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

## We Celebrate and Continue to Minister

Holy Cross Brothers at Holy Cross College make a significant impact.

**Holy Cross College** is blessed with the presence of religious of the Congregation of Holy Cross from the Midwest Province, Moreau Province, United States Province and from the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Among these religious are fifteen Holy Cross Brothers.

Brother John Paige serves as President of the college. Seven Brothers serve on the faculty with three of those in science, Brothers Lawrence Unfried, Lawrence Stewart, Jesus Alonso; one in communications, Brother Nich Perez; two serve in institutional operations (technology and archives), Brothers Charles Drevon and James Leik; two in student services (counseling and residence life), Brothers Chris Dreyer and Chris Torrijas; two in English, Brothers John Tryon and George Klawitter; one in mathematics, Brother Richard Gilman; three volunteer in the college as tutors, Brothers Raymond Harrington, James Kozak and Carlos Parrilla. Three of the Brothers have also formed a community residence on campus in Pulte Residence Hall, and three additional Brothers serve as members of the College Board of Trustees.

Holy Cross College describes itself as “distinctly Catholic, open to all.” The extensive presence of Brothers ministering on campus, living in our residence halls, and interacting in curricular and co-curricular activities is a visible witness to our Catholic identity and to the identity of religious brothers. The ratio of religious to lay faculty/staff at Holy Cross College is the highest ratio of any Holy Cross educational institution in the United States.



Brother Richard Gilman addresses a question as part of a panel during a Holy Cross College presentation on the vocation of a Brother last year during the Year of the Brother. From left to right are: Brothers Chris Dreyer, Nich Perez, John Paige, John Tryon, Richard Gilman, Raymond Harrington and Chris Torrijas.

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Kenneth Haders,  
C.S.C.

# Brothers

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# message from... the Provincial

Dear Friend of Holy Cross,

Recently, Notre Dame Historian Father Marvin O'Connell met with the local community of Brothers here in the South Bend area. He talked about the six pioneering brothers who accompanied Rev. Edward Sorin to the mission territory of Indiana, and of



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

their zeal in establishing what would become the University of Notre Dame. Father O'Connell recounted the struggles of that first winter, of

sleeping on the dirt floor and waking up to snow covered blankets. Life was not easy on the frontier in the 1840's for these founders of Notre Dame. It was their resolute faith, their commitment to a common mission, and their belief in Divine Providence that allowed them to succeed.

This same sense of zeal, commitment, and faith continues today, 175 years

later. Over these last three years as Provincial, I have been privileged with the opportunity to visit with our brothers, witness their zeal for mission, and hear the stories of how they are addressing needs faced by those they serve. I return from these visits with that same sense of awe which must have been evident to the frontier observer in 1842.

In this issue of *BROTHERS* we are proud to share with you stories of Holy Cross Brothers who today are making a difference in the lives of others by educating college and high school students, assisting the elderly, or caring for those who find themselves homeless, hungry, or in need of a friend. The hardships and needs of today's society may be different than those confronted by the brothers of Father Sorin's time, but the determination, the willingness to serve, and the mission of Holy Cross remains the same with our brothers.

Several of the brothers described in this newsletter are "semi-retired," that is, they are active in ministry, but on a voluntary basis. These Brothers, and many others not mentioned in these pages, are involved in a myriad of ministries. These religious could elect to stay home, read, watch television, or

rehash the old days with friends, but instead they remain true to the Gospel call of being a "Brother to Others." They are out and about every day helping those who are in need of God's loving hands of care.

The ministries in which many of our brothers find themselves, and the difference they are making, do not bring any financial remuneration. As you read Brother Roy's Development Report, I ask that you consider his invitation to assist us via one of the suggested methods for Planned Giving. Moving forward, such a gift will allow our brothers to maintain that pioneer spirit, by identifying and developing new ministries that address the needs of an ever-changing world. This is the same Gospel response which called our early brothers to Notre Dame in the 1840's, and which will guide us in a yet unknown future.

St. Andre Bessette, Pray for us.

In Holy Cross,

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

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## Remembering our Deceased Brothers in Your Prayers

**Brother Peter Graham, C.S.C., 72**  
died September 11, 2012  
50 years a vowed religious

**Brother Robert Ludwig, C.S.C., 87**  
died October 13, 2012  
61 years a vowed religious

**Brother Donald McIntyre, C.S.C., 77**  
died December 7, 2012  
55 years a vowed religious

**Brother Isaac J. Motz, C.S.C., 93**  
died March 20, 2013  
69 years a vowed religious

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

# Brother Kenneth Haders Honored With Two Awards

When Brother Kenneth Haders attended St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, he wanted to be like the Brothers who taught and mentored him there. After graduation, he entered the Brothers' candidacy program in 1968 and made his first profession in 1971. In the ensuing years Brother Kenneth served as teacher, counselor, social worker, dean of students, associate principal and principal at various Holy Cross High Schools. In 1996 Brother Kenneth was appointed President of Archbishop High School where he has faithfully served for the past seventeen years. Recently, Brother Kenneth announced his intention to step down at the end of this school year. During his tenure Hoban's academic and spiritual programs have advanced, enrollment has increased, finances are firmer than ever before, and the facilities have been expanded and enhanced. Brother Kenneth was honored at the annual Alumni Awards Dinner on March 10,

where he received the *Friend of Hoban* award. On April 4, in Houston, Texas, he will receive the *National Catholic*

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*Education Association's Secondary Schools Department Educational Excellence Award.* This award recognizes his distinguished service to Catholic secondary education. Congratulations, Brother Kenneth!

Presently there are six Holy Cross Brothers, along with a dedicated faculty and staff who continue daily to live out the mission of Hoban High School, serving students and their families.



There are six Brothers of Holy Cross on the Hoban High School faculty in Akron, Ohio. Pictured from left to right are: Brothers James Spooner, Edward Libbers, Kenneth Haders, Philip Smith and Robert Livernois. Brother Joseph LeBon is not pictured.

# Various Ministries of Brothers Active in Volunteer Works

Work is not work when it is freely and kindly given. There are a number of Brothers, retired or semi-retired at Columba Hall and the South Bend/Mishawaka area who are active in their daily lives, still ministering in different ways to other people, including their own Holy Cross Brothers. A few of the people and places served are:

## St. Augustine Soup Kitchen

Brothers James Reddy, James Newberry, James Kumba, Roger Berg, Donald Allen, John McMuldren, Charlie Gregg, John Doran and Carl Sternberg go to the kitchen each week. One of the Brothers who works there stated: "When working

## St. Joseph High School

Brother Robert Dierker has moved this year with St. Joseph High School, a new state-of-the-art high school, to its new location near downtown South Bend. Brother Robert recently celebrated his 60th anniversary as a Brother of Holy Cross. Some might think it is time for retirement after thirty-six years full time at St. Joseph High School. However, Brother Robert has continued to volunteer in the library and media center since 2006. Brother Robert said, "They are glad to have volunteer help. It is amazing how it keeps me connected with young people. I love volunteering."



Brothers who volunteer at St. Augustine Parish soup kitchen in South Bend, from left to right, Brothers Donald Allen, James Kumba, Carl Sternberg, John Doran, James Reddy, Charlie Gregg and John McMuldren.

in the soup kitchen or homeless shelter we remember to treat those who come as our invited guests. They are there because we invited them to come."

## Dismas House

Brother Edward Foken has been volunteering at Dismas House, a residence for released prisoners, each month as a cook, for the past fourteen years. In addition he organizes and directs cultural day trips for the residents and friends at Holy Cross Village. He also directs a chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph.

## St. Vincent DePaul Stores

Brother John Schuszler has been a fixture there for the past five years. Brother John works Monday through Saturday for at least three hours each day, setting up and operating the book department, picture sales, and answering customers' questions regarding location of merchandise and costs. Brother John enjoys interaction with the staff and patrons, and it is a way for him to still be active. For many years Brother John was in charge of Holy Trinity High School's entire physical plant and began work at 5:00 AM. It would be hard for him to sit around and not be active.

## Holy Cross College Tutors

Brothers James Kozak, Raymond Harrington and Carlos Parrilla offer free, one-on-one tutoring to students at Holy Cross College. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Brothers James and Raymond tutor in the Writing Center assisting students with assigned composition and term papers. Brother Carlos assists students studying Spanish and French. Their shared goal is "Excellence in Writing and Language" skills honed from decades of teaching and guiding students through the difficulties of using correct grammar and choosing appropriate words and speaking language fluently. Brother James also teaches two weekly classes in theology to senior citizens at "Forever Learning Institute" in South Bend, Indiana.

## Mail Run at ND and Holy Cross Village

Brothers Albin Kuzminski, Donald Morgan and Thomas Scheurer every morning after breakfast alternate days going to the Notre Dame Post office to pick up the day's deliveries for Columba Hall, Fatima House, Moreau Seminary, the Provincial offices and Holy Cross Village. After sorting, the letters and packages are delivered. Brother Albin said he "allows nothing, rain, sleet, snow nor hail to keep him from delivering the mail." In the afternoons they are drivers for Brothers' medical appointments.

seasonal decorator for some common areas in the Village. He is a man of many talents, and they are always cheerfully directed toward the celebration of life. His quiet, unassuming hospitality makes every event memorable.

## Cooking classes

Brother Henry Skitzki, (who is celebrating his 50th anniversary this June) has always been considered a gourmet cook, even before he entered the Congregation, and now has continued using and sharing his skills and knowledge in his retirement. For the past several years, Brother Henry offers cooking classes two days a week in the spring and fall semesters. Residents from Holy Cross Village, and senior citizens from the greater South Bend area sign up early for each of the six week courses. His classes, limited to seven students per class, are always in demand and fill up quickly. Classes end with a dinner prepared by the students.

## The Music Man

Aside from being the Director of Health Care for the Province, Brother Lew Brazil directs a village choir, composed of residents, Brothers from Holy Cross Village, Columba Hall and the South Bend area. The choir sings for special occasions and services in the village. In addition Brother Lew directs five musical and jazz ensembles throughout the year. When Brother Lew strikes up the band



Brothers who volunteer in the South Bend area, seated from left to right, Brother James Kozak, Robert Dierker, Albin Kuzminski and Carlos Parrilla. Standing from left to right, Brothers Lew Brazil, Raymond Harrington, Thomas Scheurer, Edward Foken and Donald Morgan.

## Event Planning

Brother Joseph Fox, for the past twenty-two years, has been the gifted director of most activities in Holy Cross Village that require meticulous care and quiet dignity. Aside from being the Director of the Brothers in the Village, he is Events Coordinator, Master of Ceremonies and talented

in Geenen Hall at Andre Place, the place is packed. With a twinkle in his eye and friendly smile, Brother Lew shares his talents and love of music.

# Stewardship and Planned Giving

We are grateful for the prayerful and financial support you have given over many years.

Knowing that your gifts are used as you requested is, we hope, satisfying to you, our donors. For the past three years our focus has been on the renovation of Columba Hall and improved healthcare programs for the residents.

Because of your generosity we have been able to:

- Renovate nineteen (19) bedrooms to include private baths
- Upgraded fire alarm and sprinkler systems
- Improved kitchen facilities—walk in freezer and refrigerator
- Re-carpeted the dining room
- Re-did the exercise room and added equipment
- Continue with full time nurse for five days each week
- As part of Wellness Program continue to benefit from services of: podiatrist, nutritionist, balance instructor and activities director
- Soon to come—improved entrance, making it more accessible

## 2013 Annual Appeal Donations

Raise the Road, Phase 3      764 donors      \$184,496

The list of work done, is evidence, we believe that we have been good stewards of the trust you have placed in us. Your donations have been wisely used to meet our most immediate needs. Because of the healthcare programs and renovations many brothers are encouraged and more able to be active in ministries beyond Columba Hall or their residence in the South Bend area.

Our mission is to bring good news to others, to serve others, to be neighbors to those we serve, “to be with them and of them” side by side. We are asking you to enable us to pass on the legacy and mission given to us who are here now, and to those members who will come after us.

Please join us in a ‘Special Way’ by considering a planned gift: a gift that keeps on giving, a gift of remembrance. A planned gift is simply this: you make arrangements today for a gift to the Brothers that will be realized at some point in the future. Planned giving is a win-win for all.

There are ways for you to give and benefit your family and the Brothers of Holy Cross in the long run.

You can make a difference in the lives of the Brothers of Holy Cross and your support enables the Brothers to continue making a difference in the lives of those served.

Our ministry continues whether in colleges, high schools or extended volunteer ministries.

Thank you for your continued generous support and for your partnership into the future.

Gratefully,

**Brother Roy Smith, CSC**  
Director of Development

## 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.

# Do Your Giving While You Are Living

*Recently we received this letter from a donor who was asked to share why and how he arrived at a decision to make a choice to help the Holy Cross Brothers. He replied:*

Dear Friends of the Brothers,

I am a lifelong resident of South Bend, Indiana. I was educated by the Holy Cross Brothers at St. Joseph High School, at Holy Cross College (a junior college in my day) and at the University of Notre Dame. Additionally, I lived and worked in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, at LeMans Academy, the Brothers' former novitiate. In 2007, I began working for the Brothers at Holy Cross College in the development office.

So, as you can see, the Brothers of Holy Cross have had a profoundly positive impact on my life educationally, personally, professionally and spiritually. They are kind and humble men who seek to love and serve our Lord and to make him known to the world. I'm extremely blessed to have had so many Holy Cross Brothers in my life as teachers, professors, mentors, confidants, colleagues and friends.

Each year I respond to their annual appeal, as much as I can, considering my family responsibilities, three very young children and my spouse. This year, when I received their appeal I decided to include them as one of the beneficiaries in my 401-K. I am the product of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and I felt moved by the Holy Spirit to make this deferred gift commitment.

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Planned gifts, or deferred giving, remind me of a speech in 1962 that President John F. Kennedy made at Rice University. He said, "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

Thinking about the end of one's own life is a hard thing to do. Yet if we are to die well, it is also a necessary thing to do.

Please prayerfully choose to support the Brothers of Holy Cross with a planned gift this year.

The seeds you plant will bear good fruit for generations to come.

**Mr. Craig Horvath**

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