

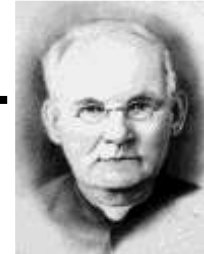
# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Do We Have Another Saint? Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C. (1848-1923)



Ten years after Brother Columba's death, Brother Ernest Ryan was beginning to collect information about him. His best source at the time was Lyda O'Neill, Columba's niece, the daughter of Dennis O'Neill and Minnie Schwiete. For the next several issues, I (Brother Philip Smith), will publish letters sent to her about Brother Columba and favors received. This letter is from Cecelia Ganley who, as a child, lived in Keokuk, Iowa.

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Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>-1933.

Miss O'Neill,  
Keokuk, Iowa,

Dear Miss O'Neill,- Your favor of the 31st ult. has just reached me. You did not have the number correct. It is 3141 (you had it 4121).

I was so pleased to receive the picture of Brother Columba's. Now, I do not know of any direct information concerning cures, though I heard the Brother mention some, but always declining to take the honor for same. I called at ~~his~~ his sister's home more than once, when I heard he was in town to have him bless my child, then very young, I don't even remember the name of the sister now, but as I understood, she had no children and was a widow. I did hear he cured Mr. Thos Joyce, who lives or did live on Franklin Street near Seventh, of a bad case of stomach trouble; also, heard he cured a girl, a neighbor of mine at the time, of a very bad case of St. Vitus Dance. It seems this girl's mother heard he was in town to see Mr. Joyce and she immediately rushed to see him with the girl just as he was leaving town, but he blessed the girl and she recovered soon after. Here was a very severe case, I was young then and did not know much about the disease, but I did see her while she had it and know she was very bad. I heard him say, "if there are any cures, it is because of my great devotion to The Sacred Heart and by trying to spread this devotion". When people would kneel to get his blessing, he would laugh, and say: "no need to kneel, I am only a poor shoemaker". He was always willing to meet you and talk and never seemed to tire of your visit.

This is all the information I can give you, but if there is anything else you can think of and I can be of any service, don't hesitate to call on me. When this book is completed and printed, I would like to have a copy.

Very sincerely yours,

*Cecelia Ganley*

*P.S.*

Please give my best wishes to Miss Meek. I attended the funeral of my husband's sister at Keokuk and saw her for only a short time, and at the time, my son was not well (recovering from an appendicitis operation Jan. 3). Would like to have had more of a visit with her as I think her a very fine lady.

*c.g.*

## Holy Cross Village Evolution of the “Pond”

Photos from Brother James Leik’s  
historical photo collection on Holy Cross Village:

This selection is taken from the best 23 photos of the evolution of the “Pond” after 1995. A further cut of the “Pond” group to six from (1999 to 2020) is shown below.

	<p><b>1999-1-30</b> <b>HCV Villas</b></p> <p><b>Brothers</b> <b>William Geenan,</b> <b>John May</b></p> <p><b>Code: S18A</b></p>
	<p><b>1999-2-19</b> <b>HCV Villas</b></p> <p><b>Pond</b></p> <p><b>Code: T19A</b></p>





**1999-5-4  
HCV Villas**

**Pond**

**Code: W33A**



**1999-6-15  
HCV Villas**

**Pond**

**Code: Y27A**



**2013-6-3  
HCV**

**Pond  
Goose**

**Code: 37**



**2020-10-22 HCV**

**Pond Evolution**

**Code: (17)**



## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### Dead and Alive

Dear Associates and Friends,

How can we be dead and alive at the same time? What is dying and what is coming alive? There are many paradoxes to growing in the spiritual life. Jesus used them. "The first shall be last and the last shall be first."

What must die is our insistence that we are completely in charge of what happens in our life. Just as the earth revolving around the sun, over which we have no control, makes life on this third planet possible, so too our attitude that we are the center of the universe must die so that our real life may begin to flourish. This is the inner life that comes into its own when we surrender it to God and abandon the notion that we are a "self-made human being." When this becomes a reality for us, God can work in us and through us to make our life an adventure full of surprises. God takes our natural gifts and uses them to transform not only us but to accomplish God's purpose in the world. Dead and alive we will do our part in the beginning of a new day.

- What in you has died so that new life could spring forth?
- What are some examples of how resurrection has taken place in your life?
- Is God working this mystery of death and new life in your life right now?

**O God, help me surrender to my new life in you**



**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



For Canada

Thanksgiving Day  
Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

*Gratitude flows from the recognition  
That who we are and what we have  
Are gifts to be received and shared.  
- Henri Nouwen*



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A Second reflection – next page:



How you want to be treated.

Everything has beauty,  
but not everyone sees it.

~Confucius

*This week we also recognize **Mental Illness Awareness Week October 3 – 9, 2021.** Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW) is an annual national public education campaign designed to help open the eyes of Canadians to the reality of mental illness. The week was established by the Canadian Psychiatric Association, and is now coordinated by the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH) in cooperation with all its member organizations and many other supporters across Canada.*

*#ThereIsNoHealthWithoutMentalHealth #MIAW21*

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