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Robi

A man of quiet talent, he worked
beside the rushes water brings,
the lotus and the asphodel.

Even so, his virtue stung by virus,
Robi fell, a blossom gathered,
our purification purified.

Banked in flowers, gentle brother
swims his way beyond our love
to bask in heaven's wonder.

Thousands miss him as he learns
his way through seraphim, in marvel
takes his place, a beatific new one.

Now chrysanthemum and water-rose
becalm his ravaged blood—
he shines in joy, at home at last.

—Brother George Klawitter, CSC



**Brother Robi
Purificaton,
C.S.C.**



This Week

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

October 4 – 10 In this week on October 9, 1822, Vincent Pieau came to Ruille. He became a superb teacher and came to Indiana in 1840 in order to train new teachers. He was the patriarch of the missionary group and lived until 1890, much revered.

October 11 – 17 On October 13, 1843, the volatile Brother Mary Joseph wrote to Father Sorin about conditions in Madison, Indiana.



The link below will help you to browse information on St. Charles Boys Home. It uses Google to browse, so only a top few sites refer to St. Charles. Join those celebrating the 100th anniversary by visiting their sights.

Click below for references to sites:

[Saint Charles Boys Home](#)

Reflection - Hilarion Ferton
Columba Hall, 10/2/2020

By [Andre Fritz, CSC](#)



Brothers, I'm currently settling in to my last year of initial formation, my last year of studying theology, and my classmates and I are preparing for professing final vows next fall. I don't know what that last year of initial formation was like for you, or how that took shape, but for me and my classmates, we are part of a faith sharing group led by our rector Fr. John Herman and Br. Chet Freel.

This faith sharing group is a way for us to reflect more intentionally on the decision to profess final vows. To reflect on the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and how God's been calling us, drawing us, to what we have discovered as a desire for living religious life in Holy Cross we've been reading some letters written by Holy Cross' own Fr. Tom Barosse - particularly a letter he wrote as Superior General of our Congregation, and it is titled "A Radically Evangelical Life." Fr. Barosse asks a simple, yet provocative question at the very beginning of that letter: "Need we be religious to serve the Church?"

I find myself pondering that question, "need we be religious to serve the Church?" and in a sense I want to say: well, no! One doesn't need to be a religious to serve the Church...people serve the Church in so many beautiful, visible, and oftentimes invisible ways - one doesn't need to be a religious to be involved in catechesis, music ministry, ministry to the homebound and the sick, visiting those in hospice care and other compassionate care ministries -- one does not need to be a religious to be a theologian either!

And yet, that's not the question Fr. Barosse is addressing, is it? It's not "Need one be a religious to serve the Church?" The question is: "Need we (need I) be a religious to serve the Church?" In a sense, it's like, I could do any amount of service and good to the Church, but do I need to be a religious to serve the Church. The question cuts a little deeper and makes us pause.

Br. Hilarion Ferton thought so.



I gotta be honest with you, I knew completely nothing about Br. Hilarion Ferton before Br. George Klawitter invited me to give a reflection on him at today's mass with you all.

But then I read about him and I heard about how he was the leader of the brothers on the second mission attempt in Algeria, back in 1844. Br. Andre Mottais had been there a year before, and had gotten very sick and had to return. But Br. Hilarion had such obedience to the needs of the world that he accepted to go with five other brothers to teach at the Brothers' school in Oran, Algeria. He would depart in 1844 at the age of 26 and die over there just five years later, in 1849 at the age of 32.

No one I think lived more for obedience to the mission of Holy Cross than Br. Hilarion did in five short years. He taught seventy students in a classroom, without any books - and had difficulty learning the language. Yet he was sensitive, kind, willing to learn, devotedly zealous, and unflagging in his perseverance for the mission of Holy Cross in the lives of those students - as Fr. Moreau has said elsewhere: that mission of extending the reign of Jesus Christ into the hearts of those we serve.

It may not have been the case that to serve the Church, Br. Hilarion needed to be a religious...but for Br. Hilarion, being a religious was exactly how he could best serve the church.

May he and all the Guardian Angels in heaven continue to inspire in us that same desire for mission - in the visible and invisible parts of our lives as religious. And may their spirit live on in the members of Holy Cross today who strive to make God known, loved, and served throughout the world.

Classroom Setting During COVID
St. Edward High School
Brother Dennis Bednarz



St. Edward gave its students the option of attending in person or remotely. All teachers have a Podcaster in their classrooms to stream their classes to students who choose to remain at home. But those students must have their video on and be in the dress code.

If you notice in the photos, there is a major change in our dress code this year. Since students must wear a face mask, they are not required to wear neckties. Also, our bicentennial poster for the Brothers of St. Joseph is in my classroom.

I am also attaching a picture I designed (as a son of the Land of Lincoln) to remind students to socially distance in our Social Studies Department. You have to try to have fun with this situation.



Brother Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C.

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Writings for the Journey

Being and Doing

Dear Associates and Friends,

Are being and doing direct opposites or do they go together like “love and marriage?” We see these two played out in Luke’s depiction of Jesus’ friends, Martha and Mary. Mary was content in just being with Jesus while Martha was “busy about many things” preparing the dinner. The song says of love and marriage “You can’t have one without the other.”

When do we get the direction, the motivation, the energy to love our neighbor as ourselves – the ultimate test of being Christian? In contemplation not only are we to rest in God but we are to receive the grace to do God’s will and maybe try and accomplish many things that we would be reluctant to do or even afraid of doing on our own. How could five loaves and two fish feed thousands? Do not put anything past what God can do in and through us if we have faith and trust.

With the new technology we are able to touch the world.

O God, help me to seek the balance between my prayer life and serving others seeing how one feeds the other.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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

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/>



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200th Anniversary Recognition

An excerpt from the *Alumni Soundings Newsletter*, Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, by Mr. Henry Chandler, Alumni Coordinator:



**(l-r) Brother Robert
and Brother Edward**

“The Brothers of Holy Cross, who staffed Saint Joseph High School for many years, are currently celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the founding of their order. The last Holy Cross Brothers to serve at Saint Joseph High School, **Brother Robert Dierker, C.S.C. and Brother Edward Foken, C.S.C.**, retired in 2006 and 2010 respectively. Saint Joseph High School is grateful for the many years of service provided by the order to our school. Please keep the intentions of the Brothers in your prayers.”



Brother
James
Kane,
C.S.C.



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