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Brother Jubilarians 2023



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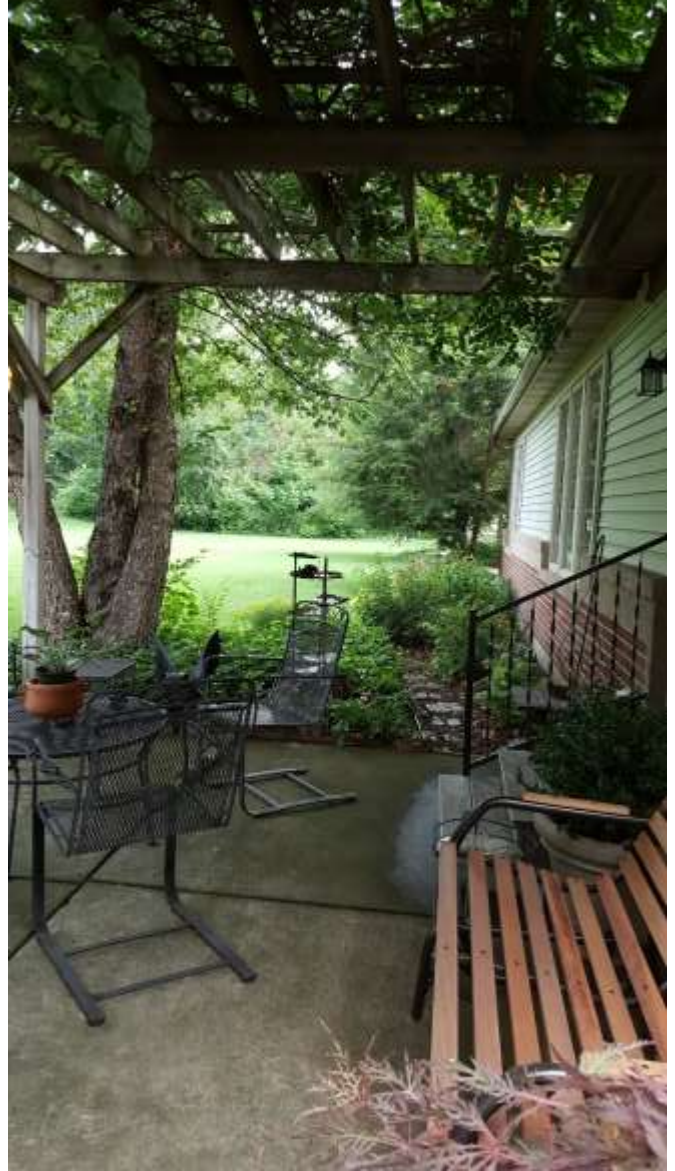
Jubilee pictures will appear in coming publications of Midwest-Midweek.

Leaving Home

Those who most fear death do not leave home.
They set the tumblers of the heart secure.
Shuttered doors and battened windows set,
The kitchen cauldron holds a shallow gruel.
Memories are retrospective quilts
patched with regret, anxiety, and loss.
Mortality, expected, needs no map
or guide. No footprints score the dusty floor.
Unsheltered, we encounter Sister Death—
her venues limitless, her vistas wide.
Elijah faced the sky while Judith walked
from Holofernes' tent with quiet grace.
Wild animals seek caves for their last flight.
A child of Eve and Adam leaves through light.

“Where can I flee from thy presence.” (Psalm
139, Verse 7)

—**Francis C. Gray, Holy Cross Village**





Reflection for Columba Hall Tribute To 2023 Jubilarians

**Presentation on the eve of jubilee
by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.**

In this reflection for today, it is my intention to honor not only the 2023 jubilarians but also all Holy Cross members.

“Before my birth the Lord called me, from my mother’s womb he gave me my name. He said to me ‘You are my servant that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth’”

These words, which I have just quoted from the Old Testament prophet Isiah Chapter 49, verses 1,3, and 6, confirm, I believe, why the jubilarians are here in Holy Cross today.

In Chapter 1 verses 35-39 of his Gospel, St. John the Evangelist tells us that “John [the Baptist] was . . . with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned to them following him and said, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi, where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’ So they went and they stayed with him that day.”

The jubilarians, having much earlier in their lives discerned a vocation to the religious life as Brothers, also sought out Jesus as the Baptist’s disciples did. And Jesus likewise responded to them, “Come, and see, and they indeed came and saw: the *Congregation of Holy Cross*, and they have stayed with Jesus ever since for these forty, fifty, sixty, and seventy years respectively.

And heeding Jesus’ counsel, they, the Jubilarians, once having put their hands to the plow, have not looked back.

Like St. Matthew’s merchant in chapter 13, verses 45 and 46 who found a pearl of great price, and sold all he had to buy it, so too have our Jubilarians done by having pronounced their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Their vow of Poverty frees them from any material encumbrances upon their relationships with God, religious Community, and those whom they serve.

Their poverty is evidenced in their simple, uncomplicated lives, devoid of the allurements of and preoccupation with material gain and worldly success. It is what motivates them to empathize more readily with the poor and the marginalized.

Their vow of Chastity transforms their choice of a committed love for one person to

a desired love for all persons. Their emulating this love that God himself has for all of his creation enables them to recognize more easily who their brothers and sisters really are.

Their vow of obedience facilitates their willingness to listen to others, especially Superiors, and accept their judgments and decisions in manifesting God's will for participation in the life and work of the Congregation.

Their life in Community has been an example of the best that can be lived: with unity amid diversity, sufficiency along with simplicity, holiness as well as human frailty, youth together with age, the sharing of values, goals, and resources, and, above all, fraternity.

Their life in Holy Cross has been a taste of the salt of the earth which has *not* lost its savor.

Ministerially, the Jubilarians' lives in Holy Cross have been as on a journey along the road to Jericho, during which they have often paused to provide in many different ways a dressing and healing of the wounds of others who have been somehow waylaid by the vicissitudes of life.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has called Holy Cross to tend his sheep, and all its members have done so faithfully, at times searching for the strayed and finding the lost.

The Congregation of Holy Cross is a city built by the Lord and so the Jubilarians and all of its other members are his workers. who have not labored in vain.

Holy Cross is the city of St. Matthew's Gospel, a city set on a mountain, the light of which cannot be hid, a light which dispels all the darkness; the light which is Christ.

On this eve of the occasion of the celebration of jubilees of profession of vows, let all of us in Holy Cross thank God for his loving call to our vocations as Brothers and as priests. and rededicate ourselves as his very faithful servants, and that God will especially bless our 2023 Jubilarians.

Gilmour Academy

Gates Mills, Ohio

The following article published in the Fall of 2022 in the *Gilmour Magazine* gives a description of the title and story of the renovation gift to Gilmour.

The \$28 million commitment will impact Gilmour students through scholarships for years to come and will provide much-needed renovations to the heart of campus - Tudor House and the Commons. The gift will support 48 students in Grades 7-12 with annual scholarships and will provide for a variety of capital needs at Gilmour, including a new Student Commons and dining hall as well as the restoration of the exterior of Tudor House and Tudor Gardens. ...

The entire article is on page 12 of the Gilmour issue. Be sure to click on the “+” at the bottom right to enlarge the page for viewing.

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Tudor House (Top right building in the sketch of campus on the previous page – see dashed rectangle)



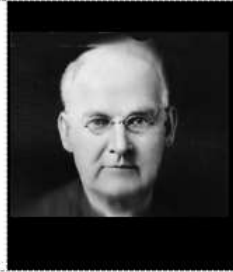
Walled garden behind (west of) Tudor House

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Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

In Process

Sometimes a person can feel “small” when someone says that he or she has experienced before what you are experiencing and tells you what you need to do. It is quite simple. That person wants to be useful and probably does have some useful information. However, what you would really like is someone who would support you and walk with you as you move step by step through the process of becoming the person you were meant to be.

Often a person can look to Jesus to find right answers in the Bible. There, Jesus tells us to “love our neighbor as ourselves.” But it is easier said than done. How do I love myself, warts and all? How do I deal with the hurts that I have experienced? Who can be with me and accept me even when I backslide and help me realize that God loves me no matter what? Is my God only a God who has the right answers but is distant? Does God “stand by me” as I stumble and maybe even fall? This would be a God who not only understands the process but is with me all of the way as I become closer and closer to the true God on my journey to wholeness.

- Do you consider yourself “in process?”
- What steps do you need to take to get closer to God?
- Who supports you on your spiritual journey?

O God, be with me as I take the next steps on my spiritual path.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

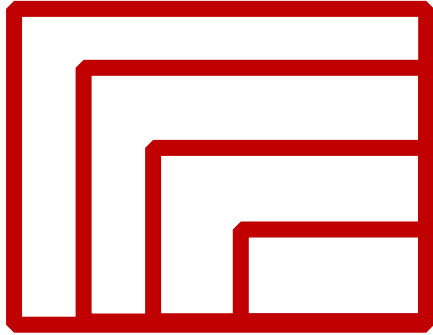


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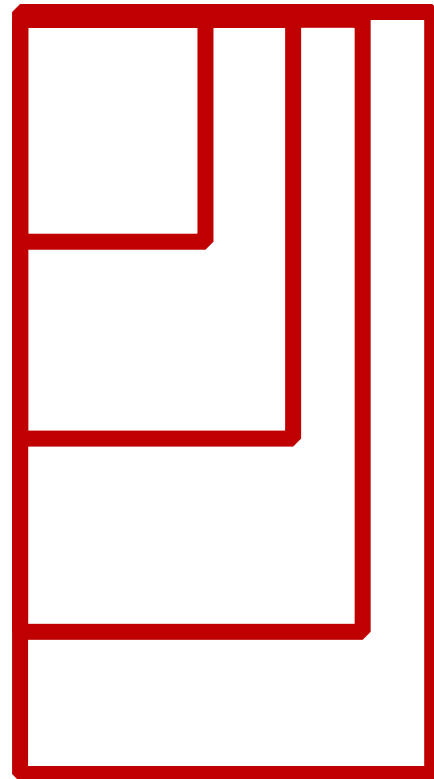


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