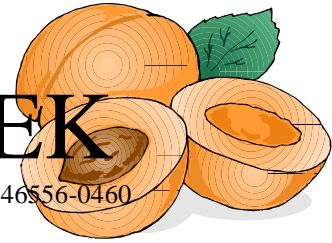


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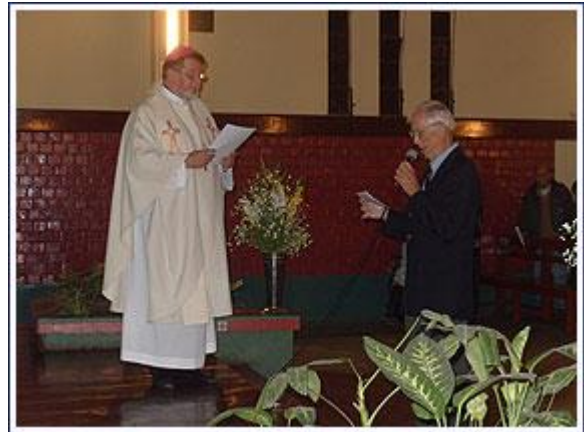
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Community in Peru Celebrates Br. John Benesh's 60 Jubilee

When **Brother John Benesh** returned to Peru after a two-month visit in the United States from Peru, which included the celebration of his 60 years of religious profession at Notre Dame, he learned that the District of Peru had scheduled another celebration.

The celebration took place on Thursday, August 12, in the San Francisco Chapel of the parish. The Bishop of the Diocese of Chosica, Very Rev. Norberto Strottman, MSC, presided at a Mass assisted by eight Holy Cross priests in the District and attended by Holy Cross Sisters from both Congregations, Sisters and Brothers from other congregations, teachers from the Fe y Alegria Number 25 School, and many other friends from the parish. Brother John's renewal of vows took place after the homily.

Bishop Strottman said, "Brother John, we are here with you today in order to give thanks to the Lord. Sixty years ago you pronounced your vows of Religious Profession through which you committed yourself to a life of intimacy with God, dependence on God and a giving of yourself to the will of God."



Brother John responded: “I give thanks, Father, for your wisdom and your love. You called me to participate in the Mission of your Son Jesus in the apostolic religious life in the Congregation of Holy Cross.” Following this Brother John once again renewed his vows

At the conclusion of the Mass, Brother John thanked all who had arranged and participated in the celebration and also thanked a member of the Congregation who was not present, **Father Thomas Shea, CSC**. Fr. Shea is now ministering in a parish in Florida after having spent most of his religious life in Peru, and he was the person who, twenty-six years ago, invited Brother John to visit Peru and to consider being part of the mission of the Congregation there.

After the Mass many of those present moved to the nearby parish hall for an informal celebration. A light meal was served and gifts were presented. It was an enjoyable evening.

Brother John Benesh

Blessing of Dujarie House ‘West Wing’

On Monday, August 30, administrators, nurses, patients and residents of Holy Cross Village gathered for the blessing of the “West Wing” of Dujarie House which has undergone improvements the past eight-weeks. Cost of the improvements was \$125,000. The wing now has three two-bed rooms and one single room. The entire area is carpeted and two new bathrooms have been added. Now there is a private shower for each room. Renovations also included the laundry and a new office for the head nurses. Other sections of Dujarie House are undergoing new painting, carpeting and furniture in the common areas. Now Schubert Villa and Dujarie House look new.

Go to the following link for pictures:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/DujarieNewWingAug2010/DujarieNewWingAug2010.htm>



Plaza Poured in St. Joseph Cemetery

This past Thursday and Friday workers poured the concrete plaza in St. Joseph Cemetery. The circular plaza will allow four cars and a funeral hearse to park. The plaza will be used for cemetery graveside services and possible memorial Masses in the future. Work continued on placing the headstones in line.



LaPorte Center Get-Together

Wednesday, August 25th, from 10 a.m. to mid afternoon, brothers from Columba Hall joined members of Holy Cross House and Fatima House for an outing to LaPorte Center. On arrival all were welcomed to join the work of preparation for the meal. The most fun was cutting up fresh peaches for the cobbler we had later for dessert.

There were a little over 30 of us, who after the food preparation, celebrated Mass in Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Chapel.

Following the meal we enjoyed sitting around visiting. Walking tours for the buildings and golf cart rides for tours of the property were provided. Tours of the land across the street from LaPorte Center were also available.

The day was one of the exceptional ones for sitting outside. And, even though the pool was opened, only one person took advantage of the warm water.



Kastner Resigns as CEO and President of Holy Cross Village



This past week **Brother Thomas Shaughnessy**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Holy Cross Village, announced the resignation of Steve Kastner as President and CEO of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. Kastner has been in this position for five years and prior to that Executive Director of Andre Residential Services.

Brother Thomas said of Kastner, "Has been a competent administrator and the face of Holy Cross Village to the South Bend and Notre Dame communities. He has helped make Holy Cross Village a premier senior retirement community in the area."

Kastner is leaving Holy Cross Village to take a position with Westminster Senior Communities, Bradenton, Florida. He will be at Holy Cross Village for another month. Details of a reception in his honor and naming of an interim President for Holy Cross Village will take place shortly.

In the early 1950's, leaders of the Presbyterian Church in Florida envisioned faith-based, not-for-profit, active-living communities throughout the state. They established Westminster Communities of Florida to help fulfill the church's ministry to older adults. Today, Westminster Communities of Florida has grown from its first community in Bradenton to some 20 communities statewide where more than 5,000 people have chosen to live.

For more information on the Westminster Communities of Florida go to:

<http://www.westminsterretirement.com>

Successful Moving Sale

With the help of many women from Holy Cross Village, **Br. Joe Fox's** "Moving Sale" started slowly, with fewer than 25 people lined up to buy all of his "treasures." However, by the end of the first day over \$2,000 was raised for the

Brothers of Holy Cross. The end result was just over \$4,000 for the Brothers. Joe reminds all the Brothers in the South Bend area that he is no longer in the business of providing them with furniture and household goods. He thanks all for their support of the sale. The Village can now get back to normal.





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