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SOLITUDE OF ST. JOSEPH OPENS

After a summer of scraping, painting, plastering, and renovating, the Solitude of St. Joseph opened its doors to the public on September 1. The Solitude is located in the east annex to Columba Hall, an area occupied last year by Notre Dame students who had been burned out of St. Edward's Hall. In the first month people have come from as far as Boston and as near as Columba Hall to spend a few hours, an overnight, or a week in prayer and solitude. Also, there has been a constant flow of people meeting with the various spiritual directors. At the present time nine people devote a half - or a full day each week to meet with those seeking spiritual direction. The volunteer staff consists of: Bob Antonelli, CSC; Judith Ann Beattie, CSC; Frank Englert, CSC; Rich Kaley, OFM Conv.; Jean Lenz, OSF; Bruce Lescher, CSC; Tom Maddix, CSC; Tom Stella, CSC; and David Verhalen, CSC. Many of these persons are also available to direct three, six, or eight day retreats. Three others assist by volunteering their time to answer the telephone, the doorbell, or to guide people through the house. They are Brothers Bernard Mosier and Elias Ryan and Sister Mary Edmund, CSC.

Brothers Tom Maddix (Director), Larry Skitzki, and Jim Weston (S-W) are deeply grateful for the many hours of assistance various brothers gave to the renovation of the building, and for the donations of furniture, equipment, and expertise. Without this outpouring of generosity from community members, and others, the doors could not be open today. Twenty thousand dollars has been donated to the Solitude for various usages and funds are being sought from individuals and foundations to cover the costs of renting and maintaining the building, purchasing needed materials, and assisting the personal, spiritual, and professional growth of the core community and the spiritual directors.

Province members are invited to come and see the Solitude and spend some time with the community there.

BITS AND PIECES FROM HERE AND THERE

Following many years of serving young persons in boarding schools, Brother Basil Thomas has moved into parish work. He has been hired by Father Howard Kuhns, C.S.C., Pastor of St. Casimir in South Bend as Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister. Basil will also take the parish census. He is living at the Brothers' Center.

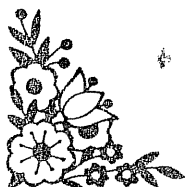
Brother Timothy O'Connell reports on Dan Piasecki, a South Bend boy who attended St. Joe High School in the late 50's. After a host of "worldly experiences" Dan joined the Franciscan Brothers and will pronounce his solemn vows as a Friar on October 10 at St. Augustine's Church on Chicago's south side.

A reprint we received recently from THE CROWN (King's College Publication) indicates that Brother Just Paczesny and the King's College Community are already enjoying a mutual acceptance of one another. Brother Just was appointed Dean of Students at the Wilkes-Barre school effective this semester. He is also the counselor where he lives - on the ninth floor of Holy Cross (Hall).

Brother Robert Dailey will be one of three panelists introducing CAREER DAY, an annual program designed to inform prospective students and parents about career opportunities available in architecture and engineering, at the Ohio State University, in Columbus, November 21, 1981. Bob will speak and respond to questions on "Human Factors."

Brother Philip Armstrong, Provincial, attended the first meeting (of the school year) of the Holy Cross (River Grove) Lay Advisory Board, on September 14. Brother Charles Krupp is the CSC liaison person for the Board, whose next meeting will be October 13.

Brother James Kell (S-W) will conduct a two-day "Life/Work Planning Workshop" at the Brothers' Center March 13-14, 1982. No charge to members of Midwest Province. Register with Brother Roy Smith at our Provincial House by November 30, 1981.



FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

- An open house for seventh and eighth grade boys and their parents will be held on October 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be no directed program. Guests will be free to visit areas which interest them most. The entire staff of brothers, priests, and lay persons will be on hand to make them welcome. Letters have been sent to principals, seventh and eighth grade teachers, guidance counselors, and pastors of elementary schools, as well as CCD Co-ordinators.
- The Ladies' Guild and Fathers' Club co-sponsored the annual Harvest Hoe-down square dance in the cafeteria on October 3.
- Four students have been named semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program.
- The Holy Cross Chapter of the Associates of St. Joseph has 105 members on its active list, and a normal meeting usually has 60-plus members present. Many of the members are now senior citizens and this, in itself, makes the Association a real apostolate. Some of the members give volunteer assistance to school projects. Since its inception in 1962 the Association has contributed \$35,000 to the Province for its educational apostolates. In addition, 10% of the gross has been contributed to the Brothers House at River Grove. Brother Thomas Corcoran has been the "guiding hand" of the Association for 15 of its 19 years.... The next activity sponsored by the group will be the Fall Dinner-Dance and Sing-along on October 24.... Members are up-dated with a newsletter about five times a year.

PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

Brother John Benesh, Chairman, has called the first meeting of the Provincial Administration Advisory Board for Saturday, October 17, at the Provincial House. Among items on the preliminary agenda are expectations, concerns and hopes for the 1982 Provincial Chapter. As usual, the Board will meet with members of the Provincial Team.

In addition to the chairman, members of the Board include Brothers: Thomas Corcoran, Robert Dailey, Walter Davenport, Robert Fillmore, Pedro Haering, Paul Kelly, William Mewes, Thomas Moser, Francis Rotsaert, Kieran Ryan, and William Verstraete.

Sessions are planned for the morning and afternoon - with the evening open for an additional meeting, if necessary.

(VERY) EARLY ND FOOTBALL

We learn from the archives that Brother Paul of the Cross (Patrick Connors) played an important role in early Notre Dame football (rugby). Arch Ward wrote in the ND Scholastic in 1887: "On account of time part only of one inning (sic) was played and resulted in a score of 8-0 in favor of the visitors. The Ann Arbor boys gave a fine exhibition of skillful playing. The occasion has started an enthusiastic football boom, and it is hoped that coming years will witness a series of these contests."

The first page of Frank Leahy and the Fighting Irish follows this quotation: "The 'enthusiastic boom' predicted by the Scholastic was not long in getting under way, for in the following week a meeting was held on the Notre Dame campus to form a Rugby Football association with Brother Paul, the father of athletics at the University, being named president. Brother Paul managed the first four Notre Dame elevens. It was he who suggested that campus elevens be organized and was instrumental in securing uniforms for them."

The Scholastic of March 24, 1888 adds: "Brother Paul left Tuesday evening for Chicago to purchase uniforms for the football teams and baseball supplies for the spring season." Elsewhere in the issue the Scholastic had noted: "Brother Paul is an excellent hand ballist and has been successful in awakening interest in the game."

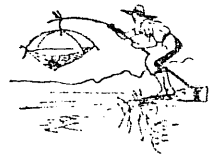
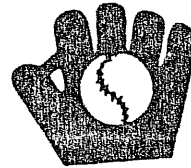
(Ed. note: Information in above article furnished by Brother Edward Sniatecki.)

FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

- Brother Pedro attended a workshop, "Critical Clinical Issues in care of the Elderly" at the University of Michigan Hospitals on September 17 and 18.
- Brother Renuus (E) visited the house on Thursday, October 1. He particularly visited with Brothers Matthew Gara and John Shea - the Eastern Province membership of our house.
- Six Directors or Assistants from area houses were guests at a dinner-meeting here on September 28. Following the chicken dinner there was informal discussion in the library dealing with the services of the Infirmary for area religious and other related topics. In addition to the Director and Head Nurse, Mrs. Shirley Rasmussen, those attending included Brothers Don Gibbs, Paul Kelly, Leo Kowalski, Bruce Lescher, Bernard Platte, and John Terlisner.
- Recent birthday celebrations included Brothers Bonaventure Foley (August 26), Francis Assisi Davis (September 29) and John Moore (October 7). Coming up soon will be Brother Theophilus Machalinski's 90th birthday on October 20 and Brother Matthew Gara (E) will celebrate on October 25...We are grateful for the continued remembrance of our birthdays by the Boysville brethren.
- Brother Robert Dierker spent two days with us in late September, recovering from a brief illness.
- The nursing staff is planning a Halloween party for late October. Any area religious willing to don a costume would be welcome guests. Contact Brother Pedro. The actual date has not been set, but Saturday, October 31, is a good bet.

FROM NORTHERN LIGHTS - ANCHORAGE

Brother Harold Ruplinger sends us a summary of the recent work of our three men in Alaska. Brother Charles McBride has been asked to direct communications and public relations for the Archdiocese on a full-time basis. Brother John McMuldren and Harold continue with the youth ministry program.

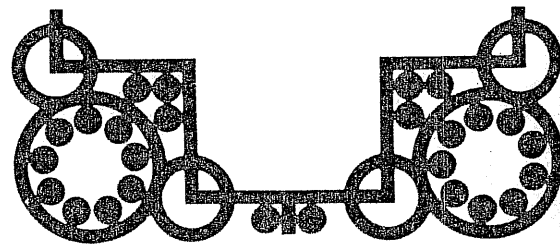


The summer camp program was very successful with a full enrollment for each of the six weeks. Brothers Joseph Fox and David Fitzgerald joined the group for the summer as camp chef and program director, respectively. Many of the younger clergy as well as interested lay leaders were most generous in assisting with camp activities. Harold conducted arts and crafts, Charles was in charge of enrollment and public relations, while John was the Camp Director.

After the regular camping season, a youth leadership workshop was held at the camp in Soldotna. Father Mike Harriman, out of San Francisco, assisted John and Harold in this program from August 23 to 29 sending thirty highly spirited young people out to all parts of the Archdiocese.

John and Harold will travel to Kodiak Island for the first retreat this fall. Transportation will be by way of the weekly ferry. They hope the 12-hour boat ride will be something better than the 38-hour ordeal they experienced last year. Winter travel is scary.

Harold also included a very interesting crucifix of leadership design from the Tlingit Indians. Perhaps we can reproduce that in a future issue...the "Alaskan Brothers" request our prayer for the continued success of their apostolate.



IN OUR PRAYERS

We are asked to remember the following who are recently deceased, and the members of their families:

Arnold Motz, brother of Brother Isaac Motz. Arnold died September 14 in Fowler, Michigan.

The father of Brother Philip Smith died in Monroe in mid-September. The funeral was in East Chicago, Indiana.

Mrs. Estelle Schu, mother of Brother William Schu, died in Evansville in late September.

FROM THE BROTHERS' CENTER

Brothers Eymard Salzman and Edgar Plas attended the annual convention of the National Catholic Development Conference in New York City September 28 to October 1. Thirty-six speakers addressed more than 450 persons on fund-raising for dioceses, parishes, schools, hospitals, foreign missions and religious communities. Edwin Neuman, noted author and NBC commentator gave the keynote address on reaching for excellence by better communication especially in speaking and writing the English language.

Father Robert Pelton's Clergy Institute began another session in James Hall on September 15. Five CSC priests are included in the record high enrollment of fifty members.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

The value of the archives was recently emphasized during the visit of Rev. Charles Lemarie, C.S.C., former French Provincial and professor emeritus of the Congregation's university at Angers. He is in the United States collecting data on the contributions of French missionaries, especially CSC members, to the cultural and religious development of midwest America. He was pleased that we could give him copies of Father Dujarie (by Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer), From France to Notre Dame (by Brother Garnier Morin), and From Sea to Shining Sea (by Brother Kiban Beirne). He was particularly impressed with Brother Aidan O'Reilly's voluminous and documented notes on lives and activities of the

religious of Holy Cross in the United States.

Unfortunately, only a few members of the Province are aware of the wealth of historical information in the Midwest Province archives. It is hoped that greater numbers of brothers would visit the archives and avail themselves of the materials there for their own personal inspiration and appreciation of the contributions made by those who preceded us.

Everyone - individuals and institutions - should make a real effort to send to the archives everything in correspondence of the past, reports of activities, diaries, yearbooks that will help complete the records of the Brothers of Holy Cross in this country.

Plans are being made for the archivists to visit, during this school year, the institutions staffed by the Brothers of Holy Cross, to assist in securing the records and history of their institutions.

800th BIRTHDAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Holy Cross Justice and Peace Center (South Bend) along with Pax Christi-Sacred Heart marked the 800th anniversary of the birth of St. Francis Assisi on the weekend of October 4. On Saturday evening Brothers Bruce Lescher and Joe Barry and Miss Rita Kopczynski hosted an informal social at the Lincolnway House. A liturgy of peace was celebrated on Sunday afternoon on the lawn of St. Mary's College Clubhouse. Father Tom Smith, Rector of Moreau Seminary celebrated the Mass. Then on Monday evening Sister Melinda Roper, M.M., president of the Maryknoll Sisters gave the peace-day lecture, "The Role of Today's Peacemaker", in Notre Dame's Memorial Library Auditorium. Sister Melinda's mission work has been in Mexico and Guatamala.



BROTHERS' PROVINCES' MEMBERS at NOTRE DAME

- Brother Kieran Ryan has given us an up-date on the Brothers working at the University for the present school year.
- Brother Joseph Bruno (S-W) is beginning his second year as the wrestling coach. He also teaches several classes in the physical education department and resides in Fisher Hall.
 - Brother John Campbell (S-W) is beginning his third year as Assistant Rector at Fisher Hall in addition to his work at the Student Health Center. Previous to his work at the University John was on the staff at Dujarie House (Infirmary).
 - Brother John Doran (S-W) is beginning his fourth year as Director of Forensics and is Assistant Rector of Pangborn Hall.
 - Brother David Fitzgerald is a newly appointed instructor in Earth Sciences and lives in our house on Lincoln Way.
 - Brother Viator Grzeskowiak is beginning his seventh year as Rector of Stanford Hall and Budget Administrator for the Office of Student Affairs.
 - Brother Edward Hagus (S-W) came to the University this fall from Rancho San Antonio. He is Assistant Rector of Dillon Hall.
 - Brother Roger Jamison is Office Manager for the Maintenance Department. This is his 43rd year at Notre Dame. Roger resides at Columba Hall.
 - Brother George Klawitter, a member of the Provincial Council, is the newly appointed Assistant Rector of Grace Hall. George continues to teach at Holy Cross Junior College.
 - Brother Joseph McTaggart continues, for the ninth year, as a member of the Campus Ministry team. Joe lives in Dillon Hall.
 - Brother Adalbert Mrowca is Associate Professor Emeritus in Physics and is in his 38th year at Notre Dame. He resides at Columba Hall.
 - Brother Ramon Purzycki begins his 5th year of retirement working in the ND Book Store after spending 33 years in the Post Office (8 as Postmaster). Ramon lives in Columba Hall.
 - Brother Francis Rotsaert began his first year as Rector of Holy Cross Hall, following a year of study in Toronto.
 - Brother Kieran Ryan is Assistant Vice-President for Business Affairs. This is his 15th year at the university. Kieran lives in Brownson Hall.
 - In addition, five Brothers continue to serve in the Notre Dame Post Office: Thomas Balaz, William Doherty, Jerome Quella, Donald Schapker, and William Vondriska.
 - In addition, Brothers Theodore Kapes, Elias Ryan, and Raymond Trottman work for the Ave Maria Press.

GIBAULT SCHOOL CELEBRATES SIXTY YEARS

Gibault School on October 2, 1981 celebrated its 60th Anniversary of child care. Forty-six of those sixty years Holy Cross Brothers with Holy Cross priests as chaplains staffed the School. The celebration acknowledged Holy Cross had invested over 700 years of individual Brother's and priest's service to the School. Brother Camillus Kirsch represented Holy Cross at the commemoration.

Former member of the province, Mr. Dan McGinley, is Director of Gibault.

OF BROTHER JOHN FEDEROWICZ

In moving recently to Canton, Ohio (to take charge of the Walsh College Library) Brother John found, among his souvenirs, a note from a Hoban student explaining, "I am returning this book which I stole last year. I stole it because I thought I would get sexual pleasure from it. All I got was a guilty conscience. -- A bothered student." This written artifact, preserved over the years, has launched John more than once into musing about the influence of Holy Cross brothers on youth. But the return of the book gave John no great joy: it was an Agatha Christie mystery, thoroughly humdrum and unascivious.

Pressed for biographical details John begins (methodically) at the beginning: "I was born of poor but pious Polish parents before the Great Depression was invented." Very sharp in his memory is learning to read, and a bookish bent marked him from boyhood. A plumber, noting him diligently perusing his homework at the kitchen table took time to encourage him. "Keep that up young fellow and you'll get to study at the best college in the country. Knute Rockne's College." Alas, that dream seemed dashed by the Great Depression.

But God's ways are mysterious. He planted in Brother John an inspiration, an aspiration, to serve God's church by serving God's youth. And the Holy Cross brothers sent him to "Knute Rockne's College" after all, to train to do this. When John applied to Holy Cross he was asked if he wanted to be a "teaching brother" or a "coadjutor brother." His reply was "neither." He wanted to be a librarian.

As librarian he has served many schools of the Midwest Province: the tiny one-room library of South Bend Central Catholic, where the library budget fluctuated from nothing to twenty-five dollars a year, Holy Trinity, where he conducted a nation-wide book drive for the benefit of the missions, launching a cancelled stamp business to provide funds for mailing the books; Akron and Lakewood, whose libraries he started from scratch. He was interested in new and unconventional ways, today accepted as ordinary.

Later, in Helena, Montana, a Carroll College Theology chairman would say of John: "What stands out particularly is his breadth of vision in matters academic." And a college president would cite "his truly splendid technical skills as a librarian." None of this could have come about without the support and encouragement of confreres and superiors nor without the great grace of two of the finest teachers of library science: Sister M. Josepha of the Franciscan Sisters of Manitowac, Wisconsin, and the late Paul Ryan Byrne, Library Director at Notre Dame from 1919 to 1952, a true bookman and the model Catholic gentleman.

Through the years there have been for Brother John other bibliothecal endeavors as well: writing for professional journals, speaking at conventions, publishing Catholic book tests (now fallen into disuse), battling the Governor of Ohio in an effort to save the state library, training school librarians, serving as library adviser to the Governor of Montana, getting out the vote for the tax levies benefitting the public libraries of Ohio. These accomplishments count for nothing, says this forty-year jubilarian, by the Gospel dictum, "When you have done all things well, then count yourselves unprofitable servants." And, while John's brand of librarianship (his signature, he calls it) is to be found in topnotch school and college libraries, "what is far more important, for the Church, and my salvation," he says, "is the living out of my Christian beliefs and practices wherever I've been. This is what being a Holy Cross brother means to me."

OF BROTHER EDWARD SNIATECKI

(Ed. Note) When I started teaching in the fall of 1947 at South Bend Central Catholic the brothers who taught there lived at Columba Hall and except for lunch on school days, took all of our meals at the "Teachers' Table" in the refectory. Even at that time, six years after Brother Hyacinth had been the Principal at Central Catholic, there was still an occasional mention of "Hyacinth Rule," to wit: do not bring school matters to the table for conversation. I was frequently sorry that this wise rule was no longer observed. Brother Hyacinth was (is) Brother Edward Sniatecki, a sixty year jubilarian and member of the Eastern Province of Brothers who has been doing work in this area again for the last ten years.)

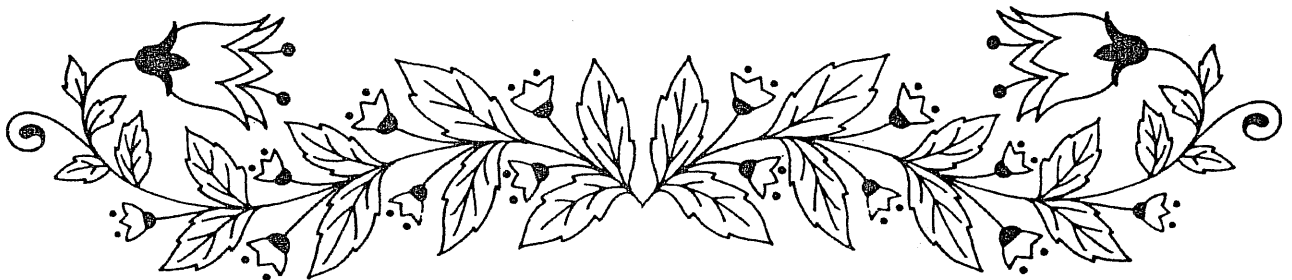
Brother Edward's life has been one of "firsts." He was in the final profession class of (1922) following the promulgation of Canon Law. Without that he would have had to wait till 1923. He was assigned to teach at Memorial High School in Evansville during the first year of occupying the new school building (1924) on Lincoln Avenue. In 1934 he opened, and was Principal for the first seven years, Central Catholic High School in South Bend. In 1941 he was sent to Long Beach, California to become founding Principal of the Boys' Department of St. Anthony High School. In the early 1950's he became a member of the newly formed Eastern Province and was engaged in vocations promotion for fourteen years.

In and around all of these works he also served on faculties at Holy Trinity (Chicago), Cathedral (Indianapolis), Notre Dame (Biloxi), Gilmour Academy (Gates Mills) and the Notre Dame International School in Rome. He also has served on the Council of the Eastern Province and as Administrative Assistant in the Province's high schools.

Somewhere along the way he decided to drop the name Hyacinth and return to his baptismal name, Edward. (Since 1945 all the brothers have retained their baptismal names.)

After his golden jubilee in 1972, Brother Edward was asked to assist in the priests' archives at Notre Dame, where he remained for five years. Then he began his present work in the archives of the Midwest Province.

His sixty-two years in Holy Cross have created many fond recollections for Brother Edward--mental pictures of the changes in the religious life, the physical changes at Notre Dame, and a long list of wonderful religious with whom he has been associated and who left their marks on him. He has a grand legacy of treasures, both spiritual and mundane. The years of working in the archives have kept these memories fresh and increased his appreciation for life in Holy Cross.



OF BROTHER DONALD McINTYRE

Should you walk into a community gathering anywhere and hear waves of laughter, it is very possible that in the center of the group you will see Brother Donald McIntyre "holding court." He has his own way of recounting and coloring incidents and happenings. Don is never at a loss for words and can turn just about any circumstance into a hilarious story.

Donald came to Holy Cross from Lakewood, Ohio - from the first graduating class of St. Edward High School. One year spent in Austin, Texas, at St. Edward's University, helped him to settle on his vocation of Holy Cross Brother. During his community years he has served in a number of positions: cook, assistant mission promoter, canvasser for the Ave Maria, fund raiser and child care at Boysville.

Don lives in the Andre Mountain Community in Tennessee, where he has just completed a three-year term as Director. His present role is that of Associate working in the Blessed Sacrament parish in Harriman (Tennessee), reaching out to the elderly, the homebound, the desperately poor. He has shown great empathy as well as a real and deep concern. These people feel free to call on Don any hour of the day or night and know they will receive a sympathetic ear and a helping hand. He is known for obtaining fuel for those in need, shopping for the elderly, procuring medical and dental appointments and then driving them to the doctor's office or the clinic, providing food for families with barren cupboards, procuring eyeglasses for those needing them. If these activities are not enough to fill his days (and nights!) he takes the Eucharist to shut-ins and often drives the church bus. It is easy to see his importance to the Holy Cross presence in Tennessee.

Don will celebrate twenty-five years in Holy Cross next January. To all the diverse apostolates in which he has worked Don has brought his unique personality and has endeared himself to all whom he has touched.



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Presently we have a "backlog" of only two for our continuing series of trying to present stories of three jubilarians each month. We would be grateful for additional contributions soon....

A reminder that material we receive by the fifth of the month is likely to get into that month's issue. We try to get it to you between the 15th and 20th.... We are grateful for any newsworthy items you send us -- and most especially news from those of you whose works are not likely to be brought to our attention unless you do so. I'm sure we are all reluctant to "blow our own horn" but we are also part of one another and it is good for us to have an opportunity to know what others are doing. Please send any information to me at Dujarie House. Thank you....

Although National Vocations Awareness Week (Oct. 11-18) may have passed when this reaches you, I would like to recall a paragraph from Brother David Baltrinic's recent letter to us:

Brotherhood has grown in importance because it is so in touch with the aspirations of youth and the spirit of our time. Since Vatican II there has developed a vital lay movement in the Church and a new recognition of the role of laypersons in ministry. As Brothers we are an integral part of that movement. There is today a new sensitivity to the cries of the poor, the oppressed, the hungry and marginated peoples of our society and world. As Brothers we have the freedom to respond wholeheartedly to these cries. There is also today a great desire among Christians to commit themselves to Jesus through prayer, community sharing and service. As Brothers we live a life which by its very nature is one of commitment to Jesus through prayer, community living, and service to others. Brotherhood has much to offer young people that speaks directly to their own lives and the world in which they are living. We can feel confident in inviting them to join our community because what we are inviting them to is a life that is of the Lord's making and one that meets their own needs, desires, and aspirations. In terms of Church vocations, our way of life perfectly matches the spirit of the day. The Brothers' vocation is a timely and vital calling, one that vibrates with the movement of the Spirit in today's world.

A reminder that November is just around the corner - a special time to remember all those who have gone before us - our brethern in Holy Cross, our relatives and friends.

- Pedro Haering, CSC

