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Brothers

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Brothers Celebrate 13 Jubilarians

This edition of BROTHERS features jubilarians, celebrating their 50th, 60th, and 75th anniversary year of first professing vows as a Brother of Holy Cross. We celebrate with them their faith-filled commitment to the Congregation of Holy Cross, the Church, and the broader society within which they witness and minister.



Brother Chester Freel,
C.S.C., Provincial Superior

Our Constitutions begin with these words: "Come Follow me." It was the Lord Jesus calling us." This vocation of being a religious brother is "a concrete way of working" with fellow Christians "for the spread of the gospel and with all for the development of a more just and human society." (Constitution 1:7)

As you read the short bio-statements of these brothers, you gain an appreciation for how each has lived his commitment made those many years ago when first professing vows. Even though there are thirteen different life-stories depicted in these pages, each brother describes responding to the same vocational calling and reflects upon what religious brotherhood has meant to him. In prayer, community, and ministry each of our jubilarians, even to this day, identifies the joy and meaningfulness found in remaining open and faithful to the Lord's call.

You may note in the sketches that seven of the brothers currently reside and minister at Holy Cross Village. The Village is a more recently established ministry of the brothers in which we participate and live in community with lay residents. Holy Cross Village provides continuing care retirement services for seniors of all faiths and backgrounds. The Village offers independent living apartments and villas, as well as assisted living and skilled nursing care settings.

We last highlighted news of the Village in the March 2008 edition of BROTHERS. Included in this month's newsletter is an update of activities at Holy Cross Village relating to some leadership changes as the Village prepares for a new round of growth and development.

I hope that as you read about the Province's mission, and the brothers' presence in the Village, you can sense that regardless of age or ministry, our brothers remain active sharing their lives with others, wherever they may find themselves. Please join with me in celebrating the anniversaries of these thirteen men saying yes to God's invitation: "Come Follow me." We thank them for their concrete examples of faithful commitment and service to all with whom they minister, past and present.

St. André Bessette, Pray for us.

Brother Chester Freel, CSC

Celebrate JUBILEES THIS JUNE

The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross will honor thirteen Brothers who are celebrating a 75th, 60th or 50th jubilee of religious vows on Saturday, June 18. The Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Basilica on the campus of the University of Notre Dame at 2:00 p.m. Following the Mass there will be a dinner for invited guests in the North Dining Hall.

The group of thirteen jubilarians include a former provincial, six who have served in the missions, seven residents of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, three staff members of Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio, eleven former or present teachers, a Physician's Assistant, nurse, farmer, Ave Maria Press worker, housekeeper, high school yearbook and newspaper moderator,

Fulbright scholar, cook, social worker, psychologist, boys home director, and three who have served in the U.S. Army or Navy. Joining the jubilarians will be Brothers of Holy Cross from the province and around the world along with friends and relatives.

Rev. David T. Tyson, C.S.C., Provincial of the Indiana Province will be the celebrant and homilist. Brother Chester Freel, C.S.C., Provincial of the Midwest Brothers' Province, will accept the brothers' renewal of vows. Music for the celebration will be arranged and directed by Brother Daniel Kane, C.S.C. of Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio. Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C. of Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, Indiana, is coordinating the event.

Seventy-Five Years as a Brother of Holy Cross

Br. Camillus Kirsch, C.S.C.



Brother Camillus Kirsch, 95, is currently the longest-serving Brother in the Midwest Province. William Kirsch attended Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Brother Camillus has fond memories of the Brothers who were on the faculty while he was a student. It was Principal Brother William Mang who William first told of his intention of becoming a Brother. Brother William had William Kirsch for geometry when he was a sophomore.

William's parents, Ludwig and Louise, were

delighted to learn their son was interested in becoming a Brother of Holy Cross. William entered the Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin, on Memorial Day 1934. He received the habit on August 15, 1935, and began his novitiate year at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. He made first vows on August 16, 1936.

Brother Camillus studied at the University of Notre Dame for four years and graduated with a degree in Arts and Letters in 1940. After a year at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Indiana, Brother Camillus spent two years of graduate study, one at Notre Dame and one at the University of Chicago.

Next would be an assignment to Father Gibault Home for Boys in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he would serve, except for a year and

a half, from 1943-1972. During those 27 and-a-half years he worked in many capacities including: Assistant Field Director, Assistant Director, and faculty member. During those years he served a year at Boyssville of Michigan and a half-year at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

From 1972 until December of 1985 he served as a Psychiatric Social Worker at Central State Hospital in Indianapolis. From 1988-1997 Camillus was Assistant Chaplain at Americana Nursing Home in Indianapolis. He lived, retired in his family home in Indianapolis from 1986-1988 and from 1997-2000. In the year 2000 Brother Camillus moved to Columba Hall at Notre Dame, Indiana, for five years before moving to Holy Cross Village.

Sixty Years as a Brother of Holy Cross

Br. Donald J. Allen, C.S.C.



Brother Donald was one of seven children born to Alfred and Cecilia Allen March 22, 1926, in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Catholic elementary schools in Chicago and Winnetka, Illinois and graduated

from St. Joseph Grammar School in Wilmette, Illinois.

At New Trier High School in Winnetka he was more interested in sports than academics and decided to join the Navy before his graduation in March of 1944. Most of his time in the Navy was in the South Pacific where he served as an aviation machinist mate. He took advantage of the GI Bill to attend Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from Michigan State University, East Lansing,

Michigan, with a BS and MS in Zoology with a minor in statistics.

Donald joined the Brothers in 1950. After taking vows in 1951 he began a career covering over 25 assignments including those in East Pakistan, Ghana, Liberia, and Israel.

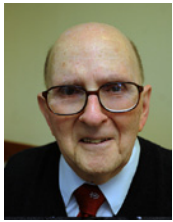
Brother Donald's first assignment was at Vincentian Institute in Albany, New York, for a semester. This was followed by assignments at Catholic Central in Monroe, Michigan, and St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach, California. Most of the courses he taught over the years were biology, mathematics, physics and religious education. In 1976 he earned an MA in religion from Boston College.

After taking final vows he taught at St. Gregory High School in Dhaka then East Pakistan and now Bangladesh. After three years in Dhaka he was transferred to St. John's School in Secondi, Ghana, for four years with a group

of Brothers who were starting a mission there. In 1961 he studied biology at Notre Dame. In 1962 he went to St. Patrick School in Monrovia, Liberia, where he was principal and religious superior for two years. In 1964 he returned to St. John's in Ghana for four more years.

In 1968 he studied at the University of Notre Dame, then taught at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, Illinois, (twice); St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio; St. Patrick High School, Monrovia, Liberia; studied at Boston College, Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois, (four); Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, (twice); Holy Family High School, Ashland, Kentucky, and Mater Ecclesiae Center, Tiberius, Israel. Brother Donald has been living at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, since 2007.

Br. Philip C. Armstrong, C.S.C.



Born in South Bend to James E. and Marion Armstrong in 1932 and educated by Holy Cross Sisters and Brothers, I joined the congregation immediately after high school.

After the novitiate year I studied at Notre Dame, and then taught in Lakewood, Ohio, and Austin, Texas, before my assignment to Boyssville of Michigan nearly ten years there including four years as the director of the

institution.

Asked to go to Ghana in West Africa, I spent thirteen years teaching in three schools, including the diocesan minor seminary, where I was rector for four of my six years there.

In 1997 I was elected provincial of the Midwest Province, and in 1986 was elected to the general council of the congregation. Following my six years in that role I was asked to write a biography of the first brother provincial, Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer. That first attempt spawned several others, among which were short histories of the province and the District of West Africa, and a book about

choosing alternative mysteries to accompany the recitation of the rosary.

Three forms of ministry—teaching, administration and writing—have offered me much opportunity to learn as you give; doing so in the context of the religious life in Holy Cross has enriched the experience in ways I could never have anticipated. As I celebrate sixty years of vowed life I grow even more grateful to God for the opportunity to serve, and hope I have brought at least some brightness to the corners of the world I was privileged to influence.

Br. Thomas J. Dillman, C.S.C.



At age 22, I had completed three years of university studies in Engineering, and had a reasonable social life. I happened to read Thomas Merton's *Seven Story Mountain*. Suffice to say, this served as a significant

turning point in my life, and in January, 1950 I entered the postulate at Watertown, Wisconsin.

I entered the novitiate in August, 1950, at Rolling Prairie, Indiana. It is only in retrospect I realize how austere our novitiate program was as compared to today's standards.

I studied at St. Edward's University and continued there in General Engineering studies toward that degree. After 1½ years, with degree in hand, I was assigned to teach at Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, in January, 1952.

Following Final Vows in August, 1954,

I went to Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. During the next 13 years I would teach the Industrial Science classes: Woodworking and Metalworking and Mechanical Drawing, along with Math. I was also Director of Maintenance and bus driver for athletic events.

From September–December 1968 I was the Novice Master and director of Aspirants at the Holy Cross Brothers' Center at Notre Dame. In less than three months, we had a new provincial and procedural changes. The novices were moved to the Novitiate in Valatie, New York, and I was really happy to be released from an extremely challenging role involving experimentation and a new *modus operandi* in the formation program.

After enrichment studies in Theology at Notre Dame I accepted Brother Charles Krupp's request to go to Monrovia, Liberia, to teach math/science at St. Patrick's High School. For the next 42 years I would be a Holy Cross

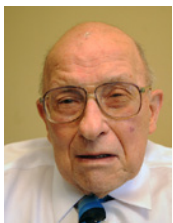
missionary. There is no way to describe the myriad of unfolding events and experiences in my 28 years of ministry in Liberia.

In April, 1966, an open conflict resulted among the four different rebel factions erupted in an inner-city civil war in Monrovia, thus closing down all schools, from which the archbishop decided not to reopen St. Patrick's, deciding to opt for a new polytechnic school.

With the closing of St. Patrick's, I was assigned to live with the Holy Cross community in Ghana. There I opted to write math textbooks for the senior high school program in Catholic schools in Liberia.

I am editor of our District quarterly newsletter: HOLY CROSS TODAY-GHANA. I also am House Director of our Holy Cross Community at St. Augustine's College, Cape Coast. All things considered, it has been a wonderful 60 years living out my vocation as a Brother of Holy Cross, more than half of which has been here in West Africa.

Br. John C. Dobrogowski, C.S.C.



John Dobrogowski was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1925 and is the second of three Brothers celebrating sixty years of vows this year to have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Following his graduation from Lincoln High School in Milwaukee he joined the Navy in 1943. Fresh out of high school he was sent to radio school in Farragut, Idaho. For the next two years he would serve as a Radioman 3 in New Guinea, Japan, Hawaii and the Philippines.

His call to become a Brother would take another four years. John would repair electronic dictating equipment for a year, test and assemble

thermostats for another year and then work for Master Lock Co. as a shipping clerk and laborer for two years. He entered the juniorate at Watertown, Wisconsin, September 4, 1949.

Following his novitiate year he would begin college at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. As was the custom at the time, he taught at St. Edward's High School located on the university campus.

His first assignment was at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis for six years. Brother John then joined the faculty at Fr. Gibault School for Boys in Terre Haute, Indiana, for a year before being made director and superior for five years. His next two assignments would be a year at Bishop David High School in Louisville, Kentucky, and two years at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois.

In 1969 Brother John moved West to Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California, in an attempt to find relief in a warm climate for knee problems he was having. He would remain there for 37 years as a member of the faculty, staff and as a library volunteer the last five years. Rumor has it the real reason Brother went to Sherman Oaks to fulfill his passion of seeing the latest film.

In November 2006, he would move to Schubert Villa/Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, Indiana.

Brother John Dobrogowski has the reputation of being one of the "puniest" Brothers we have. His one liners have become legendary among the Brothers.

Br. Robert S. Ludwig, C.S.C.



Robert Ludwig was born March 9, 1925, in the farming community of Avon, Minnesota. Robert was the third of 12 children, 5 boys and 7 girls born to Peter and Lucia Ludwig, Garrison Keillor on his 35th

anniversary broadcast of his radio variety show, *A Prairie Home Companion*, referred to Avon as being “about as close to Lake Wobegone as you can get.”

Robert joined the United States Army in 1946 and was part of the Occupation Force stationed in Tokyo, Japan, until September of 1947. Prior to joining Holy Cross Robert was involved in family farming in Minnesota. He entered Sacred Heart Juniorate, Watertown, Wisconsin, September 5, 1949, with the

intention of working as a farmer.

Following his novitiate year and First Vows, Brother Robert worked at Silver Lake Farm in Rolling, Prairie, Indiana, for two years and then to the farm at St. Charles Home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. From 1954–1957 he would return to Watertown to tend the farm. He then served a year working at St. Joseph Farm, Granger, Indiana.

For the next seven years he would care for the maintenance and grounds of the Holy Cross Generalate in Rome, Italy. In 1965 he returned to Columba Hall at Notre Dame and was a Canvasser for the Ave Maria Press. The following year he was maintenance supervisor during the construction of the Brothers’ Center and Holy Cross Junior College at Notre Dame. Then it was back to Rolling Prairie where he served on the Novitiate staff for two years.

For the next 25 years Brother Robert would

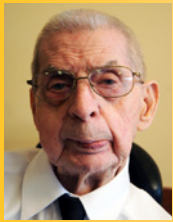
work as a farmer and gardener for the South-West Province in Brazil. He served at Colegio Notre Dame de Campanis, Campanis, Brazil, for 9 years and another 16 years at Colegio Dom Amando, Santarem, Brazil.

After two years on the staff of Mater Ecclesiae Center, Tiberius, Israel, he returned to Colegio Dom Amando in Brazil for a final year in South America.

In 1997 Brother Robert began his formal retirement at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana. He would continue his retirement with a year at St. Francis High School in Mountain View, California, and another four years as a resident at St. Joseph Hall, St. Edward’s University, Austin, Texas.

Brother Robert entered the medical center of the Brothers’ at Notre Dame in 2006 and currently resides in the Quinn Memory Care Unit of Dujarie House, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Br. Albert M. Rimlinger, C.S.C.



Brother Albert Rimlinger is one the Brothers of Holy Cross who has lived 50 years in the same house, Columba Hall at Notre Dame. Albert was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1925 to John and Henrietta

Rimlinger who had 3 boys and a girl. Albert graduated from St. Wendelin Grammar School but attended just three years of high school. After working nearly five years in three jobs as a stock boy, messenger and laborer, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross on January 10,

1949, at St. Joseph’s Juniorate in Valatie, New York. He then went to St. Joseph’s Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, where he took his First Vows on February 2, 1951.

It was Brother Albert’s intention to become a “working” Brother of Holy Cross. Albert’s first assignment to the Ave Maria Press lasted 15 years. There, Albert worked in the mail room and the bindery. During the 1950s and ‘60s there could be up to 35 Brothers of Holy Cross working in almost any of the positions at the Ave Maria.

Then the Ave published a weekly magazine with up to 15 Brothers on the road as Ave Maria Canvassers, selling subscriptions to the

magazine. At one time or other during the year all would be residents of Columba Hall.

With the demise of the *Ave Maria Magazine*, Brother Albert joined the staff of Columba Hall in 1967, and for the next 15 years would tend to the housekeeping duties there.

An accident in 1982 forced Brother Albert into permanent retirement at a young age.

For the next 20 years, until 2002 Albert would live at Columba Hall. Many have commented that Albert was always happy to see guests, and make them welcome. In 2002 Brother Albert moved to Dujarie House/Quinn Memory Care Unit where he continues to live today.

Fifty Years as a Brother of Holy Cross

Br. Edward R. Foken, C.S.C.



A native of Norwood, Ohio, Brother Edward Foken sings the praises of Cincinnati’s Purcell High School. At Purcell he excelled in football and credits the sport for allowing him to train, work with groups, and develop physical skills; all which would serve him well in his ministries. In 2008 he was one of those nominated for the Purcell High School’s “Outstanding Among All” Award.

Holy Cross had an “uncle’s influence” (the late Brother Walter Foken) when it came to directing Edward to join Holy Cross. Brother Edward credits Brother Walter for being one of the great influences in his life. Edward entered St. Joseph’s Novitiate January 25, 1960.

Brother Edward was well-trained for the tasks ahead. He earned his BA from the

University of Notre Dame in 1968, MS from Indiana State University during the Summers of 1967–70, along with graduate work at Ohio University, the University of Chicago and as a Fulbright Scholar the Summer of 1985.

His first four years of teaching would be at Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois, where he taught English and was Athletic Director. Next would be three years at Monroe Catholic Central, Monroe, Michigan, There he coached football, was Dean of Discipline, and Student Council Moderator.

In January, 1971, Brother Edward joined the faculty of St. Patrick’s High School in Monrovia, Liberia. From January, 1973 until December, 1978 he would be principal. In February, 1979, he returned to the United States for a 100-day renewal program at Sangre de Cristo, Santa Fe, New Mexico. He then spent a year teaching at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, before returning to Monrovia,

Liberia, as Superintendent of Catholic Schools for two years. There were 48 schools and some orphanages under his direction. Brother Edward considers the eight years he spent in Liberia to be most rewarding. Over half of the 400 students at St. Patrick’s were on scholarship.

In December, 1983, Brother Edward returned to the United States for a sabbatical at the Holy Cross Brothers’ Center, Notre Dame, Indiana, and another year working at Dujarie House on the Brothers’ Center Campus.

Beginning in 1984, and continuing for the next 22 years, he would be on the faculty of St. Joseph High School, South Bend. There he taught Indiana History, Sociology, World History, and Government. Brother Edward and Brother Robert Dierker were the last Brothers to minister at St. Joseph High School. For the past two year Brother Edward has been a substitute teacher at St. Joseph. He lives at Riverside Place in Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Br. James E. Kozak, C.S.C.



James Edward Francis Kozak was born on May 19, 1942, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Edward and Mary Kozak. He grew up on a farm outside of Grand Rapids and it was here that his love of nature was first nurtured.

James attended St. Thomas the Apostle School and Catholic Central High School, both in Grand Rapids. He is eternally grateful for the sound Catholic education he received from the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids.

Br. Joseph P. LeBon, C. S.C.



It was while he was attending high school in Indianapolis that Joe LeBon heard the call to religious life. He admired the selfless dedication and professional competence of the brothers at Cathedral High School and could picture himself in front of the classroom. He says it was the wit and wisdom of the late Brother Pedro Haering that lit the spark of interest. Joe's brother Arthur preceded him in joining the Congregation of Holy Cross, although he has since left.

Br. Edward W. Libbers, C. S.C.



Brother Edward Libbers was the third of five children born to Herman and Lillian Libbers in Lafayette, Indiana. He attended Catholic elementary schools and graduated from Lafayette Central Catholic in 1958. Brother Edward attended Purdue University for one year, majoring in chemical engineering. During that year, he was active in the Newman Center. With advice from the chaplain at the Newman Center, he wrote a letter to Br. Eymard Salzman, the Vocations Director, expressing an interest in Holy Cross. Within a few days, Br. Eymard invited him to visit the Brothers at Dujarie Hall Scholasticate. Impressed by the young Brothers, he entered the Juniorate program at Watertown in the fall

of 1959. The following January, he entered the novitiate at Rolling Prairie, professing first vows a year later. He was assigned to live at Dujarie Hall and study at Notre Dame, majoring in chemistry and math.

In the summer of 1963, Brother Edward graduated from the University of Notre Dame and was assigned to live at Columba Hall and work at St. Joseph High School, teaching algebra and chemistry. Upon finishing his first year, he was assigned to teach at Holy Cross High School, where he remained for three years. In 1966, he received an NSF grant to attend Notre Dame to work on a master's degree in chemistry during the summer months. He successfully completed this course of studies and received his master's degree during the summer of 1970.

Bro. Jim (as he's commonly known) entered the Brothers of Holy Cross after graduation from high school in 1960, and is grateful to Brothert Charles Krupp for "bringing me in." After the novitiate year in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, Bro. Jim attended the University of Notre Dame, earning a Bachelor's degree in English. Bro. James Moroney, his superior during his Dujarie years, remains one of the greatest influences on his life to date.

After a semester at Sacred Heart Military in Watertown, Wisconsin, Brother Jim spent the next twenty-three years in the District of West Africa. He considers himself primarily an educator, although he also ministered in

religious formation and health care. During this period, too, he took time out to earn a Master's degree from Loyola University in Chicago, and two assignments in parishes on the southside of Chicago.

Before coming to Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, where he's completing his sixth year, Bro. Jim spent ten years with Holy Cross Children's Services of Michigan, primarily on the Boysville campus

"I thank the Triune God, St. Joseph, my family, Holy Cross and all who have supported me on my journey—which continues unabated."

and is a nationally certified journalism educator. Back in the mid-70s, Brother Joe became interested in computer programming, which he taught for many years. Today he employs those technology skills in maintaining the school website.

"I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Congregation of Holy Cross," he says. "The community has provided me with my religious formation and college education, as well as the opportunity to serve the Church in the ministry of Catholic education over many years. Working with youth has helped me stay young."

in the areas of chemistry and math. Br. Edward continued to teach at Hoban until 1995, when he applied for and was accepted to teach math and chemistry at Holy Cross High School in San Antonio, Texas. He remained there for four years before returning to Hoban in the fall of 1999. He has remained at Hoban since that time and is now working part time.

Many Brothers, some of whom have passed on, have served as an inspiration for Br. Edward. They have been role models leading truly holy and faith-filled lives. He has often mentioned how his life has been blessed with their friendship and support. Another blessing has been the privilege of being a teacher for so many years. Interacting and influencing the lives of so many young students has been special. It is his hope to remain in education as long as he is physically able.

Brothers

Br. Frederick P. Raehsler, C.S.C.



Frederick Raehsler was born in Elsworth, Wisconsin, to Frederick and Florence Raehsler on September 8, 1934. As a child my family moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where I attended St. John the Evangelist

Grammar School in Little Canada, Minnesota, and then Cretin High School in St. Paul.

After two years of military service in the US Army Medical Corps in Nurnberg/Erlangen, Germany, I returned to St. Paul. I was introduced to the life of a Brother in high school where I was taught by the Brothers of St. John Baptist de la Salle (Christian Brothers). My introduction to the Holy Cross Brothers came while visiting Rancho San Antonio in Chatsworth, California, with a friend in 1956.

Four years later on June 14, 1960, I entered the Congregation of Holy Cross at Watertown,

Wisconsin. Following a couple of months at Watertown it was on to my novitiate year in Rolling Prairie, Indiana.

My education and ministry in Holy Cross would be in health-care. My nursing training began at the Alexian Brothers Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, from 1963–1966. Upon graduation I was appointed the Director of the Dujarie House Infirmary at Notre Dame, Indiana. After seven years at Dujarie House I moved into an area of Health Care known as Mid-level Health Practitioners the Physician Assistant (PA). I was trained as a PA at Indiana University and Purdue University (IUPUI) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, from 1973–1975.

I completed my undergraduate work at Indiana University in 1978 earning a Bachelor of Studies (BGS) and my graduate work at Indiana University earning a M.S.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling in 1981.

My ministry over the years has been in the Health Care Field, either as a nurse or

physician assistant. My PA work began here in South Bend with the Family Care Medical Practice for seven years. Upon earning my Master's Degree I moved on to King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, to work in their Physician Assistant Program as both a teacher and administrator.

To satisfy a desire to work in rural health, I accepted a Physician Assistant position in Skagway, Alaska, for seven years. From July 1994 until 2000 I served the rural community of Blanchard, Michigan.

In 2000 I retired from Physician Assistant work but since have served as a nurse at Dujarie House, Notre Dame, St. Joseph Health Center, South Bend and Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. I am currently living at Maple Lane Apartments in South Bend and volunteer as a nurse at the Sister Maura Brannick, C.S.C. Health Center in downtown South Bend, serving the poor.

Br. Thomas H. Sisung, C.S.C.



Thomas Sisung was born in Monroe, Michigan, on December 6, 1941. He grew up on the shores of Lake Eire at Grand Beach, the "Walleye Capital of the World." Tom had no problem getting advice on

his vocation. In grade school he attended St. John's in Monroe and had an aunt who was an Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister (IHM). He also had a cousin who was a Maryknoll priest and another cousin who was a Holy Cross Sister.

While a student at Monroe Catholic Central he received vocation advice from Brother Bede Stadler who was the school's vocations director. Tom wanted to join the Brothers after sophomore year, but Brother Bede informed

him the Brothers accepted only high school graduates. As luck would have it, Thomas entered the Juniorate at Watertown, Wisconsin, two days late since Monroe's graduation date was on the same day he was supposed to enter the community.

Brother Thomas finally took the habit of the Brothers on August 15, 1960. A year and a day later he pronounced his first vows. Following the novitiate, Brother Thomas studied at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He majored in Humanities and minored in Teacher Training. Over the years he taught religious education classes, developmental reading and Latin.

His first assignment teaching was at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio. After five months at Hoban, he returned to St. Edward's University to complete his studies

and graduated in May, 1965.

Upon graduating Brother Thomas would teach at Holy Cross, River Grove, Illinois, 4 years. He then served as a cook at LeMans Academy in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, for 3 years. For the next 13 years he would teach at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio.

Beginning in 1985 all of his assignments would be at Notre Dame. First he spent 12 years cooking at the Holy Cross Brothers' Center, then a year at Holy Cross College and for the past 11 years at Schubert Villa/ Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village. His primary duties have been as a housekeeper and dietary aide.

A resident of Schubert Villa, Brother Thomas continues to show kindness and care to all of the residents both lay and religious. As for the past 50 years, Brother Tom says, "How quickly time flies!"

Remembering our Deceased Brothers in Your Prayers

Brother Charles Joseph Krupp, C.S.C., 87
died March 16, 2011
59 years a vowed religious.

Brother Terence Allen Muehlenkamp, C.S.C., 65
died April 5, 2011
46 years a vowed religious.

Brother William Joseph Geenen, C.S.C., 81
died May 14, 2011
62 years a vowed religious

*In Christ
We Will Come
to Life Again*

1 Cor: 15:22



Pictured above are Mr. Thomas Cassidy, Jr., Chairman-elect of the Board of Directors, Holy Cross Village, Mr. John Mauch, President and CEO of Holy Cross Village, and Brother Thomas Shaughnessy, C.S.C., Chairman of the Board of Directors of Holy Cross Village.

Administrative Changes Made at Holy Cross Village

Mr. Thomas Cassidy, Jr. will succeed Brother Thomas Shaughnessy as Chairman of the Board of Directors July 1. The new term-limit for the president of the thirteen-member board is one two-year term, with a maximum term of four years.

Mr. Cassidy is a partner with Cassidy Neeser Brasseur, an insurance and risk management organization in South Bend that was founded in 1919. Tom specializes in working with corporations in managing their risk management and employee benefit programs.

Cassidy has a history of dedicated service to the community and currently serves: Chair Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, Board Chair-elect of Holy Cross Village, Board Member Boys & Girls Club and Board Member South Bend Symphony.

Tom and Barbara Cassidy have three children Thomas, Robert and Margaret. They have lived in South Bend for the last 25 years.

Mr. John Mauch assumed the position of President and CEO of Holy Cross Village on February 1, 2011. He has been involved in service to seniors since 1978. Mauch formerly worked with Holy Cross Care Services and became acquainted with André Residential Services at that time.

With his wife Connie, they relocated to South Bend from Lebanon, Ohio. John and Connie are the parents of three children and five grandchildren. John says, "I am grateful to have the

opportunity to join the ministry of the Brothers of Holy Cross at Holy Cross Village."

From 1991–1999 Brother Thomas Shaughnessy was director of Dujarie House. While at Dujarie House he was founder and a member of the staff of Holy Cross Counseling Group, South Bend from 1993–1995. From October 1996–February 1999 Brother Thomas was administrator and then business manager of Helen D. Schubert Villa. The next six years he was religious superior of Columba Hall.

For the past six years Brother Thomas has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Holy Cross Village. He guided an 18-month, \$40-million-dollar building program which included the construction of a new chapel for Schubert Villa and Dujarie House residents, a 96-unit apartment building for senior citizens, a memory care addition to Dujarie House and a 30-unit addition to Schubert Villa assisted living unit. He has been responsible for putting into place many of the programs which make Holy Cross Village the premier senior living setting in the area. Thanks to Brother Thomas for his contributions to Holy Cross Village.

To learn more about living at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, or to schedule a visit, call Marketing Director Susan Griffin at 574-251-3271, cell 574-340-4391, e-mail sgriffin@holycrossvillage.com.

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