

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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January 13, 2010

## From the Chair of the Holy Cross College Board of Trustees



To the Holy Cross Community,

On behalf of the Holy Cross College Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure and honor to announce the selection of Brother John R. Paige, C.S.C., Ph.D., as the President Elect of Holy Cross College.



Mr. Jerry B. Love

We encourage the entire College community to offer their warmest welcome, congratulations, and loyal support to Br. John on succeeding Br. Richard Gilman, C.S.C., Ph.D., who will be retiring at the end of calendar 2010. It is with profound affection and incredible respect that we thank Br. Richard for the wisdom and vision he has provided to Holy Cross College for the past 17 years as president. Though we are losing a visionary and beloved leader, he has pledged his continued commitment to the college and his willingness to be of future service to the new president.

The transition will be an exciting time for the College. Br. John is sure to bring his own unique experiences and background to his leadership of the College.

Br. John's nomination by the search committee and election by the Board of Trustees resulted from an extensive and rigorous search process lead by a team that included trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and Holy Cross Brothers. All of us on the Board of Trustees believe that Br. John embodies the charisms of the Brothers and will lead the mission to transform lives by advancing the Gospel and building competent minds and compassionate hearts. He will strengthen the bond between all of us in our shared commitment to this mission.

During the interview process, Br. John spoke to many students, staff, and supporters of the College and witnessed firsthand the loyalty and passion our

community holds for this institution. He has expressed his intent to build on past successes, to strengthen the unique experience Holy Cross offers its students, and to continue to advance the College, seeking the highest level of excellence and prestige.

Br. John comes with seemingly unbounded energy to his new post after a long and highly accomplished career in education and in service to the Brothers of Holy Cross, as a member of the Eastern Province of Brothers. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Physics from the University of Notre Dame, a Master's degrees in Mathematics from Wesleyan University, a degree in Applied Theology from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, and was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Maryland at College Park.

In his distinguished career he has worn every "hat" you will find on a college campus—he has been a teacher, coach, athletic director, academic dean, principal, board member, president/CEO, and college professor, and is frequently involved as a workshop facilitator, speaker, and consultant on religious, educational, and school governance and accreditation issues. He also served the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States as Master of Novices.

He is a student of the education process and has authored a book about the experiences of the Congregation of Holy Cross educators during Uganda's brutal civil war: *Preserving Order Amid Chaos: The Survival of Schools in Uganda, 1971-1986*.

Currently, Br. John is completing a six-year term as Vicar General of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Rome. As Vicar and First General Assistant of the Congregation of Holy Cross, he directs and supervises the mission and ministry of the Holy Cross Fathers and Brothers worldwide.

We feel very grateful to have such an energetic, successful, and highly qualified leader to fill Br. Richard's shoes and continue to build on the College's rich but young history. Certainly, as Brother John accepts the reins for the College we may take great comfort in knowing it will be with wise, experienced, and loving hands, as we march forward in serving its Mission.

Sincerely,  
Jerry B. Love, C.P.A., C.F.P.,

## Br. John R. Paige C.S.C. Is Named 4<sup>th</sup> President of Holy Cross College



NOTRE DAME, IN, Brother John R. Paige, C.S.C., Ph.D., has been named the next President of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, Indiana. Since July 2004, Brother Paige has been serving a six-year term as Vicar General of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Rome. In his elected position, Brother Paige resides at the *Casa Generalizia di Santa Croce* in Rome, Italy. As Vicar and First General Assistant of the Congregation of Holy Cross, he directs and supervises the mission and ministry of the Holy Cross Fathers and Brothers worldwide. He will leave this post to take the helm at the college, assuming the Presidency in January 2011.

According to the Chairman of the Holy Cross College Board of Trustees, Jerry Love, C.P.A., C.F.P., “Few individuals could be as well prepared to lead our college. His experience has covered nearly every aspect of college life.”

Brother Paige has had a long and highly accomplished career in education as a teacher, coach, athletic director, academic dean, principal, Board member, president/CEO, and college professor, and is frequently involved as a workshop facilitator, speaker, and consultant on religious, educational, and school governance and accreditation issues. He has also served the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States as Master of Novices.

Brother Paige, a native of Albany, New York and a member of the Eastern Province of Brothers, earned the Bachelor’s degree in Physics from the University of Notre Dame, a Master’s degree in Mathematics from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, a degree in Applied Theology from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, and was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Maryland at College Park.

In his Doctoral work, Brother Paige’s dissertation research focused on educational institutional development in Uganda, East Africa, where he served as Visiting Professor of Social Science at the Philosophy Centre, Jinja, and Adjunct Professor on the Faculty of Education at Makerere University. He also wrote a book about the experiences of the Congregation of Holy Cross educators during Uganda’s

brutal civil war: *Preserving Order Amid Chaos: The Survival of Schools in Uganda, 1971-1986*. From 1999 to 2004, Brother Paige served at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, as Associate Professor and Dean of the School of Education, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (SEDL), the Board of Trustees of Stonehill College (Massachusetts), the Board of Governors of the Holy Cross Institute, a Commissioner-at-Large and President of the Texas Catholic Conference School Accreditation Commission, and as a Regional Associate of the National Catholic Educational Association Secondary Schools Department.

“We feel that Holy Cross College has been truly blessed to find a new president of the caliber and experience of Brother John Paige. He comes to us at a time of growth and progress on many fronts as well as many new challenges. We hope the entire community will join us in welcoming him and helping him continue to build a nationally respected Catholic liberal arts college here in Michiana,” Jerry Love stated.

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**Statement of Brother John R. Paige CSC, Ph.D.**  
President-Elect of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, Indiana  
January 20, 2010

The introductory remarks we heard by Holy Cross College Board Chairman Jerry Love emphasized the excitement of the college community on my appointment to succeed Brother Richard as president of the college, and the “great fit” that my appointment appears to be at this transitional time in the college’s history. His remarks



echo what the Brothers of Holy Cross of the Midwest Province have said to me over the past two years as they urged me to at least look at this opportunity for service in the mission of the Congregation here.

So I did come and look. I was greatly impressed by the work that has been accomplished in a few short years by the leadership, faculty and staff of Holy Cross to reposition this institution as primarily a four year Catholic liberal arts college. We are now offering an innovative experiential learning curriculum that builds on the fundamental



foundational college courses, while still retaining our original two-year “gateway” curriculum on a more limited basis. Based on what I saw, I asked permission of my superiors to apply, engaged in the rigorous search process, and was delighted to be recommended and now appointed as president.

In some ways, this is a homecoming for me. I was a student-resident in James Hall on this campus from its founding in 1966 to 1968, when I completed my undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame. In a life open to the perspective of faith, I began to see how my ministerial and educational experiences as a Holy Cross religious over the intervening forty-plus years may indeed have prepared me to meet the unique needs of the college and its community at this time.



I am particularly attracted by the commitment of the college to maintain a strong Catholic identity, while being open to all students. Our curriculum, which includes courses in Theology and Philosophy, the worship, retreat and service programs sponsored by Campus Ministry, and the demonstrable faith commitment of a significant number of our faculty, staff and students strongly positions us to prepare men and women for service to the church in the priesthood, religious life, and lay ministry.

The experiential learning components of our curriculum uniquely engage students in real world experiences that foster the ideals of Holy Cross: education of the heart as well as the mind. I have met our students in India, for example, and witnessed how enriching such a global, cross-cultural experience is, and how privileged they are to share with us in the ministry of our Holy Cross

Congregation throughout the world. The commitment of our faculty and staff to know every student personally, and the academic, internship and service learning components of the curriculum, help each student to examine their goals, skills, personality and faith. These elements form and sustain a learning community of adults which is the ideal of a liberal education, and help students discern their calling and work in life. Such an environment holds a great attraction for me as a life-long Holy Cross “educator in the faith.”



Realtors often quote the phrase: “location, location, location.” Our presence here among the oldest higher education institutions of the Holy Cross tradition—The University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College—affords us as the youngest of these sister institutions the opportunity to be the innovative youngster of the family, meeting the particular needs of our contemporary students, while enjoying the love, support and shared opportunities of our Holy Cross educational family. This unique collaboration is mutually beneficial to each institution, and a collaboration that I wish to maintain and enhance. Furthermore, our location contiguous to the Holy Cross Village complex presents a marvelous opportunity to develop innovative, inter-generational educational and personal connections between the resident elders of the Village and the student population of the College. I plan to reside on this Village-College campus to help foster connections between these two vibrant ministries of the Holy Cross Brothers.



Finally, I discovered during the search interviews and visits here that the very important work of administration and restructuring essential to repositioning the college as a four-year institution has been underway these past years. Significant

facilities expansion, required accreditation certification, expanded student programs and services, strategic faculty hiring to initiate the four-year curriculum, reorganization of internal management systems, and comprehensive strategic planning have been accomplished and/or are underway. I commend Brother Richard, the Board of Trustees, and the current college administration for their diligent work.

There are, of course, considerable needs yet to be met. The current economic environment is challenging, to say the least, and particularly so for smaller private institutions of higher education. The college has very little endowment and so is dependent on tuition revenues and sensitive to market shifts. We have limited fund-raising experience and a limited alumni/ae base. We need to create a stronger identity as a four-year liberal arts college, and hence enhanced marketing and enrollment management initiatives are immediately crucial. While I have had experience dealing with such challenges before, I am most encouraged by the passion, loyalty, support and involvement of those whom I have met in the Michiana area who love and believe in the mission of Holy Cross College, and on whom I believe I can count for support and assistance.

Holy Cross College is a ministry of the Brothers of Holy Cross, and a legacy of the ministry of the first Holy Cross religious who came to Indiana in 1841. I am confident that our holy founder, Blessed Father Basil Anthony Moreau CSC whose liturgical feast day is celebrated today, and our confrere Blessed Brother André Bessette CSC, the Apostle of St. Joseph—patron of our campus church—will strengthen our faith, and inspire us and others to meet today’s challenges for the glory of God and the sanctification of God’s People, especially the present and future young people of Holy Cross College.



## History of Holy Cross in Haiti

The Congregation of Holy Cross has been in Haïti since 1944. We began in Haïti at Collège Notre-Dame in Cap Haïtien. In Port-au-Prince we currently have Ensemble Scolaire Basile Moreau, our house of formation for philosophy and theology, the provincial house and a residence. We also have parishes in the area. As of now we know that in Port-au-Prince, the high school building at Ensemble Scolaire Basile Moreau has collapsed. Also there has been massive damage to the provincial house and some damage at the house of formation. As of the last report from Haïti there is one scholastic missing. We expect that the damage reports will continue to be worse as the aftershocks continue. We will continue to update you.

Many of the religious of Holy Cross want to know how to respond to this crisis. We would suggest the following steps:

1. All religious houses and individual religious should pray for the people of Haiti and especially for the religious of Haïti.
2. All of the Provinces, Vicariates, and Districts and all of the apostolates and works within the Provinces, Vicariates and Districts should collect and send monetary resources for the aid of Haïti.
3. The monies should be sent to Holy Cross Mission Center, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556 USA attn: Rev. James King C.S.C. and to Rev. Jean-Pierre Aumont C.S.C., Provincial, 4901 rue du Piedmont, Montréal, QC Canada H3V 1E3
4. All of these monies will be sent to the Province of Haïti, when it is possible and appropriate to do so. There will be no administrative charges and all of the monies will be used for the emergency in Haïti.

We know that all of the religious in Holy Cross are concerned about Haïti. They are currently 49 finally professed members in this province together with 25 temporary professed, 5 novices and 6 postulants. The Ensemble Scolaire Basile Moreau with several hundreds students is both a grade school and High School which was begun in 1989 to serve the poor in Port-au-Prince. We will continue to keep you informed as to the situation.

On January 20, 2010 we celebrate the feast of Blessed Basile Moreau. It is appropriate at this time that we ask the intercession of our founder for the people of Haïti and that we begin collecting funds to aid the people who are

suffering and to begin the rebuilding of the structures of Holy Cross in Port-au-Prince.

Fraternally yours in Holy Cross,

Bro. Joseph Tsiquaye, CSC  
Rev. Mario Lachapelle, CSC  
Rev. Carl F. Ebey, C.S.C.  
Rev. Paul LeBlanc, C.S.C.  
Bro. Edward Dailey, C.S.C.  
Sr. Micheline Tremblay, C.S.C.

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### Holy Cross Programs in Haiti (Holy Cross Associates Indiana Province)

Click link to view the HCA Website:

<http://www.nd.edu/~hcahaiti/index.htm>

Click link below to view Notre Dame Haiti Website:

The University of Notre Dame Program in Haiti: <http://haiti.nd.edu/>

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### Brothers From Columba Hall Assist Holy Cross in Haiti

The 37 religious who live at Columba Hall this past week donated \$435 to the Holy Cross relief effort in Haiti. All Holy Cross religious worldwide have been encouraged to contribute to the Holy Cross relief efforts in Haiti.

## St. Edward High School Raises Haiti Funds

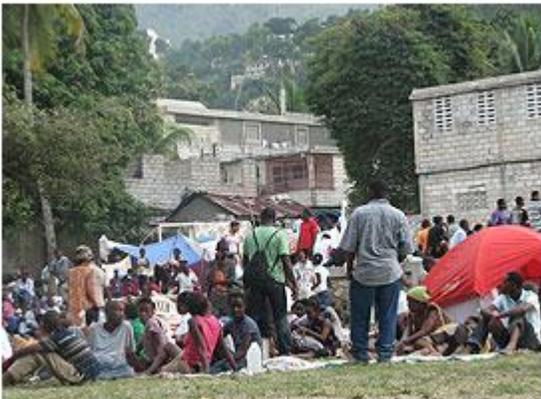
Here is a video from Fox 8 Cleveland about St. Edward students collecting funds for Basil Moreau HS in Haiti at the Ed's-Iggy basketball game.

I just shared a video with you from <http://www.fox8.com>

Here is the Link: <http://www.fox8.com/videobeta/watch/?watch=fbb7a1a1-f2b9-49ef-9508-7959877c6929&src=front>

Brother Dennis Bednarz

Pictures of Holy Cross in Haiti from Fr. Eric Jasmin, C.S.C.





## Holy Cross Village Encourages Lifelong Learning

View link to Catholic Health World article at this link:

<http://www.brothersofholycross/MIDMID/CHWorld20Jan2010.pdf>

## A New Beginning at SMCC

Touring the newly completed renovations at St. Mary Catholic Central High School, Brother Robert Livernois could not help but have a smile on his face.

"It's nice to see the dream come true," said the man who had served as the school's principal for seven years, beginning in 1992. "We first started making plans in 1993 with the locker rooms. It's come a long way."

To see the entire story, click on the following Link:

<http://www.monroenews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100118/NEWS01/701189983/-1/NEWS>

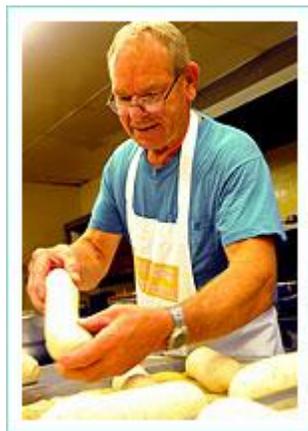


## Village Trees Get Trimmed

On Monday, January 18, the Super Tree Company of Niles, Michigan, trimmed the trees near Riverside Place and along highway 933 in Holy Cross Village. It had been several years since those trees were trimmed. The pictures were taken from the third floor of Riverside Place.



## Brother James' Dinner to Benefit Renovation at Parish



Brother James Blaszak will serve his famous chicken dinner at Sacred Heart Parish in LaPorte, Indiana, where he is pastoral administrator on Saturday, February 13. The dinner will be \$12.00 per person for adults and will be served from 5-8 p.m. in the parish hall at Bach and Niesen Streets in LaPorte. The dinner will include chicken, pork chops, sausage and kraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread & butter, cake, iced tea, lemonade or coffee. All proceeds will go to the Capital Stewardship Campaign, in support of the new parish activities center.

## From the Justice and Peace Commission

Brother Roger Berg has joined the Commission.

Since the early 1970s when the Commission first started till now, much has transpired. In the early days there was a need for Community education even beyond our own province. Today much of that has changed and many of our ministries are good examples of social justice work and especially social ministry work. Often we do not know what is going on in these areas even in our own ministries. The Commission at this time does not feel that there is a need to push any particular project, but wants to let the Province know what is going on. Such information will follow.

### **ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**Knights of Unity** is a cultural awareness association which attempts to bring people together in a special way to honor and protect, cherish and celebrate the diverse and multicultural beauty which is God's gift to the human family. These students seek to nurture cultural, racial, religious and social appreciation for all.



**Knights for Life** is committed to promoting the sanctity of life, following a consistent ethic of life and to educate the Hoban community about the harmful effects of abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, torture and unjust wars on both the individual and society. Their primary focus is to promote and support life-giving alternatives that are spiritually and emotionally healthy. The group promotes prayer and fasting in support of the Forty Days for Life Campaign. Knights for Life participated in the Youth Rally for Life in Cleveland and on the same day other students made the DC March for Life.

The **Peace & Justice Club's** mission is to involve themselves actively in facilitating peace locally as well as internationally. They are committed to educating Hoban on social justice issues through various activities. They work to build awareness regarding the relationship between social justice and fair trade. A new program focuses on feeding Akron's homeless by weekly preparing food to take to feeding locations in Akron. Students in the program have interchange with those living on the streets. To find out more about this Project Hope, Google Hoban High School, then Students, then under Faith in Action and under Peace &

Justice Club you'll find Project Hope which will provide a link where you can read student and teacher blogs on the project – very interesting.

Hoban has **National Coalition Building Institute Prejudice Reduction Workshops** scheduled throughout the year.

**Mission Experiences** are encouraged and available, such as Glenmary Farm, a retreat like immersion experience to perform Christian service for the Appalachian poor. There are also immersion and ministry sharing trips to Mexico and a possible educational trip to Holy Cross in Ghana or Canada.

Another activity is participating in a **Justice Akron Ministry** service project while students build community with one another and grow in their faith. Last summer a group of students painted the school cafeteria at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago.

Hoban also has a **Canned Food Drive** conducted around the Thanksgiving season. In 2009 a total of 36,222 cans were collected. In the **Adopt-a-Family** program, each 3<sup>rd</sup> Period class is asked to adopt a single parent, two child family transitioning from homelessness. The class is to provide Christmas gifts and basic necessities needed throughout the year. Also at Christmas, students collect mittens, gloves and hats to provide warmth for children who might not be able to afford them. The students also raise funds in support of Holy Cross schools in Bangladesh.

**Christian Service Hours** program allows students to witness and participate in the building of Christ's kingdom. This is a graduation requirement in the Religious Studies curriculum. Freshmen are required to serve 10 hours. The hours increase every year up to 30 hours for seniors.

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