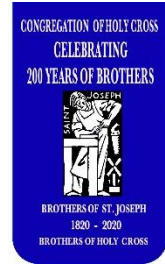


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In This Week

Information on individual early Brothers of St. Joseph for posting week by week in 2020.

March 22 - 28 In this week in 1845 Brother Anselm Caillot wrote a letter from Madison, Indiana, relieved he is no longer in Vincennes teaching at the Cathedral school.

March 29 – April 4 On April 3, 1826, Brother Gatian was born in Saulges, France. He came to Indiana at the age of 15 with the first missionaries. He was a brilliant letter-writer and an excellent teacher.

St. Vincent dePaul Society

The Brothers and staff at Columba Hall donated \$1000 to the St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Joseph County, IN, for its Lenten program, Anne Hosinski Watson, Executive Director, suggested a contribution of \$40 per person, \$1 for each day in Lent. She wrote in her acknowledgment letter: "Thank you so much for your donation! We greatly appreciate your sacrifices."



Fire at the East Annex of Columba Hall Bessette House

Pictures and article by Brother Michael Brichman:



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(above) The bus ride to St. Joseph Hall
(right) Awaiting the ALL CLEAR to return



Daniel Kane found a set of ivories to entertain the Columba Hall evacuees



Larger print of the above article by Br. Michael Brickman:

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Monday, the 23th, during lunch we noticed a strong smell like incense burning flowing through the house. It also seemed that a lone fire alarm in Bessette House was trying to go off.

From an email by Brother Chris Dreyer:

We think the fire started when the workman who was working on the exterior of Bessette House was repairing the crack caused by the separation of the addition from the main part of the building. Apparently the worker was preparing the brick, and his open flame ignited the wooden slats that are imbedded in the brick.

The fire was contained to the 2nd floor bathroom wall in Bessette. Unfortunately the smoke permeated not only Bessette, but also parts of Columba Hall.

With the rapid response of Notre Dame's Fire Department, the fire was contained to that one area. The Notre Dame Fire Chief called First Response, a company that specializes in fire, water and smoke remediation, to take care of the smoke in the corridors.



Midwest Holy Cross Associates

Holy CrossRoads **Writings for the Journey**

Only the Spirit of God Can Transform You.

Dear Associates and Friends,

Jesus tells his disciples that they must drink from the cup that He drinks. During this time of upheaval due to the virus that is spreading in the United States, we need to be reminded that the cross is an essential part of our journey to transformation. It is the power of God's Spirit that enables us to take up the challenges of each day. We need to put them in God's hands. Then we are open to experience the mystery of how God leads us through the maze of all that surrounds us to the path of spiritual growth and transformation.

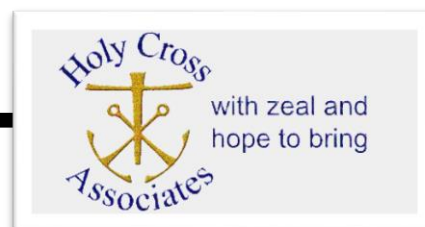
As those in forms of recovery put it, we need to "Let go and let God."

O God, we place ourselves into your hands. Give us the insight and the courage to take up our cross and follow you.



Brother Carl Sternberg, CSC
March 24, 2020

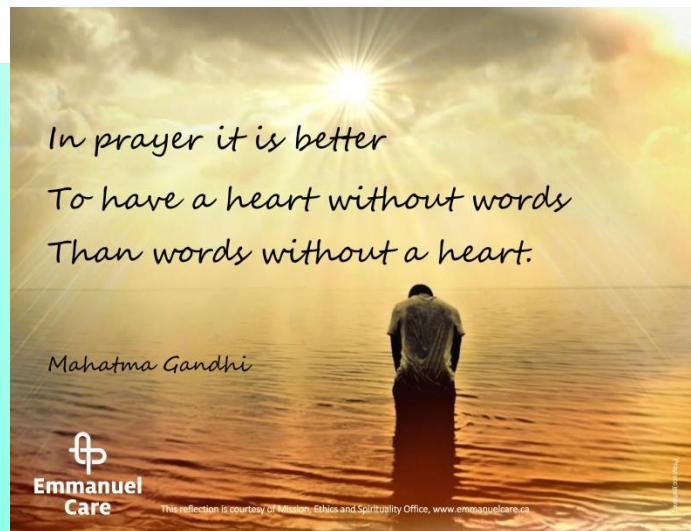
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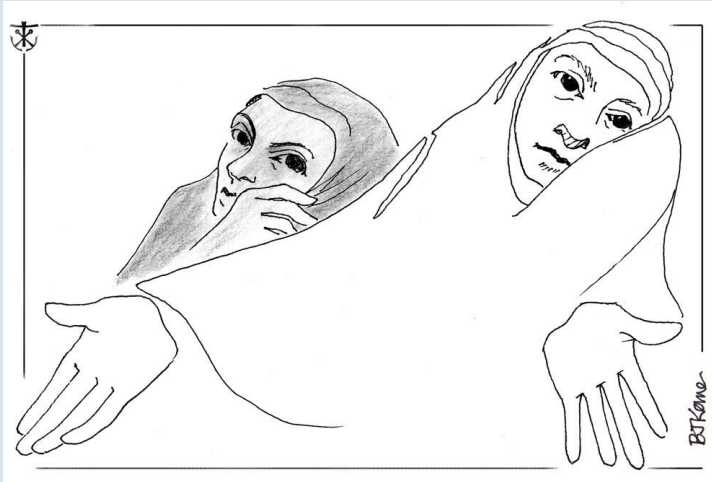


Reflections



Reflection(s) sent in by
Brother Thomas Maddix:





Cartoon
by
Brother
James
Kane,
CSC



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