

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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September 8, 2021



Happy Birthday Tom!

The oldest member of the District and currently the only surviving American missionary in the District chalked up 94 years of life and ministry. The celebration started with a weekend Mass officiated by a Jesuit Priest with Br. Tom in attendance. After Mass Br. Tom took lots of pictures with various Religious groups present. First with the Missionaries of Africa Seminarians who had just ended their eight day Retreat, then with an OLA Sister, FST sister, and the CSC members as well. Following immediately after Mass was breakfast together with Br. Tom at the District Centre community Dining Hall.

Then in the evening of this same faith filled Saturday, the communities on the compound, ie the novitiate community and the main District Centre community gathered around Br. Tom for him to cut his birthday cake, alongside his favorite All Seasons PIZZA and accompanied by his chilled Club Beer.

After his meal, Br Tom requested for his ice cream to match his birthday cake. It was a beautiful evening with



lots of joy and excitement as we marked the 94th Birthday of Brother Thomas Dillman.



A Brother Raymond Papenfuss Story

Excerpt from *Mosaic's Website*:

An Unbreakable Bond of Faithfulness

One of Mosaic's four values is ***Faithfulness***. To us, its core description is "remaining loyal to someone or something and putting that loyalty into consistent practice—regardless of the circumstances."

There are all sorts of instances that demonstrate faithfulness across Mosaic; the story of Brother Raymond Papenfuss and Matt Cook, a person Mosaic in Northern Indiana supports, is among them. The two have a faithful, unbreakable bond rarely seen.

Click link below to view *Mosaic* for this story:

[An Unbreakable Bond of Faithfulness | Mosaic \(mosaicinfo.org\)](https://mosaicinfo.org)

Labor Day 2021 – Columba Hall Patio

We were not able to celebrate with Mass, no celebrant being available. The community gathered at noon for a picnic style meal out-of-doors. Sunshine, a cool breeze, and camaraderie added up to a fine day. A few played bridge in the afternoon.



—Do We Have *Another Saint?* —
Brother Columba O’Neill, C.S.C.
(1848-1923)



January 17, 1913

Fifth letter from Brother Columba to Fathe Giglinger.

- He talks about going to Chicago;
- Also tells about going to St. Mary’s College where “lately they had several cures there.”
- While at St. Mary’s, “10 sisters came to me for cures; went on their knees to me to make the Sign of the Cross on them with the badge. Would not that kill your nerves?”
- “God honor[s] me and humbles [me] at the same time.”
- Tells about curing a Notre Dame student. “I made the novena for him and he is a little better; made another one and he can talk now and keep up a conversation.”
- “Got 12 cures last week.”
- Finally, he says that he cured an “insane priest who can teach now” and “another priest with consumption.”

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Letters

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SWIFT WATCH
 A NIGHT OF 1000 BIRDS

Observe hundreds of swifts entering the Columba Hall chimney as a stopover site on their southern migration!

LAWN BETWEEN COLUMBA HALL AND ST. JOSEPH'S LAKE, NOTRE DAME CAMPUS

AUGUST 31, 7:50-8:50 PM
 SEPTEMBER 7, 7:40-8:40 PM

Event times correspond to projected swift entry times



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Charlotte Probst



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Dear Associates and Friends,

We have faith when we trust that God will lead us on the right path to our destiny. It comes to us as a gift but needs us to consent in boldness because it means letting go of superficial desires that our society wants to impose on us.

We attain wisdom when we are willing to go down the path that God sets before us. Having traveled that path before, we have experienced that Jesus has been with us and will continue to walk with us as we once again set out into the unknown. The more we experience his presence in our decision making, the more we can be at ease as we step out into the future. This inner wisdom becomes a wisdom that can be attained only by study or in the stories of other people open to the wisdom of the Church with centuries of experience. And if we were to make a mistake, God will lead us back to the right path. God will never desert us if our deepest desire is to do God's will. The experience of the "dark night" that some of the saints describe is only a stepping stone to a greater wisdom and love of God.

- What criteria do you use in making decisions for your life?
- Have you ever experienced the promptings of God concerning your decisions?
- Can you say that you have wisdom that comes from reflecting on your experiences?

**O God, let me acknowledge a wisdom that comes from
reflecting on my past experiences.**



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, or a priest, with a weekly story on the blog. Check the following link below.



Website: <http://www.voiceofmoreau.org/>



Brother
Philip Smith

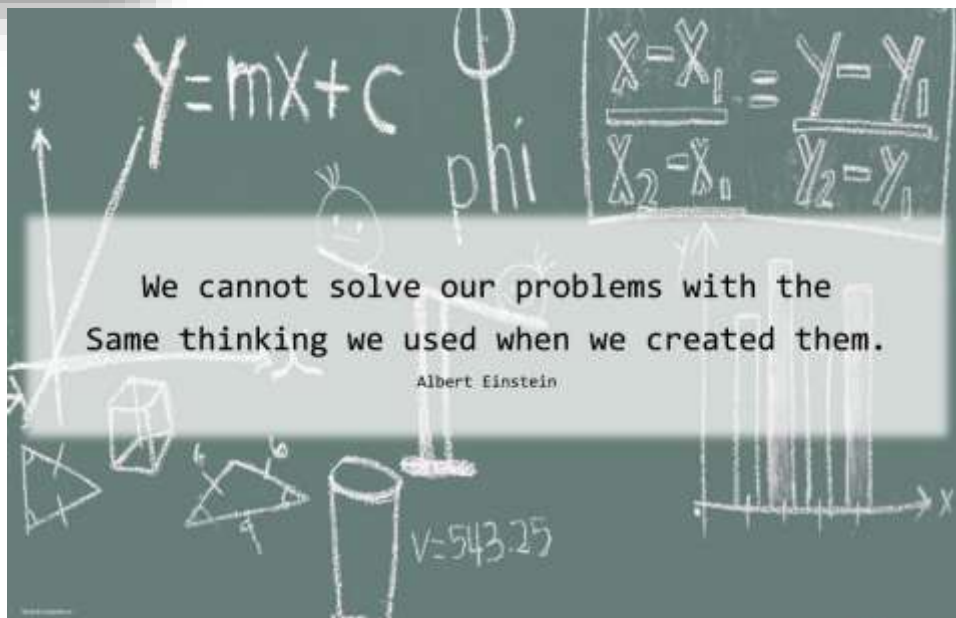


Brother
Ben Rossi



Reflection

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



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Watercolor Sketches



Brother
James
Kane,
CSC



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