



## Provincial Council Meeting

The provincial council met Friday evening and Saturday morning, November 19-20. During the course of the meeting, the council members approved the transfer of funds remaining from the closure of Le Mans Academy to the province operations. The total amount to be transferred is \$1,499,323.87.

The council also met with Brother Roberto Jimenez of the South-West Province to discuss with him his request to transfer his membership from the South-West Province to the Midwest Province. Brother Roberto has been living with the local community at River

Grove for the past three years while teaching at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago. The provincial council approved Brother Roberto's request and has forwarded it to the superior general for final approval.

## Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame

The Board of Directors of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame has contracted with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation to manage Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame and to act on behalf of the Board in the development of the new CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community) being developed on the Brothers' property. This was the first step in the development of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame into a full service CCRC providing independent living, assisted living and nursing care to our residents. As time goes on, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame will assume control of Dujarie House and Schubert Villa. Both of these facilities will be enlarged to provide better service.

The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation appointed Steve Kastner to the position of Executive Director of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. His appointment became effective on November 1, 2004. Steve has been the administrator of Andre Residential Services, Inc., for the past four years. As administrator of Andre Residential Services, he has been responsible for the operation of Dujarie House and Schubert Villa. In his new position, he now adds responsibility for Holy Cross Village. We are extremely pleased that Steve has accepted this new position and are confident that he will assist the Brothers with the transition to a single operating unit and with the development of Holy Cross Village into a Continuing Care Retirement Community.

The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation, with their professional resources, are responsible for merging Andre Residential Services and Holy Cross Village into a single corporate entity reflecting the ministerial concerns and goals of the Brothers of Holy Cross as well as those of the Franciscan Sisters. As of November 1, 2004, the Franciscan Service Corporation assumed management of Andre Residential Services. With the appointment of Steve Kastner as Executive Director, the transition in management has had a smooth beginning. Over the next months, there will be transitional issues from legal, professional and financial perspectives that will be addressed.



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When everything is complete, the Brothers of Holy Cross will have one corporate entity for our health care services, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, Inc. This corporate entity will reflect our ministry to seniors just as our school corporations reflect our ministry in education. In this ministry, we have engaged the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation, with whom we share values and ministry, to assist us in providing excellence in care and service not only to our own members but to those who choose to live at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

The Board of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame looks forward to the development of this project with the assistance of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation. It will expand the ministry the province began six years ago. We feel it opens new challenges and ministry opportunities for the province. We ask everyone to join us in praying for the success of this ministry.

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

### **Trip to West Lafayette, Indiana**

Nearly thirty residents, interested guests of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame and Brothers traveled by chartered bus to West Lafayette, Indiana on Tuesday, November 16, to tour and visit with residents of University Place. University Place is a Continuing Care Retirement Community operated by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation and affiliated with Purdue University that has been in operation for nearly two years. University Place provides residences for nearly 150 people in a number of settings including independent living, assisted living, nursing care and garden homes. The focus of the campus includes an emphasis on active lifestyles, wellness programs and opportunities for continuing education.

"The trip was planned to help our residents and Brothers to gain a better understanding of what is being planned for the expansion of Holy Cross Village in the near future," said Steve Kastner, Executive Director. The management and residents of University Place planned an extensive day of tours of their residences and provided an excellent luncheon for all the guests.

### **Holy Cross Village Corporation Donates Money to Local Charities**

The Holy Cross Village Corporation donated a total of \$5,000 to three local charities as part of a recent survey, which asked area senior citizens for their opinions on the expansion of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame to a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC). The survey responses help in determining what services and amenities will be offered in the new CCRC. As an incentive to respond to the survey, the Holy Cross Village Corporation promised to donate \$.97 for each survey returned to one of three local charities in the area.

Hospice of St. Joseph County, the Center for the Homeless and the Hope Rescue Mission each benefited from the survey donation.

Each organization shared their vision on how the donated funds will be used. The money donated to Hospice of St. Joseph County will be used to cover people who need hospice care but have no health insurance. The Center for the Homeless will use its donation to help purchase items including clothing, cleaning supplies and school supplies, while money donated to Hope Rescue Mission will go towards purchasing new beds for the men's sleeping area.

"The senior citizens in South Bend and neighboring communities are committed to helping these organizations," said Steve Kastner, Holy Cross Village Executive Director. "Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame shares in that commitment, and we look forward to renewing our commitment to South Bend with the expansion of our community."



# Justice & Peace Notes

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## *André House of Phoenix*



### **Editor's Note**

*Many Holy Cross priests and brothers are working in some area related to justice and peace. From time to time we'll turn the spotlight on the work of some of them. Perhaps their example might help the rest of us see ways in which our own work has, or could have, a justice and peace dimension.*

**Fr. Tom McNally, csc**  
*Justice & Peace  
Coordinator - IP*

**Bro. Ray Papenfuss, csc**  
*Justice and Peace  
Coordinator, MW*

In January André House will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a bulwark for the down-and-out in Phoenix. It promises to be a big celebration for everyone connected with this important venture on behalf of the poor.

Bill Wack (IP) is director of André House and his core team includes Duane Balcerski (IP) and Richard Armstrong (MW). Wack and Balcerski are comparative newcomers compared with Armstrong who arrived the year after the founding of André House in 1984 and has worked with the poor and homeless of Phoenix ever since. (For those years of service Brother Richard last April received the coveted Prophet Amos Award from Catholic Social Service. )

While plans for the celebration are being readied, the work of André House continues without let-up. A typical incident: Benny, just released from jail after a year, shows up at the door. He's about 35, six feet tall, weighs about 175. Outside it's raining (a rarity for Phoenix) and chilly (a greater rarity). Benny, shivering from the cold, is wearing only a "T" shirt and what looks like a pair of basketball shorts, the clothes

given him when he was released.

"Do you have any pants around here?" he asks hopefully

"Well, the clothing room is closed at this time," a team member replies, "but we'll open it up and find you something before you freeze to death."

Within a few minutes Benny is outfitted with a comfortable pair of pants from the clothing room, and is given a warm blanket for the night and the address and office hours of another agency which cares for newly-released prisoners. Later he shows up for dinner and goes through the line twice.

For people like Benny, André House is, literally, a god-send. During a typical week the homeless and disadvantaged are treated to a good dinner every night except Friday, obtain clothes, drop off dirty clothes to be laundered, use the showers, rent lockers for \$2 per month, make free phone calls, etc. and are treated with respect and love. Additionally, guest houses provide transitional shelter for six men and five women.

"Sometimes people call us 'do-gooders' and I suppose that's what we are," Wack says. "Supplying basic services comes first although there's a social justice dimension to our work as well."

In the eyes of some of the Phoenix civic leaders, care of the poor takes a back seat to development of the city's inner core. In recent years the new Diamondback baseball stadium, for example, has chased hundreds of the poor elsewhere, and the trend probably will continue.

This means that the poor, homeless and society's "leftovers" will continue to knock on the door of André House. In fact, plans are underway for two new houses which will replace the present dilapidated residences for women and men. The price tag? About \$300,000 if Wack and his team can get the proposal through the Phoenix council.

But this is only a start. André House will be fighting for affordable housing for everyone, an important justice issue for the entire community. André House is a member of the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness. Not only that but another justice issue—immigration—looms large. Perhaps 30-40 per cent of André House clients are undocumented recent arrivals from Mexico. André House is committed to going to bat for this group, which receives scant attention from public officials. Making the task harder is the passage in November of Proposition 200, which was targeted at the new arrivals from Mexico. Proposition 200 requires proof of citizenship to receive public benefits but it remains unclear exactly what "public benefits" are.

Both concerns—affordable housing and the care of immigrants—are the kinds of challenges which lie at the heart of André House's mission statement. The statement derives from the vision of John Fitzgerald and Mike Baxter, the founders of André House 20 years ago. Their work continues but in ways they probably could not have anticipated. Rather than living from hand-to-mouth in the true Dorothy Day tradition, André House has a strong financial base, a tribute to the enthusiastic support of friends and area residents. The challenge thus becomes—"How can we best use our resources to serve the needs of the community? How can we also be a partner in spotlighting justice issues which concern everyone in the area?"

In addition to Wack, Balcerski and Armstrong, the core team includes Amber Moyer, a Holy Cross Associate, and Chela Sullivan, a former Associate. Additionally, there are about 2,000 volunteers, most of them needed for the dinners where 500-600 meals are served, but others working in the other projects, including the Los Niños program for neighborhood children. Those volunteers include parishioners from the two Holy Cross parishes in the area, St. Gregory's and St. John Vianney in nearby Goodyear, AZ.

"Everything we do is in memory of Brother André," Wack says, "and relies on his intercession to help us show hospitality to those who come through our doors."

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and meet only  
stubbornness, to try to  
rally those who have  
despaired, to stand by the  
side of misery we cannot  
relieve, to preach the Lord  
to those who have little  
faith or do not wish to  
hear of him...our ministry  
will hint to us of Jesus'  
suffering for us.  
(Constitution 8, 115)*

## Provincial Visits Bangladesh

During my trip to Bangladesh from November 2-15 I witnessed the sharp contrast between the hard realities of the life lived by the Bangladeshi people and their determination and perseverance. Thanks to the hospitality of the local Holy Cross community, I was able to travel several hundred miles into the cities and villages of Bangladesh to visit schools, houses of formation, orphanages and the families of several of our Bangladeshi Brothers. I also visited Notre Dame College and our schools and orphanages in the city of Dhaka.

In all of these visits I was inspired by the openness of the people and their longing for education and job training. Our Holy Cross family of brothers, priests and sisters having a presence of over 150 years continues to meet their needs in heroic, self-sacrificing ways. We can all take great pride in their commitment and in the success of our works in Bangladesh.

I am pleased to report the community is doing well. I found the Brothers to be in good health, highly motivated and hopeful. Our Bangladeshi Brothers are tireless in their efforts at keeping the traditions of Holy Cross education alive. It was an inspiration to see how they support each other and the positive image they have among the faculty and students. Young men and women are being attracted in significant numbers to Holy Cross. In my visits I met over a 150 men in formation. When I asked what attracted them to Holy Cross they generally agreed it was the dedication to service they witnessed by Holy Cross.

Brother Donald Becker has rebounded well from gall bladder surgery and in his own unique way adds special touches to keep things working and looking good. Brother Ronald Drahozal has become the voice for those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction and is recognized as a leader in the field by the government and the Church. Brother Nicholas Thielman continues to support and found new orphanages and in other ways to support to the education ministry of Holy Cross in the country.

Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C.



Steve Kastner, Holy Cross Village Executive Director, and Brother Thomas Shaughnessy, Holy Cross Village Board Chair, presenting check for \$3,000 to Mark Murray, Executive Director of Hospice of St. Joseph County.



## Communications Office

On November 2, Brother Robert Fillmore announced the establishment of a province communications office and appointed Brother Charles McBride as the Director of Communications for the Midwest Province. In announcing the appointment, Brother Robert said, "Brother Charles brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this new position. Most recently he completed 25 years serving the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Alaska, 23 years as its Director of Communications. On October 23, the Catholic Academy for Communication Arts Professionals at its annual President's Luncheon in Hollywood, California, awarded Brother Charles its President's Medallion in recognition of lifetime achievement and contribution."



Brother Charles McBride with Mr. Frank Morok, president of the Catholic Academy of Communication Arts Professionals.

In his position as Director of Communications, Brother Charles will assist the Midwest Province administration in designing and producing print, computer, audio, visual and Internet projects with the goal of having the same "look" for both print and web page materials. He will also work with the Development Office in the planning and production of media materials, e.g., Brothers Newsletter, the annual appeal, planned giving. As the media coordinator for the province, he will be responsible for the production of press

releases, photographs and other materials on province events, province history and activities for use by the Midwest Province, province sponsored institutions and the general public.

Brother Charles' office will be located in the Administrative Center. He can be reached at 574-631-2661 or at [cmcbride@hcc-nd.edu](mailto:cmcbride@hcc-nd.edu).

## Office of New Membership

The Bessette House of Discernment will open in January 2005 in what has been known as the Columba Hall East Annex. Currently, two persons have been accepted as residents with two more in the application process. There is another man coming for a visit in early December who may be admitted.

On a weekly basis, contacts via the Internet come into the office for information about the Brothers of Holy Cross. Each of these is responded to with initial e-mail response and the sending of the DVD. Those persons desiring more contact are encouraged to set aside a time to meet. To date we have had one such meeting with a man in Milwaukee. There have been several meetings with men living in the South Bend area.

Brother Edward Fox has begun meeting with freshmen at St. Joseph High School on a weekly basis to share scripture in what is called a BCC group (Basic Christian Community). There are about twenty boys and girls that attend these lunchtime sessions.

At the recent vocation day at St. Joseph High School and Marian High School, there was interest shown among several young men for more information about the Brothers. Eleven of these young men are juniors. Brother Philip Smith is beginning to meet each of these men to determine if they want an on-going relationship based upon discernment. If they are bound for Notre Dame, Holy Cross or Indiana University at South Bend, the discernment house might be a viable option for residence.

A great deal of reflection has been given to the effective recruitment in our own



high schools. For a vocation director to make a one or a two-day visit to a school once or twice a year has not been effective in garnering interest among students. Because each school has at least two Brothers serving on its faculty, we believe that the presentation about the brothers should come from these men especially during the ninth and eleventh grades. These Brothers are the ones who have built relationships with the students. Over time, they are the ones who know whether or not a student shows sincere interest. The function of a vocation director is best suited for follow up on individuals referred by the Brothers from a local community.

Chris Slattery, a volunteer in Ghana, will be returning to the United States on December 7. His experience in Ghana has been generally positive as he has worked at the Holy Cross Skills Center and lived with the Brothers at St. John's School in Sekondi.

Currently, there are thirteen seniors at Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College interested in being a part of the first group of volunteers to go to Ghana in August 2005. Brother Philip is writing a grant request for \$25,000 to the Koch Foundation to pick up the full cost of travel and room and board for this program for the first year. If accepted, hopefully this might become an annual grant.

Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.



Holy Cross novices in Cascade Colorado:  
2q31<sup>st</sup> row, l to r., Chris Torrijas (MW), Matt Swanlund (EP), David Halm (IP); 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Tom Smith (IP), Tom Hofman (IP); 3<sup>rd</sup> row: Aaron Michka (IP), Andrew McElhinney (IP).

## Capital Campaign

The Development Office held a successful reception at the Governor's Residence in Indianapolis as a part of the province's capital campaign effort. Hosted by George Maley, class of 1949, and Michael Browning, a former Cathedral High School parent, the reception was an opportunity to acquaint over 100 Cathedral alumni and friends of the Brothers in Indianapolis of the province's needs, plans and hopes for the future.

Governor Joseph Kernan, a South Bend native, was present and he spoke enthusiastically of the Holy Cross education he received from the Holy Cross Sisters in grade school, the Holy Cross Brothers at St. Joseph High School and the Holy Cross Priests at the University of Notre Dame. He made special mention of specific Brothers who had a special influence on him in high school: Brother Wilbert Leveling, his history teacher who was present at the reception, and Brother Richard Shea for whom he worked for four years in the school bookstore. Msgr. Joseph Schadel, vicar general of the archdiocese of Indianapolis, spoke warmly and appreciatively of the Brothers' efforts to provide a high school education for many needy students in the Indianapolis area. He cited specifically how the Brothers assisted his father at Cathedral High School by providing him with money for his lunch and bus fare to and from school.

Among the fifteen Brothers in attendance, four were Cathedral students with Brother Thaddeus Gottemoller, class of 1929, being the oldest. Two former Cathedral principals, Brother Pedro Haering and Brother Douglas Roach, were also present along with Brothers who served on the Cathedral faculty over the years.

In addition to the Indianapolis reception, gatherings have been held for the Gilmour Academy, Archbishop Hoban High School and Monroe Catholic Central communities. The purpose of these receptions is to reacquaint the Brothers with former students and their families and to create an awareness of the capital campaign and the



intended use of the monies raised. The Development Office then schedules appointments with those attending and those unable to attend to further explain the campaign and to solicit 3-5 year financial commitments. Those attending the receptions have been very supportive of the Brothers. They understand the Brothers' needs and have been generous donors.

To date the province's capital campaign has received signed pledges of \$2,610,000 with an additional \$2.5 million verbally committed. Further, there are pending requests of \$2,190,000. The average gift thus far is \$41,430.

### News Briefs

The **2005 International Session on Holy Cross Spirituality** will take place in Le Mans, France from June 20-30, 2005. The cost of the session (presentations, lodging, meals and bus travel to Holy Cross heritage sites) is \$1,600 US per person. The deadline for registration is Thursday, January 20, 2005. For further information, you can contact Sister Gretchen Dysart, M.S.C., at [gdysart@marianites.org](mailto:gdysart@marianites.org).

**Father Hugh Cleary**, superior general, has made appointments to the three commissions, the three committees and one office established by the 2004 general chapter:

**Finance Commission** Carl Ebey (IN), chair; Richard Warner (IN), Subal Rozario (SJP), William Dygert (MW), Anthony Kayala Thampi (S. India), Robert Bélanger (CP), Michael Exalant (Haiti), Paul Mensah (W. Africa), George Schmitz (EB) and James Lackenmier (EP).

**Solidarity Commission:** Richard Warner (IN), chair; Patrick Sopher (SW), Fernand Bessette (CB), Bijoy Rodrigues (SJP), Roy Thalackan (NE India), Robert Grand'Maison (Brazil), David Farrell (Peru), Fritz Louis (Haiti), and Jonathan Beebe (EB).

**Vocations and Formation Committee:** Joseph Tsiquaye (W. Africa), chair; Mario Lachapelle (CP), Firtio Regis (Haiti), John Korcsmar (SP), Roque D'Costa (S. India), James Phalan (EP), Gilbert Lasrado (Brothers' District of India), Paul Bednarczyk (EB), Patrick Neary (IN), Lawrence Howlader (SHJP), Cleo Kyomuhendo (E. Africa) and Philip Smith (MW).

**Ad hoc Vocations Committee:** Joseph Tsiquaye (W. Africa), chair; Kevin Russeau (IN), Raymond Gourde (CP), Sesuraj S. (Brothers' District of India), and Pepe Ahumada (Chile).

**Education Committee:** John Paige (EB), chair; Denilson Feitosa (Brazil), Timothy Scully (IN), David Adaikalam (S. India), Donald Stabrowski (MW), Joseph Annan (W. Africa), Louis P. Rosario (SJP), Mark Cregan (EP), Vernet Luxana (Haiti), William Nick (SW), Michel Lebot (France) and Emmanuel Kallarackal (NE India).

**Inter-Societal Committee on Religious Life:** Mario Lachapelle (CP), chair; Thomas Looney (EP), André Charron (CP), Eugene Anjus (SHJP), Michael Amakyi (W. Africa), Walter Comeau (Acadia), John Joseph (Brothers' District of India), Rodolph Arty (Haiti), John Vickers (EC), Binoy Gomes (SJP), and Joel Giallanza (SW).

**Justice and Peace Office:** David Andrews (EB), chair; Fritz Louis (Haiti) and George Schmitz (EB).

The **Holy Cross Family Group** is planning a gathering of Holy Cross men and women in Cornwall, Ontario, from August 6- 10, 2005. This gathering will celebrate the Legacy of Faith and Service of Blessed Brother André Bessette. Details and registration forms will be available in January 2005.

**Brother Thomas Henning's** photograph is featured on the cover of the SummaCare Secure Health Plan brochure. The SummaCare Health Plan is a local health care program available to



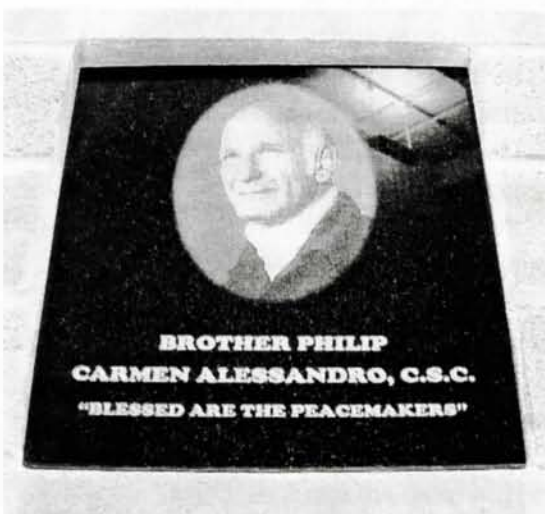


residents of Summit, Portage and Medina counties in Ohio. While attending a SummaCare meeting, a company representative, recognizing Brother Thomas's photogenic qualities, asked to take his picture for their publication.

1 About SummaCare Secure



The Tallmadge, Ohio, Police Department honored the memory of **Brother Philip Alessandro** by dedicating a plaque in the Tallmadge Recreational Center. Brother Philip, who died on July 16, 2003, was recognized for his generous support and participation in the Tallmadge Police Department's programs and for the tasty pastries he brought regularly to the Tallmadge City Hall. Lieutenant Michael Duvall of the Tallmadge Police Department wrote, "Brother Philip will always be remembered by the citizens of Tallmadge."



**Brother Vincent Gross** returned to Ghana on November 17 after spending several weeks at Notre Dame to undergo and recover from successful eye surgery.

**Change of address:** Brother Leo Kowalski has moved to Schubert Villa. His address is P.O. Box 1020, Notre Dame, IN 46556-1020. His telephone number is 574-251-2213.

**Brother William Parker** of the Eastern Brothers' Province is now a resident at Dujarie House.

**Correction:** There was an error in the October issue of Midwest News concerning the Life Development Trust board membership. The present board members are Brother William Dygert, Brother Peter Graham, Brother Robert Lavelle, Brother Lawrence Skitzki and Brother Paul Kelly.



Please remember in your prayers members of the congregation who died since the last issue of the newsletter: Father William Beston (EP), Brother Richard Soumis (CF), Father Marcel Plamodon (CP), Father Lloyd Bechamp (EC), Brother Thomas McCullough (SW), Brother Richard Hurley (SW) and Brother Eligius Ruscik, Brother Flavius Ellison, Brother Charles Hill and Brother Donald Johnroe of our province. Please remember also Mr. Victor K. Dardoe, the father of Brother Daniel Dardoe and brother-in-law of Brother Joseph Tsiquaye of Ghana.

