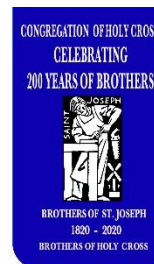


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March 4, 2020

In This Week

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

March 1-7 In this week (on March 1, 1837) the “Fundamental Pact” was signed by 54 Brothers and 5 priests in the LeMans suburb Sainte-Croix to form the Community to be known as “Holy Cross.” The Brothers of St. Joseph thus soon became known as the “Brothers from (of) Holy Cross.”

Brothers of St. Joseph

Appendix X

**Date of death for Brothers of Saint Joseph
who entered before the 1837 Fundamental Act of Union
and died in the Community.**

(Age in italics. Rank after year of death.)

Mar 4	<i>Anaclet (Joseph Hallier) 26</i>	1833	203
Mar 4	<i>Julien (Julien Henry) 22</i>	1836	247
Mar 12	<i>Jean-Marie (Jean-Marie Gauchet) 27</i>	1826	58
Mar 16	<i>André (André Pierre Mottais) 44</i>	1844	4
Mar 24	<i>François d'Assise (François-Marie Tulou) 55</i>	1853	166
Mar 25	<i>Irénée (Joseph-Almire Trassard-Deslandes) 44</i>	1852	111

(The Brothers of St. Joseph by George Klawitter – Appendix X)

Lenten Lecture Series—2020
7:00 PM in Geenen Hall

March 4

Br. George Klawitter, CSC

“What the Notre Dame Pioneer Brothers can Teach us about Sacrifice for Lent”

Brother George Klawitter, CSC, retired in 2012 from the English Literature Department at St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas. A frequent contributor to the Holy Cross History Conference, he has published books on the early Holy Cross Brothers in France, Indiana, and Algeria.



March 11

Fr. Brian Grantz

“Music as Prayer”

Fr. Brian Grantz would be a professional musician if he had any talent, but is content nonetheless to utilize the gifts God actually bestowed upon him to serve as Dean of Cathedral of Saint James in downtown South Bend. Brian and his wife, Tamisyn, are parents to four grown children.



**Cross Cultural Life – An African Perspective
Brother Raymond Papenfuss**

The lecture was last Wednesday on a very snowy and icy evening.

See Br. Michael Brickman’s photos on the next page:



Holy Cross Village Series

A periodic opportunity to share with others the gifts and talents we bring with us to the Village.

Presents

Brother Raymond Papenfuss, C.S.C.

“Cross Cultural Life—An African Perspective”

Friday, February 21, 2020
3:00 P.M.

Br. William Geenen Hall, Andre Place



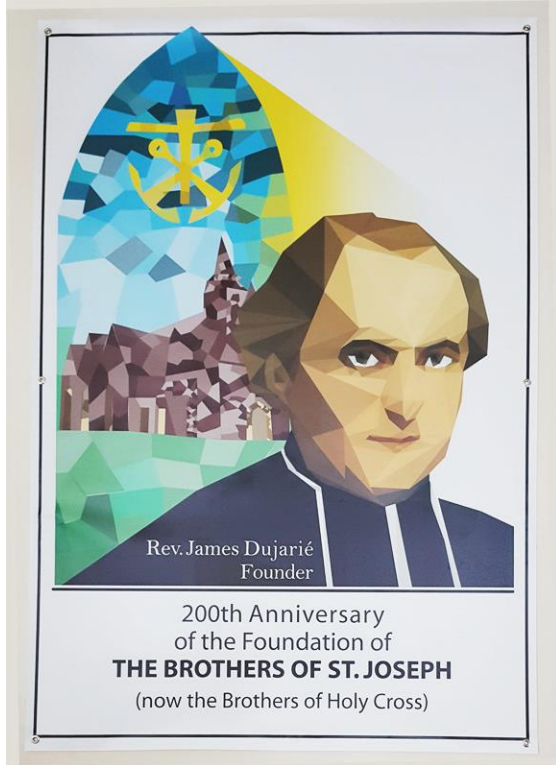
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Brother Raymond Papenfuss



Dujarie Banner in Columba Hall Dining Room



The original art work was done for the Moreau Province chapter by two students from St. Edward's University, Diana Garcia-Gomez and David Padilla-Arenivar. Jonathan Beebe commissioned the banner. Ken Haders worked with the art teacher at Hoban High School to customize the message for the 200th Anniversary.

Columba Hall's 3rd Floor Named

Five P.M., Brother Robert Mosher's Monday evening presentation:

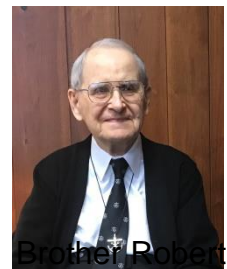
Brothers of St. Joseph Reflection

Prepared by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

Brother Leonard Guittoger

Pierre Francois, later known as Brother Leonard, was born in 1802, the year Napoleon's much needed Concordat was issued, a time of relative peace after the French Revolution's Reign of Terror, during which he spent his early years securing a rudimentary education and working in the family owned farming business.

At age 23 he went to Ruillé sur Loir where, in 1825 he joined a group of men known as the Brothers of St. Joseph, founded by James Dujarie.



Within three months of his arrival, he, now Brother Leonard, became a novice. While there is no record of his taking his first vow of obedience, he renewed it on September 11, 1830. One year later he signed the Pact of Fidelity, the Brothers' pledge to remain supportive and loyal to one another, even in the event of the dissolution of Community.

Leonard was named Second Director of the Community. He remained so until 1833 when he was sent out to teach. In 1834 Leonard returned to Ruille to be on hand for the Brothers' transfer from the hands of Dujarie to those of Basil Moreau.

In 1838 Leonard took religious vows in what was now Holy Cross, but within a year began attempts to have the Brothers separated from the Auxiliary priests to which they had been joined earlier, a cause to which he would be disastrously linked for the rest of his life, and for which he was threatened with expulsion from the Congregation. Suspected by Moreau and later by the General Council under Edward Sorin, Leonard was accused of fomenting sedition. Despite his efforts to convince his superiors otherwise, Leonard's protestations were that his motive was to preserve the Society of Brothers, which had experienced extraordinary success, should the priests' society somehow fail. Leonard maintained that he deemed his efforts as a matter of conscience. And so, regardless of further threats, Leonard continued to solicit the help and support of other Brothers, the local bishop, and even a cardinal in Rome.

Leonard's persistence eventually resulted in his being severely disciplined – perhaps, outrageously.

Up to the time of his death, he was forbidden to wear the cord and St. Joseph medal as part of his habit.

His rank in the Community was permanently reduced to that of last, even after those who entered the Community later. So he spent his remaining days, without the respect and esteem he'd won earlier in his life as a Brother of St. Joseph and of Holy Cross.

By those who may have sided with him in his cause, he might have been considered a hero; to those who took an opposite position, he might have been regarded as a fool. To us here and now, he'll only be another Brother of St. Joseph, deserving of our remembrance and honor.

3rd Floor Plaque:

Leonard Guittoger was born at Terrehaut on July 13, 1802, the year of Napoleon's much needed and much welcomed Concordat. Three months after arriving at Ruffle in 1825, Leonard began his novitiate. As an administrator, Leonard

was entrusted with significant responsibility. Within a few years of arriving, he was named one of the four Brother-Directors at Ruillé. He was instrumental in the transfer of the Brothers from Father Dujarie to Father Moreau, and in 1835 he went to visit and consult with the Christian Brothers at Plòermel. In the 1860's, Leonard was accused of fomenting discord between the priests and Brothers, agitating, in fact, to separate the two societies. He defended himself against the accusations, but the General Council punished Leonard by taking away his religious insignia, demoting him in rank to the bottom of all the professed, and forbidding him correspondence with any member except his superiors. He was not allowed to teach any longer. He served as a cook for one of the young Brothers in a small village, living a quiet life thereafter until his death on June 9, 1877.



After the third floor dedication a special evening prayer was held followed by Mass and ending with a fine community meal.

Robert presented another reflection, this one on Brother André Mattais.

(Presentation starts on the following page.)

Brothers of St. Joseph Reflection
Prepared by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

Brother Andre Mottais

Divine Providence has always manifested Itself throughout the history of the Congregation of Holy Cross. It had done so also earlier in the founding of the fledgling group of men who came to be known as the Brothers of St. Joseph, founded in Ruillé sur Loir, France in 1820 by James Francois Dujarie.

That Divine plan was evidenced in the birth and subsequent life of a man who eventually became a member first of the Brothers of St. Joseph and, upon their merger with auxiliary priests founded by Basil Anthony Moreau, then a member of what became the Congregation of Holy Cross. That man, Andre Mottais, devoted son of a French farm family and gifted with the most extraordinary qualities for leadership, was destined by God to exercise significant influence in the founding and success of both of these two religious groups of men.

As a Brother of St. Joseph, Andre Mottais, almost from the beginning of the Ruille' Community, became and continued to be a competent, loyal, and trusted aide to Father James Dujarie. Appointed as leader of four directors of the Community, Andre was handpicked eventually to carry out several other administrative responsibilities.

When it became evident that Dujarie, because of increasing ill health, could no longer provide leadership, it was Andre who took the initiative in arranging for Father Basil Moreau to assume guidance of the Brothers.

After the Brothers' signing of the 1837 Pact, establishing their formal union with Moreau's auxiliary priests, Andre became one of Moreau's right-hand men in helping to manage the new Community's affairs. The same unwavering obedience, dedication, and loyalty motivated Andre in all he did in Holy Cross as he had done before.

After many years spent serving at Holy Cross' motherhouse, St. Croix in LeMans, Andre was assigned to accompany a group of missionaries to the newly acquired post in Algeria. It was in this assignment that Andre's character and abilities were tested in a crucible of fire. Stricken with an extremely debilitating illness, Andre labored with the same talented skill and virtue that he had always done in his

earlier life. But the increasing burden of his poor health prompted him to request permission to return to France. However, Moreau's desire to see the Algeria mission succeed resulted in a refusal of Andre's request. True to himself, Andre strove heroically to achieve success. Although Andre accepted this decision characteristically, he reached the point where his physical condition left him unable to function as he had always done.

Andre lived out the two remaining years of his life at St. Croix in France doing whatever he was still able to do in serving the interests of the Community.

Holy Cross already has a Brother named Andre whom the Church has officially elevated to sainthood, Brother Andre Bessette. Brother Andre Mottais, because of everything that he was and did, is, in my judgement, equally deserving, pending the continued intervention of Divine Providence, of being considered a saint and declared so, and for his achievements, named as the second founder of both the Brothers of St. Joseph and the Congregation of Holy Cross.

And so we honor today Brother Andre Mattais, as well as all the other Brothers of St. Joseph.

Reflection

We are not here to see through one another,
But to see one another through.

Anne Lamott



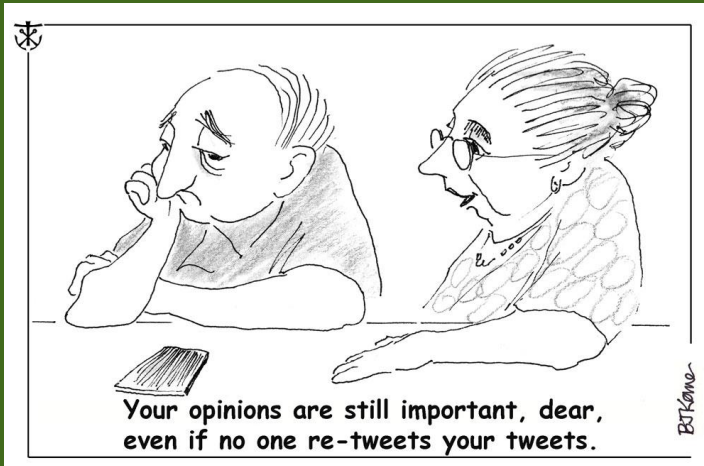
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