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Newsletter of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross

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Brothers Celebrate 17 Jubilarians

This issue of BROTHERS focuses first on our brothers celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 75th anniversary of vows, as Brothers of Holy Cross and secondly features another significant celebration *Year of the Brother*.



Brother Chester Freel,
C.S.C. Provincial

A total of 17 Brothers rejoice in the Year 2012, being their jubilee year, commemorating their first profession of vows as religious brothers in the Congregation of Holy Cross. The stories of their coming to Holy Cross, and the joy found in this life-giving commitment are presented for each jubilarian.

As you glimpse into the lives of our jubilarians, I invite you to consider the good that they have contributed to Holy Cross, our ministries, and to the Church. The Congregation's Constitutions in section 6:60 summarizes well the lives and commitments these men have followed:

Our experience in Holy Cross is demanding. It is joyful as well....The Lord's call will be heard in our steadfast witness to the gospel, the companionship we offer one another, the cheerfulness with which we serve in our mission without counting the cost, and the sincere welcome we openly offer men who join us...Constitution 6:60

In this issue of BROTHERS, we also pay tribute to the Year of the Brother. The 2010 General Chapter called for a Year of the Brother to begin on the first anniversary of St.(Brother) Andre's Canonization, October 17, 2011.

This celebratory year provides us with an opportunity to bring attention and honor to the vocation of brothers. It is recognition of the important work still to be done, an invitation to others to consider offering their lives in service as a brother. The year is an opportunity for the faithful to pray for vocations to Holy Cross.

For this special occasion a prayer was written which acknowledges various roles of brothers: teachers, administrators, defenders of the rights of others, yet all are Educators in the Faith. Please join with other friends of the Brothers in reciting this prayer daily.

Together, let us give thanks to God for Brothers, our jubilarians, and all who have served with compassion, devotedness to prayer and with a joyful commitment.

St. Andre Bessette, Pray for us.

Year of the Brother Celebration 2011-2012

On October 17, 2010, the Congregation of Holy Cross celebrated the canonization of Brother Andre Bessette, C.S.C. by Pope Benedict XVI.

Commencing on the first anniversary of St. Andre's canonization the Congregation of Holy Cross has invited all people to celebrate the congregation's first saint and the *Year of the Brother*.

The Congregation of Holy Cross has marked the *Year of the Brother* with prayer cards, prayer services, histories, prepared texts, worship aids, banners, videos, films, and dates of significance in an overall focus on the brothers' vocation. Some of the events have been:

-- *Ask the Brothers*: A panel of 6 brothers held an open forum on the Brothers' Vocation on November 17, 2011 at Holy Cross College for students,

residents of Holy Cross Village and the greater South Bend community. A second forum was held on March 19, 2012.

-- *A Year of the Brother* Mass was celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, (Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend) on Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception at Holy Cross College.

-- *On St. Joseph's Feast Day, March 19, 2012*, a Mass was celebrated to honor the Year of the Brother at Sacred Heart Basilica for Holy Cross brothers, priests and sisters, followed by a festive dinner at Moreau Seminary.

From simple beginnings in LeMans, France, in 1820, the Brothers of Holy Cross now serve in sixteen countries on five continents with Holy Cross priests

Prayer for the "Year of the Brother"

Gracious God,

You call men to dedicate their lives as consecrated religious in your Church.

In their poverty, chastity, and obedience

they follow in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus.

Some are teachers or administrators, others defend the rights of the poor, but all are Educators in the Faith.

We call them "brothers."

and sisters. Through their commitment, courage, and conviction, brothers strive to exemplify this motto: Lives given to God, Love given to all.

17 Brothers to Celebrate Jubilees June 16

The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross will honor seventeen brothers celebrating their 75th, 60th, 50th, 40th, and 25th jubilees of religious profession on Saturday, June 16th. Our group of Jubilarians includes men who have ministered as: missionaries, novice masters, librarians, college professors, a band director, principals, boys' home directors, associate director of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, staff of the Ave Maria Press, school

superintendents, college presidents, social workers, maintenance directors, Catholic Zen Master and a nationally acclaimed artist, to name but a few.

Joining the jubilarians will be Brothers of Holy Cross from the Midwest Province and from around the world along with friends and relatives. The Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Basilica on the campus of Notre Dame at 2:00 p.m. Following the Mass there will be a dinner reception for invited guests in

the North Dining Hall.

Holy Cross Rev. Robert Epping, C.S.C. 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 under the direction Brother Daniel Kane, C.S.C. of Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio. Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C. of Holy Cross Village will be the Master of Ceremonies.

75-Years as a Brother of Holy Cross



Brother Donard Steffes, C.S.C., is celebrating 75 years as a Brother of Holy Cross. He was born December 10, 1914, near Carleton, Michigan. He entered the postulancy in November 1931, made first vows on

August 16, 1937 and graduated from Notre Dame University in 1941. "I needed a 78 grade point average to receive a Notre Dame diploma. My average was 78.5. My graduation was a miracle of Divine Providence."

He has taught in Holy Cross New Orleans, Louisiana, Holy Trinity Chicago, Illinois, Gilmour Academy Gates Mills, Ohio, and Reitz Memorial in Evansville, Indiana. He was one of the founding members of Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy. He was the Athletic Director in various schools from 1941-1960.

When returning from Rome in 1960, after Sputnik, Brother Donard chose to take seven National Science Foundation courses in math and science to update his knowledge of these subjects.

At Hoban he taught physics and electronics. Beginning in 1980 Brother

Donard taught in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa for five years before going to St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas in 1985. During his long tenure he taught science and math on three continents. He is a voracious camper and once did a 100-day camping trip, visiting 29 national parks and never once stopping at a hotel nor a restaurant. Brother Donard states, "If I had it to do over again, I would not change a thing...being a Holy Cross Brother was what I was meant to do. I owe everything I have in this life to The Brothers of Holy Cross."

60-Years as a Brother of Holy Cross



Br. Robert H. Dierker, C.S.C. Reliability, dedication to duty and cheerfulness; these are three descriptive terms that eminently fit this native of Columbus, Ohio.

Brother Robert joined Holy Cross in 1950 on the advice of a Dominican priest/

teacher who told him, "If you want to be a priest, be a Dominican. If you want to be a brother, join a community of Brothers." What good advice! After starting to work at Ave Maria Press in 1952, Brother Robert fought off the effects of polio, rallied, and continued work there for 20 years. After a year as an assistant librarian at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, he went to St. Joseph's High School in South Bend to work in the attendance

office where he remained for 33 years until his retirement in 2006. However, he continues to volunteer there once a week. In addition to being a driver for brothers in the area, Brother Robert maintains a rigorous exercise schedule of walking and biking (when weather permits). Brother Robert states, "My life has been a wonderful experience of service to the Church and community."



Br. Bernard A. Klim, C.S.C. "He might be 82 years old but he works like he is twenty. He is up every morning for 5:30 prayer and never stops working." (Fr. Richard Potthast, C.S.C.)

This quiet energetic Brother is also a renowned sculptor in Italy and an acclaimed Catholic Zen Master. Brother Bernard arrived at the postulate as a young farmer from Emmet, Michigan.

After his novitiate year, Brother Bernard began doing maintenance work in Wisconsin and later at Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio. His talents were requested at the Holy Cross Generalate in Rome, Italy, in 1959 where he remained until 1974. He then moved to Notre Dame International School in that same city continuing his interests in maintenance and gardening until the school closed in 1992. Since July 1992 he has been on the staff of St. Joseph Technical School in Fort Portal, Uganda, but frequently assists in projects throughout the entire Holy Cross District

of East Africa. His conversations and letters are riddled with Zen koans yet the heart of gold that beats underneath is soft, outgoing and filled with the God for whom Brother Bernard has searched assiduously all of his life. Brother Bernard recalls being informed by the novice master of his being approved to take vows. His response, then and now, was "What little I have, I give it all." With typical folk wisdom he adds, "Whether you are pulling weeds or preaching great sermons, it all comes down to one thing: your inner life."



Br. Bernard Donahoe, C.S.C. I was born on March 6, 1932, in Madison, Wisconsin, the fourth of four children. I attended Blessed Sacrament Grade School and Edgewood (Catholic) High School. While in high school, three

events caused me to want to investigate the possibility that I might have a religious vocation. One was reading Thomas Merton's autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*. A second was seeing an advertisement for the Brothers of Holy Cross in *Our Sunday Visitor*. A third was a visit to a school by the

Brothers' vocation director, Brother Eymard Salzman, C.S.C.

I entered the juniorate at Watertown, Wisconsin, in September of 1950, and the novitiate at Rolling Prairie, Indiana in January of 1951. I took first vows February 2, 1952. I was then sent to the University of Notre Dame and graduated in May of 1955. I taught a semester at St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, three semesters at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio, and four years at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

I was next assigned to be a full-time graduate student and teaching assistant at the University of Notre Dame, receiving the Ph.D. in 1965. In 1964 I was appointed master of novices at Rolling Prairie and held that position until it was

decided to close the building as a novitiate in 1968. For the next thirty-two years I had a joint contract to teach at Holy Cross College and St. Mary's College, with occasional stints at Notre Dame when their history department was in a bind. After my resignation from Holy Cross College, I taught six more years at St. Mary's, retiring in May, 2006. For twenty-seven of my thirty-eight years at St. Mary's I was chairman of the history department. For six years I was also superior of Columba Hall.

It has been a wonderful and rewarding sixty years. My only regret is that I didn't even approach being the success in my vocation that Brother André Bessette and many others were.



Br. Joseph H. Berg, C.S.C. entered the community in Watertown in March of 1951. After graduating from St. Edward's University in 1955, he taught two years at Notre Dame High School in Biloxi and two years at Cathedral

High School in Indianapolis. In 1959 he was assigned to St. Charles Boys' Home, Milwaukee. His years as Director at St. Charles gave him a variety of new learning

opportunities and experiences. During the time he also earned a Master's Degree from Marquette University. December 1969 he joined the staff of Catholic Charities USA in Washington, D.C. For the next 37 years, under four outstanding Executive Directors of Catholic Charities, he enjoyed his work and the opportunity of living with the Holy Cross community in Washington and Maryland. Most of his work consisted of staffing Charities national committees and representing Charities on other national committees. He especially enjoyed the opportunity to work in the development of a leadership

program at Charities and his work with other national social service organizations. He was very proud of his work with the Emergency Food and Shelter Program at FEMA. With all his contacts, he enjoyed the privilege of representing Catholic Charities and the Catholic Church on a national level. The opportunity to see the Church at work from a national perspective was always spiritually uplifting. Working with Catholic Charities was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that the Holy Cross Community allowed Brother Joseph to experience.



Br. Raymond J. Harrington, C.S.C. was born to John and Margaret Harrington, September 10, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois. He was the youngest of their five children. Brother Raymond, followed the example of his brother John, and joined the Brothers of Holy Cross

in June, 1951. After his novitiate year, Brother Raymond completed his undergraduate studies at St. Edward's University, and he eventually did graduate work at De Paul University. In 1955, he was assigned to teach and prefect at Gilmour Academy. He then served in teaching assignments at Boysville of Michigan, St. Charles Boys' Home, Cathedral High School, Holy Trinity High School (summers), and Holy Cross College, where he now tutors in the Writing Center

after retiring in 2006. Through his love for the subject and a true art of teaching, Brother Raymond has earned the praise and admiration of students and faculty. His excellence in teaching is second only to his quiet humility. To spend one's life doing what matters is the greatest of all achievements, and Brother Raymond firmly believes that teaching matters! He is thankful to God for the many blessings he has received as a Brother of Holy Cross.

Fifty Years as a Brother of Holy Cross



Br. Jerome F. Kroetsch, C.S.C. was born and raised on a dairy farm in the thumb area of Michigan, north of Detroit. After completing primary and high school, he continued to work on the farm until

the age of 21. Then he entered the army and served with guided missile units in Fort Bliss, Texas, and White Sands, New Mexico. After completing military service, Jerome returned to the farm in

Michigan, working in partnership with his brother. During this time he began to desire a closer relationship with the Lord. In October of 1960, Jerome entered the Holy Cross Postulate in Watertown, Wisconsin, and in 1961 received the religious habit at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana. He made first profession in January 1962. Brother Jerome was assigned as a staff member at the novitiate for his first year of vows. Then he was assigned to maintenance work at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. There he also took night classes, training in air conditioning, electronics and electric

motor repair. During Brother Jerome's 50 years in Holy Cross, he has worked in maintenance, supervision, and as technical instructor in United States and the foreign missions. In Brother Jerome's words, "I have greatly enjoyed my 50 years of vocation as a Holy Cross Brother. I didn't know that Jesus and Mary would send me traveling, but through them, I've lived and worked with people in Bangladesh, the Caribbean and Ghana, West Africa. I believe, when I traded the farm for my vocation, I found the precious gem spoken of in the Bible."



Br. Peter M. Graham, C.S.C. was born fourth of five children to William and Antonia Graham in Akron, Ohio, on June 28, 1941. Upon graduation from high school, he entered the Brothers of Holy Cross in Watertown,

Wisconsin, and then the novitiate at Rolling Prairie, Indiana. Brother Peter's mentorship during these years of formation was conducted by Brother Charles Krupp. His work as an administrator in schools was encouraged

by Brother Robert Lavelle, and other Brothers who chose to work within our schools. The booklet "Christian Education" by Blessed Basil Moreau provided a roadmap of his work in the schools to which he was assigned to administrator. Brother Peter worked on boards and developed programs to educate parents and students with an understanding of the role of Holy Cross in lifelong learning. Brother Peter believed Moreau's highest hope for his community was to "Hurry then: Take up this work of resurrection, never forgetting that the special end of our institute is, before all, to sanctify youth." As St. Edward High School was

entering the new millennium in 2001, Brother Peter was transitioning into the role of the school's second president. In the ten years that he served in this role, the school underwent a tremendous transformation. Under his leadership, the completion of a \$16 million master-plan reinvigorated the campus and opened the doors to many new opportunities for St. Edward students. The additions of programs like pre-engineering and entrepreneurship put the school at the forefront of innovative education. In October, 2011, Brother Peter moved to Gilmour Academy, where he plans to participate in the Holy Cross mission of education.



Br. Carroll Posey, C.S.C. has always been proud of his Southern heritage and his Kentucky drawl. Born in Liberty, Kentucky, Carroll has been a teacher, coach and an administrator most of his active life. After two years each at St.

Joseph's High School in South Bend, and

Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, he joined the faculty as a teacher and administrator at Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin, from 1966 to 1971, (which later became Le Mans Academy in Rolling Prairie, Indiana). Brother Carroll returned home to Kentucky in 1971 to Bishop David High School in Louisville where he taught and coached baseball from 1971-1987, while serving a few summers in the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Alaska's Youth

Ministry Program. Following a renewal program in 1989, he was the assistant director of Dujarie House for three years. He then remained on the staff for another two years. He worked at St. Joseph's Care Center West in South Bend for a time before becoming a member of the staff at Columba Hall, Notre Dame. Brother Carroll's kindness has contributed much to community life.



Br. William D. Dygert, C.S.C. a native of Detroit, Michigan, taught at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Indiana for eight years beginning in 1965. He also served as the Dean of Men. He then moved to Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois, and served as an assistant principal, religious superior, and then as the principal for four years. He then taught English and served as the English Department Chair at

Bishop David High School in Louisville, Kentucky. He went on to serve as the principal at St. Edward High School in Lakewood for six years. From 1988-90, he held a faculty post at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana, and then assumed the role of Superintendent of Schools for the Dioceses of Beaumont and Tyler in Texas. He completed work on a doctorate at the University of Dayton, and in 1995 became president of Le Mans Academy, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. In 1996, he was appointed the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island. He also served as the Provincial Steward and on the Provincial

Council for a term. In 2005, he became Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois. During his time in Peoria he has also taught a summer school class each year in the ACE Leadership Program at Notre Dame and served a term as a consultant for the USCCB Committee on Education. Brother William noted that "Being a religious of Holy Cross and a Catholic educator has been a rewarding experience. I hope that I am able to serve in the educational mission of the Congregation and the Church for many more years."



Br. Richard Gilman, C.S.C. In 1961, when I graduated from Saint Edward High School in Ohio and joined the Brothers, I had no idea what the future held. Looking back fifty one years I have had unanticipated opportunities,

I then attended Harvard University on an NSF Fellowship, graduating with a Master's Degree in Mathematics in 1966, at the age of 23. My graduation present was a letter from Brother Donatus assigning me to Saint Augustine's College in Ghana.

Woodrow Wilson Institute at Princeton developing my current interest in statistics education and bioinformatics. In 1993 I received a Ph.D. from the University of Dayton in Higher Educational Leadership. From 1992 to 2010 I was graced to be President of Holy Cross College leading it to achieve baccalaureate status.

considerable challenges and the unflinching support of my family, the Congregation, friends, great colleagues with generous revelations of God's love to sustain me.

Returning In 1974 for a temporary assignment at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, I ended up staying seventeen years becoming Principal and President. In 1975, I left Akron briefly to join Caesar Chavez and Delores Huerta in the mountains of California. Hoban prospers today as does the UFW!

Empowering others through steady and hopefully enlightened leadership brings great satisfaction. In Akron I was a founding member of MARS a group home provider for persons with developmental disabilities. In South Bend I helped build on the work Brother Flavius started with Corvillia, serving several terms as the chairman of its board.

In 1965 I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Saint Edward's University.

I have had the privilege of receiving a great education, having attended the



Br. James R. Rottenbacher, C.S.C. Brother James is forever "The Music Man". His love for music and directing a band is legendary, and he has left a rich legacy wherever he has gone. He has dedicated his entire life to music,

James attended the brothers' Catholic Central High School in his native Monroe, Michigan. His first assignment was a six-year tour at Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois. Then sixteen years at his alma mater Catholic Central High School, and remaining there after the school merged with St. Mary's Academy to become St. Mary/Catholic Central of Monroe. In 1987 he took up teaching duties at Gabriel Richard High School in Riverview, Michigan, where he later became the Principal from 2005

to 2010.

along with teaching other subjects, and being involved in administration. Brother

Brother James, as a lifelong band director, has traveled many summers to Europe for concert and educational purposes. He says of his many years in Holy Cross, "We have as patrons in Holy Cross the Sacred Heart, the Sorrowful Mother, and St. Joseph. Like them our lives are marked with both sorrows and joys. We strive with their help to be a holy family." Presently, Brother James is involved in family ministry.



Br. Roy E. Smith, C.S.C., is the eighth of nine children born to Archie & Bettie Smith. Early on while at Holy Angels Elementary School in Indianapolis, Indiana, his hometown, he knew he wanted to follow his two older

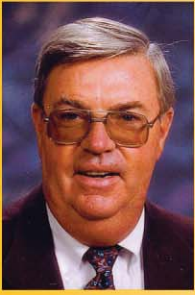
as concerned about students some day as I feel they are concerned about and interested in me."

for Catholic Social Services from 1985-1991, then became Director of Catholic Charities for the western sector of the Fort Wayne South Bend Diocese from 1991-1996. During his last year, 1997, he served as a counselor and development director for Catholic Charities. From 1997-2005, he was a School Social Worker at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, Illinois. The provincial asked him to be a part of the development office for the province in 2005, and he now serves as Director of Development for the province.

brothers and attend Cathedral High School. What he did not know, he says, is that he would meet the Brothers of Holy Cross. He recalls how he identified with them, saying to himself, "I'd like to be

He joined the Holy Cross Brothers shortly after graduating from high school. After graduation from St. Edward's University in Austin, TX, he taught 2 years at St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, Indiana. He then worked as a social worker for the next 12 years at St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee. In 1978 he was appointed superior at Boysville of Michigan, and was later tapped to be the province personnel director; a post he held for six years. Brother Roy remained in the South Bend area as a counselor

Brother Roy often speaks of his gratitude to his family, fraternity and friends. "God keeps doing great things for me."



Br. Lawrence Skitzki, C.S.C. was born the second of four children to Henry and Florence Skitzki in Cleveland, Ohio. Brother Lawrence attributes his vocation to Brother Robert Siegel, his band director at St.

Edward High School, who taught him how to play the flute. After graduation in 1961, he entered the Brothers and received Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Education from St. Edward's University in 1965. His first assignment was Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Indiana. In 1971

he earned a Master's Degree from the University of Notre Dame. After a year at Bishop David High School in Louisville, he returned to Evansville as Comptroller for the Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center. He served there for 6 years while living with 3 other brothers in the inner city, and volunteering in special education for the diocese. In 1978 Brother Charles Krupp appointed him Provincial Steward for the Midwest Province, and he served until 1994, and again from 2003 to 2009. As a Provincial Steward he ministered ably to missions in Bangladesh, Liberia and Ghana. He was a board member of the National Association of Treasurers of Religious Institutions (NATRI) from 1989 to 1997, and he served on their Executive

Committee from 1993-1995.

After a Sabbatical year, he worked as an assistant to the General Treasurer of Sisters of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame for 2 years. Then he moved to Anaheim, California, and worked as a business manager at Cornelia Connelly. Later he took a position as controller at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California, where he has been for the last 14 years. He still serves as a founding member of the California Private School Self Insurance Group (CAPS-SIG) Board, and is a member of the Midwest Province Finance Committee and Trustee of the Life Development Trust.

Brother Lawrence's quiet competence brought comfort to the Province in difficult times.

Forty Years as a Brother of Holy Cross



Br. Kenneth Haders, C.S.C. is the sixth of seven children of Winifred and Walter Haders. He attended St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio. He wanted to be like the Brothers who taught and mentored him there,

and he entered the brother's candidacy program in 1968. He made his first profession in 1972.

Brother Ken began his ministry in

residential treatment centers run by the Brothers in Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan. He then served for almost 20 years at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago as teacher, counselor, social worker, dean of students, associate principal and principal. He also spent two years putting his social work degree to work at Mercy Boys' Home in Chicago as a therapist, intake worker and school placement supervisor.

In 1996 Brother Ken was appointed President of Archbishop Hoban High School. He is grateful to past and present Brothers and all who built a legacy and culture at

Hoban that is inspirational to all who minister there. In 16 years as president of Hoban, Brother Ken has been both nurtured and challenged by many friends and collaborators of the Brothers.

As the number of Brothers has declined, it has become important to clearly name and describe the charisms and traditions so important to the Holy Cross educational experience. Brother Ken has been a leader in that effort, and finds great hope in the commitment of so many who have become part of the family of Holy Cross in order to share in our life and our work.

Twenty-Five Years as a Brother of Holy Cross



Br. Sylvester E. Quaye, C.S.C. was born in Sekondi, in the Western Region of Ghana and hails from Elmina in the Central Region of Ghana. His direct uncle was the late John Kodwo Amissah, the first Ghanaian Bishop

and Archbishop of Cape Coast Diocese Dunkwa-on-Offin Ghana. His relocation to Dunkwa-on – Offin was the turning

point of his life. He became a Mass server and joined the Saint Stephen Choir, and credits this experience as laying the seed for his future in religious life.

He attended the University of Cape Coast and obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Sociology.

In September 1987, Brother Sylvester pronounced his first vows. He was sent to St. Augustine's College for Theology and sacred scriptures studies at St. Peter's Major Seminary in Pedu. Archbishop Matthias Nketsiah was one of his lecturers.

Brother Sylvester taught at St. John's School, and made his final vows on May 31, 1992. In 1993, he earned a Master's in Religious Formation from St. Louis University, and a Masters in Business Administration in 1996 from St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas.

Returning to Ghana he taught at St. John's School while directing the Candidacy Programme at St. Joseph Hall. He was appointed Assistant Headmaster (Academic) in 2001 at St. John's School and became Headmaster in 2010.



Br. Anthony K. Dadzie, C.S.C. I was born in Cape Coast to L. K. and Ama Dadzie in 1959. I attended Catholic Jubilee Boy's School, and I joined the Congregation of Holy Cross in September, 1985 after completing

Teacher Training College.

I entered the novitiate in 1987. After a year at St. Peter's Major Seminary-Pedu in Cape Coast, I taught in the Girls Secondary School for 3 years. Beginning in 1992, I taught at St. Augustine's J.S.S., for 2 years, and later served as Headteacher for 3 years.

In 1997, I attended Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana and Indiana

University South Bend, Indiana, where I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Economics.

Back in Ghana in July 2001, I was appointed Assistant Novice Master for 9 years and Director of the Temporary Professed for 2 years. During this period, I earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from University of Cape Coast.

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In July, 2010, I joined St. John's faculty, Sekondi where I taught Economics, served as Dean of Discipline, and Infirmarian. Currently, I am the National Chairman

of Inter-Congregational Justice and Peace Integrity of Creation, Ghana.
Teaching, youth work, and formation work have enriched my life in ways I could never have anticipated. As I celebrate my

silver jubilee, I have grown more grateful to God for the opportunity to serve, and hope I have brought at least a smile to banish the tears of people, and some brightness to the corners where I am privileged to influence.

93rd Birthday Celebration Highlighted by Re-affiliation

On September 13, 2011, Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, the Board of Trustees, Administration and Brother Chester Freil, CSC Provincial of the Midwest Province signed an agreement before the Cathedral High School Family in the Robert V. Welch Center.

The tone for the day was set by Brother Chester Freil's opening remarks:

Good morning and Happy 93rd birthday. I am ever so excited and proud to be here with you as Cathedral High School and the Brothers of Holy Cross formalize re-affiliation with one another. This effort has been four years in the making and please be assured the Brothers of Holy Cross are happy to be again part of the Cathedral community.

Seven brothers accompanied Brother Chester and participated in the celebration/liturgy and witnessed the signing and presentation of the Cross & Anchors (the symbol of the Congregation of Holy Cross) to Mr. Steve Helmich, president of Cathedral High School. Mr. Helmich also received a plaque containing the formal resolution authorizing Brother Chester to sign the sponsorship agreement with Cathedral and a book *The Cross Our Only Hope*. This book has daily reflections in the Holy Cross tradition that can be used in the school for prayer each day.



Pictured are Stephen J. Helmich, Cathedral High School President, Brother Chester Freil, C.S.C., Provincial of the Midwest Province and Joseph M. Dezelan, Past President of the Cathedral Board of Directors.

The seven brothers who joined in the event were: Brothers Raymond Harrington, Joseph Zutelis, Joseph Fox, John Paige, Charles Drevon, James Everett and Joseph McTaggart.

Remembering our Deceased Brothers in Your Prayers

Brother Albert Michael Rimlinger, C.S.C., 86
died September 13, 23011
61 years a vowed religious

Brother Frederick Choquette, C.S.C., 95
died October 9, 2011
65 years a vowed religious

Brother Joseph Dudek, C.S.C., 89
died December 15, 2011
63 years a vowed religious

Brother John Dobrogowski, C.S.C., 86
died December 18, 2011
61 years a vowed religious

Brother Thomas More Beere, C.S.C., 87
died December 22, 2011
68 years a vowed religious

Brother Joseph Ballard, C.S.C., 77
died January 8, 2012
57 years a vowed religious

Brother Eduardo Michalik, C.S.C., 91
died February 27, 2012
70 years a vowed religious

*In Christ We Will
Come to Life Again
1 Cor: 15:22*

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