

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK



Brothers of Holy Cross – Midwest Province - P.O. Box 460 – Notre Dame, Indiana 46556-0460

July 5, 2023



Eucharistic Heart of Jesus

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, fill my heart with that same love that burned in your heart. May I become love and mercy to those who live in pain and suffering. May I become the living Gospel of your compassionate love.

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Sudanese Home

A sharpened pencil stub against the sky,
a lighted entry, shelter from the night,
you rise. From earth you beckoned humankind—
before the Pharaohs ruled or Jesus' foot
trod on the spring-warm Galilean soil.
Before the monks at Canterbury sang,
your shade by day, your evening's rest from toil,
gave order in an unforgiving land.
Will you, the igloo and the nipa hut
soon disappear? Will boxes made of brick
replace your symmetry and lovely curve?
The Dinka still within you sleep and cook.
Will children only know you from a book?

“If I say, ‘Surely darkness will steal over me, night
will close around me’...” Psalm 139, v. 11.

--Francis C. Gray, Holy Cross Village



Class of '53, Notre Dame University Reunion 2023



Brother John Benesh, C.S.C. sent in this alumni photo he received. He is standing at far right in this photo. John is living in Peru and is here at Notre Dame attending his class reunion as well as a gathering of an assembly for Holy Cross Provinces.



Strawberries

Gail Pursell, Columba Hall Chef, presented yesterday at lunch, the day before the summer solstice, a sample dish of fresh strawberries from the Columba Hall garden.

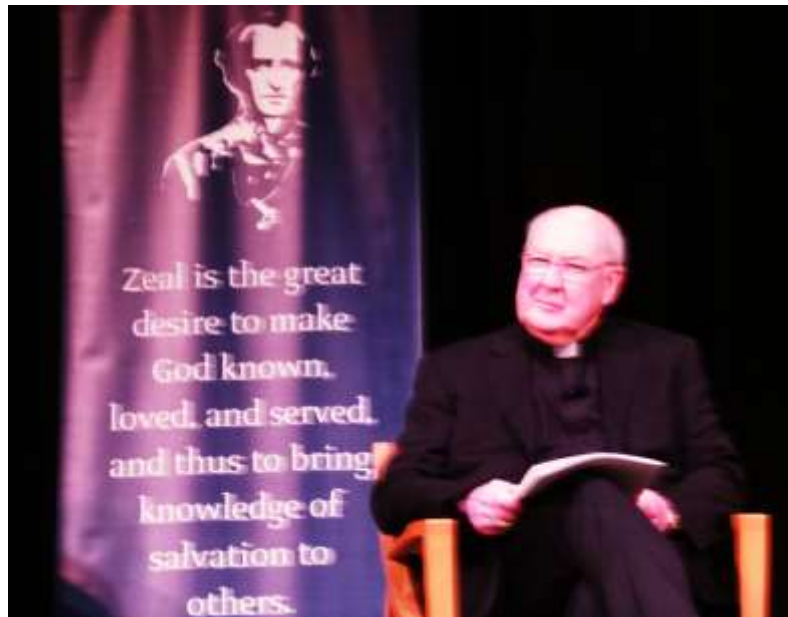
Sweet!

Then and Now

In the accompanying photo, Kevin Farrell, then bishop of Dallas (2007-2023), now Cardinal, is pictured visiting (2009) with Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C. in Brother's classroom at Good Shepherd Catholic School in Garland, Texas.



On Wednesday, June 14, Brother Robert, participating in the Holy Cross Assembly on the campus of the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, witnessed



through live streaming the speech of Kevin Cardinal Farrell entitled "Catholicism Today: Accompanying Pope Francis Word and Work" in which Cardinal Farrell explained the goal which Pope Francis seeks in having the Church become more responsive to the needs and challenges of our times. He urged the members of the Congregation of Holy Cross to participate with complete support.

2023 Holy Cross History Conference

The 42nd Annual Holy Cross History Conference was held at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana, on June 8-10, 2023.

Gathered together were members of the Holy Cross History Association to hear presentations about the history of the Congregations of Holy Cross – priests, brothers, and sisters. Each day, about 25 persons attended the conference at the college, while another group attended through Zoom.

Eight persons delivered papers on a variety of Congregational events. On Thursday evening, **Br. Phil Smith** presented a paper on Servant of God, Br. Columba O’Neill and his unrealized desire to become a missionary in either Bengal or Molokai.

On Friday, there were five papers. During the morning session, **Fr. Bill Blum** presented on the new Province of East Africa; **Fr. Jim Connelly** presented on Father Moreau’s Last Days and Death; and **Mr. Gaël Jeannin and Ms. France Thiboutot** (delivering their paper from Montreal) on the 150th anniversary of Blessed Moreau’s legacy in Canada. During the afternoon session, **Fr. Pete Logsdon** presented on the history of the Southern Priests’ Province, and **Br. Ray Papenfuss** spoke about the District of West Africa’s journey to becoming the Province of West Africa.

The conference concluded on Saturday morning with two presentations in the morning. **Fr. John Phalen’s** paper was on the Tri-society Hispanic Committee of Holy Cross, and **Br. Ken Haders** reported on the celebrations in India of the two new provinces – the [Province of St. André](#) (Bangalore, Karnataka), which is composed only of brothers, and the [Province of Tamil Nadu](#) (Trichy, Tamil Nadu).

On Saturday evening, the annual banquet was held at the Italian restaurant Carmela’s in South Bend. It was a festive time of camaraderie and good food. Fr. Jim Connelly, one of the three founders of the association, was feted with a toast and a beautiful cake for his 42 years of leadership, scholarship, and inspiration. Br. Phil, president, expressed his thanks to the many persons who combined their talents to present another fine conference.

During the board meeting, on Friday afternoon, Br. Joe Fox, vice-president of the association, was unanimously elected as president for 2023-24.

Sharan Palmer
Accounts Payable



HAPPY
Retirement

MWHCA Promises (Midwest Holy Cross Associates)

The Board for the Associates met for a retreat followed by planning for the future after which they gathered in Columba Hall's chapel for members to make yearly promises.



**[Back Row]: Ignacio J. Martinez – Chairperson, Jessica Plaspohl, Sandy Neja,
[Front Row]: Paul Acampora, (virtual presence) Debbie Acampora, AJ Valverde-
Communications Manager for The Holy Cross Institute, Br. Carl Sternberg, CSC
– Vice Chairperson**



**Brother
George
Klawitter,
C.S.C played
the organ for
the short
renewal
service.**



**Board
member
Brother Roy
Smith,
C.S.C.,
provided a
reading for
the renewal
service.**



**Prayer
For Holy Cross Associates**

Gracious God,
we ask your blessing on the men and women who
have become Holy Cross Associates. Help them
fulfill their commitment to grow in spirituality,
community and mission as part of the family of Holy
Cross.

Increase their zeal for ministry and their devotion to
our beloved founder, Basil Moreau.

Bless their families and loved ones and may they
truly be men and women with hope to bring.

We make our prayer through Christ your Son with
Mary and Joseph at our side.
Amen.



<https://holycrossassociates.org/>

Hoban Dome Maintenance



Article from Br. Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C.

For the first time in over 20 years, the Dome at Archbishop Hoban H. S. is undergoing major maintenance. The first phase began over Easter break when the stained-glass windows were removed. The glass is being cleaned and refurbished.

This week additional work includes cleaning and painting the exterior as well as work on the insulation.

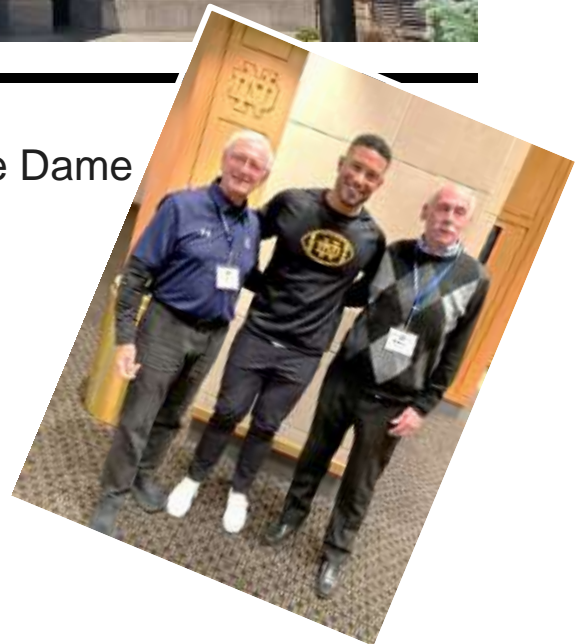
The work is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the school year in August.

The Dome is located on the south side of the building where the original loading dock was located.



Coach Freeman, Notre Dame

Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C., and Brother Francis Boylan, C.S.C. meet for a photo with ND coach Freeman at the Assembly 2023.



Holy Cross Leadership Program 2023 Lunch at Columba Hall



Holy Trinity



Gilmour



Holy Cross in Waterbury CT



Notre Dame in West Haven CT





Hoban



Saint Edward



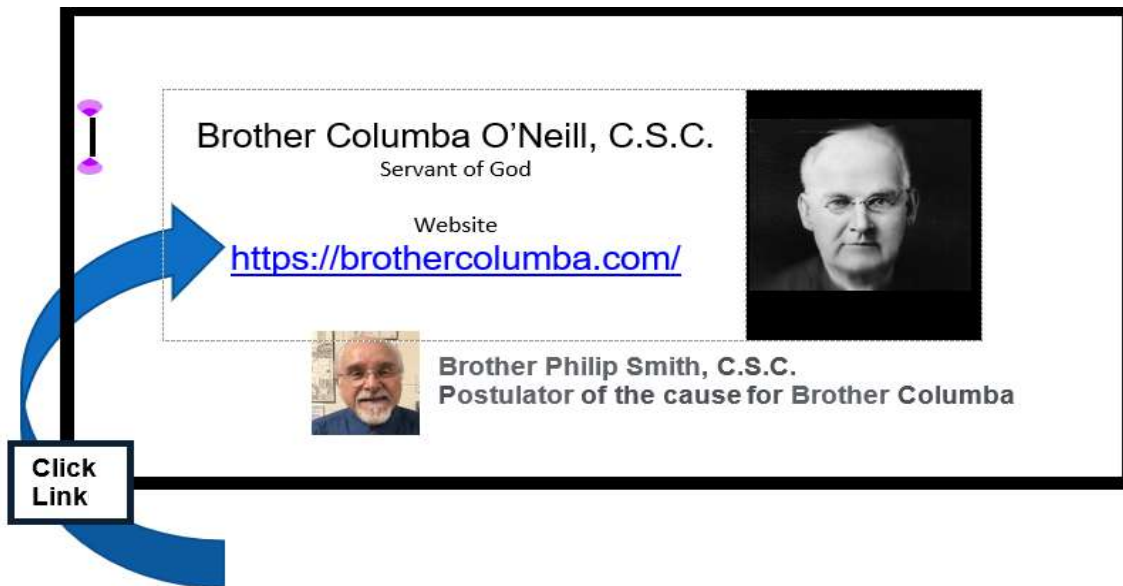
Notre Dame CP

Wednesday: June 28, 2023

Holy Cross Student Leadership Conference, with **Brother Bob Livernois, CSC**, Coordinator, took place at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. Seventy high school students with their staff members brown bagged lunch this day at Columba Hall on the campus of Notre Dame. Students came from seven CSC high schools around the Midwest and Eastern US.

From: Bob
The kids again this year talked about how much they enjoyed having lunch with the brothers.

Cathedral



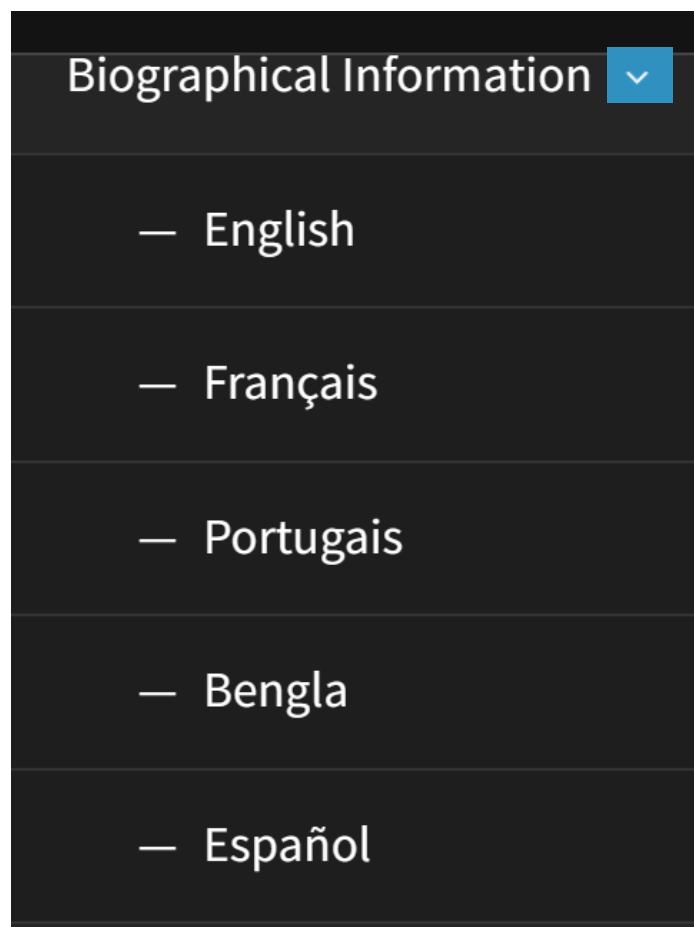
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Menu item “Biographical Information” shows an arrow pointing up/down when toggled.

Click the arrow, ▼, to show the language you want to use for reading.

Click on the language.

These Two Hearts, A story about Brother Columba is now posted under “Biographical Information.”



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Expanding Our World

As we age they say we get set in our ways. We have developed a routine that has worked for us and through habit has become very easy to accomplish what needs to be done. We can imagine how upsetting Jesus would have sounded to the Jews of his day when the observance of the exterior aspects of the law was the most important part of their religion. His purpose was to show that love was the great motivator for all prayer and action.

How does this apply to us today? We live in a world in which power expressed in violence in word and action has almost become “normal.” Jesus wants us to give up the notion that violence will accomplish what we are seeking. He wants us to search for a better way. His life exemplifies the answer. It was the love of his father and the doing of his father’s will that created a force and a movement that has lasted over 2,000 years. As our thinking becomes global, Jesus calls us to a love that goes beyond our families, our communities, and extends to all of the peoples of the world. God wants to give us a heart that is open and receptive not limited to the routines of daily life. With God’s grace, that expanded love can make a difference in the world.

- Do you find yourself more and more dependent on the routines in your life?
- Is Christ calling you to expand your vision of who and what you could love?
- How has Christ already helped you to reach out to others?

**O God, let your love for me expand my love for all of your creation.
Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.**



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



Bible Bites by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.



Birth of Isaac; *Genesis* 18. In response to God's promise to Abraham and his wife Sarah that, despite their both being well past childbearing age a son would be born to them, Abraham and Sarah laughed. God asked Abraham why Sarah laughed. Lying because she was afraid, Sarah replied, "I did not laugh" (v13), to which God said, "Yes, you did." (v15). Unamusing, of course, is the fact that their son was born, and they named him Isaac, which in Hebrew means "laughter." Nowhere, however, does it quote a possibly exasperated God uttering "oy."

[This new series, added to Midwest-Midweek, is an interest of Brother Robert. Here he is able to share with others these Bible Bits he loves discovering as he studies the Bible.]



Reflection

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



When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It's to enjoy each step along the way.

- Dr. Wayne Dyer

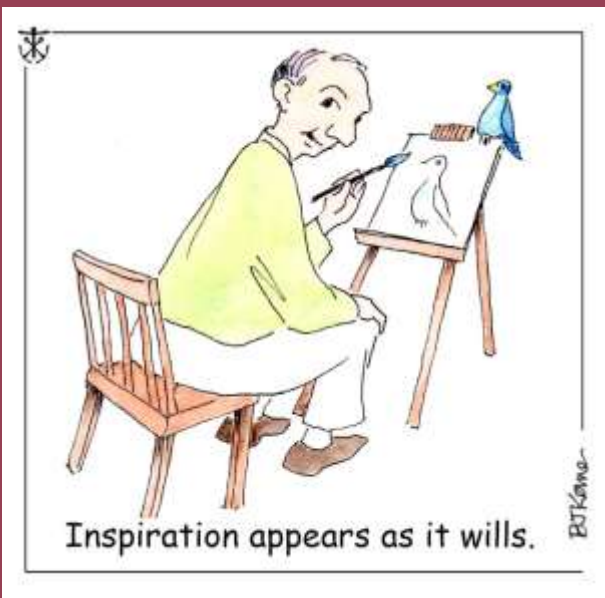


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