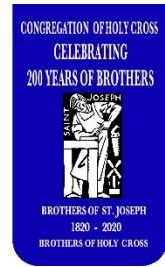


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April 8, 2020

In This Week

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

April 5 – 11 On April 8, 1841, Brother Louis Galmard wrote from Algeria to Father Moreau about the state of the mission in Algeria. Brother Louis was in the first group to go to Africa.

April 12 – 18 In 1835 on April 18, Brother Andre Mottais wrote to Bishop Bouvier in Le Mans requesting an interview to discuss the inability of old Father Dujarie, founder of the Brothers, to direct the Brothers any longer.



Spring comes to Columba Hall

Photo by Brother Michael Brickman.

Brother Adrien Legai

**Reflection for the month of April.
An early Brother in the history of Holy Cross,
Compiled by Brother Christopher J. Dreyer, C.S.C.**



**Brother
Chris**

Brother Adrien Legai was born Louis Legai on February 26, 1803. His parents were Louis Legai and Frances Maillet. He went to Ruille to join the Brothers of Saint Joseph on January 1, 1825. He was 21 at the time. He received his teaching certificate on September 13, 1825. He became a novice on October 8, 1825, and took final vows on August 22, 1839. We have six letters that Brother Andre Mottais wrote to him while Adrien was teaching. Adrien died on April 14, 1873, at La Faye, probably where he was teaching at the time.

Because there is so little known about Adrien, I wish to offer some personal reflections of what being a Brother of Holy Cross has meant to me on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the Brothers.

Saint Christopher, the Christ-bearer, known as the Patron Saint of Travelers, is frequently pictured with the Baby Jesus perched on his shoulders, carrying the infant across a wide stream. Although Saint Christopher has been debunked by the Catholic Church because of the lack of evidence that he actually existed, some of us hesitate to deny his existence. Like the saint, I've desired to bring Christ to others; the best fit to do that is by being a Brother of Holy Cross. As a teacher, counselor and therapist, I've traveled with many people and have helped them cross through some turbulent times.

I started this journey when I attended Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. I was attracted to Holy Cross because the Brothers influenced me in many ways. Several Brothers helped with community service projects, a lifelong interest of mine. One offered me understanding when I discussed my inner conflicts, and later influenced my profession. Several inspired me to teach, which I did for many years. These men were compassionate, authentic and spiritual, qualities to which I still aspire.

Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt. 22: 34-39). Our outstretched body forms a cross, which has both a vertical and a horizontal dimension, the vertical representing our relationship with God and the horizontal, others. Our heart, soul and mind, the first commandment, lie in the vertical axis; our outstretched arms and hands reaching out to others, the second commandment,

are in the horizontal one. I believe that God has called me to discover, accept and appreciate the unique person God created me to be and to help others do the same. Being a Brother of Holy Cross enables me to do this.

One of the people I helped through a turbulent time in her life wrote: “Loving myself has always been difficult. My anger ran so deep within me. My raging is no longer an issue. At least now I trust myself more in relationships, and in time the trust for men will come. You helped to rescue me and pull me out of my blackness and all my destruction.”

As we celebrate 200 years of Brothers, we have traveled with many people and have carried them across dark, destructive torrents because we are compassionate, authentic and spiritual men.

**A prayer to St. Roch
for a Coronavirus Cure**

O most merciful God, who
through an angel promised St.
Roch that whoever should
invoke His name should be
preserved from pestilence and
contagious diseases, grant that,
through his intercession, we
may be preserved from all
dangers, both of soul and body.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
St. Roch, pray for us.

A prayer sent to Midwest-Midweek
by Brother Thomas Rock.



Jubilee 2020 Canceled

Cognizant of the potential dangers of COVID 19, I have consulted with the Provincial Council and have decided to cancel this year's Jubilee of Profession Celebration scheduled for June 20, 2020. Our plan is to merge the province-wide celebration of this year's class of Jubilarians with next year's class and have an expanded celebration for both groups in 2021.

The publication of the annual Jubilee Issue of *Brothers* will go on as scheduled, and we encourage appropriate celebrations for each brother at the local level. If desired, the province will be happy to support such local celebrations in any way we can.

I'm sure we all look forward to the day we can once again gather together for meals, prayer, worship, and, especially, to honor and celebrate our brothers' many years of commitment and service.

Bro. Ken

Those scheduled to celebrate in 2020 include the following:

Eighty Years

Br. Wilbert Clarence Leveling

Seventy Years

Br. John James Benesh

Br. Ronald Louis Christenson

Sixty Years

Br. George Albert Klawitter

Br. Charles Terrence Smith

Br. Larry Joseph Unfried

Br. Thomas Frederick Moser

Br. Donald Emil Kuchenmeister

Br. James Peter Newberry



Wednesday, 01 April
 (3rd lunch 12:00 noon)

Piano Recital: *1/2 Hour*
 1:00 in the Chapel
 Dan Kane

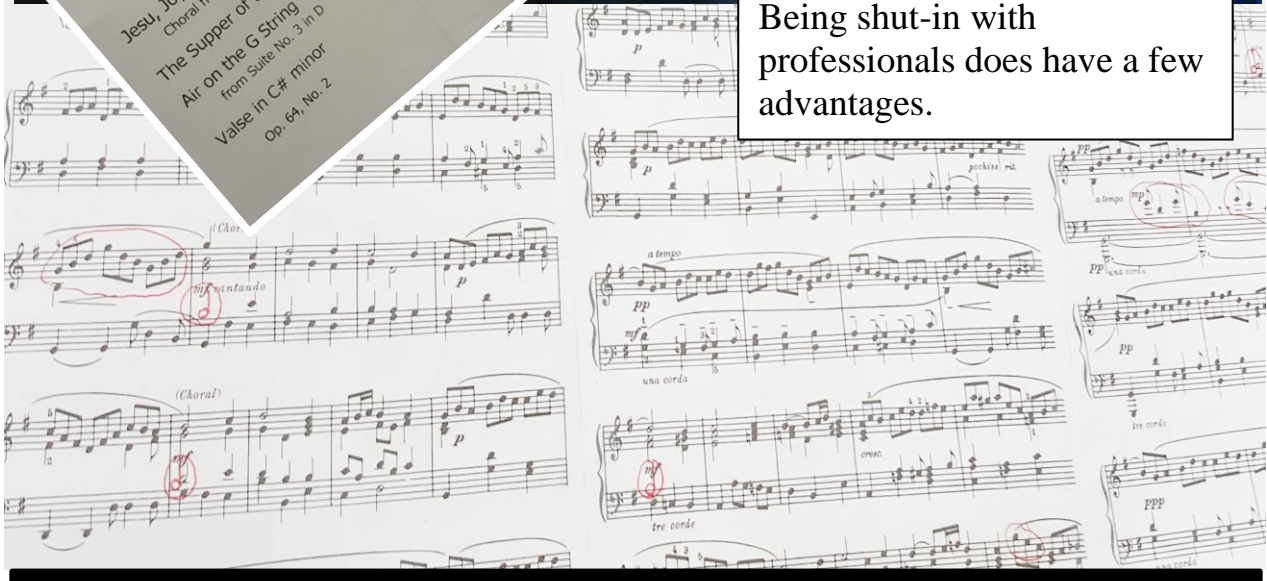
Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring
 Choral from Cantata No. 147
 The Supper of the Lord
 Air on the G String
 from Suite No. 3 in D
 Valse in C# minor
 Op. 64, No. 2

J. S. Bach
 L. Rosania
 J. S. Bach
 F. Chopin

Columba Hall residents gathered in chapel, keeping the required 6 feet apart, to listen to Daniel's music.

(below) Brother George Klawitter explained what was a G-string on a violin.

Being shut-in with professionals does have a few advantages.





The Novitiate Year of 2020 Ghana, West Africa

On the 19th March, 2020 members of the district Community and St. Augustine's Community gathered to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. The celebration marked the beginning of the Novitiate Year of 2020.

In the evening, Brothers gathered and with a prayer service, the Reception Rite was celebrated to admit 3 young men into the St. Brother Andre Novitiate.



Three novices with Brother Thomas Dillman

At top left to right are Louis, Frederick, and Emmanuel.

Louis Kingsley Oppong, DOB 4/7/96

Frederick Cudjoe, DOB 7/3/89

Emmanuel Osei Bonsu, DOB 9/1/01



Midwest Holy Cross Associates

Holy CrossRoads **Writings for the Journey**

Forgive For Good

Dear Associates and Friends,

Fred Luskin has written a book called *Forgive for Good*. In it he states we need to forgive others mainly for ourselves and not only for the other's benefit. Unforgiveness in our heart can be like a cancer that produces hate and anger hurting not only the soul but also the body.

Of course the greatest story Jesus ever told about forgiveness we call the story of the prodigal son. While the eldest son was stuck in his own "righteousness," producing resentment and anger, the father is full of forgiveness and mercy.

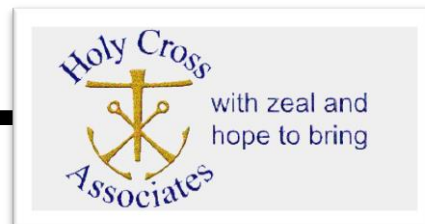
Do we too sometimes refuse to come to the party? Our obsession with the rules can cause us to look down on those who are struggling to live a good life. And yet these are the people Jesus loves to be with. Maybe we need to be with this crowd. The love and mercy Jesus wants to give us will help us to admit our weakness and enable us to forgive ourselves as we travel the road to forgive for good.

O God, we turn to you in our weakness to receive your forgiveness and love.



Brother Carl Sternberg, CSC
March 24, 2020

<http://holycrossassociates.org/>



Liberated at Last



Thursday, Roy exited from his room like a butterfly coming out of a cocoon. Just look at the colors. He was in Canada. On returning to Columba Hall Roy volunteered to remain in his room for 14 days to be sure that he had not contacted the coronavirus.

Photo by Patricia White, CNA

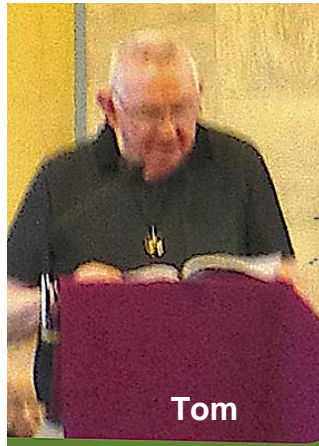
Palm Sunday at Columba



We had no priest because of our shut-in status. Brother Robert Moshier conducted the service. Brother Thomas Cunningham did readings, Brother James Kane served communion, and Brother Robert provided a reflection.



See next page for Robert's Palm Sunday reflection.





Palm Sunday Reflection April 2020 by Brother Robert, C.S.C.

I begin this reflection with the following rhetorical question: Why, in the Eucharist, are the substances of the bread and wine changed but their appearances remain the same?

In chapter 6 of his gospel, St. John, notes that in a discourse on a day after the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus, speaking to the crowd that had followed Him, says "the bread that I will give you is my flesh to eat" (v.51).

To Jesus' words the crowd in their revulsion, reacted among themselves murmuring, "how can this man give us his flesh to eat" (v.52). As a result, "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him" (v. 57).

Because of our faith, we, Jesus' disciples today, believe and accept that we truly receive in Holy Communion the living resurrected body and blood of Jesus, in his divinity and humanity, His promised guarantee of eternal life.

Because He gave us the Eucharist as food and drink to nourish the lives of our souls, Jesus, as our divine creator and as one who Himself had experienced being human, in His infinite wisdom and love, instituted the Eucharist in such a way, as it were, that it would appear recognizable to our human senses as food and drink.

So we acknowledge and accept that at the consecration of every Mass the substances of both the bread and wine are changed, but their outward appearances remain the same, constituting two miraculous mysteries.

In our reception of Communion this morning, let us praise and thank Jesus for his tremendous understanding and love in giving us the sacrament of Himself in the way he did, by which we remain His faithful followers.





Reflections

Reflection(s) sent in by
Brother Thomas Maddix:



The following article, is recommended by Brother Thomas:

Spirituality for a time of scarcity

Mar 27, 2020

National Catholic Reporter
by Charles E. Bouchard

A wonderful reflection. It was sent to me by a friend in St. Louis...the writer works for the Catholic Health Association of the USA.

Just recently, I was at the grocery store, and as I checked out, I thought about the workers there who were serving us. I thanked the clerk who had just rung up my purchases. Her broad smile indicated that not many people had acknowledged her sacrifice and commitment.

That encounter ...

[To read the entire article, click here.](#)



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