

# Midwest News

March-April, 2005



*ALLELUIA!*

## Provincial Council

### Holy Cross Village

The provincial council met on Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19. During the course of the meeting the council members reviewed the amended articles of incorporation and bylaws for the corporation, Holy Cross Village, Inc. At this time it was pointed out that Holy Cross Village is a ministry of the Brothers of Holy Cross, Midwest Province and a Midwest Province corporation. Through the corporate board of Holy Cross Village, the Brothers of Holy Cross maintain control and determine policy for Holy Cross Village. The Brothers of Holy Cross have engaged the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation to serve as the management arm for Holy Cross Village. The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation does not make changes in the philosophy or policies of Holy Cross Village.

### 2006 Provincial Chapter

The 2006 provincial chapter will open on June 18, 2006, and end on June 23, 2006. The province jubilee celebration, June 17<sup>th</sup>, will precede the chapter. The chapter will be held at Holy Cross College. Brother John May has agreed to chair the chapter planning committee.



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## Living Legacy

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### Sample January 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Brother Thomas Francis Balaz, C.S.C.**

Brother Thomas died on this date in 2005 at the age of 72, following a long battle with a rare kind of leukemia. He entered the community at the age of 27 after service with the U.S. Army in Korea and work in the steel industry. Tom spent his entire community life at Columba Hall and was a highly capable government worker for the 27 years he served at the Notre Dame Post Office. His optimistic, welcoming, and gentle approach characterized his life both in community and at work. He was a cheerful and gracious host to visitors at



## Midwest Province Brothers' Death Dates

### January

- 1 – Norbert (Carl) Henske [1974] (73)
- 2 – Thomas Francis Balaz [2005] (72)
- 4 – Benoit (Rupert) Frigon [1975] (72)
- 6 – Polycarp (Bronislaus) Newman [1994] (86)
- 7 – William Joseph Healy [1995] (73)
- 7 – Theodore (David) Kapes [1995] (93)
- 8 – Jerome John Schwabe [1997] (67)
- 9 – Andrew (Joseph F.) Steffes [1992] (89)
- 11 – Leonardo (Alex) Bebetu [2004] (84)
- 12 – Claude Hartman [1977] (77)
- 16 – John Peter Dunham [1975] (43)
- 16 – Duncan (Walter) Briggmann [1981] (80)
- 18 – Owen (Joseph) Lynch [1970] (76)
- 19 – Eymard (Robert) Salzman [1990] (84)
- 20 – James (Alexander) Buckley [1991] (88)
- 23 – Marcellinus (John) Fahey [1978] (79)
- 24 – Quentin (James) Hagarty [1987] (74)
- 24 – Thomas Francis Corcoran [2004] (76)
- 27 – Arthur Julian Gohl [1994] (64)
- 28 – Just (Eugene) Paczesny [1998] (72)

### February

- 3 – Rupert (Laurence) Poudrier [1960] (59)
- 5 – Antoninus (Anthony) Schloemer [1995] (89)
- 8 – Omer (John) Bielawski [1982] (95)
- 9 – Leonard Francis Leary [1992] (70)
- 10 – Liborius (Stanislaus) Lane [1962] (63)
- 10 – Arthur (Joseph) Bouvier [1970] (82)
- 12 – Elias (John) Ryan [1991] (80)
- 14 – Joachim (Lawrence) Reiniche [1992] (84)
- 18 – Lionel (Kenneth) Light [1975] (72)
- 18 – Chester Louis Rachel [1994] (57)
- 25 – Fernand (James) Hickey [1991] (70)
- 27 – George Joseph Stefanik [1995] (69)

### March

- 2 – John (Joseph) Federowicz [1994] (71)
- 4 – Ernest (John) Ryan [1963] (65)
- 4 – Thomas Robert Henning [2003] (77)
- 5 – Remigius (Hubert) Bullinger [2002] (88)
- 6 – Florian (Thomas Anthony) Gill [1989] (86)
- 9 – Warren (Robert Allen) Shea [1992] (70)
- 14 – William Joseph Doherty [2005] (90)
- 15 – Liguori (Clarence) Denier [2002] (95)
- 22 – Amadeus (John) Connor [1978] (56)
- 24 – Hugh (Arthur) Kalaugher [1973] (72)
- 24 – Magella (Maurice) Hegarty [1986] (82)
- 26 – Caius (Paul) Webber [1970] (54)
- 28 – Benjamin (John) McNulty [1976] (84)
- 28 – James Alexander Moroney [2000] (73)
- 29 – Dacian (Omer) Renner [1965] (56)
- 29 – Robert Glenn Woodward [2001] (72)
- 31 – Linus (Charles) Voigt [1972] (88)

### April

- 1 – Carl Joseph Shonk [2003] (69)

- 3 – Dominic (Joseph) Elder [1976] (71)
- 3 – Jeffrey (Thomas Anthony) Michels [1991] (68)
- 4 – Anselm (Arthur) Tatro [1989] (98)
- 4 – Jonas Patrick Moran [2000] (85)
- 6 – James William Caley [1999] (60)
- 9 – Fidelius (Daniel) Pommier [1976] (76)
- 9 – Hobart (Richard) Pieper [2001] (79)
- 15 – Eugene LeFeuvre [1963] (89)
- 21 – Vincent (Paul) Will [1965] (35)
- 22 – Ives (George) Kilroy [1988] (81)
- 22 – Eugene Weisenberger [1991] (73)
- 23 – Giles (John) Martin [2000] (91)
- 26 – Severin (William) Smith [1962] (65)
- 26 – Columba (William) Curran [1979] (68)
- 26 – Leon (William Nicholas) Gnewuch [1984] (85)

### May

- 3 – Jude (Walter) Costello [1992] (89)
- 3 – Ronan (Norman) Koenigsnecht [2002] (83)
- 5 – Francis (Cornelius) Fitzpatrick [1967] (43)
- 9 – Vianney (Martin) Dillon [1981] (82)
- 10 – John McDonnell Lavelle [1987] (76)
- 12 – Theogene (Frederick) Merline [1971] (87)
- 12 – Ralph Bernard Baird [1999] (60)
- 13 – James (John) Talarovic [1987] (72)
- 16 – Bernard (Frederick) Mosier [2002] (94)
- 19 – Gregoire (Orville) Bleau [1990] (69)
- 19 – Clarence (Henry) LaMere [1995] (85)
- 21 – Richard Eugene Foley [1996] (71)
- 25 – Methodius (John) Paunicka [1970] (76)
- 26 – Sixtus (Arthur) Perzynski [1998] (83)

### June

- 1 – Ramon (Matthew) Purzycki [1998] (78)
- 2 – Benedictus (Frederick) Secoy [1969] (56)
- 7 – Basil Thomas [1983] (55)
- 9 – Gerontius (Joseph) McCarthy [1970] (50)
- 9 – Richard Steven Weber [1999] (62)
- 12 – Xavier (John) Donoghue [1959] (68)
- 12 – Michael (John) Donovan [1992] (90)
- 12 – Lewis Bertrand (Carl) Leimeister [1998] (102)
- 14 – Bruno (Peter) Klusewitz [1962] (73)
- 15 – Francisco (William) Drury [2000] (73)
- 17 – Flavian (Leo) Lambert [1970] (74)
- 20 – Benedict (Felix) Gervais [1976] (76)
- 25 – Walter Edward Duda [2003] (80)
- 25 – John Driscoll [1987] (59)
- 27 – Finbarr (Patrick) Buckley [1979] (92)
- 28 – Louis (Ernest) Gazagne [1973] (88)

### July

- 2 – Paul August Scherman [1967] (49)
- 6 – Norbert (Leger) Bauer [1958] (86)
- 6 – David Michael Baltrinic [1985] (46)

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- 10 – Walter Irwin Davenport [2004] (75)
- 13 – Ferdinand (John) Moser [1964] (74)
- 14 – Brendan (John) Luby [1979] (92)
- 16 – Philip Carmen Alessandro [2003] (74)
- 20 – Gonzaga (Thomas) Day [1997] (77)
- 22 – Sylvanus (Henry) Nichols [1959] (68)
- 25 – Theophane (John) Schmidt [1963] (52)
- 25 – Armand (Theodore) Amman [1992] (78)
- 27 – Lucidus (James) Millenbach [1999] (88)
- 28 – Gregory (Ladislaus) Rozczynialski [1962] (70)
- 28 – Alcuin (Thomas) Nuss [1969] (61)
- 30 – Paschal (Vincent) Tomaszewski [1998] (77)

#### August

- 4 – Neil (Paul) Gildea [1975] (81)
- 7 – John Marcus Moore [1982] (77)
- 7 – Edward (Adam) Konieczny [1984] (79)
- 8 – Firmin (William) Mandeville [1959] (70)
- 9 – Viator (John) Czerwinski [1958] (76)
- 11 – Jerome Andrew Quella [2004] (71)
- 12 – Frederick (Maximilian) Ludwig [1965] (69)
- 13 – Stanislaus (Francis) Rusilowski [1958] (56)
- 14 – Paulinus (James) Walker [1966] (78)
- 22 – Reginald (Edward) Juszczak [1971] (57)
- 25 – Malachy (Robert) O'Brien [1958] (67)
- 28 – Mark (Melchior) Siedler [1964] (68)

#### September

- 2 – Albert (Ernest) Pinter [1982] (62)
- 2 – Roger (Edward) Jamison [1985] (76)
- 4 – Edgar (Raymond) Plas [2004] (88)
- 6 – Ivan (Charles) Dolan [1985] (61)
- 6 – Ronald Charles LaLonde [2001] (69)
- 8 – Alexis (Francis) Wilks [1963] (72)
- 12 – Godfrey (Walter) Vassallo [1974] (80)
- 13 – Andrew Dennis Sukenik [1986] (59)
- 18 – Maynard (Raymond) Rabadoux [2001] (87)
- 20 – Juvian (Morit) Schwartz [1958] (61)
- 20 – Joseph Rudolph Otto [1960] (29)
- 20 – Alfred (John) Grilli [1995] (84)
- 25 – Marcellus (Philip) Bonen [1994] (80)
- 25 – Leonard Charles Siwierka [2001] (69)
- 26 – Kenan (Patrick) Judge [1994] (91)
- 27 – Ignatius (Patrick) Boyd [1959] (57)
- 28 – Celestis (Howard) Mueller [1982] (58)
- 30 – Regis (Robert) Regensburger [1987] (87)

#### October

- 1 – Charles Francis Blavat [1975] (39)
- 2 – Gerard (John) Fitz [1971] (77)
- 2 – Adalbert Mrowca [1983] (70)
- 2 – Thomas Roy Mittendorf [1999] (62)
- 4 – Alan (James) McNeil [1959] (81)
- 6 – Anthony (Bernard) Houser [1986] (69)
- 6 – Fintan (Joseph) Kindilien [1987] (89)
- 7 – Maurice (Charles) Wertzberger [1974] (68)
- 8 – Philbert (Edmund) Cook [1985] (88)
- 8 – Paul B. (Anton) Mattingly [1990] (70)
- 9 – Damian (Daniel) Daele [1983] (82)
- 10 – James Joseph Linscott [2003] (77)

- 11 – Maximus (Albinus) Czyzewski [1963] ((82))
- 12 – Fergus (William) Burns [1976] (64)
- 14 – Bonaventure (John) Foley [1986] (82)
- 15 – Richard (Edward) Grejczyk [1976] (72)
- 16 – Edwin (Albert E.) Mattingly [1993] (75)
- 17 – Eligius (Wenceslaus) Ruscik [2004] (89)
- 19 – Bernard (Eugene) Gervais [1963] (82)
- 21 – Vitus (Theodore John) Schwartz [1993] (99)
- 22 – Theophilus (Aloysius) Machalinski [1989] (98)
- 22 – Donald Robert Johnroe [2004] (83)
- 23 – Martinus (Leonard) Bombardier [1998] (76)
- 23 – Charles Edward Hill [2004] (82)
- 26 – Flavius (James) Ellison [2004] (77)
- 28 – Eric (James) Landers [1982] (67)
- 30 – Lambert (Emil) Barbier [1963] (72)

#### November

- 1 – James Cornelius O'Donnell [1999] (54)
- 3 – Simeon (Thomas) Costello [1956] (55)
- 3 – Edward (Joseph) Olszowka [1977] (53)
- 3 – Richard Joseph Kearney [1996] (49)
- 5 – Francis Wilhelm [1961] (45)
- 5 – Fabian (Francis) Leimeister [1974] (87)
- 5 – Donatus (Harold) Schmitz [1978] (67)
- 7 – Thomas James Balthazor [2001] (61)
- 9 – Ivo (John) Regan [1976] (60)
- 9 – Ronald Thomas Ehrhardt [1989] (53)
- 14 – Adrian (Ferdinand) Cygnar [1991] (76)
- 14 – Otto (Leonard) Hayden [1996] (90)
- 17 – Bennet (Thornton) Nettleton [2003] (81)
- 21 – Ambrose (Zygmunt) Nowak [1975] (57)
- 23 – Cecil (Matthew) Ferguson [1966] (48)
- 25 – Gilbert (Raymond) Scher [1980] (64)
- 30 – Romanus (Joseph) Ringwelski [1977] (74)
- 30 – Simon Aloysius Murren [1997] (76)

#### December

- 3 – Richard Erwin Gilson [2000] (57)
- 4 – John Patrick Lahiff [1990] (68)
- 5 – Kieran (James) Ryan [1983] (69)
- 8 – Viator (George) Grzeskowiak [1990] (68)
- 10 – Donald Edward Bailer [2003] (74/75)
- 11 – Bernard Gerard Platte [2002] (68)
- 11 – John George Quigley [2003] (86)
- 13 – Bede (Sylvester Edward) Stadler [1992] (81)
- 17 – Robert Cyprian Milke [1991] (78)
- 18 – Kenneth (William) Hopkinson [1977] (75)
- 20 – John Lawrence Harris [2003] (75)
- 21 – William Jeremias Kleynenberg [1968] (38)
- 21 – Evan (Robert) Schmid [2004] (84)
- 22 – John O'Flaherty [1987] (83)
- 25 – Francis of Assisi (Paul) Davis [1987] (79)
- 26 – Augustus (Bernard) Patin [2000] (85)
- 28 – Paulus (Emmet) McGory [1976] (65)
- 29 – Gabriel (Isidore) Halm [1959] (63)
- 29 – Sigismund (Eugene) Danielski [2004] (91)
- 30 – Robert James Siegel [2003] (75)



## Holy Cross Village

The work on the transition of Holy Cross Village to a Continuing Care Retirement Community is moving at a faster pace. As board president, I am becoming more excited about the expanded ministerial opportunities this will provide for Province members. Those Brothers ministering and journeying with our current Village residents can attest to the future potential of ministry as we expand the Village.

During the past several weeks, our marketing staff has been continuing to conduct seminars for persons in the area who may be interested in living at Holy Cross Village. The marketing group has moved its offices to the Edison Lakes Office Park in Mishawaka where they will conduct business. In moving the marketing office to Edison Lakes we have an appropriate office space where we will be able to have a scale model of the project. When we come together for the Province workshop and jubilee celebration, Brothers will be able to view the scale model.

At the present time, the marketing group is determining the interest in our CCRC concept and in our Independent Living Apartment. So far over 150 persons have deposited a one hundred dollar (refundable) fee to become a priority member. The actual sale of memberships will not begin until late May.

With the Provincial Council, the Holy Cross Village Board has been reviewing the corporate by-laws and corporate structure for Holy Cross Village. This is in preparation for the merger of Holy Cross Village and Andre Residential Services into a single corporate entity. The Provincial and his council will determine this corporate entity. The Provincial, who will also retain reserve powers, will appoint all board members.

This new entity will be a ministry owned and operated by the Midwest Province. Some have expressed concern that the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation is in charge. They are our managers and operate only with our approval and direction. We must realize that this expansion will require many changes. Some may find these changes difficult. Be assured these changes that take place are necessary and they are done with the approval of Holy Cross Village Board.

Because of the number of changes, I am going to provide the province members with a more detailed report in the very near future. I really look forward to having the Brothers see the scale model of the project that will be available for our June gatherings. I am confident that we will be breaking ground in early spring of 2006 at the latest. As we prepare for the future I hope many will participate in the June seminars to be conducted by Richard Johnson, Ph.D.

Brother Thomas Shaughnessy, C.S.C.  
President, Holy Cross Village Board

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Let us remember in our prayers the following members of the Congregation of Holy Cross who died recently: Brother William Doherty, Brother Beatus Schlenker (I), and Rev. John Lubbers (I).

Your prayers are also requested for Brother Daniel Kane who is recovering from open heart surgery and Brother Francis Meduri who is suffering from leukemia.





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Columba Hall. He became acquainted with hundreds of faculty, staff, and students at the University. He took a keen interest in all Notre Dame sports and was a close friend of many coaches and players. After retiring from the Post Office, he worked at the Law School and the Indiana Province Archives. His resigned acceptance of his leukemia and personal decision not to submit to experimental treatment were admired by all who loved him.

## News Briefs

The Archbishop Hoban Board of Trustees and the Brothers of Holy Cross named **Brother Joseph LeBon**, a longtime faculty member, as a *Friend of Hoban*. The award was presented to Brother Joseph at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner sponsored by the Hoban Alumni Association on March 13.

*Holy Cross Mission Awareness Month* was an opportunity for the students and faculty of **St. Edward High School** to explore the various aspects of Holy Cross identity at the school. During the month, teachers developed special lessons linking their subject matter with the spirituality, history and mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross and focusing on the identity of St. Edward High School as a Holy Cross institution.

**Brother Paul Mensah** has completed his studies for a Master of Theology Degree specializing in spirituality at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He successfully presented his thesis: *Mission and Charism of the Congregation of Holy Cross: Towards a Spirituality for Today's Needs*. Brother Paul has since returned to Ghana where he will be the director of the candidate program for the Brothers of Holy Cross and will reside at St. Joseph Hall in Sekondi.

**Brother William Dygert** has been appointed Superintendent for Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. For the past nine years Brother William has

successfully served in the same position in the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island. His appointment was announced by Bishop Daniel Jenkey, C.S.C., bishop of Peoria.

The **Holy Cross Family Committee** reminds Brothers interested in attending the Holy Cross gathering in Canada celebrating the *Legacy of Faith and Service of Blessed Brother André Bessette* from August 6 to August 10 that the deadline for registration is April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you want further information, please contact Brother Edward Dailey at the provincial office.

On Sunday, April 17, Brother Chris Dreyer will be of the many participants in *Homeward Bound – Indiana's 5K Walk to Fight Homelessness*. The walkathon, sponsored by the St. Joseph County Youth Services Bureau, is to raise funds for a Safe Station, a 24-hour emergency shelter that provides a safe place off the streets for teenagers in crisis. Brother Chris' personal goal is to raise \$500.00 for the Safe shelter. Brothers interested in supporting Brother Chris in this event can contact him directly at his residence in Holy Cross Village.

A reception for St. Edward High School, Lakewood, OH, alumni was held at the Westwood Country Club on Wednesday, March 16. The reception was hosted by Terry Ripich, class of 1982, and Tom Wilson, class of 1986. There were approximately 100 in attendance including 24 Brothers who are or were associated with St. Edward. The purpose of this reception, as with the other four, was to acquaint the alumni with our *Living Lives of Faith - Securing the Future's Promise* capital campaign and the reasons for it. Br. Robert Fillmore discussed the financial needs of the Brothers and explained why the monies are needed. A video featuring Bishop Pilla and Fr. Hesburgh was shown, as was the video *Men with Hope to Bring*. Mr. Ripich made a very effective and emotional plea for support of our needs. In the weeks following each reception, Jerry Kearns, Director of Development, personally visits each person who attended a reception, to solicit support and secure a financial commitment. To date, we have raised slightly in excess of \$3 million in cash and pledges.



## News Briefs, continued

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## Reminder

**The June Ministry Workshop is an important aspect in planning for your future. At this time in the history of the province, it is important for all of us as we plan for our future in ministry to take some time to assess our attitudes and aptitudes for future apostolic work. This workshop is geared to our future ministry and not just for those preparing for work with the elderly. I strongly encourage each one of you to attend this important workshop,**

**Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C.**  
Provincial

## Eulogy for Brother William Doherty, CSC May 23, 1914 – March 14, 2005



When I became superior of Columba Hall, Brother William Doherty came into my life in a major way. I had known William over the years but had not been close to him. As he approached celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Brother of Holy Cross, I became involved with William and with many of his family who joined us for that celebration of his religious life. That year and the next year I took long trips with Br. William and Br. James Linscott. It was then that he cajoled me into agreeing to do his eulogy. It was not until I was faced with this these past few days, did I realize how difficult a task this was to be.



Those in his family know as I know, William lived by a strict rule. He wanted to know everything about you, but never disclosed anything about himself. For years we, and even the family, did not know how old he was (I assure you he died in his 90th year). His usual answer to any personal question you would ask of him was: "Why do you want to know that?" This made it hard to develop a eulogy.

Accepting that about William, I want to tell you what I know about him. I found him to be both an enjoyable and an irascible Irishman, an Irishman of great faith, intellectual curiosity, singled-minded determination and great loyalty. He was deeply invested in his family of origin and in his religious family and kept current on the happenings of both. He just did not want you to know what he was doing.

I must tell you that William was one of the most faith-filled and prayerful Brothers in our community. He prayed always. His dedication to Christ and to his Mother was unquestioned. His commitment to his Catholic faith was steadfast. I think it is befitting that we are burying him on St. Patrick's Day.

William left Ireland nearly 70 years ago and arrived in America on March 13<sup>th</sup>. His faith and his Irish heritage permeated his life. Upon arriving he settled in Chicago in the area of other family members. He served in the U.S. Army and worked for the Post Office. After a false start he joined the Brothers of Holy Cross for good in 1950 and lived his entire religious life at Notre Dame. Most of those years were at Columba Hall until his transfer to Dujarie House after a prolonged hospitalization some three years ago.

William approached every aspect of life with intensity and determination. He spent his active ministry at the post office where he knew many of the Notre Dame faculty and students. In a typical Irish trait he was more helpful to some than to others. In all his relationships he showed great loyalty to those he liked, indifference to most, but you did not want to get on his wrong side. You know the story told of the difference between an Alzheimer's patient and an Irishman with Alzheimer's. One forgets everything. The Irishman forgets everything but his enemies.

William's intensity and drive showed in his approach to exercise where well past his 85<sup>th</sup> year he still walked around the lakes at Notre Dame a couple of times each day. Up to the time of his death, he was using the stationary bike with gusto. He was intense and determined in dealing with business situations. I believe he knew his GI benefits better than the Veterans Administration, as he was determined to exercise them all. And then there was shopping! He always had to make sure of what he was buying so he would purchase something on Monday and exchange it on Tuesday and return it on Thursday. His Brothers were not inclined to take him shopping. William even had to try Brothers of Holy Cross once before he joined them for good.

Then there was his family. Every year he took the trip to Chicago to check on all the family. He was able to keep track of all the nephews and nieces, the grandnephews and grandnieces, and even the great grandnephews and great grandnieces and know all by name. This was real feat for anyone. But you know as time went by he seemed to take on the role of the patriarch of the clan. Most came for his 50<sup>th</sup> jubilee celebration in 2001. He was also determined to get to Colleen's wedding two summers ago. The last family gathering was for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday last year.



I knew William to be a loyal Holy Cross Brother. I knew him for his Irish charm and his caustic wit. I knew him as a man of God. I join you today to celebrate his life. Nothing would please him more than the fact he is being buried next to his closest friend, Brother Thomas Balaz. I trust he will remember us as he claims his eternal reward. And I close with this Irish blessing:

May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back  
May the sunshine warm your face  
The rain fall softly on your fields  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

May William rest in the peace of the Lord.

Brother Thomas Shaughnessy, CSC  
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