

Midwest News

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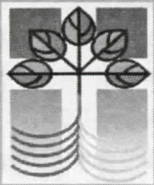
Le Mans Academy

On April 19, a bid was accepted for the sale of the Le Mans academy property that was in line with the provincial council's expectation. The bid was for both the academy property and Silver Lake Farm. There is now a thirty-day period during which time the buyer must close the deal. As a part of the contract for selling the property, the buyer has requested to remain anonymous.

Holy Cross Village

The business plan, feasibility study and architectural renderings for the proposed Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) were shared with the Provincial Council and the boards of Holy Cross Village and Andre Residential Services. A joint meeting of the two boards and the Provincial Council held on Sunday, April 4, enabled the three groups to discuss the various aspects of the project prior to entering the final decision making stage. On Monday, April 5, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation, Greystone Communities Marketing Group of Dallas, Texas, and the Troyer Group of Mishawaka, Indiana, formally presented the proposal for the Continuing Care Retirement Community to the two boards and to the Provincial Council. The Holy Cross Village Board must now review the proposal in detail and make a recommendation to the Provincial Council. It is the Provincial Council who will authorize the Holy Cross Village Board to proceed after their due diligence.

If approved, the Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) will involve the construction of a 93-unit independent living residence (condominium type) with underground parking south of the community cemetery and west of the present gymnasium, the addition of 30 assisted living apartments to Schubert Villa, a 15-bed dementia unit to Dujarie House and the relocation of the Dujarie House Chapel. Holy Cross Village will issue approximately 35 million dollars in tax-exempt bonds to finance the project. It is hoped that a decision whether to go forward with the project will be made by the end of June.



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INVITATION

The members of the province are invited to attend the inauguration of the province membership initiative to begin in July of this year. As a part of the inauguration there will be a presentation of the recently commissioned DVD on the vocation of the Brothers of Holy Cross entitled *Men With Hope to Bring* and the accompanying vocation literature.

Date: Thursday evening, June 17th

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: Driscoll Auditorium, Holy Cross College

Following the inauguration, there will be a social hosted by the Province Development Office in appreciation of the Brothers' generous efforts in supporting the province's capital campaign: *Honoring Lives of Faith – Securing the Future's Promise*.

Another Perfect Score!

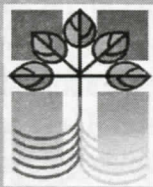
In April the State Board of Health conducted its third official survey (evaluation) of the facilities and once again awarded Andre Residential Services, Inc., a perfect score—something almost unheard of once, let alone three times. The annual evaluation process is an unannounced survey and lasted four full days. A unique aspect of this year's survey was the fact that a federal surveyor from Chicago monitored the entire process on site to ensure the accuracy of the process.

The survey process is very comprehensive in that it examines a broad array of areas from dust in the corners to observation of the physical, psychological, and spiritual well being of all who reside in our facility. The survey days are long and strenuous for the staff, however the surveyors still observed the excellent work and professionalism that was consistently provided. This dedication places us in less than 5 percent of all nursing homes in

the State of Indiana to receive this honor. Congratulations!

Columba Hall

A number of brothers have asked whether or not Columba Hall is going to be closed within the next three years. The provincial council has made no decision to close Columba Hall. At the provincial council meeting in October 2003, it was decided that because of the age of the building and changing demographics it would not be prudent to undertake any major renovation projects. Recognizing the reality that certain improvements have to be made, an allocation of \$100,000 a year for three years was approved. Part of the planning for Holy Cross Village includes discussion of the construction of an additional community residence within the village. Input from province members will be sought as we proceed with these discussions.



Honoring Lives of Faith - Securing the Future's Promise

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The staff and Brothers of the Campaign Cabinet have been busy requesting support on behalf of every member of our Province. Over the last seven months, they held more than 200 face-to-face meetings with 134 people whose lives have been touched by the Brothers of Holy Cross. To date, 40 donors have pledged \$2,400,000, including \$1 million from the University of Notre Dame.

In April, the first campaign reception was held in Cleveland for the Gilmour Academy community. It was attended by 40 campaign prospects and 15 Brothers. Additional events will be held this year in Cleveland, Akron, Monroe, Indianapolis and South Bend.



Present at the campaign reception, left to right, Mary Ann Brennan, Bishop Anthony Pilla and Anne O'Donnell

The next two months will be spent receiving gift decisions for 37 pending requests totaling \$5,975,000. Of these, three prospects have verbally stated their intentions to pledge significant leadership gifts. They are now consulting with financial advisors to try to make a pledge of this magnitude a reality. We anticipate announcing and celebrating several major gifts at time of the province Jubilee. Please attend the Thursday, June 17th social and help thank the Brothers who are generously giving their time and blessings for the benefit of our community.



Donors present at the campaign reception, left to right: Daniel O'Neill, Br. William Geenen, William, Julia and John Mulligan, and Linda and David Holzheimer

The summer will focus on requesting support from 51 prospects who have already met with a campaign leader and learned of the challenges facing our community and our plans to address them.

Please keep the campaign effort, donors, volunteers, and Cabinet members in your prayers.

Three ways we are planning for our financial future

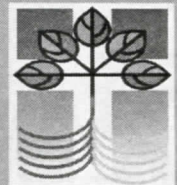
Brothers have recently asked how current financial activities fit into the overall planning for our community's financial viability.

Like any sound financial strategy, we diversify our income and investments. Our current major activities involve three sources:

- Ministries,
- Assets, and
- Philanthropy.

As you know, we plan to expand Holy Cross Village as a **Ministry** of our Province. While today, school ministries bring limited salaries into our community, the Village can be a significant source of future income.

We have **Assets** in the properties we own and in financial investments such as the Life Development Trust. We are currently liquidating the asset of LeMans Academy. Some proceeds from the sale may be used to satisfy remaining housing needs of our



members. The remainder may be invested in the Trust to provide for future health care and retirement needs.

After we've utilized our own ministries and assets to provide for our future, we look to **Philanthropy** to make up the difference between our resources and our needs. Fund raising, including the current *Honoring Lives of Faith - Securing the Future's Promise* campaign, invites those whose lives have been touched by our work to invest in continuing the Holy Cross tradition.

By not relying on a sole source of income or investment, we increase our financial ability to care for current members and grow our Province in the future.



Brother Carl Sternberg was the recipient of the *St. Bernardine Award* on May 20, the feast of St. Bernardine, at a Prayer Service held in Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, San Bernardino, California. This award is given for meritorious service as an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of San Bernardino. Bishop Gerald Barnes writing to Brother Carl to announce the award said: "I am grateful for the many years of service that you have shared with the people of the Diocese of San Bernardino and the faithful witness of a follower of Christ that you are for all of us."

The Archbishop Hoban High School student newspaper, *The Visor*, received the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's *Silver Crown Award* for quality in writing, editing, design, concept, photography, art and graphics. The award was presented on March 19 at the 80th annual Scholastic Convention held at Columbia University, New York, NY. **Brother Joseph LeBon** is the faculty adviser for the Archbishop Hoban High School student newspaper.

Catholic Social Services of the diocese of Phoenix recognized **Brother Richard Armstrong's** extraordinary service to the poor and disadvantaged when he was presented with the *Prophet Amos Award* at the annual Awards Dinner on April 20. For eighteen years Brother Richard has been living and working directly with the poor through the Andre House Program, an outreach effort of the Indiana Province. His responsibilities include assisting in a small residential program, overseeing the collection of food and its preparation and the serving of a daily evening meal that on the average serves 500 people. During the presentation it was pointed out that Brother Richard has served as a prophet because of his witness of total commitment to the homeless and to the social message of the gospel.

Dismas of Michiana, an organization dedicated to helping prisoners readjust to society, awarded **Brother Edward Foken** a certificate of appreciation at its annual celebration. The certificate recognizes Brother Edward's generous gift of time and talent in cooking ten times a year for the residents of Dismas. Brother Edward has been a member of the board for Dismas of Michiana for the past two years.

In Brief

Brother Thomas Maddix has been appointed Vice President for Mission, Ethics and Spirituality for Providence Health Care in Vancouver, British Columbia. His appointment becomes effective August 16, 2004. Prior to his new position, Brother Thomas has served as Vice President, Organizational Advancement for the Caritas Health Group in Edmondson, Alberta. His areas of responsibility there included mission integration, ethics, spiritual care and leadership development.

Thanks to the generous efforts of **Brother Chris Dreyer** significant renovations have been completed at the province cottage on Lake Michigan at Coloma. There is a new electric oven in the kitchen. New tile flooring

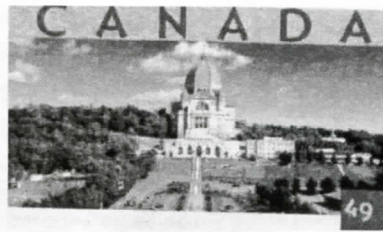


has also been installed in the kitchen and renovations have been done in the bathroom. At present Brother Christopher is painting the roof with a reflective material that will make the cottage much cooler during the summer months. The cottage is now open for business and Brothers wishing to make use of it are asked to make their reservations through the provincial office.

Robert Parkinson, a senior and varsity football player at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, saved the life of an infant abandoned at the back door of Fairview Grace Methodist Church in Fairview Park. On Saturday, March 24, Robert had completed a delivery of flowers to the church when upon leaving he noticed what he thought was a doll lying at the rear entrance to the church. When he went to make sure, he discovered it was not a doll but a day-old baby boy. He immediately called 911 for assistance. Thanks to Robert's intervention, the abandoned baby boy is in stable condition and is receiving medical attention. The Children and Family Services of Cleveland have since sought emergency custody for the child while efforts are being made to determine the person who abandoned the child at the church.

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's newspaper, *The Observer*, printed a feature article in April on the **Brother's Community at Columba Hall**. The article, entitled *In the Shadows*, included interviews with a number of the Brothers and featured a photo of Brother Thaddeus Gottmoller on the front page. The article was the second of a four-part series for Holy Week that focused on the presence of religious of the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College. Photocopies of the article are available through the province development office.

This year **St. Joseph Oratory** in Montreal celebrates its 100th anniversary. To mark the event the Canadian government has issued a special commemorative stamp. In August 2005, the Holy Cross Family Group, a



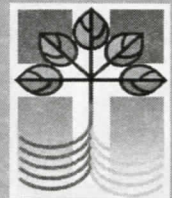
grassroots movement of Holy Cross men and women will organize a Holy Cross gathering to be held in Montreal to mark this event and to celebrate the legacy of Blessed Brother André Bessette. More information on this event will be forthcoming.

On April 6, the Tuesday evening prior to the final Holy Week ceremonies, the **Second Annual Village Seder Meal** was held in Schubert Villa. As with last year, the Holy Cross College students of the R.C.I.A. program of incorporation into the Catholic Church and their sponsors and leaders were invited by the Village to take part in this special meal prepared at Schubert Villa. Two residents of Holy Cross Village, Montel Menting and Ernest Brandewie, provided the Christianized form of the traditional Jewish ceremonial meal marking the Passover. One hundred dollars was raised during the evening to be given to the missions.



Holy Cross College Students preparing for Baptism on Holy Saturday who were guests at the Seder Meal. Robert Kloska, back left, is the Holy Cross College director of campus ministry.

St. Joseph's School of Industrial Trades in Dhaka, Bangladesh, celebrated its Golden Jubilee of foundation on May 1. Although the actual date of foundation was March 19, 1954, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker was chosen for the celebration because it coincides with the International Workers' Day, also celebrated



on May 1. Over 700 guests, including Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters, were present for the occasion. Archbishop Michael Rozario, archbishop of Dhaka, was the principal celebrant at the Mass of Thanksgiving. During the jubilee program, which lasted throughout the day, a grotto in honor of St. Joseph was unveiled and a plaque was dedicated in honor of Brother Andrew Steffes, founder of the school. Brother Bijoy Rodrigues, former provincial of St. Joseph Province, is the current principal of St. Joseph School of Industrial Trades.

Professions and Ordinations

Father Hugh Cleary and the members of the general council unanimously accepted **Brother Edward Fox's** petition to make his perpetual profession of vows. In his letter, Father Cleary, speaking on behalf of the general council, said, "We wish him (Br. Edward) every blessing and rejoice with the Midwest Province, and the Congregation of Holy Cross on this special occasion."

At the conclusion of the Sacred Heart Province Assembly (Bangladesh) six Holy Cross seminarians: **Amal Augustine Rozario, Placid Proshanta Rozario, Michael Sarker, Robert Dilip Gomes, Ujjal Linus Rozario and Thaddeus Hembrom**, made their perpetual profession of vows. At the same time, Bishop Theotonijs Gomes, C.S.C., auxiliary bishop of Dhaka, was honored on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of Episcopal ordination.

Cardinal Emmanuel Wamala ordained two Holy Cross confreres to the priesthood on March 27 in Kampala, Uganda, East Africa. The newly ordained are **Fathers Leonard Olobo and Comfort Jackson Agele**.

Six members of the Indiana Province were ordained to the priesthood in Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame, on Saturday, April 17. Bishop Daniel Jenkey, C.S.C., bishop of Peoria, Illinois, presided at the ceremony of ordination during which **Revs. Michael**

Wurtz, Ralph Haag, Lou DelFra, Neil Wack, Charles Witschorik, and Daniel Parrish were called to the presbyterate.

The members of the province join with all the congregation in extending congratulations to these confreres and assure them of prayers of support as they continue their ministry of being men with hope to bring.

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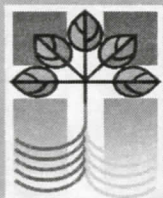
New Residents at Dujarie House:

Brother William May, C.S.C. (SW)
Rev. Stephen Lambour, C.S.C. (EP)
(brother of Brother Barry Lambour)



Please remember in your prayers

The repose of the souls of: Rev. Thomas Feeley (EP), Rev. Edmund P. Joyce (I), Molly Reilly, sister-in-law of Br. James Reilly (SW), Marlene Gaseor, sister-in-law of Br. William Gaseor, Anthony Tsiquaye, brother of Br. Joseph Tsiquaye, Robert Dowd, Sr., father of Rev. Robert Dowd (I), and John Kelly, nephew of Br. Francis Rotsaert.





Book Review

JOURNALKEEPING: Exploring a Great Spiritual Practice

Carl J. Koch

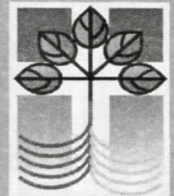
(Sorin Books, Notre Dame IN, 2003)

This interesting reader-friendly volume is the first in a series entitled, "Exploring a Great Spiritual Practice." Others are on meditation, fasting and pilgrimage. John Kirvan is the series editor.

Journalkeeping's purpose is to give encouragement to those who keep a journal and share in it their deepest thoughts, words and actions; and to devise a credible and appropriate source from which the writer can draw a valid assessment of the spiritual progress being made over time. Though possibly every principle or practice related in the book is known to you from one time or another in the past, the reiteration of rationale and method applicable to keeping a journal can be helpful even further either by stirring up enthusiasm once again or guiding and assisting the first-time chronicler. The reader should appreciate that no one can claim that if you have not yet begun a journal it is hopeless to try at this late date.

The book measures a curious 6" x 7", the near-square lending itself to ease of reading. It is full of step-by-step advice and examples. The layout of *Journalkeeping* is intriguing. Gray half-tone illustrations found literally beneath the text, appear frequently throughout the book. The most attractive innovation, however, is the inclusion of some 75 motivational quotations from the writings of journal keepers both from past eras (e.g., Shakespeare, Teresa of Avila, and Ben Franklin), or our own (e.g., Jean-Paul Sartre, Ghandi, Thoreau, Emily Dickinson, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Robert Frost, and Anne Morrow Lindbergh). Just these pithy words of wisdom from such authors are in themselves worth the price of the book (\$12.95). For example, here's a one from Maya Angelou: "No man can know where he is going unless he knows exactly where he has been and exactly how he arrived at his present place." Another, this one by Mary Catherine Bateson, says, "Writing has been the constancy through which I have reinvented myself after every uprooting." Patrick Overton challenges the reader: "When you come to the edge of all the light you have, and must take a step into the darkness of the unknown, believe that one of two things will happen. Either there will be something solid for you to stand on—or you will be taught how to fly."

Journals have for centuries been an important tool for aiding spiritual growth. If you have been keeping a journal regularly but have been less committed to it lately, *Journalkeeping* offers a "catch-up" service to break through the shell of incipient or full-blown apathy and acquaint you with today's methods. If you have never written a single page in a journal, Koch shows you it is not too late to begin, that the years behind you are replete with wonderful experiences and the wisdom that results from them, so your journal entries will be rich with your own spirit and you will find that, "Everything that happens is either a blessing which is also a lesson, or a lesson which is also a blessing." (Polly Berrien Berends)



Nearly every chapter includes a page called "Write!", in which Koch encourages—almost demands—that the reader begin writing his or her experiences *now* and offering some simple exercises to get the process moving.

At the end of the book something of a brief appendix appears. The author suggests 10 books he considers the best examples of journaling, among them the writings of Anne Frank, Pope John XXIII, and Thomas Merton.

A second section identifies who, according to Koch, are the 10 best teachers of journal writing, including Ira Progoff, acknowledged by some as the most effective and influential "guru" in any school of journalizing.

Yet another 10 names identify Koch's favorite writers of memoirs, such as columnist Russel Baker and Holocaust survivor and philosopher Elie Wiesel.

That the book reads smoothly, that it has a fascinating layout and is easily understood are not necessarily the most attractive of its elements. The reader is actually challenged on quite an elementary but basic level to take a chance and give new emphasis to journaling. Everything you need, he implies, is contained between the covers of *Journalkeeping*. Preserving the spiritual wisdom that becomes the property of community, family, friends as a person grows older, is a top priority. Beyond that, chronicling one's days helps the writer to know who, fundamentally, she/he is, because a verbal road map of growth and development is being preserved to illuminate the past.

I recommend the book, not only for its potential current value to you, but as an introduction to the other books in the series that may provide even richer experiences of the the wealth of one's interior life. *Journalkeeping* and *Meditation* are available in the Notre Dame area at the retail shop inside the entrance to the AVE MARIA PRESS, located across from Moreau Seminary on Douglas Rd. in South Bend. Sorin Books is a subsidiary publishing entity operating under AMP ownership and control.

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