

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Prayer for America

We at Columba Hall have included a prayer for our nation and world leaders in our daily prayers.

***“Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like it. Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22: 37-39***



**Almighty God,  
Ruler of all peoples of the earth,  
Forgive our shortcomings as a nation,  
Purify our heart to see and love the truth.  
Give wisdom to our leaders,  
And steadfastness to our people,  
And bring us at last to that fair city of peace.**

**Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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## My Easy Chair

Oh, just to sit in my easy chair,  
without need to rush or worry,  
I've put aside the pomp and flare —  
there's no concern now for which to care.

I love it here, among these beautiful trees,  
smell the fragrance, feel the gentle breeze.  
These days so long I've dreamed about.  
Now, "Thank you, Lord," I want to shout!

But sometimes I sit and wonder:  
did a part of my life go asunder,  
an endeavor I left off my list,  
something in life I might have missed?

My ego tells me I've covered all my  
bases,  
always polished my shoes and tied the  
laces.  
Yet in life, there's something left undone.  
Could it be more time with the Lord?

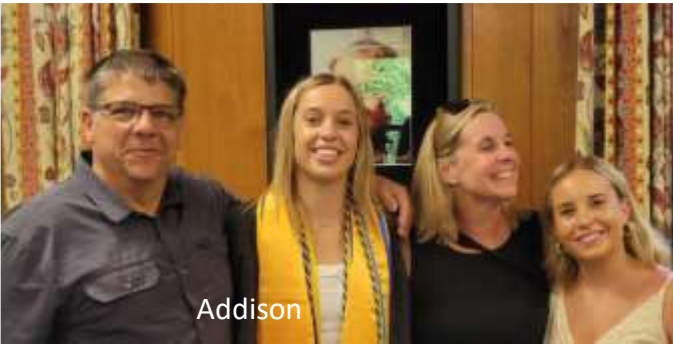
Ah yes, this is the conclusion  
to which I've come:  
yes, Lord, to you I owe a great deal  
as with your blessings much better I feel.  
And so, not another day shall pass  
that I'll not look for more of you  
in my looking glass.

— **Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC**



# Good Byes and Congratulations

The past two years, Columba Hall members enjoyed a small group of students who joined us for Sunday dinners and Thursday game nights. They and their family members visited us after graduation ceremonies for small treats before leaving the Notre Dame campus.



## Student Leadership Gathering



Student leaders, teacher chaperones and Columba Hall members gathered for lunch at our Holy Cross residence, Notre Dame, Indiana, as part of the yearly leadership program this past June. Around eighty enjoyed a brown-bag lunch. Brother Robert Livernois organized everyone by school with a Holy Cross Brother in each group.

## MEMBERS OF THE MIDWEST PROVINCE OF BROTHERS 2024 PROVINCIAL CHAPTER



Row 1: Brs. Ken Haders, Jim Spooner, Don Morrison, Bill Mewes, Robert Lavelle, George Klawitter, Larry Skitzki

Row 2: Brs. Chet Freel, Carl Stenberg, Richard Johnson, Roy Smith, Phil Smith, Nee Wayoe, Ray Papenfuss, Jim Van Dyke, Joe Fox

Row 3: Brs. Joe McTaggart, Ken Kane, Carlos Parrilla, Shaun Gray, Prodip Gomez, Bill Zaydak, Jim Kane, William Dygert, Bob Livernois, Chris Torrijas

Seated: Brs. Charles Drevon, Robert Mosher, Lewis Brazil, Richard Armstrong

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### Columba Hall Chimney Repair

Ivy being removed so that vines stop destroying the cement between bricks. Note the high voltage transformers (off for now).

## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### Awakening

Consider that this would be the last day of your life. What would you want to do? Would you want to connect with people you love or those who would miss you? Would you want to seek forgiveness or would you want to express forgiveness to others in your life? Would you like to experience the beauty of small things that you have taken for granted? Would you want to ask God for the trust to have Jesus, Mary or Joseph to be close to you as you make your transition? Would you spend time to say “good bye” to all of the things that were important to you?

The purpose of these questions is to appreciate the life that you are experiencing now. It could give way to waking up to a new day. You may once again want to thank God for all of the blessings and the experiencing of new life. This is similar to what new Christians might experience at Baptism coming up from sinking into the water and the rising to new life in Christ. This is the experience Christ had in the passion with his suffering and death leading to his resurrection. What an awakening that must have been for the first Christians as they came to a faith and trust in God that would lead some even to their martyrdom.

- What does the exercise of the last day experience bring to mind in you?
- Would small things in everyday life take on more importance?
- Do you have enough trust in God to put your life into God’s hands?

**O God, help me to appreciate the life you have given me.**

**Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.**



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# Reflection



The surest way to lose sight of who you are  
Is to constantly compare yourself to others.

*Tom Krause*

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"No one can grow if he does not  
accept his smallness"  
-Pope Francis

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Do your little bit of good where you are;  
it's those little bits of good put together  
that overwhelm the world.

- Desmond Tutu

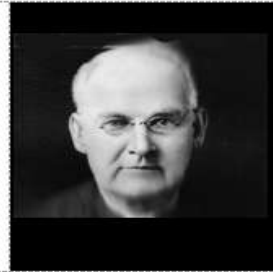
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Dial 34 to hear this menu again. Goodbye!

*BoKenna*

**Brother  
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