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Reflections on Brother John Tryon, C.S.C.

“Jesus is my friend, my brother, and companion.”

One of John’s last sentences to one of our seminarians.

The vocation as Brother was a tireless service for him. When he decided to enter Holy Cross, his neighborhood friends did not believe him. He was a bit undisciplined and they did not know of his desire to dedicate his life to something religious. He was different from the rest.



Getting to know Holy Cross awoke his deep desire to dedicate himself to teaching; he wanted to educate souls and hearts, and for this he demonstrated a deep passion in his life.

He studied literature and theology because he wanted to understand the beauty of contemplating God. He loved novels because they helped him dream about infinity.

He loved theology because the great theologians and philosophers had that same concern, getting to know the beauty of God.

His heart had a desire to be a missionary, and he fell in love with Peru; he always said that he wanted to return to Peru soon. He used to say: "I am passionate about Peru. I learn new things every day. "

He loved getting to know other countries, other cultures, and he felt that God wanted it to be that way; he was a seeker of the treasures hidden in the people of Peru.

The week before his death, he spent the whole week sharing in a retreat with the Chilean community. When he finished, he said: "Of everything I have received these days, I need more time to think about it. I need more time to meditate and think about this retreat."

Today, in a couple of hours, two young men from the congregation will consecrate their lives to Holy Cross in Mexico and tomorrow they will be ordained as deacons.

There are also many others in religious life who feel great pain at John's departure. His calm, observant, and profound presence marked their lives.

John wanted to reach those who had strayed far away, those who had a hard time finding God's presence; those that John mentions the most and asked the Apostles – Philip: "Lord, we want to know Jesus. "

John sought the Lord and, although books introduced him to another world, it was his closeness to people, their faces, their own stories, which invited him to let go, to not be afraid and face questions and doubts.

Today we thank God for having put him in our lives and we are pained for not being able to say goodbye.

We ask him to provide us with that generosity, to give our lives for extraordinary, crazy things. He left suddenly, without warning because he never liked making a show of things.

"If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor."

Si alguien quiere servirme que me siga, correrá la misma suerte que yo.
Todo aquel que me sirva, será honrado por mi Padre.

Fr. José Ahumada c.s.c.

Reflection shared at John's wake in San Roque Parish
Santiago de Chile, Friday, January 28th, 2022



Jubilee 2022
Midwest Province of Brothers



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Jubilee pictures will appear in the following issue of Midwest-Midweek.

JUBILEE!

Pianist
Brother Daniel Kane, C.S.C.

Pictures sent in by Brother Kenneth Kane, C.S.C.:



Brother Dan Kane's rehearsal sessions in the *Dodero Center* for Performing Arts on April 9, 2022. (On the day before his performance at Gilmour.)



Gilmour Academy Kathleen Coffey Kenny, Head of School, greets Daniel.



Personal Request

Brother Carl Sternberg's cousin, Jane Idzi, Carl's kidney donor, came for a visit. A request to Brother Daniel Kane to play "Claire De Lune" on Dan's piano located in



the Columba Hall Chapel was made by Carl and Jane. Dan provided a short concert at 11:00, just before lunch. Many house members attended along with other weekend visitors here for the Midwest Jubilee. The concert was wonderful. An encore was called for and performed.



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Freedom to Choose

In many cultures it was the parents who chose whom a son or daughter should marry and hopefully this choice would eventually lead to a love connection. But freedom to choose one's life's partner is recognized in our culture to be essential for a valid marriage contract.

When it comes to religious affiliation, it was assumed that children would practice the faith of their parents. This too has changed. At an appropriate time, it is important that an individual be free to choose his or her own commitment to a religious tradition as one of the signs of God's personal call or vocation. The faith of a child is really a participation in the faith of the parents. The Church now is calling the laity to an adult faith which involves a personal relationship with Christ. This is the foundation of the new evangelization. It is through the witness of adult faith that people are drawn to wanting to live the Christian life. As Pope Francis says in his letter "The Joy of the Gospel" we are all called to be missionary disciples. This happens in the married life, the single life, the religious life and the ministerial life of the Church. In making our choice in freedom, we will find that our personal lives will have an influence in ever widening circles.

- How have you experienced your freedom to choose?
- Has this freedom led you to experience God's call or vocation?
- Do you consider yourself to be a missionary disciple?

O God, help me to say "yes" to a life that I freely choose.



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

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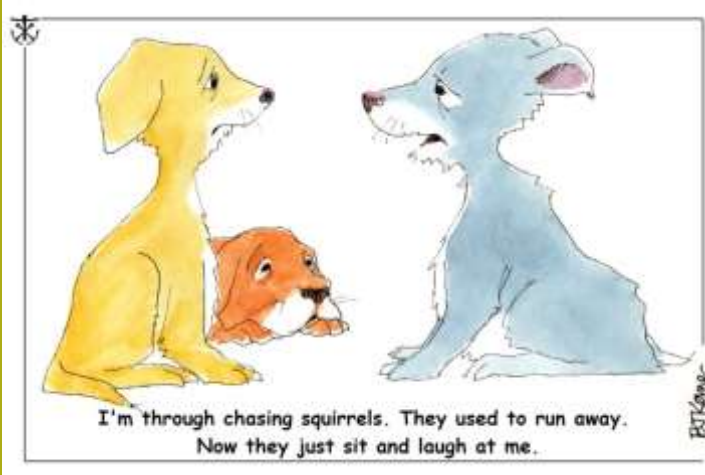
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Reflection

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





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