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BROTHERS SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 4, 2020

Please join us on Saturday, April 4, 2020, for the National Religious Brothers Symposium at Boston College. This triennial event will bring together over 225 religious brothers, priests, sisters, lay people, and students to discuss and engage with the vocation of the religious brother.

Click following link for information:

<u>http://religiousbrothers.org/events/symposium/</u>

The Second National Religious Brothers Symposium will take place April 3-5 in Boston. Information about this event is at the link above. Midwest Brothers who may wish to attend may contact Brother Ken Haders.

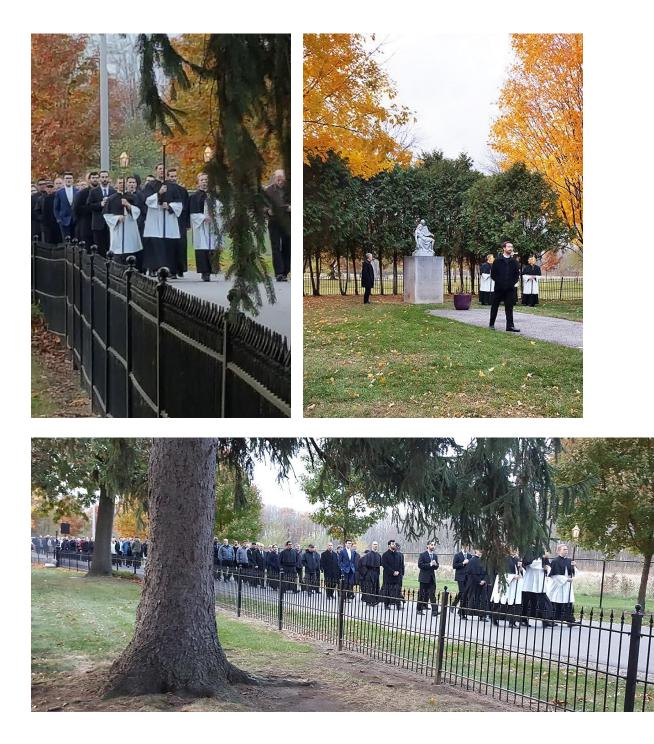
Know that after the first symposium, copies of major talks were made available for those who were not able to be present.



Remembering Our Past Year Brothers and Sisters

Monday, November 4, 2019, our Holy Cross Congregations gathered together in remberence of those members – priests, sisters, and brothers – who have died within the past year. There was a Memorial Mass, outdoor processing to the cemetery, and a sharing of a meal.





Presidents Meet



Saint Brother André statue welcomes visitors to the campus of Holy Cross College and Holy Cross Village.

Brother Kenneth Haders, C.S.C.	Tim Bopp
Tom Curry	Ralph Elwart
Jim Kubacki	Rob Bridges
Kathy Kenny	Brother Robert Lavelle, C.S.C.

On Sunday and Monday, November 3 and 4, the heads of each of the six Midwest Province sponsored schools met to discuss the blessings and challenges of being Holy Cross educators. Brothers Robert Lavelle and Ken Haders were the conveners and all participated in a candid sharing of the amazing stories of our schools. Present were Tim Bopp - President at Holy Trinity High School, Rob Bridges - President at Cathedral High School, Tom Curry - President at Archbishop Hoban High School, Ralph Elwart - President at Notre Dame College Prep, Kathy Kenny - Head of School at Gilmour Academy and Jim Kubacki - President at St. Edward High School.

At each school, great emphasis is placed on being a unique Holy Cross school with clearly articulated pillars, values and charisms that are regularly explored and nurtured in way both similar yet uniquely expressed at each school. Over the past year, each school has been involved in significant improvements to their facilities, with more plans underway. Enrollment is stable but with considerable creative effort to achieve this. And all are having a good year both in and outside the classroom.

All reported that faculty and staff – terminology being intentionally replaced by the more inclusive label of Holy Cross educators – are fully engaged in creating an overarching Catholic and Holy Cross culture in their schools. We have been blessed by the writings of Blessed Basil Moreau, the foundation laid by Brothers over the years and by current educators, inspired by every opportunity to learn more and to apply what they learn in creative, concrete, and intentional ways.

In addition to the quality sharing, highlights of the gathering included Sunday dinner with the Brothers at Columba Hall, Sunday Supper with the Community from St. Joseph House at Pulte Hall and with student life leaders from Holy Cross College and a video conference with Dr. Marco Clark, the newly appointed Executive Director of the Holy Cross Institute at St. Edward's University. Dr. Clark is currently President of Bishop McNamara High School and will take up his new ministry in July, 2020.



A Life Changing Decision

Reflection at Sunday Liturgy (Nov. 3) by Brother Robert Mosher, CSC Read by Brother Philip Smith, CSC

Zacchaeus' decision to amend his wayward life is a life changing decision — a big change for a man of very small stature, but one that has restored him to his rightful



heritage to all those who, because of their righteousness, can claim the reward God promised to their paternal ancestor, a recognition he so very much desired and that is his now.

What, however, brought about his resolve to change his life? It was Jesus' immediate and unqualified *acceptance* of Zaccheaus, without blame nor recrimination. Acceptance, the much hoped for acknowledgement of another person's value, dignity, and equality as a fellow human being, creature created and loved by the same God.

Acceptance is the essential way in which the Christian

applies his own self-worth to another in expressing his love for his neighbor for the love of God.

For us religious, acceptance is absolutely paramount to community life. Mere tolerance for another's faults and frailties is not enough.

Thus, for us in Holy Cross, wholehearted acceptance among us is a vital part of our entire commitment.

Jesus himself understood acceptance and rejection: after his encounter with Zaccheaus he returned to Jerusalem where, sometime later he would be hailed by the

Jews as their king. Only a few days later the same crowd would shout "We have no king but Caesar" (Jn. 11:15).

Zaccheaus' reform was made possible because both he and Jesus had sought each other. What Zaccheaus didn't realize is that Jesus is always there for us whenever we need him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are Burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt. 11:28).

Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

(Remember Robert in your prayes as he recovers from hip surgery.)

From the Voice of Moreau Website

The website features a Holy Cross sister, a brother, and a priest, with a weekly story on the blog. Check the following link below. Midwest-Midweek will post links to these members as they become available.

Website: http://www.voiceofmoreau.org/

Weekly Pick: Sr. Graziella Lalande, Bro. Lawrence Menage, Fr. Bernard Lange



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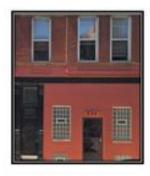
Digging Through the Archives

BROTHER PHILIP SMITH,

The Teacher of the Bishop of Rockford

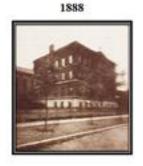
Archbishop Edward Hoban had a fondness for the Brothers of Holy Cross. During his as Bishop of Cleveland, episcopate he established three high schools operated by the Brothers. Hoban's enthusiasm began in 1886 when he was nine years old and attended the new parish school at St. Columbkille Parish in Chicago, IL. Staffed by the Brothers of Holy Cross between 1886 -1897, he maintained fond memories of St. Columbkille and the Brothers for the remainder of his life. Specifically, he was endeared to Brother Marcellus (William) Kelly, C.S.C. (1860-1935) who was his favorite teacher.

Edward Hoban's Birthplace 530 North Noble Street



For a Brother who spent nearly 50 years as a classroom teacher. and as the first superior of the Brothers' house of studies. and an assistant superior general, there is scant information about Marcellus' Brother impact upon the history Holy of Cross educators. He is given but a few hundred words in Brother Aiden O'Reilly's Extracts. most regarding the

St. Columbkille School Chicago, Illinois



ca. 1950



celebration of his Golden Jubilee the year prior to his death in 1935. Even though he served a single year at St. Columbkille when Hoban was 17, he obviously left his mark as he is mentioned twice in the *Extracts* as the teacher of "the Bishop of Rockford, Most Rev. Edward Hoban, D. D".











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Reflection

