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# Brothers

*Newsletter of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross*

## Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame Community of Loving Service



**Mr. John Mauch, President  
and CEO of Holy Cross Village**

Five years ago, on April 22, 2007, André Place was dedicated (as Brother Phillip Armstrong wrote) with an invitation to Brotherhood and Neighborhood. Now five years later, we see the evidence in many ways. Brothers in residence have developed relationships with Village residents through prayer groups and social gatherings. Even an everyday event, such as the bus trip to the grocery store is filled with conversation and opportunities to neighbor each other.

Brother John McMuldren's Fine Dining, Brother Henry Skitzki's Wine Pairing, Brother Lew Brazil's Jazz Concerts have become highlights of life at the Village. Brother Joe Fox provides seasonal and Christmas displays in the lobby of André Place and Brother Tom Rock constructs a Christmas Village in Schubert each Christmas Season adding to the celebration of Christmas at the Village. The residents have the opportunity to join the Brothers in their ministry to the South Bend Community, such as Brother Ed Foken's work with Dismas House and the food donations to Sister Maura's Clinic, just to mention a few.

No accounting of the role of the Brothers in residence would be complete without mentioning the role in governance played by Brothers over the years. Brother Tom Shaughnessy's many years as Chairman of the Holy Cross Village Board is rivaled only by Brother John May's service as Secretary; Brother James Van Dyke has served as a long time board member and have recently been joined by Brother Richard Gilman.

Living in Brotherhood and Neighborhood with the Brothers at the Village truly sets the Village apart from any other Continuing Care Retirement Community in the nation as a Community of Loving Service.

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# message from... the Provincial

Dear Friend of Holy Cross,

This is the fourth occasion for me to write the introductory column of our summer "Jubilee Celebration" edition of BROTHERS. In this issue we highlight nine brothers who celebrate anniversaries of first profession of vows.



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

Previous to the edition going to press, I am able to take a "sneak peek" at the narratives describing each of our jubilarian brothers. I always learn something new about the brother's life that I previously did not know. It might be of his life previous to joining Holy Cross, of some ministry assigned him that seems a bit out of the usual for him or the community, or of a Brother's reflective comments which

really underscore the essence of his commitment to religious life.

When I read these biographical sketches of our jubilarians, I am reminded of the following line from the Constitutions of Holy Cross:

*The footsteps of those men who called us to walk in their company left deep prints, as of men carrying heavy burdens. But they did not trudge; they strode. For they had the hope. (Constitution #122.)*

Upon your review of the nine narratives, I trust you will gain a sense of how these brothers have worked hard in the vineyard, and on occasion have been asked to fulfill difficult tasks, but throughout all assignments, and in all interactions with those served, our brothers are *men with hope to bring*. For me, personally, it is a privilege to follow in the footprints left by the jubilarians, and likewise it is an honor to be able to currently journey in community and ministry with these men.

The front page article of this newsletter highlights the Fifth Anniversary of André Place at Holy Cross Village. André Place is the centerpiece, the community center of the Village. André Place has been a great addition to the

Village, and has significantly increased the scope of service provided the residents. Many of the 2013 jubilarians are directly connected to Holy Cross Village: four reside in the Village, another three frequently engage in visiting and ministry with the residents, and another serves on the HCV Board of Directors. Our jubilarians are a fairly representative sample of brothers involved in the Village, i.e., in whatever way one is able to minister, the Village provides that opportunity.

Lastly, please note that Brother Roy includes in this issue of BROTHERS a letter recently received from a longtime friend of the brothers, Ms. Ruth Miller. In the letter, Ruth shares her rationale for including the brothers in her estate planning. I invite you to consider if you too might similarly include the Midwest Province in your planned giving. Such a strategy allows for your support of the Brothers of Holy Cross to continue in perpetuity.

St. André Bessette, Pray for us.

In Holy Cross,

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

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# Nine Brothers of Holy Cross Celebrate 495 Years of Religious Profession

The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross will honor nine Brothers celebrating their 75th, 70th, 60th, 50th and 40th jubilees of religious profession on Saturday, June 22. Our group of Jubilarians includes: principals, teachers, athletic director, directors of guidance, retreat director, religious superiors, vocation director, development workers, ministers to Ghana, parish ministers, trade school directors, hospital chaplain, lawyer, family minister, professional

chef and foster parent.

Joining the Jubilarians will be Brothers of Holy Cross from this 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 University at 2:00p.m. Following the Mass there will be a dinner reception for invited guests in the North Dining Hall.

Holy Cross Rev. Richard Wilkinson, C.S.C., assistant provincial/ vicar of the United States 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 under the direction of Brother Daniel Kane, C.S.C., from Gates Mills, Ohio. Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C. of Holy Cross Village will be the Master of Ceremonies.

## 75-year Jubilarian



### **Brother Roland Driscoll, C.S.C.**

Brother Roland is, as all of his friends will attest, a true Southern gentleman and a very proud native of Knoxville, Tennessee. He was born to Bernard Leo and Nell Brennan Driscoll on February 8, 1918. He was the second of 7 children (2 brothers and 4 sisters). Brother Roland first read about the Brothers of Holy Cross in the "Sunday Visitor" and was also an

early follower of the Notre Dame football team; he described himself as, "a football vocation". At the age of 18, he entered the Brothers of Holy Cross at Watertown, Wisconsin, and was first professed on August 16, 1938. He graduated in 1942 from the University of Notre Dame as he says "...with a degree in Social Studies, whatever that means".

Brother Roland's 75 years of religious life have run the complete gamut of ministries serving in decades of education. He has been a dedicated teacher, athletic director, and principal beginning in Taunton, Massachusetts, and working his way through to Biloxi, Mississippi. For many summers, he was the Director of Notre Dame Summer Camp at Bankson Lake, Lawton, Michigan. Throughout his life of service, Brother Roland always says, "God has blessed me with very good health; I have never really been sick. And I make sure to thank God every night for my good health."

Also, when asked about his life as a Religious Brother, Brother Roland is quick to respond, "I have been very happy." And holding his index finger aloft to demonstrate, this proud man from Tennessee continues, "Religious Life has been A **Number 1!** This has been a wonderful life. And I have had wonderful companions."

## 70-year Jubilarian



### **Brother Charles Borromeo Beck, C.S.C.**

I was born in Newport, Kentucky, on October 23, 1922.

After high school I did not have any idea of what I wanted to do next. For a brief period I worked at a factory in town. I started looking for something else and saw an ad for religious communities in a copy of the *Sacred Heart Messenger*. The ads for the Brothers of Holy Cross and the Alexian Brothers looked interesting and I immediately wrote to both of them. Brother Theophane, CSC responded quickly saying, "we would welcome you right away." My choice had been made for me I thought, I would go to Holy Cross.

After the postulancy and the novitiate year were completed, I made my first profession of vows on February 3, 1943. I received the religious name of Brother Charles Borromeo Beck, C.S.C. That was 70 years ago.

I was assigned to Notre Dame University to pursue a degree in education and science. Completing the degree I went to Taunton, Massachusetts, for my first teaching assignment. I was there three years and then sent to the Midwest Holy Cross school in Evansville, Indiana. I spent eleven years there. Then I went to Holy Trinity in Chicago for two years. My next assignment was to Gibault School for Boys in Terre Haute, Indiana. After six years there I requested a change and was invited by Brother Carl Englert to come to the newly established LeMans Academy in Rolling Prairie, Indiana. There I would assist in the office and with maintenance.

I do believe that the Lord brought me there to begin a new ministry. While I could do my work for the academy I also discovered the Charismatic Movement and Life in the Spirit. Prayer meetings were held weekly in LaPorte and Brother Richard Hillis was willing to drive me to them. This became my second and most fulfilling ministry. For the next 30 years I was involved in several prayer groups in LaPorte and became a leader in each. My relationship with the Lord Jesus and His Mother, the Virgin Mary has become one I wish to share with everyone.

When I moved to Schubert Villa in 2002 I knew it would be a part of my mission to help maintain the spiritual presence of the Lord at both Schubert and Dujarie. This I have done by promoting and leading the daily recitation of the Office and by my own holy hours and recitation of the rosary. These are public acts which give witness to others and I believe help others to feel free and called to pray also.

I do stand and wonder why I am the only one, of our group, who is still alive. Perhaps it was to do just what I am doing. For this I am most thankful and I ask everyone to join me in our daily prayer. I am grateful also to my Brothers and to the others with whom we share these facilities and for those who take care of us and for the Christian witness they give. We are a house of prayer.

## 60-year Jubilarians



### **Brother Robert Kelly, C.S.C.**

Brother Robert was born on December, 22, 1925, to Arthur Raymond and Agnes Mary Arndt Kelly in Lima, Ohio. He was the second of three children, with an older brother James, and a younger sister, Mary Jo. He said he was blessed with a good family life. His first knowledge of the Brothers occurred in his sophomore year in St. Gerard High School when

an Ursuline Sister handed him a brochure on the Brothers of Holy Cross. He never forgot her kindness and, after graduating from the University of Dayton with the degrees in English and Social Studies, he entered the Brothers of Holy Cross on September 4, 1951, at Watertown, Wisconsin. Brother Robert later received a M.A. in Guidance and Counseling from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio; he also received a Certificate of Theological Studies at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California.

Through his sixty years as a Religious Brother, Brother Robert has served in a wide variety of ministries, i.e., Director of Guidance, Teacher, Retreat Director, Religious Superior, Vocation Director, and assistant in the Development Office. In each of these ministries, Brother Robert has always brought a clean, crisp professionalism, cheerful enthusiasm, ready smile, and an optimistic assessment: "I think that's great. Isn't that just great?"; which he follows with a very spirited laugh that reinforces his conviction. His 21 years

at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, and his 30 years at Gilmour Academy speak effectively to his dedication. He states, "Working at St. Edward and Gilmour Academy have been the two biggest blessings of my religious life."

Upon leaving Gilmour Brother Robert Lavelle, Headmaster, stated, "Brother Robert is adept at being light hearted, and yet serious at appropriate times with students one-on-one and in large groups. We will miss Brother Robert's presence and his great sense of humor at many varied campus activities. His dedication, and his spiritual depth are evident. Brother Robert Kelly touches lives in significant ways." Prayerfulness and cheerfulness have been two very bright testaments of Brother Robert's 60 years of Religious Profession.



### **Brother Raymond Papenfuss, C.S.C.**

I was born and grew up in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. I knew at an early age I wanted to become a teacher and to work within the Church. I had no idea what a Brother was. My parish priest and two teachers from the public high school directed me to Holy Cross. As I think about my life in Holy Cross it is clear to me that the twenty-eight years I spent in

Ghana have had a great effect on me. The many relationships that I have formed over the years have given me a deeper understanding of God, myself and human relationships—a way to experience the joy of life and to keep everything in proper perspective. Before going to Ghana I was able to spend three years teaching at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago. I am still in contact with a number of students I taught at Holy Trinity. In Ghana I taught, did some parish ministry and worked at establishing a trade school. After an attack of cerebral malaria I had to return to the States. I spent a year teaching at Holy Cross and St. Mary's Colleges. I have had the good fortune to be able to work with the multiple handicapped community in South Bend, Indiana. I have to say, though, that my heart is still firmly planted in West Africa and I spend a good deal of time searching for funds to help develop our mission in Ghana.

## 50-year Jubilarians



### Brother Joseph McTaggart, C.S.C.

There's a line in our Constitutions which reads: "And, as in every work in our mission, we find that *we ourselves stand to learn much from those whom we are called to teach.*"

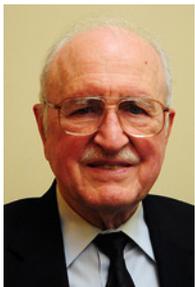
How true that is. I have been beneficiary of the largesse and wide interpretation of our being "Educators in the Faith." Our Province has afforded me much leeway at every turn of my life, both in ministry choices and in my own personal growth and development.

From being a teacher of inner city youth to being a teacher in a progressive, college prep high school; from ministry to college students on a state campus to the same ministry at the University of Notre Dame; from training as a chaplain in other than a Catholic hospital to professional certification in chaplaincy, alcohol rehab, and hospice care. Through it all, my own growth and learning in every one of these works has always surpassed whatever it was I taught or gave.

These fifty years of privileged service introduced me to such a variety of God's people and ministry to them, that I count that so-called "work," and especially the preparation that went into it, as one of my greatest blessings.

I know deeply, then, the truth of that statement about gaining much from all we teach. After all, who really is the teacher and who is the learner?

What a blessing these fifty years have been. I am most grateful.



### Brother Donald Morgan, C.S.C.

Brother Donald Morgan was born in Beaverdam, Wisconsin, in 1933, the fourth of four children to William and Viola Morgan.

Marking 50 years as a professed Religious of Holy Cross, Brother Donald has devoted quality time and energy to several forms of ministry. He has taught in Akron, Ohio, and Monroe, Michigan, and has assisted in the treasurer's office at the province center at Notre Dame, Indiana, and at Holy Trinity High School, in Chicago, Illinois. He served on the staff of St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, for over ten years, then came to Notre Dame to continue to assist at Columba Hall. On three occasions he spent time assisting either his own or another brother's family in a ministry of care and presence, a gift his pastoral experience and his generous, prayerful personality have made available to those in need. Brother Donald said, "I am so happy and privileged to have been called by God to be a Brother of Holy Cross. My fifty years in vows have been fifty wonderful years. It is truly a blessed life!"



### Brother Henry Skitzki, C.S.C.

I was born in Cleveland, Ohio. My forte during my past 50 years in Holy Cross has undoubtedly been my skill as a chef. I held food service positions in Akron, Ohio, Gates Mills, Ohio, Chatsworth, California and at Notre Dame I worked at Moreau Seminary, Columba Hall, St. Mary's, Dujarie and I even spent a summer decorating cakes at Dairy Queen. I always strove to serve meals that were attractive but still economical. At times I was in administration, and at times I rolled up my sleeves and washed pots and pans. When at St. Mary's I ran a display station for Marriott Foods, making displays in the main dining room.

Sometime around my 25th year in Holy Cross I had a sabbatical in the "Sangré de Christo Program." This was something like making a 100 day retreat. The program exposed me to all kinds of ways to improve my spiritual life. Several professional people were brought in to acquaint us with alternate ways to enrich our spirituality. When I was picked up at the airport, I was met by a Christian Brother, Brother Michael. He was in the program and we developed a rich relationship. Eventually Michael contacted leukemia and the Lord took him home.

In my later years I found myself helping Vietnamese Boat People, teaching them urban survival skills. Actually one young man now looks to me as part of his family. The young man is now 40, married, has two daughters and has built his own home. One of his daughters is my god child. She is now finishing high school at St. Joseph High School, South Bend, Indiana, with plans on entering Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Due to health reasons I retired early at 68. I moved into Holy Cross Village and got involved by offering a Gourmet Cooking class to some seniors in the Village. As the classes grew in number, I cut back and offered one DIY dinner session spring and fall. I have up to a dozen different menus, allowing the seniors to pick six dinners out of ten dinners I offer.

I also started a Village wine pairing that meets once a month. I introduce them to different dinner wines from around the world. The wine is paired with a light assortment of foods along with information on how the vines are grown and the wines are made.

I have always trusted in God. I traded my white chef hat some 50 years ago for a black habit. I still trust in God and feel that He is at my side.

## 40-year Jubilarians



### **Brother Robert Livernois, C.S.C.**

Brother Robert Livernois grew up on a dairy farm in Anchorville, Michigan. After graduating from high school, Bob attended Holy Cross College for two years before entering the Congregation of Holy Cross Novitiate in Bennington, Vermont. He then continued his education earning a degree in social studies at Indiana University at South Bend. Brother Bob

began his teaching ministry working with middle school students at LeMans Academy, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. After earning a master's degree in guidance and counseling Brother Bob went on to work at Gabriel Richard High School in Riverview, Michigan, and then St. Joseph's High School in South Bend, Indiana.

After earning another master's degree in school administration, Brother Bob served as principal of St. Mary Catholic Central High School in Monroe, Michigan. Brother Bob then accepted a position at Holy Cross College as Dean of Student Life and later Director of the Conditional Acceptance Program. Moving to Ohio, Brother Bob served as Social Studies Chair at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, for six year before moving to Akron where he presently serves as an Associate Principal at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio.

When asked about his life as a Brother of Holy Cross, Brother Bob responded that being a Holy Cross Brother has allowed him to minister in a number of places and to work with students from grades 5 through college. Teaching and working to promote student leadership has been Brother Bob's passion for 40 years.



### **Brother James Van Dyke, C.S.C.**

Brother James Van Dyke was born November 27, 1950, the youngest of three children of Wilma and Anthony Van Dyke. He grew up in Kaukauna, Wisconsin, near Green Bay. In 1968 James moved to Milwaukee to attend Marquette University.

While a sophomore at Marquette, James became acquainted with the Brothers of Holy Cross who conducted St. Charles Boys' Home, a facility for male juveniles involved in the court system. The brothers' example led him to join the community in 1970. He lived at St. Charles while attending school, a valuable opportunity to share in community life and the apostolate.

Brother James' novitiate in Bennington, Vermont, combined novices from brothers' and priests' provinces throughout the United States. After first profession in 1973, Brother James completed college. In 1974 he moved to Chicago to teach at Holy Trinity High School. He remained there over a nine year period during which time he also obtained a Master's in Religious Studies at Mundelein College.

In 1983 he began studies at John Marshall Law School in Chicago, obtaining a JD degree in 1986. Brother James then worked for the Cook County Criminal Court through 2000, primarily in programs addressing youth crimes, domestic and family violence, and substance abuse. He currently serves as Director of Correctional Services for The Salvation Army in Chicago. The programs he oversees include a residential facility for people transitioning from Federal prison.

Brother James serves on the Board for Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. He also participates in the RCIA program at a Chicago parish. He draws inspiration from the examples of St. Joseph and St. André Bessette, humble men who responded wholeheartedly to the call of God.

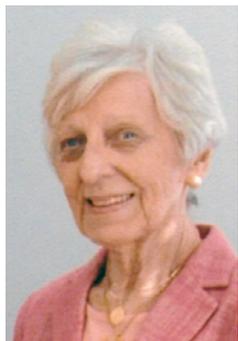
*“We pronounce our vows in a moment,  
but living them for the sake of the kingdom  
is the work of a lifetime.”*

—Constitutions of the  
Congregation of Holy Cross

# Do Your Giving While You Are Living

*In the previous issue of Brothers we encouraged our readers to consider one of our programs for Planned Giving. I would like to thank those who are considering one of our Planned Giving programs.*

*Below is a letter from Ms. Ruth A. Miller (the sister of Brother Lawrence Miller) a longtime friend and donor of the Brothers of Holy Cross. She shares with us her connection to, and her reason for, continuing to support the Brothers of Holy Cross.*



Sometimes it seems I have always been a part of the Holy Cross Brothers "family."

When I was very young my oldest brother, Fremont, became Brother Lawrence, C.S.C. I really began to look up to him—not just because he was taller than me!

The difference he made in the lives of so many disadvantaged youth made me realize the blessings to me of my parents and family. On our visits it was a joy to see the possibilities he was opening for these teens. He shared all his time and talents with them. His love and caring became a very needed resource for those he served.

On our visits to Brother Lawrence, the other brothers were seen to be equally dedicated to the needs of others. My

brother had the privilege of being educated by the brothers at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Indiana. It has been a sustaining blessing for our family.

A very impressive accomplishment of the Brothers is their foreign missionary work. What they have been able to achieve in Bangladesh, Chili, Haiti, Kenya, Uganda, Ghana and many other lands has transformed many lives and turned many to God. Their contributions here and far away are immeasurable. Saint André Bessette, I am sure, is enjoying special days in heaven over the new high school in Ghana, West Africa, that bears his name. The blessing this will be to the people there is beyond measure.

Now that Brother Lawrence is in heaven, I have to look up higher. I am grateful to the Congregation that offered him such unlimited opportunities, and attended him so well in his late years on the Notre Dame campus that he loved. Most of all I am grateful to all the brothers who continue their good works among us. Now, a plan for giving all that I can in appreciation and gratitude is my way of continuing to be a part of the Holy Cross Brothers "family."

*The box below gives some information as to how you may join Ruth Miller and others in making the Brothers of Holy Cross part of your giving plans. We thank Ruth for her on-going support.*

—Brother Roy Smith, (574) 631-2928

## Here are a Few Specifics on Giving

### Through a Will, Life Insurance and Retirement Plans

A will is a simple legal document that sets forth the distribution of your property according to your wishes while providing protection for your loved ones.

#### You can give through your will by:

- Designating a percentage of your estate as a charitable gift to the Brothers,
- Designating a specific amount of money or property (real estate or stocks),
- Gifting part or all of the estate that remains (residue or remainder) after other specific bequests have been satisfied,
- Combining a percentage or specific amount from the estate with the residue.

Making a gift through a will to the Brothers can be most efficiently completed using our legal name and location:  
**Brothers of Holy Cross, Inc. Notre Dame, Indiana.**

### Giving Through Retirement Plans

Many retirement plans are funded with pre-tax dollars and substantial income and estate taxes can be levied when these funds are left to family members or others. Often a simple change in the name of the beneficiary is all that's required to make a gift through a retirement plan.

### Giving Through Life Insurance

- If you own a life insurance policy that no longer meets your needs, you could name the **Brothers of Holy Cross, Inc., Notre Dame, Indiana** as a beneficiary or
- Purchase a new life insurance policy naming **Brothers of Holy Cross Inc., Notre Dame, Indiana** as beneficiary or
- Allow the Brothers of Holy Cross to own a policy on your life. You can make an annual contribution to underwrite the insurance premium.

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