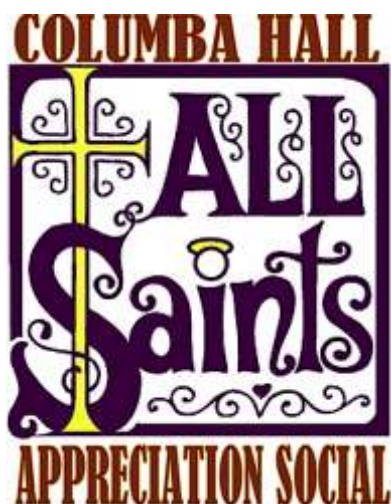


MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

Brothers of Holy Cross – Midwest Province - P.O. Box 460 – Notre Dame, Indiana 46556-0460

November 8, 2017



November 1, 2017



Last Wednesday evening on All Saints Day, November 1, the Development Office hosted a Mass, social, and dinner for about 65 donors from the village and surrounding areas. **Fr. Bill Blum** spoke about the formation of the Brothers in France after the French revolution and their later mission to the United States. **Brother Chester** gave words of welcome to “all of our Saints“ and the Grace before Meals. **Brother Thomas Mosher** welcomed the guests to the soiree after Mass, followed by a festive dinner for all. Everyone enjoyed the evening together.

Brother John McMuldren

Note: Over 100 people, Brothers and guests, were present at the open house.



All Souls Day



On Thursday, November 2, the Community at Notre Dame gathered to celebrate All Souls' Day, beginning with a Mass celebrated by the United States provincial, **Tom O'Hara**, at Fatima House. Then the assembly marched in procession in the rain to the cemetery, chanting the Litany of the Saints en route. Included in the Litany were the names of all the saints for Brothers, priests, and Sisters who died in the past year. At the cemetery, the Community spent some time (in the rain) among the tombstones before concluding the visit with a prayer at the crucifixion sculpture. Then all processed to Moreau Seminary for a wonderful meal with multiple desserts!



Vocations



CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS
Moreau Province 1101 St. Edward's Drive
Austin, Texas 78704

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS PH 917.538.7561
HolyCrossVocations@earthlink.net

November 2, 2017 Feast of All Souls

My brothers in Holy Cross,

A picture is worth a thousand words.

The four stained glass windows that adorn the chapel of St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, beautifully tell the story of the Congregation of Holy Cross. During a recent vocation visit to the school, I was able to weave together a comprehensive narrative of our community by elaborating on the lives of the men depicted in those windows: **Father Jacques Dujarié, Blessed Father Basil Moreau, St. Brother André Bessette, and Brother John William Donoghue**, the school's first principal. Students were surprised to learn that I actually lived with Bro. John William when I was a young brother. They thought that the men in those windows were nothing more than historical figures. But as consecrated religious anchored in hope, we know differently.

Our lives are never truly over. Our community spans time and space with members in this world and in the world to come. Death does not diminish our bonds of fraternity and faith.



Next week, from November 5 – 11, we celebrate **National Vocation Awareness Week**. In preparation, Joseph Cardinal Tobin, Chair of the US Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, reminds us that each of us in the Church has a key role to play in the witness of our vocation in ordinary circumstances: "As we go about

our everyday life and most especially this week, we must keep vocations in our prayers, while, at the same time, being a mindful witness with our own vocation. We may never know how our lives may have an impact on someone else's story. Simply living out our call as disciples of Jesus Christ fully and joyfully in the world bears witness to the love of Christ as He generously bestows on each of us our own personal call."



In all four stained glass windows at St. Edward, we find the image of a tree. Beneath the window dedicated to Bro. John William, we read from Fr. Moreau's Circular Letter 65, "Holy Cross will grow like a mighty tree and constantly shoot forth new limbs whose branches will produce yet others, and all

nourished from the same sap and endowed with the same life."

You and I may never see our likeness captured by a work of art, but each one of us contributes something both singular and essential to the mission of Holy Cross. We are part of that tree. Our life story has the potential to become a source of grace for others. During National Vocation Awareness Week, let us recall the men and women who have gone before us and kept the faith. Following their example, may the story of Holy Cross shine brightly through our lives for the next generation to see.

In Holy Cross,

Handwritten signature of Bro. Jonathan P. Beebe, CSC.

Bro. Jonathan P. Beebe, CSC Vocation Director

To see pictures of St. Edward High School's chapel windows, go to page 5 of Midwest-Midweek for Nov. 5, 2017. Use the link below:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/bhc/wp-content/uploads/MidMid04Nov2015.pdf>

About Bahini Shamim Apon, Bangladesh

This was a street boy who ran away from home for some reason and came to APONGAON some time ago—somehow the parents found him there. The boys change their names so that their families cannot easily find them. This is what I struggle for—the lives of these many, many very young boys on the street using drugs.

Brother Ronald Drahozal



Reflection



You know of the disease in Central Africa called sleeping sickness... There also exists a sleeping sickness of the soul. Its most dangerous aspect is that one is unaware of its coming. That is why you have to be careful. As soon as you notice the slightest sign of indifference, the moment you become aware of the loss of a certain seriousness, of longing, of enthusiasm and zest, take it as a warning. You should realize your soul suffers if you live superficially.

THIS REFLECTION IS COURTESY OF MISSION, ETHICS & SPIRITUALITY
PROVIDENCE HEALTH CARE, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA
www.providencehealthcare.org



Cartoon
By
Brother
James
Kane,
CSC

Past Copies of *Midwest-Midweek*

Since February 2006

Past copies of *Midwest-Midweek* may be viewed by scanning the icon or clicking on the link below.

<http://brothersofholycross.com/publications/archived-publications/>



View Website at:

www.brothersofholycross.com

View *Midwest-Midweek* at:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/publications/midwest-midweek-newsletter/>

Editor
Webmaster
Proofreader

Br. Kenneth Kane
Br. Richard Johnson
Br. George Klawitter

Please send material to the link below by Thursday the week before *Midwest-Midweek* is published.

Send material to this address:

Midwest-Midweek@brothersofholycross.com