robert is involved with is

Metanoia, which means "a change of heart."

"Mentanoia is a 501C3 shelter group that provides shelter for people who are afraid to go to the organized shelters," Brother Robert said. "For whatever reason they don't feel safe. This group welcomes guests between Nov. 15 and April 15 on the weekends and any night that the temperature falls below 30 degrees."

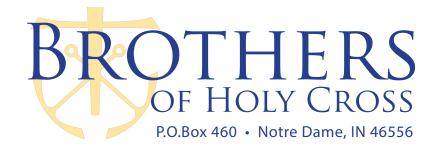
Brother Robert has helped the group with fundraising and serving the needs of the guests. The group is housed partially at St. Malachi's on the West Side of Cleveland and a church on West 99th and Denison. They hope to install a laundry facility so they can wash the blankets each night.

As part of the province leadership team, Brother Robert serves as assistant provincial for the Brothers of Holy Cross Midwest Province. He assists with mission and ministry in the province, which includes six high schools in the United States and one in Ghana. He serves on the board of three high schools—Archbishop Hoban, St. Ed's and Holy Trinity—as well as Holy Cross College.

He also is working with a small group to open an opioid recovery house on the East Side of Cleveland. It will serve as a safe shelter for people who have gone through detox and need a supportive community.

Brother Robert also serves as chairman of the Holy Cross Village Foundation board. Meeting several times a year, the board decides how best to use the funds the foundation raises to enhance the living atmosphere for the residents.

Brother Robert resides at Gilmour and in his active "retirement" he still hears the call to serve others—whether it be on the streets of Cleveland, the senior residents in Indiana or the Brothers of Holy Cross around the world, he continues to answer God's call.



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