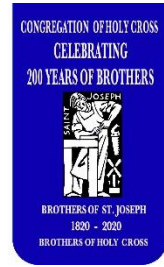


# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Week by Week

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

**June 21 – 27** On July 27, 1826, Brother Andre Mottais sent his first circular letter to all the Brothers announcing the date for the opening of the annual retreat in Ruille, France.

**June 28 – July 4** Zoe du Roscoat arrived at Ruille in 1818 and became the saintly Mother-General of Father Dujarie's Sisters of Providence, just two years before the Brothers were founded.

**July 5 – 11** In this month in 1822 Brother Andre Mottais and Brother Etienne Gauffre became the first Brothers to be invested in the religious habit by Father Dujarie. The ceremony took place on a road outside of Ruille as Brother Andre was returning from studies in Paris.

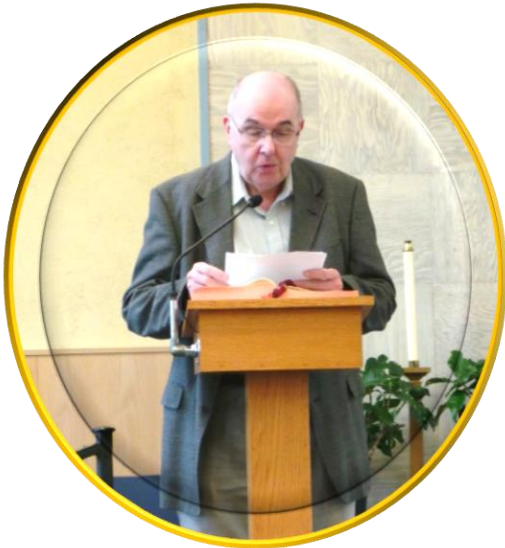
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## Members of the Brothers of Saint Joseph July Deaths

DOD	Name	YOD	Rank
July 5	Jean-Mark (Toussaint-Julien Gigon) 65	1851	284
July 8	Marc (François-Charles-Marthe Galinand) 77	1879	104
July 17	Elie (Auguste-Nicholas-Patrice Perony) 51	1867	338
July 23	Vincent (Jean Pieau) 93	1890	18

# Dedication Of Lower Rec-Room to Brother Anselm

July 1, 2020



**Above - Top Row:**

**Brother George Klawitter – Reflection on Brother Anselm.  
Brother Richard Johnson – Readings at Mass.**

**Above - Second Row:**

**Brother Douglas Roach – Dedication of Lower Recreation Room to Brother Anselm**

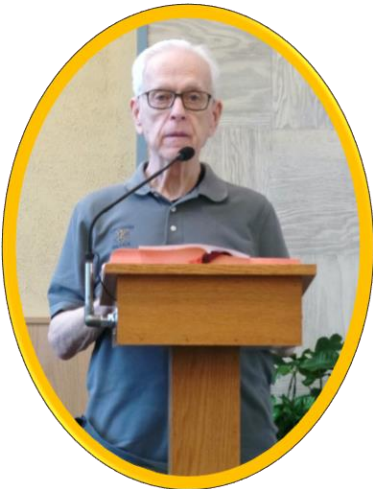
**Columba Hall Community – Reception of Eucharist**

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**Brother James Kane – Names of St. Joseph Brothers who died in July.  
Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel – Douglas’ reflection**

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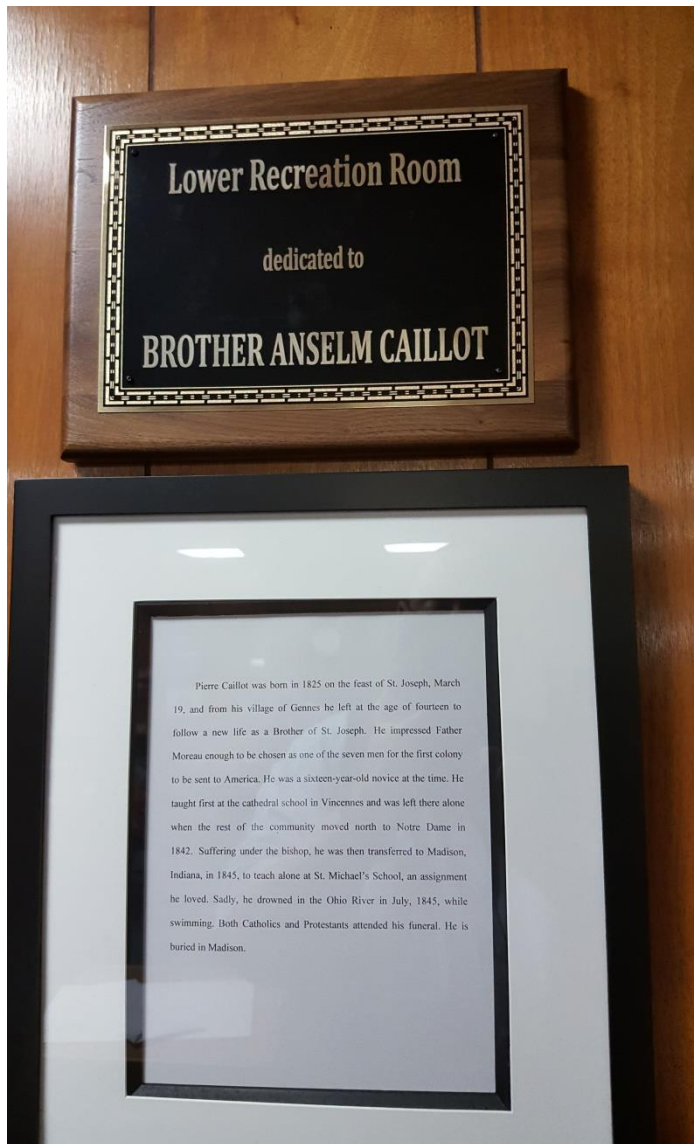
**Brother Daniel Kane - Organist  
Columba Hall Community**



**Photos by Brother Michael Brickman, C.S.C.**



## Dedication plaque posted on wall in lower recreation room of Columba Hall, Notre Dame



**Pierre Caillot** was born in 1825 on the feast of St. Joseph, March 19, and from his village of Genes he left at the age of fourteen to follow a new life as a Brother of St. Joseph. He impressed Father Moreau enough to be chosen as one of the seven men for the first colony to be sent to America. He was a sixteen-year-old novice at the time. He taught first at the cathedral school in Vincennes and was left there alone when the rest of the community moved north to Notre Dame in 1842. Suffering under the bishop, he was then transferred to Madison, Indiana, in 1845, to teach alone at St. Michael's School, an assignment he loved. Sadly, he drowned in the Ohio River in July, 1845, while swimming. Both Catholics and Protestants attended his funeral. He is buried in Madison.

## Dedication of the Plaque for Anselm in the Columba Hall Rec Room

**July 1, 2020**

**by Brother George Klawitter, CSC**

There are three things that we should remember about Brother Anselm Caillot: his age, his energy, and his death. There was something about him that has caught the imagination of our Brothers today so much so that a special ceremony was held in his honor graveside in Madison, Indiana, where the Holy Cross History Association gathered for that specific purpose ten years ago. And secondly Brother Richard Gilman was so taken with Anselm's story that he worked to have Anselm's body moved up here to reunite him with the Brothers he loved so much. When the provincial at the time decided rather to leave Anselm in Madison, a town and its people that Anselm loved so well, then Richard Gilman changed the name of one of the residence halls at Holy Cross College so that today there is an Anselm Hall at the college.

How young was Anselm that we are drawn to him? He was born in Genes, France, and baptized in the little church there across the street from a house that the people of Genes presume was the Caillot house because Anselm's father was a weaver and that house has a large window that opens onto the street, a window from which Anselm's father could have sold his cloth products. Anselm went to the little school in town that was run by a Brother of St. Joseph. We know how the first Brothers in a new location seem to attract vocations, and that may be why Anselm, the oldest of the three Caillot children, decided to become a Brother of St. Joseph. He went to Le Mans when he was just 15 years old, and one year later he was on his way to Indiana with Brother Vincent Pieau and the other Holy Cross missionaries. He never saw his family again.

Next we consider his energy. We have twenty of his letters, letters that were mercifully saved by Sorin and Moreau. Most of them were written to Sorin because Anselm was left behind in Vincennes when the Community moved to Notre Dame in November of 1842. Anselm wanted to be with his Brothers, but he was left behind to teach in the Vincennes grade school in order to pacify the bishop. Anselm had to live at the bishop's seminary, and he was not treated very well. He became very sick and almost died. He was 17 years old. So he shifted

places with Brother Mary Joseph, who had been teaching in Madison, on the other side of Indiana. It was a merciful move. Anselm thrived at St. Michael's Parish school. You can still see his classroom in the basement of the church and the little room off to the side where he probably lived. He loved his students and he loved the pastor. His letters to Moreau are full of energy. He hopes to return to Le Mans to study art. He asks for art supplies to teach with. He has been successful painting pictures of flowers for local families. How wonderful it would be to discover today one of those paintings, possibly hanging in some farm kitchen and signed "Brother Anselm."

But you know the end to this story. On a July day he went to the Ohio River to go swimming with his pastor, Julian Delaune. He swam out too far where the current grabbed him and pulled him under. He could not best the water and drowned. The tragic incident was captured in a memorable letter from Delaune to Moreau. You will hear the entire letter on July 12 when a cenotaph is dedicated to Anselm in our cemetery at the Village, but let's consider just a short part of that letter today:

I have sad news for you. Sudden death has taken Brother Anselm away from us. He came to see me Saturday afternoon, July 12, to tell me he was going swimming. After hesitating a bit, I agreed to accompany him. He went into the water about seven or eight hundred feet away from me, in a place which did not seem the least bit dangerous. He went out more than five hundred feet without finding water deep enough for swimming. I was in water about three or four feet deep, a little distance off the bank. All of a sudden, while he was swimming, I noticed an expression of suffering on his face. He went down, but I thought he was doing it on purpose. He came up, then went down again, while uttering a cry for help. What a moment for me! I was more than three hundred feet away from him and did not know how to swim. We were two miles from the city, with no houses nearby. He came up again and then sank. A moment later he lifted his arms and I saw him no more.



**Brother  
Vincent Pieau**

**Carving by Brother James Kane**



## Vincent Pieau

Vincent Pieau is often referred to as a patriarch. Webster defines a patriarch as a person who is revered as father or founder or venerable old man. I would add that Vincent was not only a patriarch but a pioneer. I would identify Vincent's virtues as being obedient, wise, humble, trustful, and faithful. Here is why.



He was orphaned at an early age; at 26 he joined Dujarie's fledging group of 16; within a short time he received his teaching certificate and became a master teacher. Even though he was the oldest of the 16 he rose to garner respect from the younger Brothers, especially Andre Mottais. He signed the Brothers' Pact of Fidelity; he witnessed the 1830 revolution which rocked not only the economic times of France but also the financial crisis of the Brothers of St Joseph; he witnessed the transfer of superiorship from Dujarie to Moreau. Vincent had to close the boarding school in Ruille and accept the selling of the property. He was repeatedly named one of four brother directors. He taught in and around Le Mans for about 18 years as a highly effective teacher. He was called to be at the bedside of Dujarie as he watched his first director breathe his last. He was the oldest one to be in the first group to go to the United States and the only certified teacher of the group. Even though he had 20 years of living the religious life, he followed the directives of Sorin who was the superior of the group with only three years of living the religious life.

All through his life, Vincent never sought promotions or positions of authority. Upon arriving at Vincennes, Vincent and Anselm stayed there while the rest of the group went onto a farmland called St Peter's. One time Vincent wanted to join the community at St. Peter's for the celebration of the feast of St Joseph. He had made arrangements to borrow the bishop's carriage in order to make the trip. However, one week before Vincent and Anselm were to leave for St. Peter's, they were informed the carriage was not available. Vincent and Anselm walked the 27 miles to St Peter's. Vincent was in the second group to go to Notre Dame. The trip took two weeks. Weather and break down of wagons made the trip very tedious. Upon arriving at Notre Dame Vincent continued to be the master teacher; helped



out in the kitchen, did the laundry, cared for the sick, was steward of the community, did fund raising; mentored younger brothers; and continued to be supervisor of the teachers. Sorin appointed Vincent as his spiritual mentor. It is recorded that Sorin and Vincent had a deep respect for each other as they worked together for almost 60 years.

The hardest assignment for Vincent was going to New Orleans to manage an orphanage which was in terrible shape. Vincent was accompanied by four brothers and three sisters. Vincent had problems with the brothers as well as with the sisters. He could not command as Sorin could. Vincent had to fill in for the brothers and for sisters who refused to carry out their duties. Vincent would get up at 4:30 am, hitch the horses and drive through the hotel district in New Orleans to collect leftover hotel food. He was back at the orphanage by 7am to feed, prefect and teach those in the orphanage. Vincent asked Sorin to be relieved of this assignment and bring him back to Notre Dame, which Sorin did. Sorin wanted to separate from the Motherhouse in Le Mans and make United States a separate entity. Sorin urged those in the United States to sign the petition for separation from Le Mans; Vincent felt ripped apart between his loyalty to Moreau as well as to Sorin. When financial crises hit Notre Dame Vincent was sent back to France to do fund raising for Notre Dame.

After Vincent had been in Indiana for a good number of years, his health began to decline; he fell quite ill in 1859 and died July 23, 1890.

Vincent outlived most of the original seven who came to the United States except Sorin and Francis Xavier. Vincent is buried in the Community Cemetery off St Mary's Road. He was in religious life for 70 years and died when he was 93.

I hope my remarks have given some support as to why Vincent was given the title Patriarch. His style of leadership was manifested not by what he said, but the way he lived his life. Spiritual writers tell us that authentic spirituality is always on some level or in some way about letting go or spiritual life is more about subtraction than it is addition. We let go of our small self, our cultural biases, and even our fear of loss and death. I cannot help but believe that Vincent had to do a lot of letting go. We hear often that we must take up our cross and follow Jesus. I

believe this means that we are to take up our cross by living our authentic self and for me Vincent certainly did live his authentic self. Let us pray often to Vincent that he may give us the courage to do likewise.



**Brother Douglas Roach**

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**Poem  
by Barbara Dillon**

**Andre Place, Holy Cross Village**

200 years of the Brothers  
of Holy Cross!  
Wouldn't it have been  
our great loss  
If they hadn't the will  
to persevere  
Through all their trials,  
year after year.  
Then, finally, by the  
favor of God's grace  
Make a beautiful home  
for us at Andre Place.  
Thank you!

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## A Day with Loye and Apra Communities

By Brother Nicholas Arthur, CSC.

The motivation of doing what we know best stems from our way of life being like Jesus Christ. “Our concern for the dignity of every human being as God’s cherished child directs our care to victims of every injury: prejudice, famine, warfare, ignorance, abuse, natural calamity” ---*Constitution 3:13*.

It is in the last injury—calamity in the name of Covid-19 that has called our earnest attention to deepen solidarity with our already impoverished brothers and sisters in Loye and Apra communities. Loye and Apra communities are two of the neighboring villages to Andre High School.

St. Brother Andre Senior High School continues to live its mandate of educating hearts and minds, but this time responding to the call to have the competence to see and the courage to act is a reality. The brothers at St. Andre community once again mobilized and reached out to the other villages surrounding the school. As usual, we presented to the community 120 bags of sachet water, 50 bottles of St. Bro. Andre School made hand sanitizers and food. What is unique in this outreach is that the school made the nose masks. The highest point for us was when we got to the Loye Village and, as courtesy demanded we went to the palace to present some of the items to the chief and also to inform him about our intention. He quickly arose, left us and went around calling people with his shirt dangling on his shoulders, moving from home to home for the people to come out and meet with the Brothers..



The question is, do we hurry like this chief to share the Good News any time God visits us every day in our lives? I can still remember the unceasing gratitude that the chief showed as he spoke with Brother Tony Dadzie, the Headmaster.

The good thing about these outreaches for us is that the School buys the raw materials after which the the Brothers and some of the teachers help to put these materials into beautiful products.

Special thanks to two of our teachers Madam Jennifer Mbata, a biology teacher who made the nose masks in the school and Madam Elizabeth Tsotorvor and Brother Nicholas Arthur, CSC, who once again prepared the hand sanitizer. A very big thanks to the Mid-West Province, U.S.A province (Fr. Mike Delaney and Fr. Mike Ausperk, and his parish from Akron, Ohio, a friend of Brother Raymond Papenfuss. These individuals and provinces have generously donated to the District's Covid 19 outreach in Ghana. It is through these donations we are able to also reach out to the most needy persons in the villages.

The realities of Covid-19 and its impact are yet to be felt. In Ghana the farming season starts from March-April when farmers prepare their land for planting. This season seems to alter the usual plan, and there is a strong indication that farmers will not be able to farm as they usually do this season. The conclusion is that there will be shortages of food stuff if pragmatic measures are not put in place now.

Coming to this reality, St. Bro. Andre community and School are seriously embarking on planting for food. The purpose is to plant and feed the school community as well as our neighbors. The target now is to plant corn, cassava, sweet potatoes and vegetables. Notable among the vegetables are: cabbage, pepper, tomatoes, okra, and cucumbers



**Brothers getting ready to embark on Covid 19 Charity project**



**Bro. Tony the Headmaster interacting with the chief of Loye**





**Bro. Nicholas and a teacher preparing the hand sanitizer from the chemistry laboratory**



**Madam Jennifer Mbata making nose masks**



**Brother Eric presenting Nose Masks to a family**





***Brother Francis Boylan  
making a presentation to one  
of our beneficiaries***



***Brother  
Nicholas Arthur, CSC.***



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**Writings for the Journey**

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**Black and White or What?**

Dear Associates and Friends,

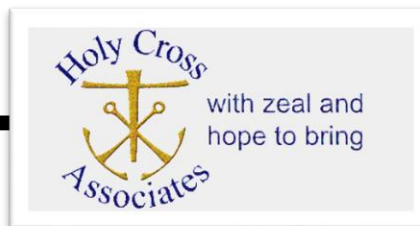
How easy we see things unequivocally one way or another, to paint a person as either a hero or a villain. In the stories children like, there doesn't seem to be much choice. But I am afraid we are not living in that world. The complexity of life in this new century does not lend itself to easy answers to the problems we face. Whether we are dealing with the pandemic, racial justice, climate change, or unwanted children to name a few, we can be perplexed. How do we not only cope but move forward?

Jesus talked about the coming of the "kingdom" or God's reign. It is our faith and the actions it elicits that will bring about the kingdom "here on earth as it is in heaven." The missing line of this prayer is "Your will be done." Maybe that is where we should start. What is God's will? If our main concern were doing God's will, we would soon realize that only God can accomplish with our help what needs to be done. St. Theresa of Avila has been quoted as saying, "Pray as if everything depends on God and act as if everything depends on doing what you are called to do." If only we could follow this advice, we would experience some assurance and find that our black and white world would turn into a world with many colors.

**O God, with faith and trust in you, help me make a difference in this complex world in which I live.**



Brother Carl Sternberg, CSC  
June 19, 2020  
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# Reflection

Reflection(s) sent in by  
Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.:



Wherever you go,  
No matter what the weather,  
Always bring your own sunshine.  
- Anthony J. D'Angelo



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We need Joy as we need air.  
We need Love as we need water.  
We need Each Other as we need the earth we share.  
- Maya Angelou



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