

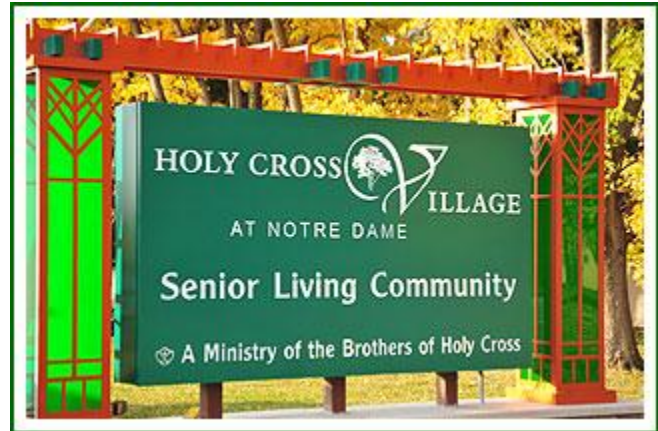
MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Justice & Peace Commission

We continue with our report of justice and peace and social ministry activities going on at various ministries connected with the Brothers of Holy Cross, Midwest. This report focuses on Holy Cross Village.



Holy Cross Village residents, brothers and lay, are involved in a number of volunteer programs both on campus and off campus. On-campus volunteers help with resident activities in the Quinn Memory Care Center and/or Dujarie House. A “wheel chair brigade” takes residents outdoors in order to enjoy the fresh air and see what’s going on around the campus. Others help with pushing wheel chairs to the chapel or from the chapel to the dining room. Volunteers also help feed patients in the dining room. Another group has volunteered to pray and keep vigil with those who are dying or near death and help to provide consolation to family members of the bereaved. A group has taken training and has become involved in providing respite care to other members of the Village when the primary care-giver/spouse needs to do shopping or keep other appointments. Residents serve as lectors and Eucharistic ministers regularly and take Communion to sick or homebound in the community. There is a 20-voice choir which provides music for special occasions. The “Free Wheelers” provide drop-off or pick-up at the airport or for occasional doctor’s visits.

Off-campus activities include volunteering at St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Catholic Worker House, prison ministry and Dismas House (a transitional housing program), St. Augustine Soup Kitchen, Little Flower Food Bank, and the Sister Maura Brannick Health Center. Village residents and staff have participated in the yearly Alzheimer’s Walk and the LaSalle Neighborhood Project which

involves cleanup or painting houses of the poor or elders. They have also raised funds and provided donations for an overnight drop-in center for teenagers, Sister Maura's Food Bank, the Little Flower Food Pantry. A number of residents have taught courses for seniors at Forever Learning Institute.

All of this volunteerism, especially to other members of the Village, fits in with one of the original goals of the Village--for residents to be neighbors to one another.

Some residents are also more involved in social justice issues such as working to promote foster parenting in that there are 500,000 or so unwanted children who need foster parents for them to get out of state run institutional systems. Another issue of interest is that of pro-life, meaning abolishing abortion, protecting those dying from being euthanized, helping mothers through pregnancy centers to have their children and helping those involved in abortions to deal with the aftermath and to reconcile with God and themselves. Abolishing the death penalty is another issue of concern.

Registration - Guardians of Hope Dinner

If you have ever ministered at Holy Trinity High School and are interested in attending this celebration on Friday, March 12 please notify Br. Chester Freel of your intention. The Province is planning to purchase a "Brother Sponsored Table" and he is now collecting names to fill those seats. Please contact Brother Chester by Thursday, February 18th to RSVP.



2010 Annual Lenten Lecture Series

Sponsored by the Brothers of Holy Cross and Holy Cross Village
Andre Place Great Room - Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame
Each Wednesday of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

The annual Lenten series at Holy Cross Village will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Below are listed the weekly speakers and topics for the Lenten Lecture Series.

February 17

Br. Raymond Papenfuss, CSC Does God Need Us?

February 24

Dr. Margaret Pfeil, Ph.D. Dorothy Day and the Works of Mercy

March 3

Br. Carlos Parilla, CSC Welcoming the Stranger

March 10

Rev. William Simmons, CSC Daily Transformation

March 17

Rev. Daniel Groody, CSC *Crossing the Divide: Theological Reflections on Migration*

March 24

Sr. Mary Turgi, CSC Eco-Crisis: Peril and Promise

Holy Cross in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida

During my recent trip to St. Jerome Parish in Largo, Florida (lower pictures) I was able to dine with two priests of the Holy Cross Eastern Province. My host in Florida was Fr. Bob Wiseman who has served at St. Jerome for some three years. Before that he was at a Holy Cross parish, St. John the Evangelist, in Viera, Florida. Pictured above are Fathers Bob Wiseman, left, and Father Tom Shea, right, who has been at Nativity Parish in Brandon, Florida, a suburb of Tampa since November. Both priests are pictured looking at the sanctuary of Nativity church which has some 5,000 families served by four priests. Father Shea served

in Peru for 42 year along Brother John Benesh of the Midwest Province. St. Jerome Parish is currently involved in a million dollar landscaping project which included the removal of the original church building. There are currently 5 Holy Cross priests working in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida.

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