

Brothers

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Brothers of Holy Cross

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Holy Cross College: Maintaining the Vision and Mission of an Heroic Heritage

From my student days at Holy Cross College until today, we have always adapted to the changing needs of our students, the local community and the Church. Such willing change reflects our vitality and hope in the future. We change as we grow, but we always remain faithful to our founding vision and mission.

*Brother Robert Livernois, C.S.C.
Faculty Forum President*



Aerial view of Holy Cross College

In the midst of the harsh winter of 1842, seven Holy Cross Religious (Frères Anselm, Francis Xavier, Gatien, Joachim, Lawrence, Vincent and Père Sorin) arrived just north of South Bend, Indiana. They arrived with a shared vision and mission: They would found a college. They would be educators of the heart as well as the mind. Some times were difficult, but they and their successors continue to succeed.

Such were the humble beginnings of the University Notre Dame du Lac and, virtually, the beginning of 162 years of faith-filled, committed ministry by the Brothers of Holy Cross in the United States.

In the balmy beginning of the autumn of 1966, seven Holy Cross Brothers (John Benesh, John Driscoll, Bernard Donahoe, Robert Ducharme, Benoit Frigon, James Moroney and Richard

Sitar) arrived at the newly built Brothers Center just north of South Bend and adjacent to the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. The brothers arrived with a shared vision and mission:

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Such were the humble beginnings of Holy Cross College and the continuation of 162 years of faith-filled, committed ministry by the Brothers of Holy Cross in the United States.

Today, thirty-eight years later, the campus of Holy Cross College is all but unrecognizable to those who gathered for its dedication in 1966. That should be no surprise to the family and friends of Holy Cross. It is in keeping with our trust in Providence—a trust imparted by our founder, Basil Moreau.

*Welcome to Holy Cross...
Nuestra casa es su casa.*

*Brother John Driscoll, C.S.C.
Founding President*

Then (Autumn 1966)

Holy Cross *Junior* College officially consisted of one small brick building comprised of a library, three classrooms, science lab, auditorium, lounge and woefully limited office space. The wee campus was dotted with shrub shoots and sapling trees. The administration and faculty of brothers ministered to a student body consisting of an eager, if meager, thirty scholastic brothers and brother postulants. The purpose of the Holy Cross *Junior* College was then to educate young men (Brothers), through a sound foundation in the liberal arts, to minister — primarily as educators in the faith — to the people of God. Holy Cross *Junior* College would educate in the faith; educate the heart as well as the mind; educate as our Lord and brother, Jesus, educated.

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Provincial Message

Brother Donald Gibbs resigned as provincial of the Midwest Province in October 2002. I take this opportunity to express our gratitude to him for his generous service to the province during his tenure as provincial and for the contribution he made to the development of the Brothers of Holy Cross in the province and in our district of West Africa. I assure him of our prayers as he begins a new stage in his commitment to God and to the Church.

Shortly after my appointment as provincial I visited our religious in Ghana, West Africa. I returned to the United States filled with sentiments of gratitude and hope for our community in that country. The twelve men in temporary vows and the four novices possess a healthy sense of the religious life and are filled with such a conviction of the mission of the Brothers of Holy Cross that one knows the Brothers in Ghana are there to stay. It is clear that the elders in the community laid a strong foundation for these men and for the ministry in the country. The leadership under the district superior, Brother Michael Amakyi, has created an extremely positive relationship in the towns and dioceses where the Brothers minister. We can all look with pride at what is happening in Ghana and to the bright future Holy Cross is creating for itself through the commitment, dedication and generous service of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Another area of growth in the province is Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, Indiana. From its beginnings in 1966 under the direction of Brother John Driscoll to the present day the college has grown and today it makes a significant contribution to the community in the South Bend area. Much of the college's development is due to the current president, Brother Richard Gilman. The addition of the four-year liberal arts baccalaureate degree program continues the Brothers' tradition of educating minds and hearts.

The Brothers thank you for your support in our ministries. Your help continues to play an important part in this success and growth. May God continue to bless you and let us continue to pray for more men and women to serve as religious of Holy Cross.

Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C.,
Provincial

Development Advisory Council Formed

Historically, the brothers, as faculty in various schools, did not receive any income other than what was absolutely necessary to sustain them as individuals and as a community at that institution. The remainder was invested back into the school for lay teacher salaries and curriculum which immensely benefitted the students, parents and dioceses.

Recognizing the long-term needs of the brothers, decreasing vocations and the reduced number working to support those who no longer could, the June 1994 Chapter authorized the formation of a Development Office.

The office first began soliciting financial support in 1995 and since then has raised approximately \$13 million of which \$3.9 million has been used to add 24 units to and renovate Dujarie House, a 36-bed comprehensive care facility, and \$4.3 million for a 16-unit assisted living facility. An additional \$2 million was used to develop the infrastructure for Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. "The Village" now encompasses a 26-unit apartment building, 28 single-family villas, 6 duplexes and 1 fourplex with a total of 81 residents including 31 brothers.

The funds raised to date, however, do not begin to cover the brothers' long term needs for retirement, health care and unfunded ministries. The disparity between working and retired brothers continues to widen, necessitating a comprehensive review of future financial needs. A Development Advisory Council has been formed to study the future financial needs of the brothers with the mission of assisting the Provincial in identifying the specific needs, prioritizing those needs and developing a strategy to meet those needs. The committee has met three times and recommended to the Provincial that a feasibility study be conducted to determine the probability of a successful major capital campaign. That study is currently in process. The findings and recommended course of action will be reported to the Chapter meeting in June for the province members' deliberation and action.



Sankofa

St. John's School Celebrates 50 years

On Saturday, November 30, St. John's School, in Sekondi, Ghana celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a grand durbar held on the school football field. Hundreds of visitors, including "old boys" (past students) of St. John's, came from all over the country to participate in this gala celebration. This durbar, or grand



Brother Joseph Annan, headmaster, speaking at the Jubilee celebration.

reception, was the highlight of several weeks of events celebrating the school's impressive history and contribution to Christian education of youth in the country. Prior to the durbar, the school cadets performed on the school parking lot with the Ghana Navy Band in attendance. Later, a bust of the school founder, Archbishop William Porter, was unveiled.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Kofi Blay, head of the Department of Sociology at Delaware State University and former student of St. John's School. Other guests included Odeneho Gyapong Ababio, president of the Ghana House of Chiefs, the Minister of Education, Professor Christopher Ameyaw-Ekumfi, Brother Eduardo Michalik, C.S.C., one of the first Brothers of Holy Cross to go to Ghana, Brother

William Gates, C.S.C., a long time member of the District of West Africa, and Brother Raymond Papenfuss, C.S.C., mission promoter for the Midwest Province and former faculty member of St. John's School.

The headmaster of St. John's School, Brother Joseph Annan, C.S.C., summarized the school's accomplishments over the past 50 years and encouraged the old boys to become more involved in the restoration of the school. He said that over the past two years great improvements have been made but that there is still more to be accomplished. A top priority is the construction of a computer center for the school.

A verse from the school song highlighted the sentiments of the day: "In our studies give us wisdom, in sports good health and joy. In daily life give us discipline and respect for all life."

The following day, Sunday, December 1, the Most Reverend John Martin Darko, Bishop of Sekondi-Takoradi, was the celebrant and homilist at a Mass of Thanksgiving in the school assembly hall for the students and old boys of St. John's School.

Shortly after the Jubilee Celebrations the District Chapter opened on December 16th. The Chapter was held at the Blessed Brother Andre Novitiate at Brafuyaw — at the District Center. Sr. Helene Sharp, C.S.C., a Sister of the Holy



St. John's School Administration Building and Chapel

Cross who ministers in Kasoa, in the Central Region of Ghana, moderated the Chapter. Brother Michael Amakyi, C.S.C. was elected to a third term as District Superior during the course of the Chapter.

Final Profession of Vows

Saturday, December 28, in Adiembra, Brother Kenneth Kuditani, C.S.C., made his perpetual commitment as a



Jubilee Gate at the entrance to St. John's School.

Brother of Holy Cross. St. John Baptist Church experienced a joyous celebration as the crowd of nearly 1,000 sang continuously throughout the three and one-half hour celebration. Hymns were heard in English, Fanti and Dagarti. The Bishop of Sekondi-Takoradi, Most Reverend Martin Darko, presided over the liturgy and preached the homily. Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C., provincial of the Midwest Province, received Brother Kenneth's

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Such was the college's vision and mission. Such was the ambition of Holy Cross College.

Ambition. That is what is different about Holy Cross... We are filled with ambition; we have grown to be strong and confident. We're eager to step out and take new risks and assume new responsibilities. We have reached that wonderful age when we've gained maturity but haven't lost vitality.

*Brother Richard Gilman, C.S.C.
President of Holy Cross College*

Now (Spring 2003)

What a difference nearly two score years makes: Holy Cross College has more than kept tempo with the maturation of the campus flora. Like those first shoots and saplings — now well-rooted, sturdy flora of flourishing shrubs and shade trees — Holy Cross College continues to develop with the exuberant hope and tempered wisdom of its Boards of Directors and Trustees.

Holy Cross College's campus has more than quadrupled since its foundation. It now comprises over fifteen classrooms; two adjacent computer rooms; state-of-the-art science labs; a learning (writing and math) resource center; gym; workout room; expanded library; spacious lounges; tennis courts and a dining hall which offers an uncommonly healthful and tasty fare. Too, the overflow capacity of residents has necessitated the current construction of the college's fifth student residence.

Now a coeducational, residential school, the Holy Cross College community consists of over 500 students

from across the country and around the world with a faculty, staff and administration of nearly ninety. (Yes, there is still a strong Holy Cross Religious presence: In addition to two scholastic brothers from Ghana and priest and brother

postulants pursuing their studies, eleven Holy Cross Brothers, three Holy Cross Sisters and six Holy Cross Priests minister in virtually every facet of the college.) Too, the extensive community education program brings scores of non-

credit students from Holy Cross Village and the greater South Bend area for courses ranging from introduction to the computer and foreign languages to wine-tasting and calligraphy.

As its facilities and population continue to grow,

the college's strong sense of community is translated into ministry by students and faculty volunteering their time and talents both at the college and in the larger community. Indeed, the college has often been recognized for its active involvement with a host of social service agencies.

There's an old saying that the only constant is change... What hasn't changed is the emphasis on the students as individuals, and on excellence in teaching.

Brother James Leik, C.S.C.

Founding (and current) Faculty Member

Tomorrow (21st Century)

During its thirty-eight year history, the Holy Cross College community has



Brother Richard Gilman, C.S.C.
President of Holy Cross College

sent thousands of young men and women forth — educated in heart and mind — with their associate of arts degrees to pursue careers or baccalaureate degrees. Such was the vision and mission of the college since its foundation. Such it remains.

Yet, as with every vibrant community, change is a constant at Holy Cross College. Brother Richard Gilman, C.S.C., president of Holy Cross College, recently announced that, having gained accreditation by both the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, the college will initiate a four-year liberal arts baccalaureate degree program during the 2003-2004 academic year. In announcing this latest endeavor by the college, Brother Richard stated, "We are firmly rooted in the traditions of the Brothers of Holy Cross. This is a natural outgrowth of those traditions."

It is expected that most students will continue attending Holy Cross College with the intention of transferring to other four-year schools with a wider selection of baccalaureate programs. With that in mind, the college continues to plan for an ever-enhancing experience for those students. It is also expected, however, that some current students, as well as transfer students, will elect to seek the unique cohort model, interdisciplinary Holy Cross College baccalaureate degree.

Whether pursuing a two-year or a four-year degree, future students at Holy Cross College can be certain their experience will be one in which their minds and hearts will be engaged. It's a Holy Cross tradition.



Vincent Hall Atrium, Holy Cross College

Sankofa

Final Profession of Vows

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vows. The Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was Brother Joseph Annan, C.S.C., Headmaster of St. John's Secondary School, Sekondi. The celebration was opened with a welcome from the District Superior, Brother Michael Amakyi, C.S.C.

After the liturgy at St. John Baptist Church, everyone went to the Holy Cross Skills Project at Anaji, where Brother Kenneth is the director, to dedicate the new buildings and enjoy the reception in Brother Kenneth's honor. During the reception drumming and dancing was provided by a large group of Dagarti men and women from Wa, a city in Northern Ghana, Brother Kenneth's home area.



Brother Robert Fillmore, provincial, receiving Brother Kenneth Kunditani's perpetual profession.

Brother James Van Dyke Counsels the Incarcerated

Brother James Van Dyke spends a lot of time in jail, and other brothers think he belongs there. Since 1986, Brother James has worked in the criminal justice system as an attorney, an administrator of a court services department, and as a combination chaplain, counselor, program developer and advocate. Currently employed by the Correctional Services Department of The Salvation Army in Chicago, Brother James has a flexible job description: to assess the needs of incarcerated men and women, their families, and the criminal court system, and to devise ways of meeting those needs.

Brother James finds inspiration for his work in Romans 12: 2, which reads, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." As a Brother of Holy Cross, he offers not just human services that might improve



Brother James Van Dyke

lives, but the possibility of transformation leading to perfection in and through Christ. All people stand in need of this transformation; those in the criminal justice system simply reveal the need in more obvious ways.

Brother James spends much of his time in and around Cook County (IL) jail, which houses approximately 11,000 detainees on any given day. Another weekly stop is Stateville Penitentiary, a maximum security facility about 40 miles from Chicago. Other jails and prisons in northern Illinois are visited on a less regular

basis. Brother James gains initial access to these institutions through his status as a chaplain, providing such traditional services as leading prayer and bible study groups, offering spiritual counseling, and helping to deal with issues (such as family problems) reaching beyond prison walls. He also acts as a pen pal to a few dozen inmates who request that type of contact.

While spirituality might motivate and fuel inmates' efforts to change their lives, they also need practical skills and help in changing attitudes and behaviors. Incarcerated men and women are more likely than others to have educational deficiencies and substance abuse issues. Working with a multi-disciplinary team, Brother James serves as an administrator and teacher in the Life Learning Program (LLP) at the county jail. The LLP provides spiritual, educational, and life skills classes, as well as self-help and substance abuse recovery groups, to voluntary participants in the five-month

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program. Graduates can continue into a second phase, for which brother currently is designing programming. The LLP serves as a model for the collaborative effort that makes possible a more complete and cohesive program than any one agency or service group can provide on its own.

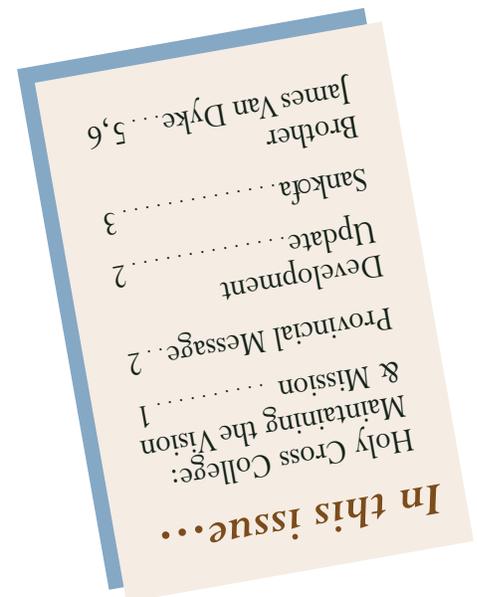
When not working with incarcerated people, Brother James offers services related to those approaching sentencing, such as proposing alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders. His experience in having designed and implemented Cook County's Drug Treatment Courts, which combine judicial sanctions with mandated treatment, provides a perspective from which he proposes sentences that protect public safety while addressing problems

underlying criminal behavior. Such alternative sentences are less costly and more effective than incarceration. Brother also serves on a committee bringing together legal, medical, law enforcement and mental health professionals to address family and domestic violence. A number of times yearly Brother James addresses training sessions and conventions of professional groups regarding needs and trends within the criminal justice system.

A developing part of brother's ministry is creating services for people being released from jail or prison. Many Americans are aware that the prison population now numbers more than two million people; fewer realize that thousands are released each year and need to be reintegrated into society or else risk re-offending (at rates as high as 60% for some age groups). Brother James is working with others

to juggle scarce resources to supply job placement and housing, critical needs for people starting fresh, particularly if they must distance themselves from past environments and lifestyles. In a related vein, brother is creating a support group format for former offenders going through reintegration.

Romans 12, quoted above, goes on to say in verse 5, "...we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another." This simple truth underlies Brother James's ministry. The Body of Christ embraces all, on both sides of a prison wall.



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