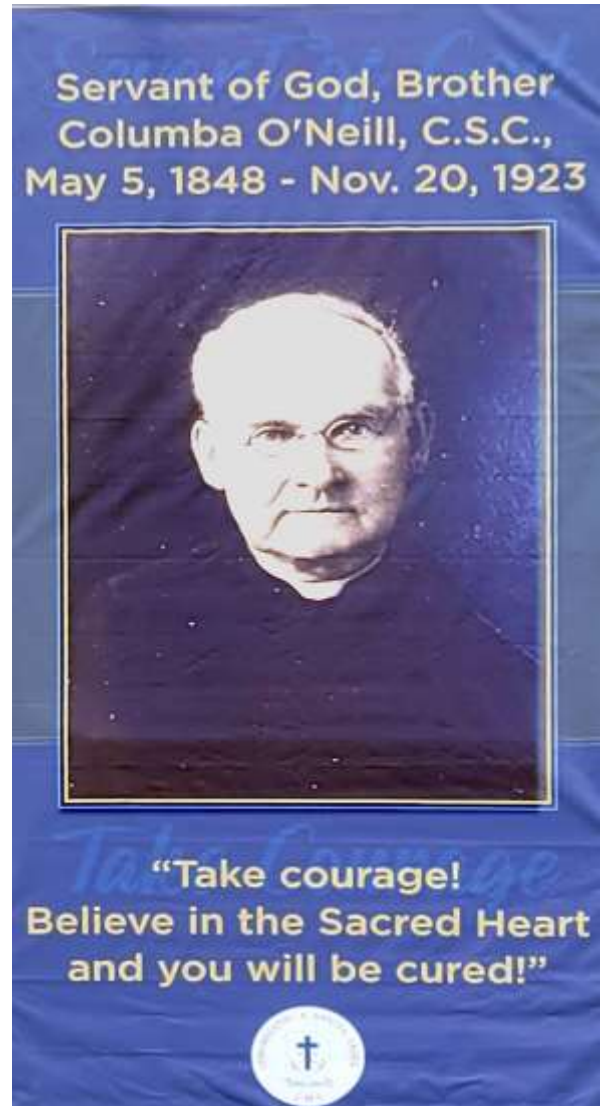


MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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November 15, 2023

Brother Columba Columba Hall Display



Hanging on the front of Columba Hall is a banner celebrating the 100th anniversary of the death of Servant of God Brother Columba O'Neill, CSC, the Miracle Man of Notre Dame, the Divine Healer. The University of Notre Dame will celebrate with a novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and on Nov. 20 a Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica.

Our Poets, Past and Present

Old Age

The years are passing by so quickly now
My memories fade into the mist of time.
Dare I remember when I made the vow
To strive to never cease the upward climb?

Could I have known how tired I would become?
Great effort weighs upon my every step.
How easy it would be to just succumb...
Such thoughts of failure I must intercept.

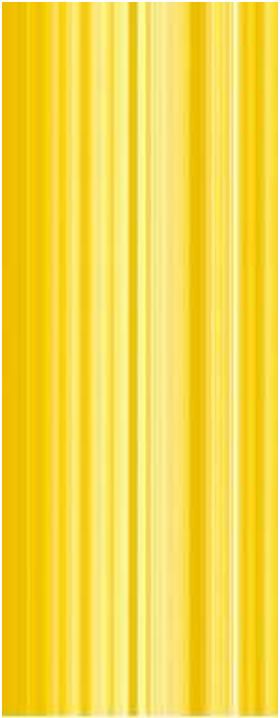
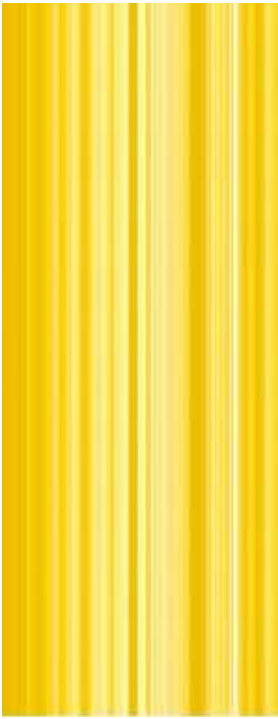
I will persist though weariness is rife.
I cannot rest until the work is done.
Much yet remains for me to do in life.
I must complete what once I had begun.

But now alone this journey hard will be.
With every step God's grace will strengthen me.

—Carolyn Scheibelhut, Holy Cross Village



Gilmour Academy



Construction Notes on the updated Commons building:

It's beginning to look a lot like a ... real building !!

Yesterday, the first window was installed & the first brick was laid (see attached photos).

The photo view of the Commons is along SOM Center Road and the service/delivery drive to the kitchen.

The new window is located in the AVI office.

On Saturday (11-11-23), the first layer of asphalt will be put down for the new walking path connecting Tudor House to the other buildings on campus.

In about 10 days, the path will be open for foot traffic and the wooden staircase will be dismantled. (Over the winter, we will have to share the path with the contractors – more details to follow).

Tudor House continues to receive finishing touches: gutters, downspouts, window glass repairs, and lightning rods.



Province of West Africa News

BRAND HIGH HOSTS ODUPONG HIGH IN QUIZ COMPETITION ORGANIZED BY NCCE GHANA



The National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) organized inter-schools quiz competition between St. Brother Andre Senior High (Brand High) Ghana and Odupong Senior High, Ghana. The event was hosted at Brand High on 10th November, 2023, with guests travelling to our campus for the first time.

NCCE is mandated to educate Ghanaian citizens on the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana. The quiz is one of the strategies NCCE has adopted to test the young ones on their knowledge on the Constitution and further educate their minds to become responsible citizens.

Both schools presented three contestants who competed for five rounds, answering questions from the preamble and chapters of the Constitution of Ghana. There were dignitaries from the NCCE who witnessed the event. The Deputy Chairman Mr. Samuel Akuamoah gave a short lecture during the quiz and heaped praise on the founders of Brand High for establishing a modern facility to accommodate all students from different walks of life and give them quality education. Also present at the event were Civic Educators and the Municipal Director for Awutu Senya East District in which Brand High is situated.

Our brilliant candidates answered questions posed to them correctly while contestants from Odupong High also did their best but could not score higher points than the hosts.

At the end of the event, NCCE awarded certificates to the contestants and presented copies of the Constitution to both schools. The commission has planned to establish a Civic Education Club at Brand High and continue to engage in modelling students to become responsible citizens.



FIRST PARENTS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PTA) MEETING HELD FOR THE 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Parents, teachers, guardians and management members held a meeting on 11th, November at the school assembly hall to discuss

issues concerning students' well-being and other matters arising.

The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Headmaster, Secretary, and Treasurer of the PTA were present at the meeting. The number of parents who attended the meeting was encouraging.

The Chairman read excerpts from the previous meeting, followed by an address from the Headmaster to set the ball rolling. The Headmaster spoke about general conduct of students and continued with the attitude of students during the just ended final year exams organized by the West Africa Examination Council (WAEC).

In addition, the increasing population of the school was made known to parents and pressing needs that should be addressed. To begin with, the installation of CCTV cameras at vantage points and solar panels to provide electricity as well as new water tanks for the girl's dormitory.

Concerned parents suggested that a project should be established whereby a committee of experts will find the best solution such as buying water tanks, pumps and creating a reservoir to harvest water. A number of experts among parents volunteered to join the committee and provided the secretary with their contact details for further engagements.

Other matters including school cloth, fumigation, review of the school Constitution, state of the studio and health was discussed. Dr Bediako Okyere and his team from Saint Gregory Hospital reported their findings following health screening organized for Form One (1) and Form Two (2) students. Dr Bediako pleaded with management of the school to provide fruits to students in order to prevent illness. Also, Dr Bediako advised parents to talk to their wards to desist from sharing personal items and taking their medication to avoid complications.

The Chairman thanked parents for their co-operation and contributing positively towards various issues. The Chairman urged parents to assist teachers in shaping the behaviors of students. The meeting was adjourned followed by a closing prayer to end the gathering.

Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.
Servant of God

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BROTHERS OF HOLY CROSS

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Schools purposefully impart Holy Cross values

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BY BROTHER KENNETH HADERS, CSC
PROVINCIAL, MIDWEST PROVINCE

I first encountered the Brothers of Holy Cross when I enrolled at St. Edward High School in 1964. There were 38 brothers at the school and it was clear they were in charge and setting the tone. Over the course of my four years there, I was fairly involved in co-curriculars, with band and stage crew being the most dominant. My academic work was about average, and most told me I was underperforming. But I liked it there and spent a lot of time at school with a variety of school activities. There was something I wanted to be a part of, and the brothers were those most involved in all these activities. I was impressed enough that as senior year came, I started thinking about being a brother so that I could do far future students what the brothers were doing for me and my classmates. We were a community of 1,700 very different boys with, to me, very different interests, abilities and backgrounds, but we were a family who was working toward the same overall goals – a good education with good experiences in an atmosphere that was caring, positive, affirming, challenging and enjoyable.

Today, we have names for that experience that the brothers just did naturally – creating a culture that was based on relationships with respect and understanding as core. But it no longer just happens because of how many brothers are there. The culture is created by a group of committed lay teachers and staff members that we call Holy Cross Educators.



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Brothers News

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Bible Bites by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

Birds

Of the many varied species within God’s creation birds appear to occupy a much admired place: their ability to soar capturing man’s imagination and envy, their relatively simple to exotic plumage dazzling the onlooker, their twitting chatter to melodious warbling delighting the ear, their simple accommodating style in adapting to their environment, and extraordinary eking out of existence in a harsh world

Birds demonstrate a contented and instinctive propensity to attribute their well-being to the provident care of a heavenly Father creator, God. “they neither use storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them.” (Luke 12:24). And with unwavering confidence “these look to you [God} to give them food in due time. ... when you give it to them they gather; when you open your hand they are filled.” (Ps 104: v. 27-28)

Perhaps, in the following anonymous poem “Why?”, the Birds’ relationship to God is especially well expressed;

Why?

Said the sparrow to the robin:

“I’d really like to know

What motivates these foolish mortals

As they rush around and worry so”

Said the robin to the sparrow,

“I think it must be

They have no heavenly Father

Such as cares for you and me.”

To the robin, perhaps it likely doesn’t seem so. We weak humans are distracted from the truth of our complete dependence on God for everything in our lives.

God, as scripture reminds us, is our Provident Father too: “Even the hairs of your head are counted. Not one of them can fall to the ground without your Father’s knowledge.” (Matthew 10;30).

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

The Big Picture

How does God see you? Is God most concerned about how many imperfections you have as you live this challenging life? Or does God see the wonderful person God has created and loves unconditionally, the unique person God has created?

Knowing who God is for us is so important when considering our spiritual life and also how we view ourselves. We are all sinners, but that is not the ultimate description of who we are nor the call that God has planned for each of us. We only have to become aware of the faults and sins of the Apostles. Jesus called his first followers and even used their imperfections to achieve God's purposes in the building up of the Church as when Thomas first denied the resurrection. We are a "pilgrim church" as Vatican II reminds us. We are not there yet, but we are on the road to the destination. We are led by many people who have shown us the way. This is the wonderful reality of the spiritual life. Even though the road is bumpy at times, our faith and hope will help us focus on what is really important in the arriving at our destination and our destiny.

As the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross states: We follow along the path others have travelled. We can walk each day in this faith and have the assurance that God will not let us face our perils alone. This is the big picture.

- Does your image of God affect how you view yourself?
- Are you able to see what God sees in you beyond your imperfections?
- Describe the big picture as you think about your life.

O God, help me grasp more fully your plan for my life.

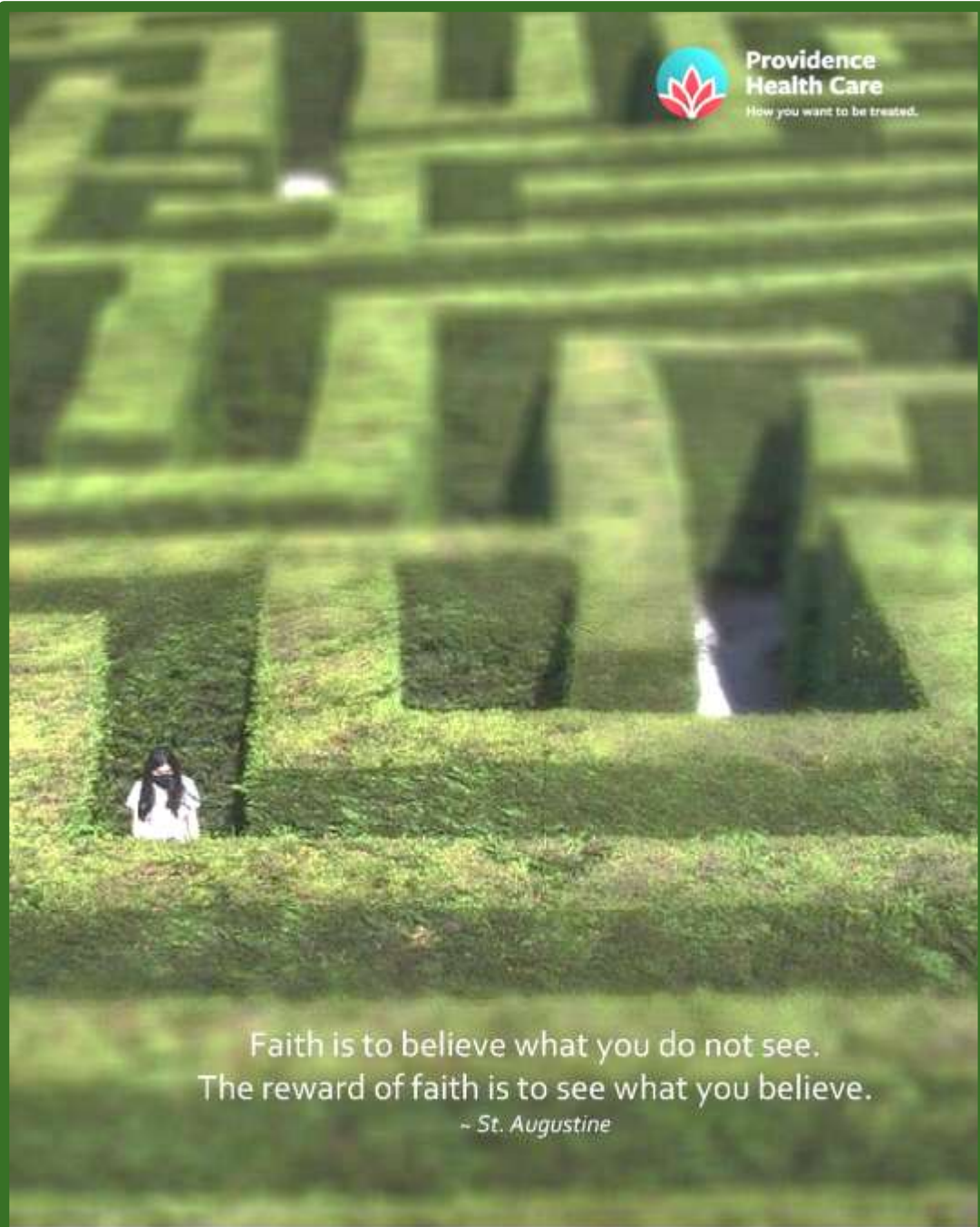
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Reflection sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



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Faith is to believe what you do not see.
The reward of faith is to see what you believe.
~ St. Augustine

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