

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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February 1, 2023



Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame

Holy Cross Village participated in celebrating the 150-year anniversary of Father Moreau's death.

The photo is from the *Moreau 40 Hours Adoration* in the chapel of André Place. You need to look closely to see the Blessed Sacrament.

[The chapel monstrance with consecrated Host is displayed on the center position of the altar]



Email from Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C.

Archbishop Hoban High School



Email sent in by Brother Dennis Bednaarz, C.S.C.



A school Mass in Barry Gym for the Hoban students and faculty marked the sesquicentennial of Blessed Moreau's passing. Hoban also had Eucharistic Adoration in Holy Cross Chapel from 7 am to 4pm so the Hoban family could be in fellowship with the Holy Cross community.



Poised to Leave

Our childhood minds are filled with fantasies.
When, aging, we are poised to leave this earth,
along they come, these figures, just to tease,
as if they wield control of our new birth

from worldly womb to where our dreams have gone,
and oversee our going hence without
stuffed characters we clasped securely, dawn
to dusk, and often took to bed, no doubt,

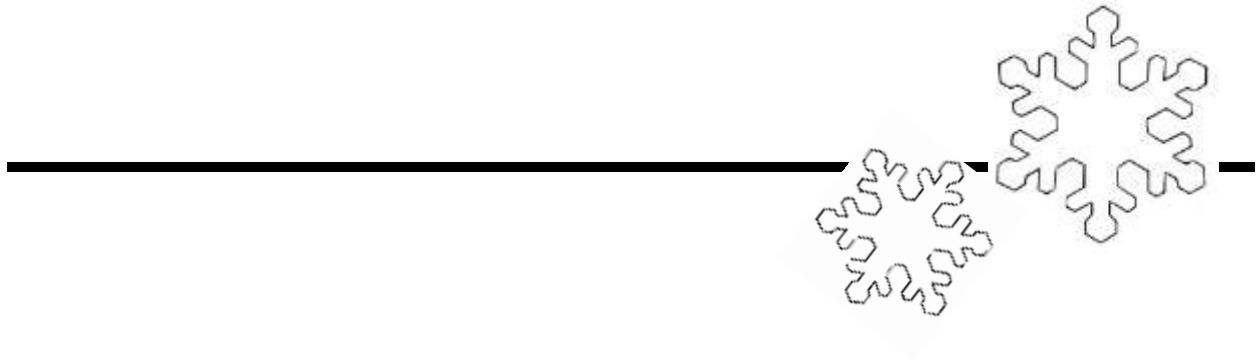
committing to their care ourselves—this band
of friends like Dumbo, Bambi, and Snow White,
the Cricket, Oz—of whom we now demand
redemption of our faith in them, not quite

convinced that in the end we'll get the nod,
for fear we've not distinguished them from God.

—**Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC, October 21, 2001**



Winter Day
Columba Hall Looking South
January 26, 2023



Seeing with New Eyes

Holy Cross: Regional Conference 2023 Midwest Holy Cross Associates

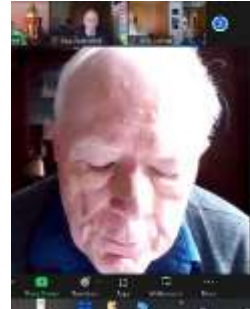
Thank you, Brother Carl Sternberg, Iggy Marinez, and all who organized and produced the 2023 Zoom Conference held on January 28th.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
10:00 AM Opening Prayer
10:15 AM Presentation:
"Prayer Beyond Borders"
11:00 AM Stand Up Break
11:10 AM Practice in
Contemplative Prayer
11:30 PM Student Contest
Winners
12:00 PM Lunch Break
01:00 PM Presentation: "Holy
Cross: A Gift to the
Church - Past, Present,
and Future"
01:45 PM Panel: "Four
Cultures' Gifts to Holy
Cross"
02:00 PM Closing

If you missed the conference and wish to review the video or part of the video, click the following link: ["Seeing with New Eyes"](#)



Iggy Martinez



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



Brother Raymond Papenfuss, C.S.C.



Jessica Plaspohl



Sister M. Veronique (Wiedower), CSC



Paul Acampora



A few of the participants



Brother Kenneth Kunditani, C.S.C.



Brother Nicholas Thielman, C.S.C.



Patrica Rodregus

Note: The top contest winners are also featured in the YouTube video. To see them and their entries go back and click on the conference link.

Brother Kenneth Kunditai, C.S.C.

CONFERENCE PANEL

SEEING WITH NEW EYES: HOLY CROSS CHALLENGE TO “CROSS BORDERS OF EVERY SORT.”

What does the culture in which I minister bring to Holy Cross?

Our Constitutions under mission talks about our mission sending us to borders of every sort, and that we must make ourselves at home among more than one people or culture, reminding us again that the farther we go in giving the more we stand to receive. (const. 2: 17)

Indeed, the various ministries I find myself in and the kind of activities I am engaged in give me the opportunity to live on different borders of the society, to live out some key values of our founder. I would like to share how these borders/ cultures in which I worked brought me close to some of these values.

1. Hospitality: Already by itself, the fact that I was born and bred in the northern part of Ghana, considered a deprived zone (a frontier) of the country initiated me to having a great sense of hospitality. Hospitality is a strong virtue in Ghana and well lived in the northern regions of Ghana. All in the northern part of Ghana are brought up to live by this value. This is seen by the warm welcome accorded to all both known and unknown people and also by our readiness to be of help to all. By this hospitality, I want to believe angels have been fed and entertained without knowing.
2. Family: In Ghana we tend to revere and arrange our lives around the extended family system which membership includes spouses and their children together with other relations of common descent such as grandparents, uncles, aunties, nephews, nieces and cousins.

I come from a polygamous family area and I am now ministering in a similar area with a lot of Muslims where the extended family system is even much larger. Nevertheless, the sense of family is still very important and strong and all work with one purpose, whether on the farm or some kind of family business. I have found a new family in the leprosarium and my relatives and friends around help me to strength the ties and bonds of my new-found family.

3. Zeal, passion, enthusiasm and hope: Some of the ministries we engage in have their own culture that determine the zeal, the passion, the enthusiasm with which one has to carry out that ministry. So, working in the leprosarium where the culture is very different from the classroom culture or other ministry cultures has given me a renewed zeal. It has increased the zeal and the enthusiasm in me to carry out this ministry as a Holy Cross religious. And at the end of the day, the people we minister to, and in my case, the leprosarium community has something to hope for. Remember we are men and women with hope to bring.
4. Prayer Life: The culture of our ministries or the nature of our ministries also helps in improving my prayer life, or that makes me, if I can put it that way, to approach prayer on a more serious note because there is nothing that can be achieved without prayer. Once we are in a ministry that is very demanding and challenging, the only way to go is to bring it to the presence of the Lord each day and each moment of my prayer life.
5. Providence: With our new identity, the Province of West Africa is something we have all been anticipating. There were times our chances of getting it were very slim. By the grace of God, we got it and cannot wait for the inauguration, with the hope that we will

enter more deeply into the mission in West Africa. This new development of our mission is going to give us the chance to do things in a positive Ghanaian/ African way. And also bearing in mind that our first mission to Africa/ Algeria did not succeed, Ghana is the second attempt to Africa that succeeded in putting us on the line as a major advocator of the Holy Cross Mission and culture according to the principles and values laid down by our founder intended for Africa. The fears will be there but these same fears will bring us to the foot of the cross together with our sorrowful mother, St Joseph and of course the Patron Saint of the Province, Saint Br. Andre.



Sankofa: *Build On The Past*

Brother André Sculptures



Columba Hall Maintenance prepares André statue for delivery to Archbishop Hoban High School. The statue above right was received at Hoban on January 30. A second duplicate statue will soon be sent to Cathedral High School, Indianapolis.

Prelude before Dinner



Email from Brother Lew Brazil, C.S.C.:



Brother Dan Kane performing on the new grand piano for residents at Andre Place before entering their dining room for supper.

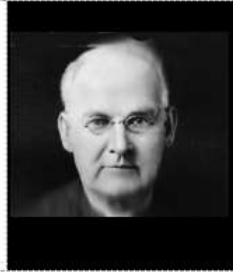
Dan is presently residing at Dujarie House receiving treatment for health needs.

Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.

Servant of God

Website

<https://brothercolumba.com/>



Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.
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Holy Cross Roads

Writings for the Journey

Waking Up

This is a story which many of you have heard about. A father goes to his son's room and tries to wake him up to go to school. His son says to him, "Give me three reasons why I need to get out of bed." The father says, "Number one, you know it is your duty to go to school. Number two, you know you are forty-five years old. Number three, you're the school's principal."

Anthony de Mello's definition of spirituality is "waking up." Do people most of the time remain asleep to what is essential in life? Do most people want to change? Are most people open to listening, taking to heart and waking up to what would make a difference in their lives? The case in point would be the alcoholic or the many ways people have become addicted. Do most people believe that in the end, all things will be well?

If we have faith to believe that we are created by God and know God's unconditional love for us and remain grateful, God will give us the grace of God's merciful love in Christ to bring us home to a happy ending. We can wake up and smell the roses.

- What thoughts help you want to get out of bed in the morning?
- Has growing spiritually become a priority in your life?
- Have you had the experience of waking up in your to desire to grow spiritually?

O God, help me to be attentive in my relationship with you.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



For more reflections to grow spiritually
please visit our new blog
<https://weeklyspiritualinsights.org/>



Reflection

Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.




*Every day may not be good...
But there's something good in every day.*

Alice Morse Earle



INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY
January 27



Providence Health Care
How you want to be treated.

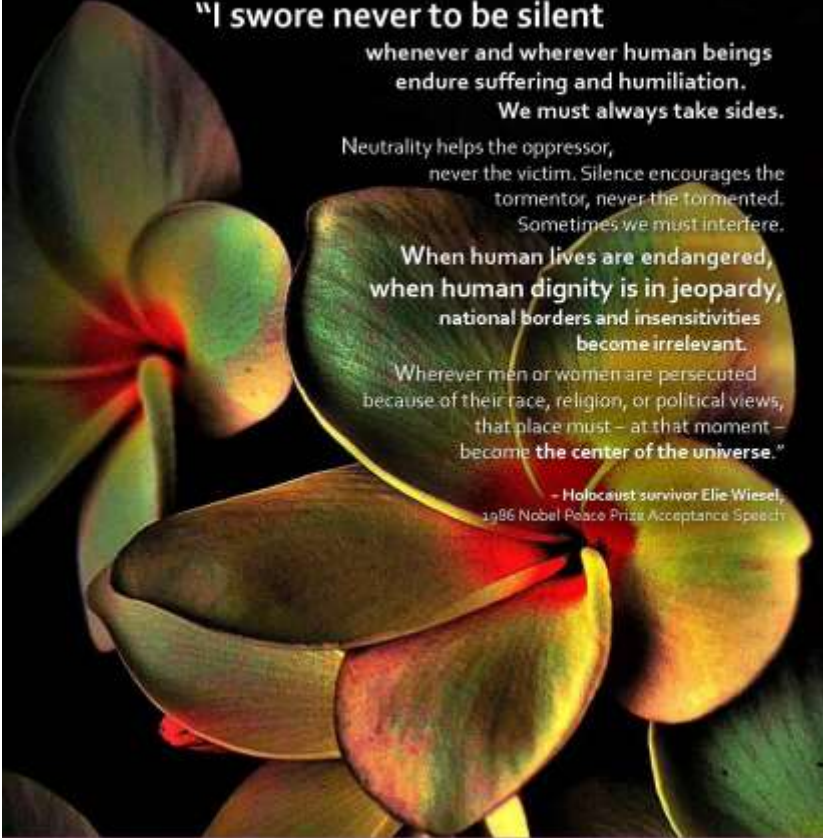
"I swore never to be silent
whenever and wherever human beings
endure suffering and humiliation.
We must always take sides.

Neutrality helps the oppressor,
never the victim. Silence encourages the
tormentor, never the tormented.
Sometimes we must interfere.

**When human lives are endangered,
when human dignity is in jeopardy,
national borders and insensitivities
become irrelevant.**

Wherever men or women are persecuted
because of their race, religion, or political views,
that place must – at that moment –
become **the center of the universe."**

– Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel,
1986 Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech





Brother
James
Kane,
CSC



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