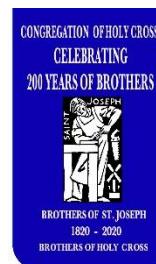


MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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September 9, 2020

This Week

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

August 30 – September 5 On August 31, 1835, the Brothers moved their motherhouse from Ruille to Le Mans and came under the direction of **Father Basil Moreau**. On August 31 the following year the Brothers' motherhouse in Ruille, the Grand St. Joseph, was sold. It still stands but is now an apartment building.

September 6 – 12 In this week in 1792 Brother Stephen Gauffre was born. He came to Ruille in 1820 to join the Brothers, the 4th recruit to Father Dujarie's new Community. He taught as a Brother all his life. In September 1831 seventeen Brothers signed the "Declaration of Fidelity" at Ruille as they sensed their Community falling apart because of the 1830 mini-revolution in France.

**Date of death for Brothers of Saint Joseph
who entered before the 1837 Fundamental Act of Union
and died in the Community in September.
(Age in italics. Rank after year of death.)**

| Died | Name | Age | YOD | Rank |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----|------|------|
| Sept 2 | <i>Clement (Francois Deschamps)</i> | 42 | 1851 | 287 |
| Sept 6 | <i>Ignace (Louis Boisse)</i> | 17 | 1835 | 254 |
| Sept 6 | <i>Etienne (Etienne Gauffre)</i> | 58 | 1851 | 5 |
| Sept 13 | <i>Celestin (Louis Forton)</i> | 27 | 1841 | 170 |
| Sept 15 | <i>Pierre (Pierre Oger)</i> | 64 | 1869 | 14 |
| Sept 21 | <i>Celeste (Francois Boisse)</i> | 21 | 1835 | 255 |

A Tribute to Br. Etienne and the St. Joseph Brothers

On Tuesday, September 1, Columba Hall members held a 5:00 evening prayer service commemorating the 200th anniversary of our history as Saint Joseph Brothers.

Our service began with the dedication of the house parlor to Br. Etienne Gauffre. Brother Joseph McTaggart read a reflection on Br. Etienne. A commemorative plaque has been posted on one of the walls of the parlor.



Brother Stephen Gauffre was born in 1792 in St. Loup du Gast. He was the fourth young man to answer James Dujarie's call for Brothers, arriving at Ruille on November 16, 1820. He was 28 years old. He and Brother Andre Mottais were the first to receive and wear the religious habit, given to them on the road near Ruilk by Dujarie when Stephen and Dujarie welcomed Andre back from his months at the Christian Brothers' novitiate in Paris. Stephen received his teaching diploma in May, 1822. He did not profess vows until 1842, five years after the Brothers and priests had signed the Fundamental Pact of Union (1837). We still have some of his letters written from the schools where he taught. He died in Le Mans in 1851, just as the new school year was beginning.

Following this, Brother James Kane read out the names of St. Joseph Brothers who had died in the month of September. The sound of a bell being struck was heard after each name. (See list above – pg 1) Daily Office continued the service.

Service concluded with Brother James Walters (Moreau House of Studies) presenting a reflection on Br. Etienne (See below for James' presentation). We ended with a hymn and departed for supper.

At This 200th Anniversary Time By Brother James Walters, C.S.C.



When Br. George (Klawitter) asked me to give this reflection last year, he didn't know that I myself was in the process of discerning a transfer from a seminarian to a brother. A year later, here I am, a brother among brothers! In some ways, I see it as providential that God made this call clear to me during this 200th year anniversary of the founding of our society.

"We asked how we might follow, and we found many footprints on the road. A great band of men had passed this way, men who had made and lived by their vows, men who had walked side by side in their following of the Lord. They beckoned us to fall in step with them. We wanted to be part of the family they formed in order to share in their life and work."

My dear brothers in Holy Cross, I don't know about you, but this line from our Constitutions has always struck me. As a young religious in formation, when I hear these words, I am reminded of the many Holy Cross brothers and priests who have gone before me. I am captivated by the great, well known members of our Order, names like Basil Moreau, Edward Sorin, Andre Bessette, Patrick Peyton, Flavian LaPlante, and Ted Hesburgh. But, you know, I find even more inspiration in reflecting upon the scores of Holy Cross religious whose names and stories are more obscure and elusive. It is in this latter category that I would place many of the Brothers of St. Joseph who would go on to become Brothers of Holy Cross. This group of men, men like Andre Mottais, Vincent Pieau, and Etienne Gauffre, many of whom lived their religious life in relative obscurity, have nevertheless paved the way for the generations of Holy Cross Brothers who have followed them. Yes, it is true that these early brothers lived difficult lives, lives marked by

uncertainty, illness, and constant struggle; yet despite these trials, they remained steadfast in their trust in Divine Providence. Furthermore, their commitment to and love for God and one another continues to inspire us in living our own holy vocations today.

As I reflect back upon the early brothers of St. Joseph/Brothers of Holy Cross and the uncommon bond which they shared with one another, I am reminded again of our Constitutions. As Constitution 4 beautifully exhorts, "It is essential to our mission that we strive so attentively together that people will observe: 'See how they love one another.' We will then be a sign in an alienated world: men who have for love of their Lord, become closest friends, brothers."

Gentlemen, just like the brothers who came before us, we have each been chosen by God to witness to His love in a world desperately in need. While our contemporary response to this need may look different than it did 200 years ago, our mission to be "educators in the faith" is the same today as it was in 1820 when Fr. Dujarie founded the Brothers of St. Joseph and in 1837 when Fr. Moreau formed the Congregation of Holy Cross.

And so, as we continue to commemorate this bicentennial of the Brothers of St. Joseph/Brothers of Holy Cross, may we look back on our forbearers with gratitude and admiration. The same time, let us remember to look forward to the bright future of our society and of our Congregation.

Ave Crus, Spes Unica, Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope

St Augustine's Past Students Union – Ghana & US (Alumni)



**Albert Gyan
(APSU 78)**

Dr. Albert Gyan is helping the alum of St. Augustine's College in celebrating the 90th anniversary of the school. Honoring Holy Cross Brothers is one objective of his as part of anniversary. He would like to send information on what the alums are doing in the celebration of this special year. Listed below are a few links that are out on the web concerning St. Augustine's College and the alumni (past students/old boys) association.

Links:

(School Website) St. Augustine's College (Cape Coast)
www.auguscocapecoast.edu.gh

(Wikipedi) St. Augustine's College (Cape Coast)
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Augustine%27s_College_\(Cape_Coast\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Augustine%27s_College_(Cape_Coast))

(Alumi) St. Augustine's Past Students Union
<https://apsuusa.org/>

St Augustine's Past Students Union (APSU) in North America and the
Brothers of Holy Cross
<https://sites.google.com/view/apsu-usa/home>

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- **August 20**—The Early Brothers and Fr. Dujarie
Presenter: Br. George Klawitter, C.S.C.
- **September 24**—Holy Cross History Association
- **October 22**—Holy Cross Education in the U.S.
and Abroad (Speaker TBD)
- **November 19**—The Gift of Charism and our
Guiding Principles Today (Speaker TBD)
- **December 17**—The Internationality of Holy Cross
Presenter: Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., Vicar
General (Rome).

• *Note: All times will be 3 PM CST except
December 17 which will be 2 PM CST*

• *For additional information: hci@stedwards.edu or
mclark12@stedwards.edu*



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Click on the following link and register for the September 24th webinar

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brothers-of-st-joseph-200th-anniversary-webinar-series-tickets-118956858165>

Labor Day

Hope all had a wonderful day!

Columba Hall began with grilling out and followed with an in-house movie.



Carl



Jerome



James Roy Robert



Robert



Richard



Village Brothers Celebrate Labor Day at Coloma



Ray and Fred



Poz. Carlos. Paul



Joe



Back – Carlos and Phil
Front - Poz



Phil



Ray

Joe

Fred

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The Genuine Thing

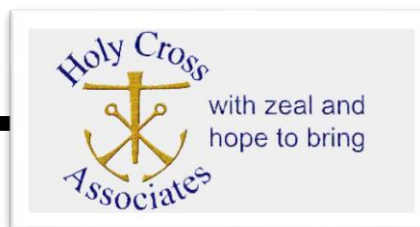
Dear Associates and Friends,

How do we know if a thing is genuine or fake? Does it spring from what it is or only what it pretends to be? Gertrude Stein reminds us that “a rose is a rose is a rose.” It is not pretending to be something it is not.

When it comes to discovering our true self, it is not so easy. We are complex beings with many ideas, feelings, compulsions, assumptions. Many times we try to fit who we are into some framework already chosen for us by the society in which we live. Part of our spiritual quest is discovering what God had in mind when God created us. Only then can we be true to ourselves. Our journey of discovery can take us down many roads that lead to dead ends. There is a way to avoid some of these false starts. We can choose a path that has the potential of finding our true selves. Jesus says, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” His experience has led him to know this. His Father (God) has told him, “You are my Beloved in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.” If we do listen to Jesus, by faith, we know that we do not have to lose our way. Many have followed and are following Jesus and gave and are giving their lives to testify that He is genuine, He is the real thing.

O God, help me discover whom you have created me to be – my true self.

Brother Carl Sternberg, CSC
<http://holycrossassociates.org/>





Reflection

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



It is in the wild places,
Where the edge of the earth meets the corners of the sky,
The human spirit is fed.

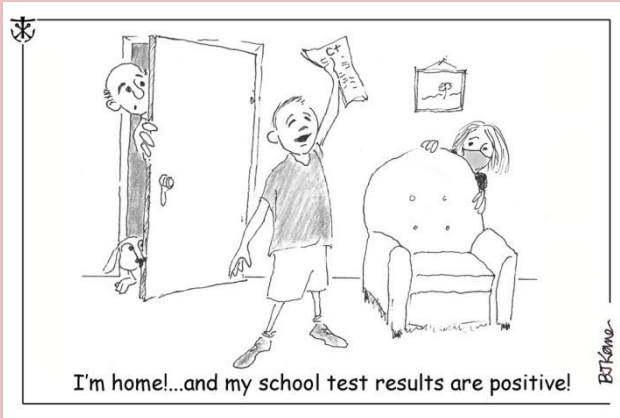
Art Wolfe


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