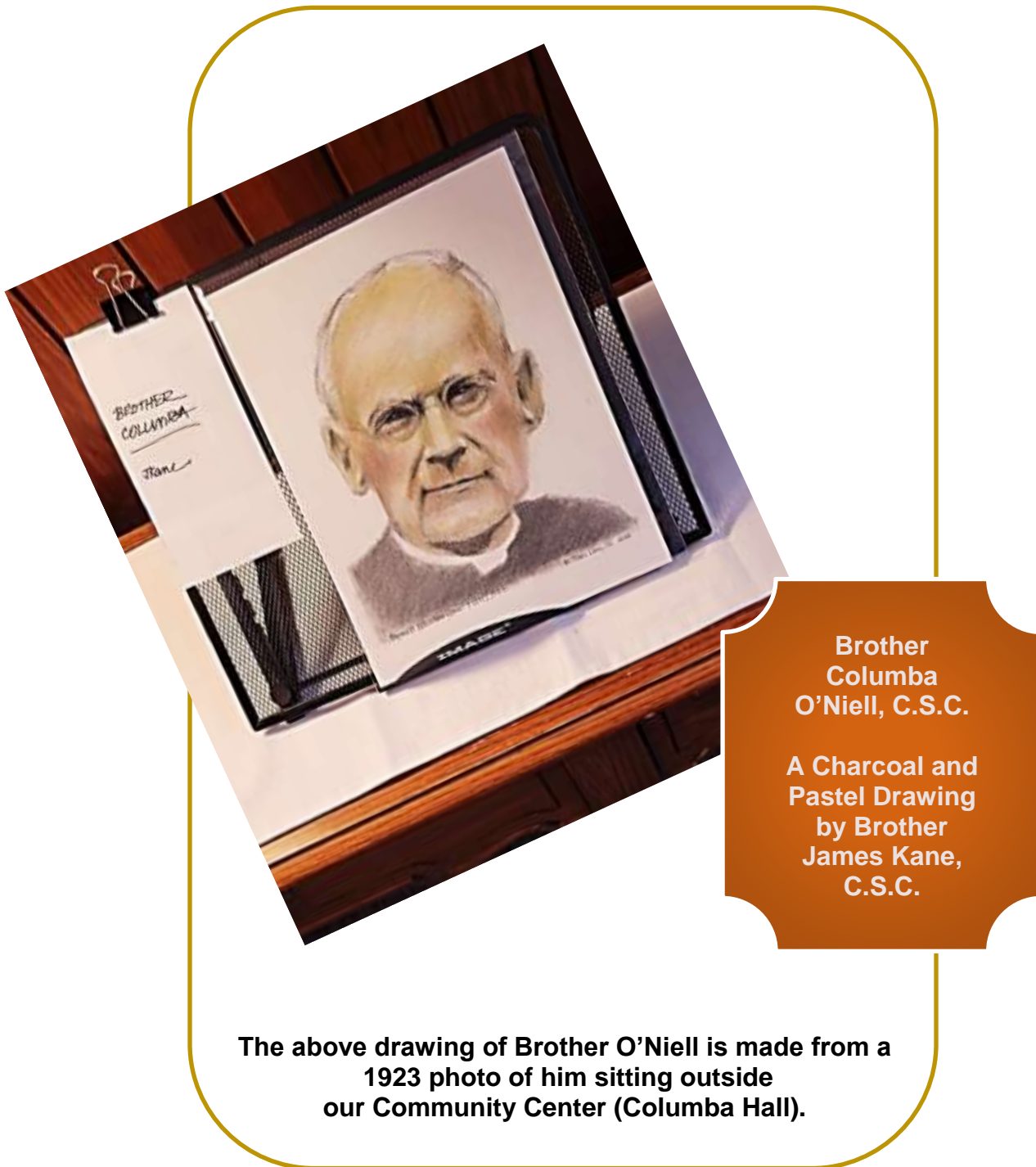


MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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July 3, 2024



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

A Charcoal and
Pastel Drawing
by Brother
James Kane,
C.S.C.

The above drawing of Brother O'Niell is made from a 1923 photo of him sitting outside our Community Center (Columba Hall).

Parable

In Texas grows a plant the gardeners call
obedient: you push a creamy spike
one way, it stays until you push it back.
No whimper in the sun or melancholy

dread of touch, just sweet compliance and
the gentlest smile streaked with blushing pink.
I love this wild flower for its calm
acceptance, peace, and simple sense of place.

I don't know if there's a likely space
up north where this fellow may balm
the roadside in the summer, but I think
if it's there at all, it surely can

bring grace to footpaths where in winter holly
tugs at runners using woods for track.
I just pray it doesn't sink to sadness like
a heart in June when darkness falls.

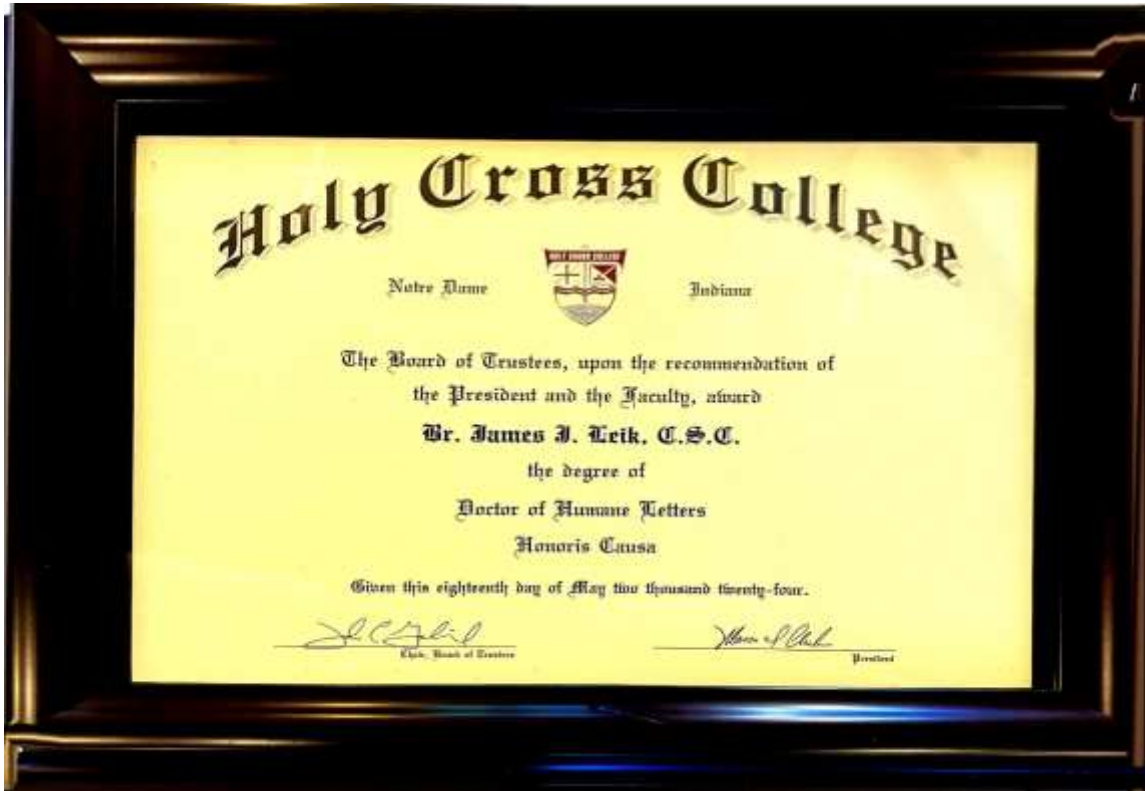
—**Brother George Klawitter, CSC**



[Physostegia virginiana](#) (obedient plant, obedience, or false dragonhead)



Honorary PHD for Brother James Leik, C.S.C.



Degree Awarded

Brother James Leik, C.S.C., was unable to attend the graduation at Holy Cross College. So, a few days later, Dr. Marco Clark and Dianne Barlas joined members of Columba Hall for lunch in order to present to Brother James, an Honary Degree of Letters.





Something from the past:

[Holly Cross Village Big Band- Swing into Spring Concert, 2017 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Something from the present:

<https://holycrosshistory.com/index-past-papers/>

Holy Cross History
Conference 2024
papers



Second Youngest Presenter
Austin Brezina
Holy Cross College Student

Reader of his paper on
The Case of Mrs. Julia Rath

Holy Cross History Conference
Held on the Campus of Holy Cross College
June 2024



Conference members Present at the meeting. Others were attending through Zoom and streaming technologies.



Brothers Philip Smith,
C.S.C. and Joseph Fox,
C.S.C.

A Former Brother Reminisces Dennis Shields



I met Brother Joseph Fox, csc, for the first time on arrival at Watertown in August, '62 to start my Holy Cross journey...we entered through the kitchen door and Brother Joseph greeted us with his famous smile...he was prepping food for us on our arrival...I and the others were immediately put at ease...having been taught by Holy Cross Brothers for 3 years I was quite comfortable with the setting...it must have meant a lot to those who were meeting Holy Cross for the first time....again our Holy Cross journey started with Brother

Joseph's familiar smile and warmth...Over the years I have often been the recipient of his warmth, concern and yes, the smile!!!



I met **Brother Roy Smith, csc**, for the first time on arrival on the Prairie...he was getting ready to head for Texas and I was starting the year at the Novitiate...not much more than a hand shake...on arrival in Texas a year later I would meet Brother Roy again at that luxurious dwelling called Vincent Hall...his athletic prowess well established...at that time Brothers were not allowed to play college sports...I remember Norris (believe the name is correct), the basketball coach, had to watch Brother Roy and others walk across campus....I think Vincent Hall could have

put together a pretty good basketball team ...John Henniger, Philip Babeneaux, Don Marengo, Joe Conrad, Robert Clark, Bernard Palmeri, would have been good additions to Brother Roy's team! there was the Thanksgiving game against the Oblates of Mary from San Antonio...tag football....it was a real turkey roast of the Oblates! Obviously I did not fit in with athletes at Vincent Hall...had almost no contact with them...however. Brother Roy was more than just a locr....that great smile of his always preceded a heartfelt and focused greeting no matter who you were...Nancy and I would have the pleasure of reconnecting with Brother Roy all these years later...and yes same smile and "in the moment" greeting as if you were the only one in the room...



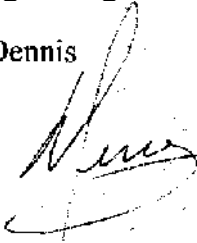
ah yes, **Brother Carlos Parrilla, csc**....what can I say!!!...Brother Carlos arrived on the Prairie in the snow covered month of January after I had been there for six months....ah yes, we were now "senior" novices...we would learn that meant nothing on the Prairie!!!...this was years before the entertainer, Prince, would become famous...we didn't know it but we had our "Prince" look-alike in Brother Carlos...during the months on the Prairie and subsequent time at Vincent Hall Brother Carlos,csc would become a great friend....I often find the storms in life and the cloudy

days....Brother Carlos,csc constantly saw the sunny side of life and would bring

me up during those "downer" days...decades would go by and Nancy and I would be living in Hilton Head, South Carolina...little did we know that Brother Carlos was stationed in Columbia, South Carolina, and that his sister lived near us....by chance Brother Carlos would be at a religious conference on the Island and we would meet again...it was as if no time had passed and that great, joyous personality was back in my life!!!...on his return to Notre Dame Brother Carlos has been a constant friend and companion to Nancy and me....to be invited to celebrate recently with him has been an honor for both of us...Nancy being part of the celebration as well...and the chance to meet his "Ohio" family was great too!!!

So thanks again to you all....I have a special insight into the wonderful lives in Holy Cross that you all have lived....I remember that the vows were viewed as "sacrifices" of a "normal" life style....I always viewed the vows in a more positive light as great liberators of one's potential...certainly true in all of your lives....

Dennis



Something from overseas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNbbNjWTS9M&authuser=0>

(You may have to scroll down and click on "Browse Youtube" to make it work.)



Midwest Province 2024 Chapter

**Welcome to chapter members
Columba Hall**



A brief Video presentation by Brother Chris Torrijas, CSC, on the History of Holy Cross.



Hope

On Sunday afternoon, June 2, Chapter began with a period of reflection on Hope. Below is the conclusion of the presentation by Dianne Barlas.



“I am compelled to conclude that hope is indeed an action verb because it is animated by the power of God through the presence of the Holy Spirit and it moves us into relationship with one another and the very people we walk side by side with in their suffering and their joys. As men with Hope to Bring, this journey is driven by the shared capacity to live as Jesus did, bring hope to those who have doubt, to those who need to be healed, to those who are in need of compassion and acceptance and to those who need to grow in the truth that Christ's death on the Cross is our only hope. It is what drives you, as members of the Congregation of Holy Cross to always see what is possible wherever we go and in the diversity of your capacity bring hope to the world.

As a virtue, we grow in our capacity to hope. We build our capacity to hope through practicing hope. How do we transform our trudging with the heaviness of the signs of our times into moving with the intentional decisive steps in the direction

of hope.”

Brother Richard Armstrong, C.S.C.



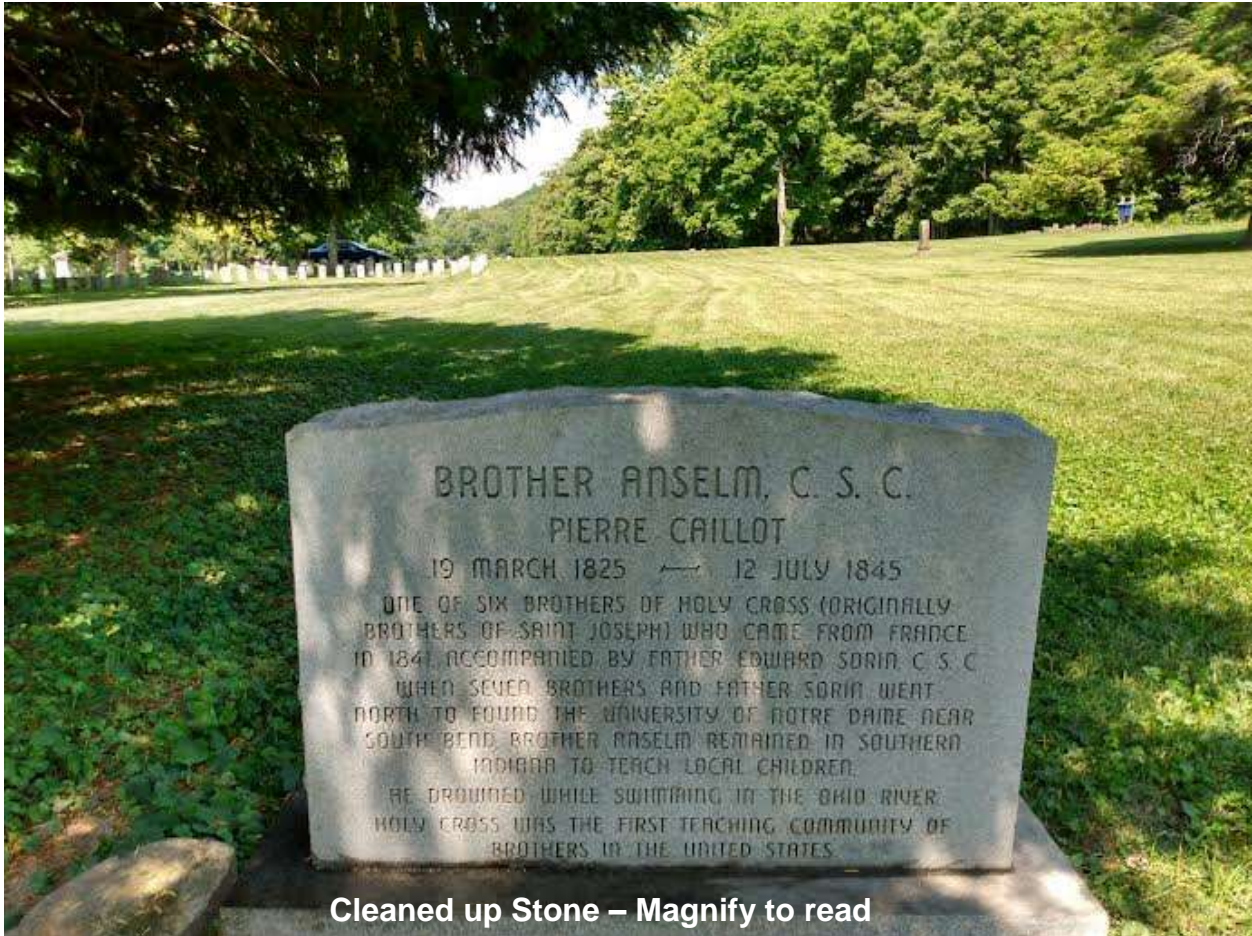
Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross College, from 9:30 to 10:30 am. The Mass of Resurrection followed with interment afterward in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Holy Cross Village. Kaniewski Funeral Home handled the arrangements. The funeral mass was livestreamed.

Click for video of the funeral: <https://youtube.com/live/ItolG0pRXes?feature=share>.

The video should be available for a few days.

Click for [Eulogy of Brother Richard](#)

Brother Anselm



In May of this year (2024) Mr and Mrs. Robert Newland of Indianapolis traveled to Madison, Indiana, to check on the grave of our Brother Anselm Caillot, who drowned in the Ohio River there in 1845. In 1991 the Newlands had discovered the stone, which had been covered in grass and dirt for the previous century in the Madison cemetery in a section outside the north wall. When the Newlands saw the

stone recently, it had discolored so they cleaned it up nicely. Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Newland! Bob is a graduate of Cathedral High School.



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

A Mysterious Story

As we continue our journey, we can be anxious about what lies ahead. We can become fatalistic believing we have no say as to what our life will be like. On the other hand, we can rely on our trust in God. We can know that in whatever happens, God will be there with us and guide us. God will lead us in accomplishing great things to make our life's story worth telling.

We need to recall the stepping stones of our lives and how God was with us with love through our childhood. Then we can remember how God has brought us through the experimenting times as adolescents. Next, we can consider the times when we came into our own as an adult choosing a state in life along with the work that brings a sense of accomplishment. When we reach midlife, we can begin to consider that our life here will not go on forever. We do have limitations. As elders we come to realize that life is not completely about doing. There is a value in just being our authentic self. This is because a legacy we want to pass on to those who know us or who have known us is unique.

As we look back at our story, we not only become aware that there is mystery involved. There are circumstances beyond our control that have made a great difference. The hand of God has been with us through the journey of our life. God has led us through this unique story of our life and will continue to be with us today and in days to come.

- Have you spent time to reflect on your life's story?
- What is unique about your life that makes you "one of a kind?"
- Have you realized that God has been with you though it all?

O God, help me appreciate your presence in each stage of my life.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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

Reflection



Faith is not something to grasp, it is a state to grow into.
~ Mahatma Gandhi



Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.
Servant of God



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Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.
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**Brother
James
Kane,
CSC**



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