

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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October 18, 2023

Prayer of Blessed John Newman

Dear Jesus,

help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go.

Feed my soul with your spirit and life,

Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly
that my life may only be a radiance of yours.

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I
come in contact with
may feel your presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me, but only
you, Jesus!

Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as
you shine,
so to shine as to be a light to others.

The light, O Jesus, will be all from you; none of it
will be mine.

It will be you, shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise you in the way you love best,
by shining on those around me.

Let me preach you without preaching,
not by words but by example,
by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of
what I do, the evident fullness of the love
my heart bears for you.

Amen.

In Remembrance of Brother Roger, C.S.C.



The funeral Mass and eulogy for Brother Roger Paul Berg, C.S.C. may be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2arIhSVzm8>

(Note: The video and its sound track are at times out of sync.)



Before Worship in Honduras

The Donas are nested in their pews—
third row, on the right.
Their inspection is complete.
A small child scurries to mama
as young men lounge near the front door
looking at the pretty acolytes—
girls in red cassocks, white surplices,
more demure than the short black
skirts beneath their robes.
The boys are suave in the shade
near the jacarandas,
but lose their confidence
within the church.
The guitar has yet to play—
No hymns yet lifted.
The air is humid, limp before
the songs of praise arise.
The priest adjusts his stole,
restless in this moment
before the mystery
of the encuentros con Dios.

“If I take my flight to the frontiers of the morning
or dwell in the limit of the western sea,
even there thy hand will meet me.” (*Psalm 139,*
Verse 9)

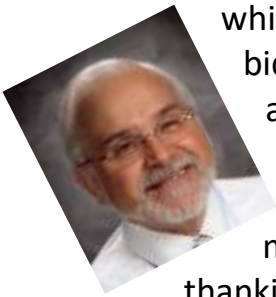
—**Francis C. Gray**
Holy Cross Village



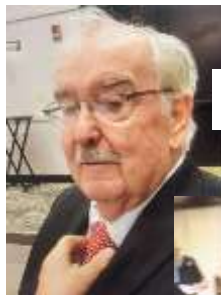
Brother Raymond Honored for Leadership at Annual Event

On the evening of October 6, **Brother Raymond Papenfuss** was honored by the Luvability Ministries of South Bend at its annual dinner in the Gillespie Center of the Inn at St. Mary's. For twenty years Brother Raymond has volunteered with the ministry, and it is for this that he is now being honored. After a dinner of pasta, chicken, and numerous desserts, the banquet hall of Luvability's workers and donors was entertained by songs sung by the group's president and his sister. Then followed the silent auction, at

which time dozens of contributed items were bid on, including half a dozen beautiful afghans crocheted by **Brother Philip Smith**. The plaque that Brother Raymond received in recognition of his many years of service is the group's way of thanking him for all he has done over the years.



**Br. Raymond
Receiving Award**



Br. John



Br. Roy



Br. Chet

Brothers in attendance



**Br. Raymond
Speaking to Group**

Papua New Guinea




After the closing of the Canonical Visit to the Midwest Province at Columba Hall by Father Emmanuel Kallarackal, C.S.C., and Brother Prodiplacid Gomes, C.S.C., Emmanuel presented a slide show of a Holy Cross Congregational visit to our future new mission in Papua New Guinea.




Papua New Guinea

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

Website
<https://brothercolumba.com/>



Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.
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Writings for the Journey

Tell Me a Story

When we think about our life and who we are, it probably will not come to us in abstract ideas. Rather weighing into the meaning and purpose of our lives might come by telling our story.

A story usually has a beginning, a middle, and an end. It usually contains a description of a setting, where it takes place, and the circumstances around which the story can begin. After describing some normal events, it might evolve into an unexpected occurrence that manifests itself as an obstacle that needs to be dealt with. It is the accepting or overcoming of this obstacle that says something about who we are and who we are meant to be. The story ends with a satisfying conclusion.

Jesus came into our world as one of us. He proclaimed the Kingdom of God. Some were able to trust him and accept his message. Others rejected his claim to such an extent that led to his horrible death. But this obstacle was overcome by the resurrection which brought new life to his followers. This fantastic story captivates the hearts of countless people as it has been told and celebrated over the centuries.

- What story can you tell that says a lot about you?
- Can you relate to Jesus' story as it is played out in your life?
- How does your story give you a glimpse into who you are and who you are meant to be?

O God, give me insight into my identity as I tell the stories of my life in Christ.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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What They Said About Jesus

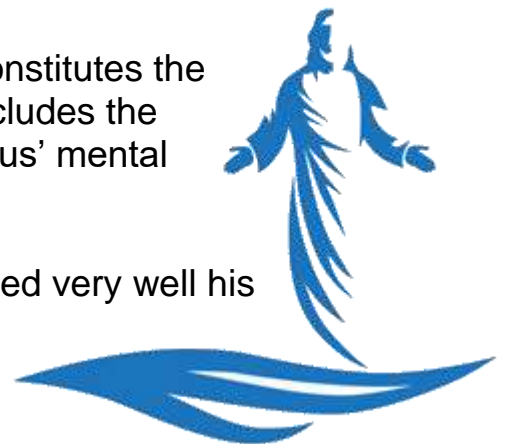
Perhaps one of the less known but more startling accounts about Jesus is found in chapter 3, verse 21, of St. Mark's Gospel. "When his [Jesus'] relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.'"

The "this" they heard was about the news that Jesus had just returned from what they might have considered a flurry of ministerial activities, including preaching, healing, exorcisms, and extraordinary incidents, like walking-on-water. As usual, large crowds followed him wherever he went. Afterwards, when he came home, he was joined by his family (identified as "his brothers and sisters") 3:32.

What the family said about Jesus' mental condition is, of course, erroneous, more than likely a hasty judgement prompted by their genuinely fraternal concern for Jesus and that the possible stress of all of this activity might have affected his psychological well-being. Even today it is not uncommon to hear a remark about the possible effect of overwork, as ". . . he'll drive himself crazy!" Such an explanation might well have been Mark's purpose in providing his account.

The very concept of the hypostatic union, which constitutes the manner by which the Incarnation came about, precludes the notion of the possibility of any unsoundness in Jesus' mental health.

Without any question or doubt, Jesus comprehended very well his mission and the kind of ministry to achieve it.





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

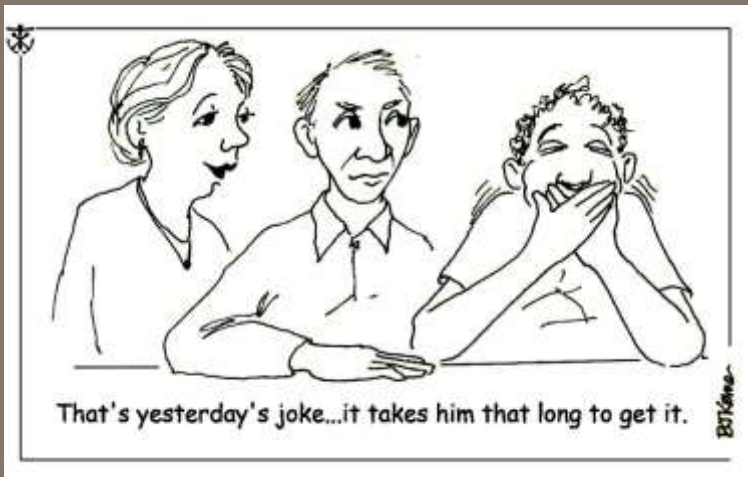


**Every word,
Every discussion,
Every story we share
facilitates change.**

~ Chief Dr. Robert Joseph

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Kane,
CSC



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