

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## St. Vincent de Paul Society Donation

The Brothers at Columba Hall collected enough money to help clothe approximately 100 people through the 14th annual Eric's Promise Drive sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County. The drive is in memory of Eric Henry, who, just shy of his 18th birthday, was tragically killed in an automobile accident. Prior to his death, Eric had been preparing to donate many material possessions to the St. Vincent de Paul Society as a way to sacrifice for the Catholic season of Lent. Eric was unable to make the donation himself, but our community has been keeping that promise, Eric's Promise, every year since.

Anne Hosinski Watson, Executive Director, states that "we are able to meet the needs of the poor in St. Joseph County and provide them with resources to break the cycle of poverty. We gratefully accept your recent gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that we may continue our work."

**Brother Chris Dreyer**

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## Ghana and Ohio CSCs Celebrate St. Joseph



**(L-R in an arc) Aristide Biney, David Martin, Kenneth Goode, Joseph LeBon, Philip Smith, Charles Smith, Ed Libbers, Augustus Mensah, Dennis Bednarz, Robert Lavelle and James Spooner. Fr. John Blaszak at the altar.**



**Kenneth Goode, Aristide Biney and Augustus Mensah**



**(Standing) Fr. John Blaszak, (1st row B to F) David, Kenneth, James, Fr. Maurice D'souza, and Robert. (2nd row B to F) James Everett, Kenneth, Dennis. (3rd row B to F) Joseph, Charles Smith, and Ed. (4th row) Augustus.**



**Daniel Kane**

## Research Team Studies Brothers at Columba Hall



**Assistant Earl Bibbs, Nurse Irene Condon and Assistant Joanne Gorman.**

This week, a team of researchers from Rush University Medical Center in Chicago came to Columba Hall to survey and test a group of Brothers who agreed to participate in a scientific study called the “Religious Orders Study.” The study began in 1993 and uses information gathered from more than 1100 older religious (nuns, brothers, priests) who have agreed to participate in medical and psychological evaluations each year and to donate their brain after death.

The study looks at what changes in the brain are responsible for memory and movement problems. It also looks at what transition from the normal brain and physiological performance might lead to mild cognitive impairment (*e.g.* memory loss) and/or early signs of Alzheimer’s disease.

Over a thousand nuns, brothers, and priests in 31 different religious communities and congregations are participating in this nation-wide study within New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans, the Greater Chicago area, other cities in the Midwest, San Antonio, and Los Altos, California.



**(R) Brother Lawrence Stewart**

Brother Roy and Lawrence joined the Religious Orders Study in 2008 and have been the only Congregation of Holy Cross people participating until this week. Roy had learned about the Study when he was attending a conference and a joint meeting with the National Black Sisters Conference.

An invitation was made so that the medical leader (Dr. David Bennett) of the Religious Orders Study gave a presentation at Columba Hall this



**(L) Brother Roy Smith**

winter in hopes of recruiting more Brothers for the study. Ten new volunteers signed up to begin participating. Each volunteer agreed to an annual clinical evaluation and also brain donation after death and signed a consent form and an Anatomical Gift Act.

This week the research team spent more than 2 days with us at Columba Hall to conduct about 3 hours of tests on each participant. The team's first visit with a volunteer is to collect [1] physiological

data: (e.g., height, weight, blood pressure, reflex responses, dexterity, walking gait, blood, balance tests, etc.) and [2] mental and psychological data by using a battery of 21 different tests involving memory and cognition. The results provide a "baseline" of the individual's first performance on the tests. Then annual visits by the research team re-test the person to compare the volunteer's status with the baseline performance.

A benefit of the study is that we subjects don't have to travel each year to be re-tested. The Rush University Medical Center's research team travels to us. *If any other brother or religious needs more information or is interested in joining the Study, just contact Br Roy Smith or me.*

**Brother Lawrence Stewart**

## Evansville Native Continues Long Ministry in Africa

**BY MAUREEN SHEPHERD**

Special to *The Message*

Holy Cross Brother Tom Dillman, 88, an Evansville native who has been a member of the order since 1951, has served more than 46 years as a missionary in the African countries of Liberia and Ghana. He grew up in St. Joseph Parish in Evansville and is a 1945 graduate of Reitz Memorial High School.



Brother Tom currently is enjoying a three-month vacation in Evansville. During this visit, he will re-stock for the next two years in Ghana and raise funds for his ministry to the poor. His path reflects his vows of poverty, chastity and obedience — as well as his determination, adaptability, and perseverance. Following is a Q&A with Brother Tom.

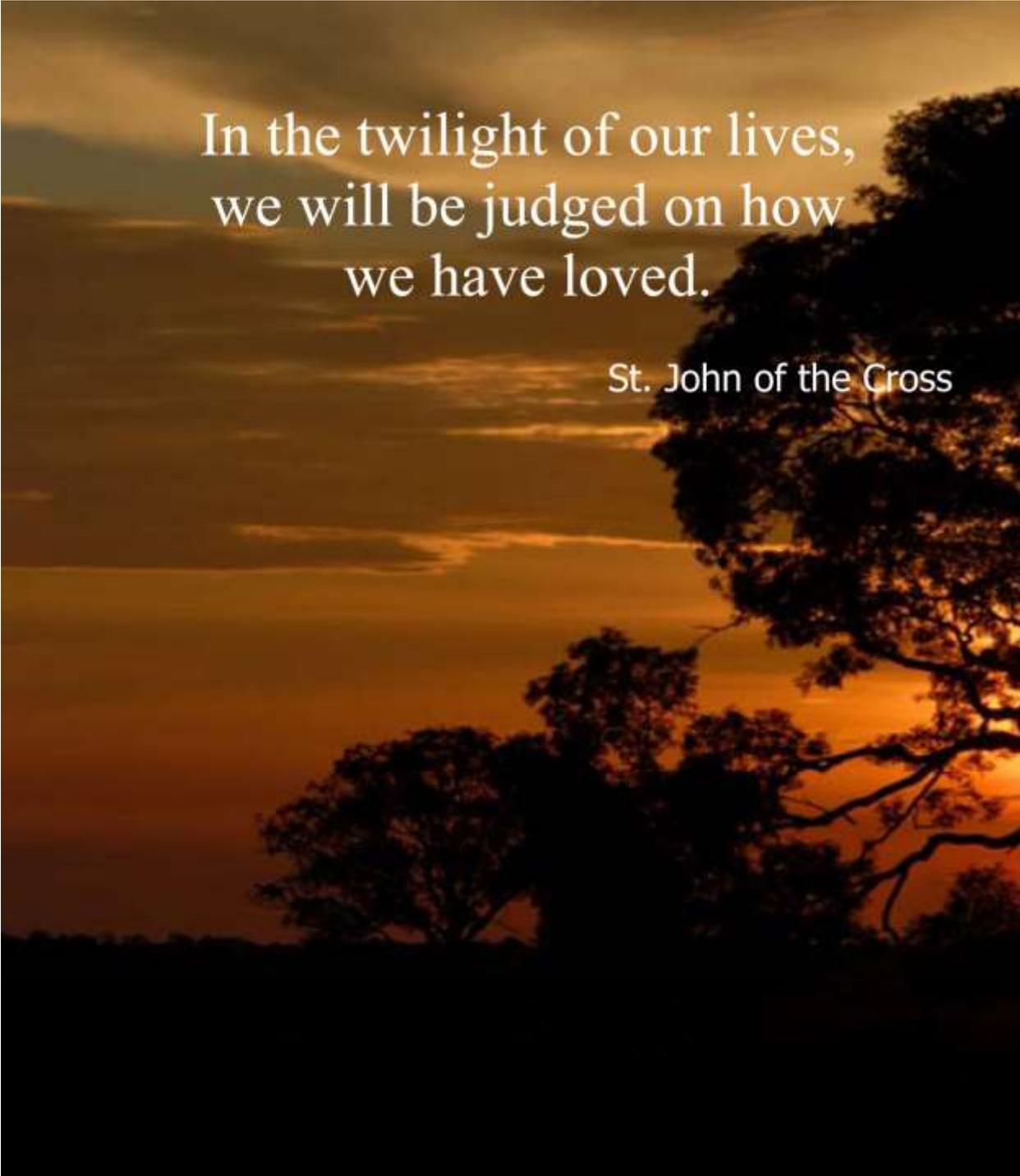
### **How did you become a missionary?**

I answered the call to become a Brother of Holy Cross at age 22 while attending college in an engineering co-op program. After graduation, I taught at Holy Cross high schools in Indiana and Ohio for 16 years. It was a vocation I enjoyed. In 1969 my superior asked me to go to Liberia, something I had never-considered, but this seemed to be God's will for me. ...

To read the entire article, click on the following link:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/bhc/wp-content/uploads/Dillman-1.pdf>

## Reflection



In the twilight of our lives,  
we will be judged on how  
we have loved.

St. John of the Cross

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# Holy Trinity – B-Stem Program



## What is B-STEM?

B-STEM is the combination of business curriculum with science, engineering, math and technology (STEM) curriculum. The B-STEM program at Holy Trinity is a four-year honors-level program. Students who successfully complete the program will receive a special honors diploma. Admission to the program is by invitation and is based on performance on the High School Placement Test as well as elementary school performance and recommendations. Students should be qualified for the honors track upon admission.

## Why B-STEM?

Traditional STEM gives students advanced skills in science, technology, engineering and math. B-STEM takes those skills and combines them with the business skills that students will need for advanced degrees and real world application.

The goal of the program is to prepare students to succeed in Business and STEM majors in college and to give students the skills needed for successful professional careers:

**Critical thinking** – the ability to define questions and problems, design investigations to gather and organize data, generate and evaluate alternatives, and implement solutions

**Financial literacy** – the ability to understand how money works in the world and concepts of costs, profitability, financing, and return on investment

**Communication** – the ability to articulate thoughts, ideas, and reasoning clearly and appropriately, to a wide audience

**Self-reliance** – the ability to use personal initiative and self-motivation to set agendas, develop and gain self-confidence, work within specified time frames, and follow a project through to completion

**Collaboration** – the ability to work with others to achieve a common goal

**Creative problem solving** – the ability to use imagination and innovation, think in divergent directions, and develop novel approaches to the conception of ideas and solutions

## B-STEM Educational Opportunities



The B in B-STEM will engage students in the fundamentals of business. Students will apply their communication, collaboration, financial literacy and decision making skills while learning to become strong leaders and project managers. Starting freshman year, students will participate in competitions like the Microsoft World Series of Innovation. During their sophomore and junior years, students collaborate with organizations like Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship and Future founders to develop entrepreneurial skills. By their senior year, students have a variety of curriculum options that include, but are not limited to, robotics, economics, and a capstone entrepreneurial course.

B-STEM students have exciting summer opportunities for enhanced learning. Summer opportunities allow students to explore things they cannot do during the regular school year. This includes a wide variety of opportunities, such as:

- Travel
- Illinois Institute of Technology Boeing programs
- Internships at corporations such as Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase, E.On, and various law firms and nonprofit organizations
- Fermilab internships
- Service programs
- University summer programs like Summer Discovery at the University of Michigan and NFTE Starters Biz Camp at University of Illinois - Chicago.



The program incorporates project-based learning and real-world problem solving opportunities related to business and entrepreneurship, as well as math and science. B-STEM students have the opportunity to become members of prestigious academic and professional societies like the National Business Honor Society and Business Professionals of America (BPA).

## Learn more!

Please contact Holy Trinity High School Assistant Principal Pat Kelly at [pkelly@holytrinity-hs.org](mailto:pkelly@holytrinity-hs.org) or (773) 278-4212 with questions or for more information about the B-STEM program.



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## Lenten Lecture Series – 2016

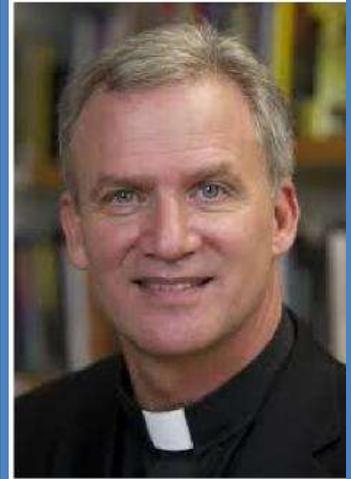
Wednesday Evenings: 7-8 PM  
Geenan Hall

March 16

Father Dan Groody, CSC

“Migration Year of Mercy and Pope Francis”

Daniel Groody has built his reputation in the area of immigration and international migration over the past 20 years. In doing so, he has had the opportunity to speak at universities around the world while still teaching courses in theology at the University of Notre Dame. He has also been recognized for his professional experience and fellowships and is an award winning author and film producer.



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### Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church



In preparation for the summer gathering, you may wish to read this Vatican document. Either click on the link below or copy and paste it in the URL address box.

[http://www.cmsm.org/documents/Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church.pdf](http://www.cmsm.org/documents/Identity_and_Mission_of_the_Religious_Brother_in_the_Church.pdf)

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