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For the Family of Holy Cross

Provident God, You inspired Basil Moreau to form a family of three societies, men and women, lay and ordained, to be a sign of love and unity in a world of division.

May we, as brothers, sisters, and priests of Holy Cross, be more closely joined in our bond of mutual charity and in fidelity to our vows, for in unity is our strength. ...

Amen



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Final Day

for Kate Frost, on her retirement

When she touches wood for the last time
and lets the chalk slip between her fingers
to the floor, she knows retrieval is
a futile exercise. These brittle brains

in front of her will grow from crime to crime
without her harried cries, and so she lingers
as they leave for other worlds, the quiz
from yesterday as valueless as trains

departing without passengers across
her eyes blurred by blond and black and red—
her favorite colors. Now she flips the light

to off and gathers things. No more the boss,
she's tinsel in the corridor, this heart that bled
for kids who run fast past her left and right.

—**Brother George Klawitter, CSC**



LABOR DAY

The “working stiff” gets celebrated!
The laborer, all labor too, is honored.

Commerce takes a back seat this one day,
just one day out of the year. Just this one.

Government, society, banking and even the post office stops.
There is a halt.

And all must listen and remember—
the essential calling which keeps it all going
and that from which all else proceeds.

Nothing moves.
Nothing advances this day.

All is hallowed.
Labor takes its bow and Leo XIII exalts.

Happy Labor Day blue-collared people!



Joe McTaggart, csc

Son of a “white collar” union father,
brother of three other sibling union brothers,
grateful son of a congregational union itself,
Congregation of Holy Cross

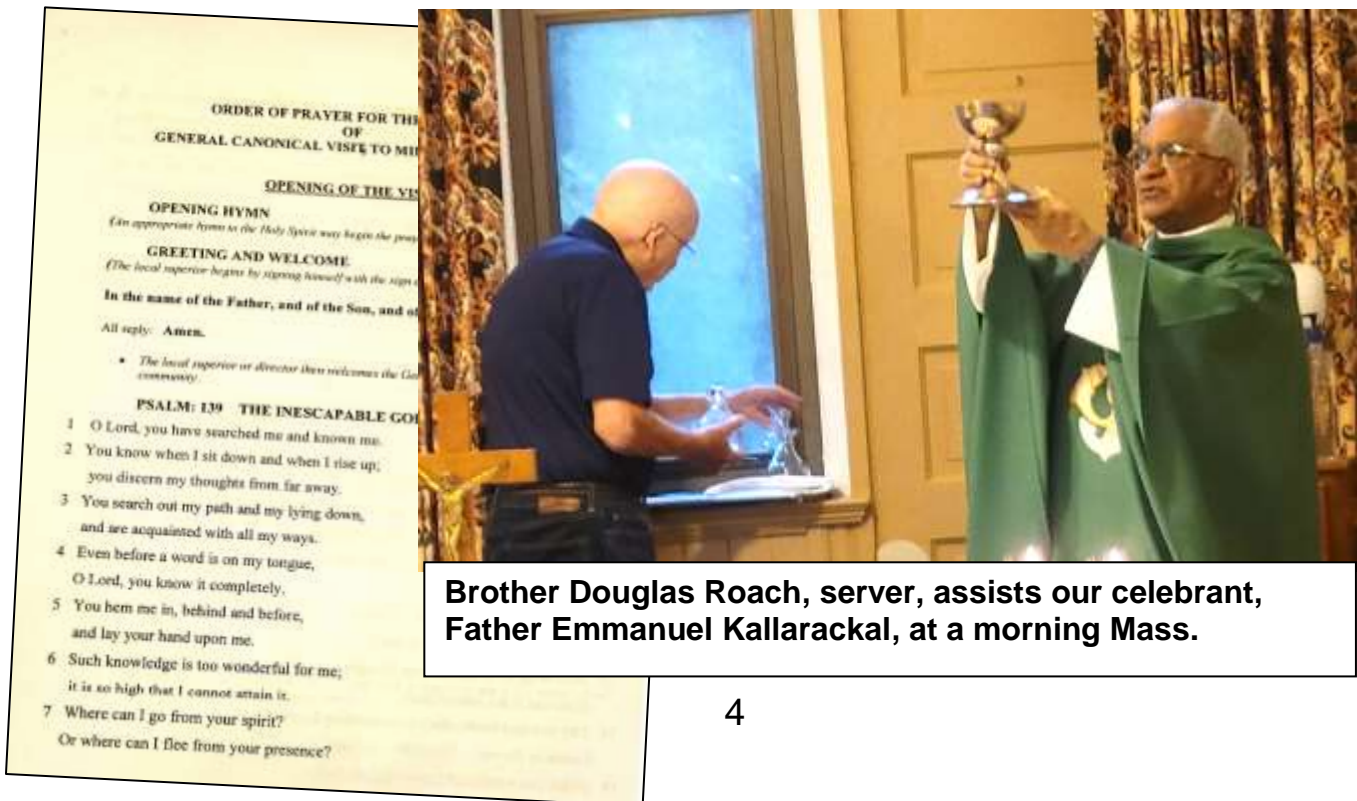


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Internet outage.)

Canonical Visit to MW Province



Father Emmanuel Kallarackal and Brother Prodiplacid Gomes open the visit to the Midwest Province of Brothers, September 10, 2023. Because of construction to update Columba Hall's elevator, meetings are confined to the house dining hall.



Brother Douglas Roach, server, assists our celebrant, Father Emmanuel Kallarackal, at a morning Mass.

Holy Cross Roads

Writings for the Journey

Response – Ability

Have you ever been told that you are totally responsible for something? This would mean that the success or failure of a “project” was on your shoulders. I would say that that idea was a little simplistic. It reminds me of the saying, “We make plans and God laughs.” What I have come to realize over many years is that responsibility relies on our willingness to respond to what God is asking of us. We know by faith that if God has our backs, things cannot go wrong. They may not turn out completely according to what we would like them to be, but they will lead us to what is best for all concerned. Responding to God will bring peace and confidence in whatever the outcome.

We only have to look for examples from the Bible. Abraham wanted a son to insure his descendants would continue his legacy, the centurion wanted healing for his servant, and Jesus whom the builders rejected would become the cornerstone. Of course, this responding to God presumes that we know what God is asking us to do. It ultimately depends on our “listening prayer.” We also can rely on our past experiences of seeing the results of what happened when we put our lives in God’s hands.

- Do you have people or situations in your life that require total responsibility?
- How do you deal with responsibility?
- Do you have the ability to respond to God when accepting responsibility?

O God, help me respond to you when I assume total responsibility.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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A Prophet to the Rescue

Book of Daniel (Chapter 14): Daniel, the hero from which the title Book of Daniel gets its name, relates a story called *Dragon* (Chapter 14) NAB — not the same episode as in Chapter 6 ("Daniel in the Lions' Den").

In this account, Daniel is confined to a lions' den as a result of Babylonian citizens' complaint to King Cyrus against Daniel for refusing to worship the revered great dragon. So that Daniel would be devoured more quickly by seven lions, the lions are denied food. Daniel is denied food too. But prompted by God, the prophet Habakuk, who is in Judea at this time, rescues Daniel by being carried with food to Babylon by an angel. "Daniel, Daniel," Habakuk declares upon arriving in Babylon, "take and eat the meal God has prepared for you." Then "Daniel ate, but the angel of God at once brought Habakuk back to his own place." (vs 36-37)

Seven days later King Cyrus, finding Daniel still alive, rejoiced because of the saving God of Daniel.





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



The world is full of magic things,
Patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper.

William Butler Yeats



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Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments that take our breath away.

~ Anonymous



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