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Newsletter of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross

message from...
the Provincial

Holy Cross' Re-Affiliation with Cathedral

Dear Cathedral Alumni,

This "Special Edition" of the *Brothers* focuses on our re-affiliation with Cathedral High School as well as some comments from your fellow alumni. We also highlight five of our seventeen jubilarians of 2012.

These five men have Cathedral Connections by way of their experience as teachers and one as a former student and presently a board member.



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

As you glimpse into the lives of these five Brothers I invite you to consider the good that they have contributed to Holy Cross, our ministries and to the church.

The Congregation of Holy Cross' 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

Our re-affiliation with Cathedral was an endeavor begun under the tenure of my predecessor, Brother Robert Fillmore, and it took four years for the agreement to reach completion.

The Midwest Province is honored and truly excited to again be part of the Cathedral community, as we now have in place a sponsorship agreement with Cathedral High School. It is our hope and prayer that by our re-affiliation with one another, that the quality of a Cathedral education is further enhanced as it is reunited with its Holy Cross roots. Speaking for the Midwest Province, we are proud to once more be part of the Cathedral family.

Many of you, I'm sure, could share stories about your remembrances of the Brothers at Cathedral. Several former students have done just that, talking about the influence and impact some of the Brothers had on their lives and choices beyond high school.

On the envelope of this *BROTHERS* Newsletter, you will see a note about staying connected. Please consider filling out and mailing this envelope so that we can stay connected and keep you informed about Brothers you knew from "Dear Old Cathedral."

St. Andre Bessette, Pray for us.

In Holy Cross,
Brother Chester Freel, C.S.C.



Brothers

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Early History of Cathedral High School, Indianapolis

On September 13, 1918, at the invitation of Bishop Joseph Chartrand, founder of Cathedral, four Holy Cross Brothers welcomed the first 90 students to the school. A great history began and for 55 years the Brothers of Holy Cross would be a vibrant presence at the school which was located at 14th and Meridian, Indianapolis.

The greatest strength of the school was its students who went on to serve as Christian leaders in Indianapolis, the nation and the world. It is worthy of note that nearly thirty young men, graduates of Cathedral, joined the Brothers of Holy Cross. Some others became Holy Cross priests, and members of other religious communities and diocesan clergy.

Early on in its history, Cathedral received kudos from Fr. John Cavanaugh, CSC (later President of Notre Dame) who spoke at the first graduation, in 1921. He said, "Your school, like ours will form a rich heritage of tradition and your sons will go on as ambassadors of Christ."

The Indianapolis Star in its January 5, 1925 edition noted that:

"The Cathedral High School is not only one of the rapidly growing educational institutions of the city, but maintains a high standard of scholarship. It has a teaching staff of 18 graduates of Notre Dame. The school also ranks high in athletics. The football teams being among the best... year after year."

Knute Rockne spoke at the first football banquet in 1921.

By 1959 the all-male school reached an enrollment of 900 students. In 1964, following some negotiations and under a special arrangement with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Cathedral became a private institution on July 1, 1964 under the direction of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Archbishop Paul C. Schulte, approved the change.

Brother James Sullivan, CSC, was the principal at the time and along with Mr. Robert V. Welch, class of '45, immediate improvements were made.

When Cathedral became a private school, the diocesan subsidy ceased. The archdiocese focused on development of

four high schools, one for each quadrant of Indianapolis. Cathedral now was competing with other Catholic high schools. These additional schools could offer lower tuition and were drawing and competing for students from the same elementary schools as Cathedral. Enrollment at Cathedral began to decline in the late '60s. After some

unsuccessful attempts to raise money, the Brothers felt they had no recourse but to close the school. On July 5, 1973, Brothers Douglas Roach and Joseph Fox closed the door and departed Cathedral in Indianapolis for the last time.

It was hard for the Brothers to leave their beloved school where they had been a strong influence for 55 years.

Alumni Memories of Cathedral High School



Mr. James E. Pfau '48

When I reflect on my Cathedral experiences, two people come to mind:

Brother Bruno—while many feared his stern look, I learned to appreciate the logic and discipline of his classes. I recall his "Gentlemen, let's begin..." and the comprehensive reviews of homework and exams.

Brother Marius—The knowledge I gained from organic chemistry helped me survive the numerous chemistry classes I had to take in pharmacy school.

In summary I would say the education provided by the Brothers gave us a mindset for life—to value our education and Catholic faith. (*James and his wife Barbara now enjoy their grandchildren in Connecticut.*)



Mr. Jake Kiefer '53

It was the second semester of my senior year, 1953. I was quarterback of our '52 state championship football team. My parents went to the final parent/ teacher meeting, receiving great adulation about our many accomplishments, only to be greeted by Brother Bruno, my math teacher who told them "he'll never be a good mathematician." A great lesson in humility. (*Jake and his wife Barbara raised a family and were successful in the business world of the steel industry. They are active in social concern issues in their Florida community.*)



Mr. Karl V. Hertz '54

It is exciting to think of the Holy Cross Brothers returning to Cathedral High School. In a sense our history will be integrated into our future.... My mind flashed back to Brother Pedro who so positively influenced our faith, and to the Cathedral (St. Peter & Paul) across the street where the sacraments were so available.

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The Holy Cross Brothers emphasized the experience of faith and honesty, dependability, treating all people equally and working hard as important values. The brothers also taught me the value of clarity of expression which carried over in my experience as an English teacher and later was an asset as an administrator. *(Karl retired as a school superintendent and he and his wife Carol live in Wisconsin.)*



Mr. Richard Pflieger '73

I remember Brother William Dygert and his very challenging English class, where he taught me a lifelong lesson regarding the importance of vocabulary skills through his avid use of the Barron's Vocabulary Builder.

As a '73 alum, I come from one of the classes that witnessed first-hand the pivotal changes in management, location, and future of the school. I believe renewing our affiliation with the Brothers of Holy Cross, nearly forty years later, is yet another pivotal point in Cathedral's history.

While we have always lived the Holy Cross values the school was initially built upon, I believe our new connection with the Brothers is an even more visible symbol of our continuing commitment to the Holy Cross vision of holistic education. Re-affiliating with the Brothers brings our past, present, and future together in a way that underscores how Cathedral is truly about "Lifelong Connections."

(Rich and his wife Claire sent their children to Cathedral and have been very supportive of their church and institutions they have attended. He continues to serve on the board of Cathedral High School. Rich and Claire were successful in the business world of computer equipment.)



Mr. Jay Michael Smith '62

For many of our parents, Cathedral High School represented a pathway to a better education and quality of life. Prior to enrollment at CHS, I knew little about the Brothers of Holy Cross. But, later in college, I began to appreciate the education I had received from these dedicated men, who as Brothers of Holy Cross, imparted the kind of teaching that helped form my understanding of life, desire to help others and appreciation for learning. The Brothers demanded that students' education, including their methods, was a force that we, as students could not ignore. It is good to know that Cathedral, its staff and faculty will continue the Holy Cross tradition of education. While the Brothers I remember, like Brothers Raymond Harrington, Joseph Zutelis, James Everett and George Kovatch, are no longer in the classroom, the Holy Cross ideas will continue. A salute goes out to the Brothers of Holy Cross and Cathedral's board and administration for maintaining this strong tradition.

(Jay Michael is a former member of Cathedral's board. He and his wife Dr. Lucia Spears-Smith, reside in Indy where Michael has been involved in higher education and the insurance business.)



Brother Pedro Haering with Mr. Stephen Helmich.

Continuing the Traditions and Spirit of Cathedral 1973–2012

Mr. Robert V. Welch, '45 stepped forward and through his leadership organized and maintained CHS. He served as board chair for fifteen years, giving generously indeed of his time, talent and treasure. Because of confidence that people had in Brother Pedro Haering, CSC, Mr. Welch asked him to return to CHS and be the school's academic leader from 1975–1979.

In 1979 Cathedral moved into the former Ladywood–St. Agnes Academy, 5225 East 56th Street and the school became coed thus young women would become a vital part of Cathedral history.

The men who also served as board president were: Mr. Dan O'Malia, Mr. Michael Schaeffer, Mr. John Davis, Mr. John Bradshaw, Mr. Joseph M. Dezelan and Mr. Steve Schaeffer.

Others who served as principals were:

Principals

- 1973 **Mr. Bernard Melevage**
- 1973–75 **Mr. Michael D. McGinley '60**
- 1975–79 **Brother Pedro Haering, CSC**
- 1979–83 **Donald M. Stock**
- 1983–02 **Fr. Patrick J. Kelly, honorary '89**
- 2002 **Mr. David L. Worland**

Presidents

- 1973–77 **Mr. Robert V. Welch '45**
- 1977–79 **Brother Pedro Haering, CSC**
- 1979–89 **Mr. Michael D. McGinley '60**
- 1989–99 **Mr. Julian T. Peebles, '64**
- 1999–Present **Mr. Stephen J. Helmich**

With the exception of Brother Pedro, contact between Cathedral and the Holy Cross Brothers was minimal. However, during the provincial administration of Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C. contact was made and sustained. In 2005, April 21 the board of trustees of Cathedral honored the Brothers of Holy Cross with Cathedral's annual dedication award. The next day at an all school assembly the students and Brothers met in which Mr. Helmich said it is like meeting your grandparents, those who have laid a foundation for you.



Cathedral High School Brothers faculty of 1923-24 taken in front of the Brothers' House, the former Stahlnecker residence, 1416 No. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re-affiliation... The How and Benefit

Brother Robert Fillmore and Mr. Stephen Helmich began sharing ideas about Holy Cross and education. During a visit to our schools in Ohio and in discussions with Brothers Robert Lavelle, Ken Haders and Peter Graham the topic of re-affiliation came up and thus Cathedral was invited to the Holy Cross Institute in Austin, Texas.

Mr. George Martin, President of St. Edward University, has been one of the major architects of the institute. He began to realize several years ago that fewer Brothers would be present in our Holy Cross institutions. In recognition of this fact, President Martin saw a need to share and preserve the charism and spirit of Blessed Father Basil Moreau. There are sixteen other schools that are part of the Holy Cross Institute.

Arriving at an agreement of sponsorship for Cathedral involved an evaluation process, somewhat like school associations conduct and included discussions with parents, students, faculty and administration of Cathedral.

What does reconnecting with the Brothers of Holy Cross mean?

During the 93rd Birthday party and Re-affiliation signing ceremony, Brother Chester Freely, CSC Provincial of the Midwest Province said: Over the years since the Brothers' departure in 1973, here at Cathedral you have upheld the core of what constitutes a Holy Cross education. Your Board of Trustees, the school administration, the faculty and staff,

and the various student bodies consciously maintained the essence of Cathedral as a Holy Cross School. So, in answer to what changes: nothing changes and everything changes. Let me explain: Nothing will change in that you began as a Holy Cross school, continued with the philosophy and culture of a Holy Cross school after the brothers left, and as witnessed by the results of recent visit by educators from other Holy Cross schools, you continue to reflect the mission, values, and practices of a Holy Cross school. And, "everything changes," but all to improve upon what you already have in place. As a Holy Cross sponsored school, you will now have access to the materials, insights, and expertise available to other Holy Cross schools, in order to better understand what you do, how you do it, and why you do it. Just as with any field of study or discipline, by knowing the theory and rationale behind what you practice, you are able to improve and expand upon that practice.

For Cathedral and the other schools the administration of each school meets with their peers and share ideas, approaches and plans for their institutions. The deeper benefit is they are able to converse and discuss with fellow administrators who come out of the same philosophical and educational approach. The institute holds an annual gathering of Holy Cross institutions who share the charism of Blessed Basile Moreau.



Cathedral High School in 1928.

Benefits of Re-Affiliation

The students of Cathedral will have opportunities to meet and interact with a variety of Holy Cross students from across the country, again better understanding the cornerstones of education in the Holy Cross tradition, to improve their understanding of Blessed Basile Moreau's philosophy of education at the Holy Cross Leadership Conferences held at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas and Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Katherine Will, a sophomore at Cathedral, was one of eight Cathedral students who attended the Holy Cross Leadership Conference held last summer at St. Edward's University. Will said: "When I think of Cathedral, I think of it as an extremely unique school that would nearly be impossible to duplicate. But the great thing about this conference is that it brought 16 "Cathedrals" together. All of the schools were based on the same (Holy Cross) charisms and therefore have the same identity. It was good to see other teenagers as passionate as we are."

Holy Cross Scholarships

Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana, awards a Moreau Scholarship, one half of tuition, to one qualifying graduate of

a Holy Cross high school. In addition, any student who has attended a Holy Cross high school and applies to Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana, is provided with a Holy Cross Brothers Scholarship for \$3,500.

St. Edward's University in Austin, TX offers a \$5,000 Sorin Scholarship to students applying from Holy Cross high schools, and a full tuition scholarship to one qualifying graduate from each of the 16 Holy Cross schools of which Cathedral is now a member.

Re-affiliation does not imply that Holy Cross Brothers will return to Cathedral High School, however it does insure that the spirit and charism of education in the Holy Cross tradition will continue.

As part of the signing and ceremony Brother Chester presented three symbolic gifts to Mr. Helmich and Mr. Dave Worland, president and principal respectively. First, was a book: *The Cross, Our Only Hope*. Daily Reflection in the Holy Cross Tradition; secondly, a plaque containing the formal resolution issued on September 10, 2012, authorizing Brother Chester to sign the sponsorship agreement with Cathedral; thirdly, the "Cross and Anchor" icon, the symbol of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

In closing Brother Chester said, "Certainly, it is my pleasure and honor to be able now say that the Brothers of Holy Cross again sponsor Cathedral High School."

60 Years as Brothers of Holy Cross in 2012



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.



Brother Joseph 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.



Brother Raymond 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.



First Brothers faculty at Cathedral High School in 1918.
Brothers: Anthony, Austin, Bernard, and Walter.

Graduates Who Became Brothers

The following 28 graduates of Cathedral High School became Brothers of Holy Cross. They are: Majella Hegarty, Alberto Neff, Cyril Ward, Thomas Corcoran, Columba Curran, Roy Smith, Francis of Assisi Davis, Joseph LeBon, Thaddeus Gottenmoller, Arthur LeBon, Quentin Hegarty, Kerik Dever, Eric Landers, Joseph Cain, Camillus Kirsch, Walter Davenport, Edwin Mattingly, Edward Boyle, Leonard Leary, Michael Becker, Timothy Hickey, William Wickham, Kerik Cain, John Lang, Valens Chrism, Chris Dreyer, Ed Dailey and Fernand Hickey.

50 Years as Brothers of Holy Cross in 2012

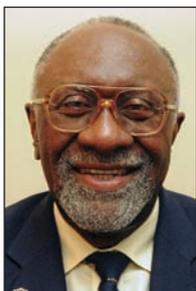


Brother William Dygert, C.S.C., a native of Detroit, Michigan, taught at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Indiana for eight years beginning in 1965.

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."



Brother Roy 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 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 as concerned about students some day as I feel they

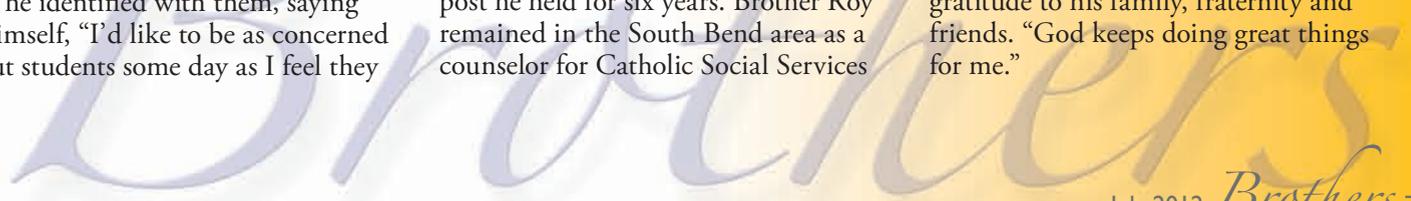
are concerned about and interested in me."

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 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.

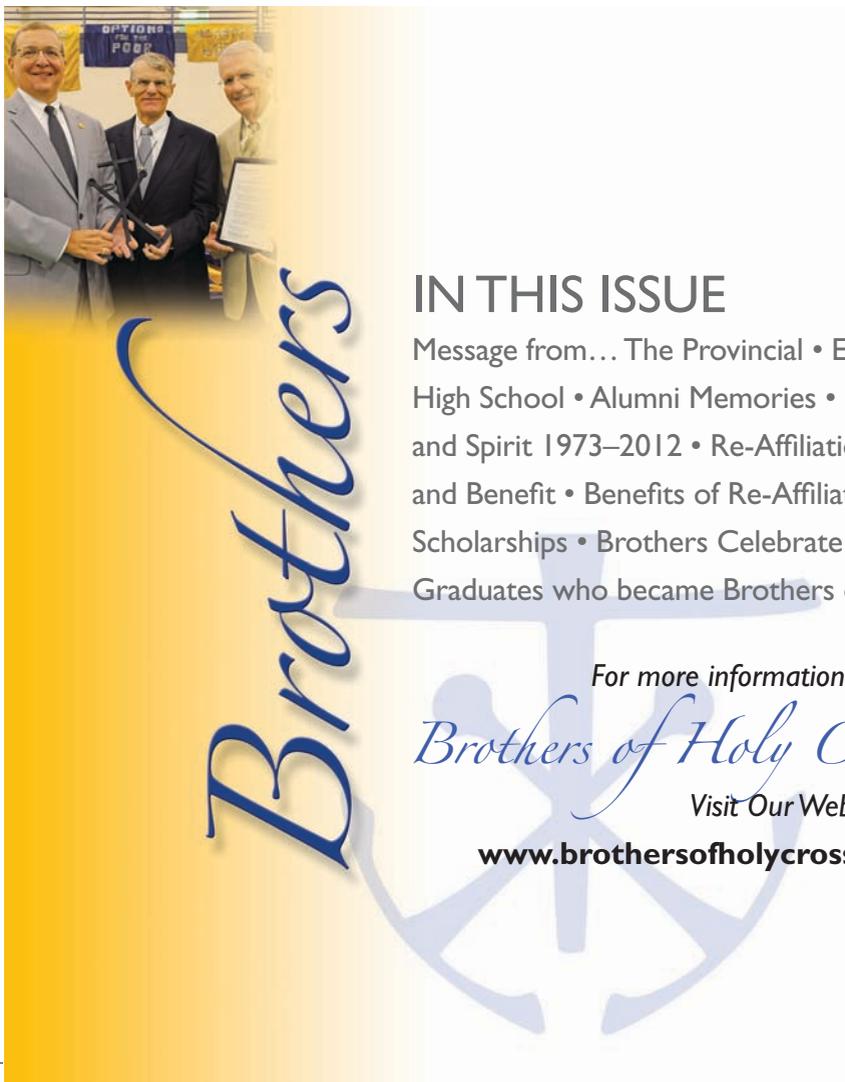
Brother Roy often speaks of his gratitude to his family, fraternity and friends. "God keeps doing great things for me."



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