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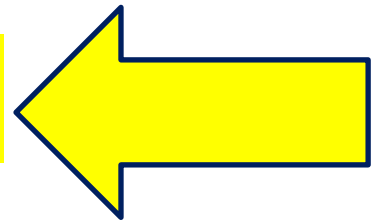
Columba Hall Celebrated July 13, 2019 -Saturday

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**Br. Richard
Huber, C.S.C.**

<http://brothersofholycross.com/huber/>



Celebrating Br. Richard Huber, C.S.C. Tribute by Br. Philip Smith, C.S.C.

Included among the 30-some pilgrims traveling to the tomb of St. Thomas Becket in Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, are two blood brothers--a farmer and a parish priest. Chaucer has nothing disparaging to say about either of them. And reading his descriptions of both, one can only conclude that they were humble and holy men. Here is what Chaucer says about the farmer. "A true worker was he, living in peace and charity. / He loved God most and that with all his heart / whether it was easy or hard, / and next his neighbor, even as himself." This is a fine characterization of Brother Richard Huber.

Over his 70 years as a Brother of Holy Cross, Brother Richard was assigned to only three places. For eleven years, he worked at Silver Lake Farm, where lots of novice brothers lived and worked. This is where I first met Richard almost 55 years ago. He was the brother that the city boys did not want to be assigned to because of the pace of his work and, sometimes, what one was asked to do. He never just walked from place to place; he ran or trotted or hopped. Saying little, he taught by this example: there is work to be done, and by all that dwells in the Heavens, that work will be accomplished!

I recall the time that Richard had killed a cow, and I was assigned to assist him with the carcass. This work usually fell to another professed brother, yet I was the boy this time. A true city boy, I had never seen such a thing nor been a part of the slaughter of anything larger than a fly. We got the beast to the slaughterhouse, and Richard, with the precision of a surgeon, opened it from the "nave to the chops" and the interior offal fell out. At that point, I do not recall a lot as I passed out. For Richard, just another day at work; for this novice, a request to the Novice Master to be assigned to anything other than the cow barn.

Brother Richard also worked at St. Joseph Farm in Granger for nearly 25 years doing what farmers and plowmen do—grow crops, harvest them, and raise live stock to feed the people. The farmers were monastic in those days as they punctuated each day with prayer and labor —*ora et labora!* While Richard recuperated from a tragic accident that ended his farming career, he was struck almost completely blind for three months. He had enough vision, however, to begin making rosaries and spreading its devotion. One day while in church, his sight returned. Brother Richard believes that Our Lady not only spared his life but allowed the return of his sight so that he might spread devotion to her.

Since 1995, Richard has lived at Columba Hall, doing whatever he has been asked to do and looking for opportunities to contribute to this community. Although the pace of his work has slowed, he has not slowed in his desire to be of service from collecting dirty dishes to washing them. He is just another of our many brothers who has the competence to see where he can contribute and, then, the courage to act upon that insight. He is a true son of Blessed Basil Moreau as he continues to be ever-zealous for the mission. Thank you, Brother Richard Huber, for 70 years of devotion to Holy Cross.

Steel Drum

David (student living at Columba Hall) playing a Russian Tongue Hand Pan/RAV Vast.



An example of the sound of this drum can be found on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFNd1In5-xE>

David is playing with sticks.

Columba Hall Gets Defibrillator



Wall outside Columba Hall dining room entrance.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training
An AED is used to resuscitate someone if s/he is unconscious, not breathing and/or having a heart attack.

The training will take place at **10:00 Tuesday, July 9th, in the dining room.**

It will last less than one half hour.

All are welcome to attend.

Original Notice



Dave Hughes is the company trainer. The Columba Hall dining room was used as the training center

From the *Voice of Moreau Website*

The website features a Holy Cross sister, a brother, and a priest, with a weekly story on the blog. Check the following link below. Midwest-Midweek will post links to these members as they become available.



Website: <http://www.voiceofmoreau.org/>

Weekly Pick: [Cardinal O'Hara, Mother Mary of the Seven Dolours, Bro. Ephrem](#)

Reflection





Cartoon
by
Brother
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CSC



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