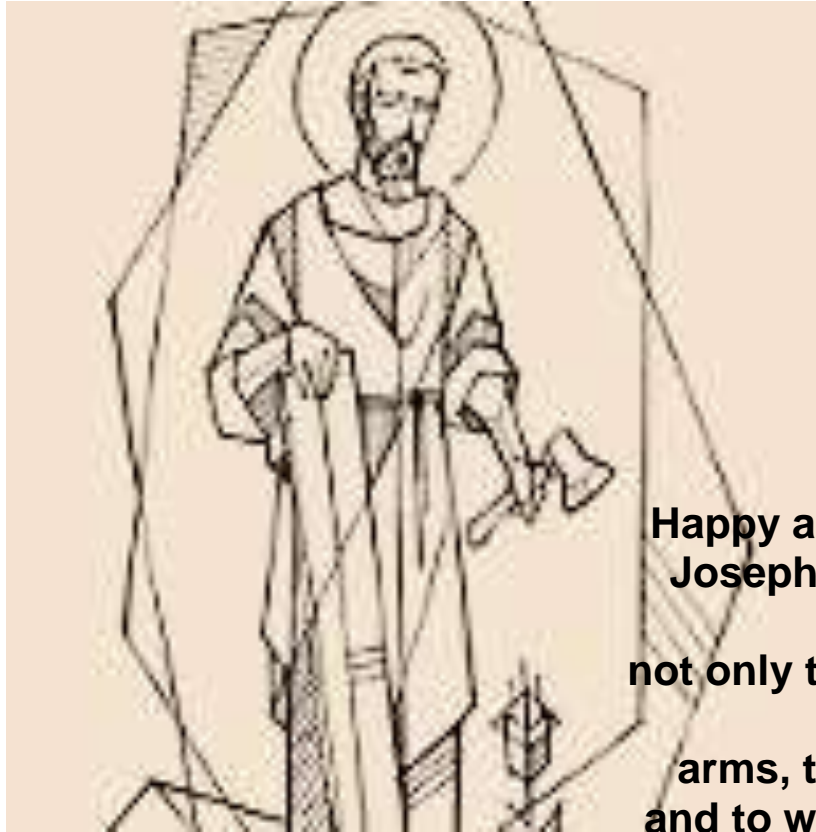


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May 8, 2024



Prayer to Saint Joseph

Happy and blessed are you, O Joseph, to whom it has been given not only to see and hear but also to bear in our arms, to embrace, to clothe, and to watch over God himself, whom many kings have desired to see but have not seen, and to hear but have not heard.

Pray for us, O blessed Joseph — that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

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Our Poets, Past and Present

Our Favorite Apple Tree

As a senior citizen, I've now learned
there's much more to life
than how much money can be earned.

For instance, as we age, we find
the greatest reassurance is gained in being kind.

Truly good things are invaluable,
such as a lifelong friendship.

I came upon one long age, you see,
while resting beneath my favorite apple tree.

Just how close these friendships really are,
sometimes we don't realize
until in our friend
we sense a twilight star.

Then my friend might see a sway in my gait
too,
and let me know, I'm no longer up to par,
but he would never say, or even care,
and never tell me, how he came by that clue.

But for true friends, a swaying gait or fading
star—
in truth it matters not—
what only counts is who we really are.
And, as so close we've come to be,
I'll always remember how we met,
beneath our favorite apple tree.

—**Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC**



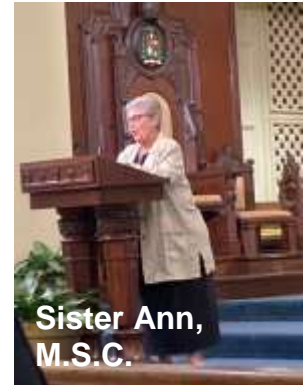


1849-2024 Family of Holy Cross / LeMans to Louisiana

The Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross Celebrate 175 Years

Sunday, April 28, 2024 the Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross celebrated 175 years In Louisiana. St. Louis Cathedral 11:00 am

The congregation was welcomed by Sister Ann Lacour, M. S. C. Marinaites of Holy Cross Congregation Leader in attendance were many of the Marianite Sisters and Brothers of Holy Cross.



**Sister Ann,
M.S.C.**

Mass was celebrated by the Fr. Pat Williams, rector of the Cathedral and a graduate of Holy Cross School.



**Brother Paul,
C.S.C.**

Reflection after communion was delivered by Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., Superior General, Congregation of Holy Cross.

At the end of the church service, as the assembled entered Jackson Square just outside the church, they were greeted with true New Orleans music provided by the Holy Cross School Band as all waved white banners and danced in the square celebrating the event.



A reception was held at Holy Cross School for all. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages with much conversation and merriment completed the celebration.

On May 1, 1849, five Brothers and three Sisters arrived by river boat and then stagecoach to New Orleans. They immediately took charge of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum for Boys.

The pioneer members of the Holy Cross Family in Louisiana included:

BROTHER VINCENT PIEAU
BROTHER THEODULE BARBE
BROTHER BASIL O'NEIL
BROTHER FRANCIS DESALES BEREL
BROTHER LOUIS DEROUIN
SISTER MARY OF THE FIVE WOUNDS PAILLET
SISTER MARY CALVARY ROBINEAU
SISTER MARY OF THE NATIVITY DALY

Father Francois Gouesse was the first Holy Cross Priest to join the community of Brothers and Sisters in New Orleans. He arrived in February 1850.

At the beginning of their duty, the New Orleans community had suffered many waves of diseases. Brother Vincent explained the climate of New Orleans as "unhealthy, especially for strangers." Many wanted to pull out of New Orleans, along with the General Council. It was Father Moreau who decided the community would stay because of his deep devotion to and affection for the city. He said, "This place has experienced various kinds of hardships...but that is proof that it will also become a place of great blessings." Father Moreau knew that Holy Cross would exceed expectations and become something like no other.

175 years later we celebrate the work of Resurrection that has been accomplished and pray that God will continue to work in and through us as we bring HOPE to our ever-changing world.

The Family of Holy Cross

OLIVIER PLANTATION HOUSE & ST. MARY'S ORPHANAGE



Located on this site from ca. 1820 to 1949 stood the original David Olivier creole-style plantation house. It was purchased by The New Orleans Catholic Association for the Relief of Male Orphans in 1840 in order to relocate from Bayou St. John the orphanage founded by Fr. Adam Kindelon, the first pastor of St. Patrick's Church. Beginning in 1848 the Brothers and Marianites of Holy Cross cared for and educated orphan boys at the later named St. Mary's Orphan Boys Asylum. In 1853 new brick buildings designed by Henry Howard were built around the house which stood at the center of a large courtyard. For more than 80 years, through the cholera epidemic of 1852, yellow fever epidemic of 1853, the Civil War, WWI and WWII, an estimated 9,000 boys lived here, often more than 300 at a time. St. Mary's closed in 1935.

In 1949, a group of architects and historians mounted an attempt to save the Olivier plantation house from demolition. While this effort was ultimately unsuccessful, it led to the founding of the Louisiana Landmarks Society in 1950, which continues today to advocate for the preservation of New Orleans' historic structures and neighborhoods.

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Larry Atkinson	Mathew Lyons		William Nick			Thomas Dziekan

Summer Retreat and Promises

Midwest Holy Cross Associates

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Two Tree Removal – Columba Hall

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Jubilee Pictures

Mass



**Dr. Andrew McShane
Basilica Organist**



**Br. Joseph Fox and Fr.
Thomas Zurcher, President**



Brothers
[Back] Carlos Parrilla, David Martin, Donald Morrison, Michael Amakyi
[Front] Thomas Rock, Robert Mosher, Douglas Roach
Absent: Francis Boylan, Peter Nault



Meal



Jubilee Years

40 60 70 75





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

Sins of the Father . . .” Exodus 20:5)

Chapter 3:4-9 of *Genesis* tells the tragic story of the heinous crime committed by Adam and Eve’s son Cain: *fratricide*, the slaying of his younger brother Abel.

Cain was a peasant farmer and Abel was a herdsman. Each had offered God a sacrifice, Abel that of an animal, Cain that of cereal grain. God, as the story indicates, expressed a preference for Abel’s sacrifice. Envy



[sinful jealousy] appears to motivate Cain to kill Abel: competition for God’s favor.

When Cain’s parents were being tempted to disobey God’s command, which brought about the Fall and so-called Original Sin, envy was the motive; the serpent had evidently persuaded Eve that Adam and she would become like gods if they also possessed the knowledge of Good and Evil.

Obviously, that was what they wanted too.

Historically, in the culture of Biblical times tension between herdsman and farmers was existent. It developed into an age-old problem, continuing into the present day. A new participant, industry of various kinds, has entered into the fray. Large corporations now exert great influence in acquiring farming and grazing lands to exploit natural resources. Although there may no longer be any Abels, victims do still remain.



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

We are Family

What does it mean to be family? Of course, first it refers to the family of origin. Father Moreau, the founder of the Holy Cross Community, uses the word “family” to refer first of all to the family spirit that he promotes among the brothers, sisters, and priests of the Holy Cross Community. It involves mutual recognition, hospitality, and love. This then also extends to Associates, fellow collaborators and all being served by Holy Cross ministries. It would extend to people of differing races, cultures, and the marginalized as the Holy Cross mission reaches countries around the world.”

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” This was Jesus’ great commandment. When Jesus heard his Father reveal to him that “he was his beloved son in whom he was well pleased,” it became the source of his identity. He was the beloved of God and from that revelation flowed his mission. He wanted to share that that “belovedness” could extend to all of humanity. This was the good news that he would bring. It did not depend on wealth, power, and popularity as he was tempted to accept in the desert. It depended on the gift of love (grace) and an openness to receive it. We become family when we share that love and acceptance with others.

- What does “family spirit” mean to you?
- Have you experienced a family spirit in your connection with the Holy Cross?
- How is creating a family spirit related to your ministry?

O God, help me create a family spirit in the communities to which I belong.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Reflection sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



WHEN EVERYONE IS INCLUDED,
EVERYONE WINS.

Jessie Jackson, Sr.

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**"It is important to join the many that desire
for mankind to never forget now and in the
future, what took place"**
~Elaine and Marvy Finger

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