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Founders Dinner, Holy Cross Village August 10, 2011

Note: On Wednesday evening, August 10, Holy Cross Village honored six Holy Cross Brothers who founded the Village at a dinner in the Student Center of Saint Mary's College. Brother Chester Freel, Provincial Superior of the Midwest Province, gave the following presentation on the founding of Holy Cross Village.

I have been asked to make a few comments concerning the brothers for whom we gather here this evening to recognize: **Brother William Geenen, Brother Philip Armstrong, Brother John May, Brother Joseph Fox, Brother Thomas Shaughnessy, and Brother Robert Fillmore.**



Brother
William Geenen, C.S.C.



Brothers: Joseph, Thomas, John, Philip and Robert

These honorees are rightfully considered the "Founders" of Holy Cross Village. They have led the Village to this point in its development, recognized as one the premier continuing care communities in the country. However, in order to give them the proper recognition, it strikes me that first we must understand just a little of the history of the Village, so that what these founders have achieved can be placed in proper perspective.

When I was a much younger brother studying at Holy Cross Junior College in 1969, one my work assignment was as "barber" for the brothers at Dujarie House. At that time, the residents at Dujarie then consisted of 10 patients (all brothers) and a few live-in staff (brothers.) To get to Dujarie House there was a narrow road that wound its way from the College, past open fields, down toward the river, and over to a four-car parking lot.and that was it.

This describes the state of the brothers' health care facilities from 1964 until essentially 1994. There were some minor additions and renovations, and the staffing levels increased, (and somewhere along the line, the services of an actual barber were employed) but for the first 30-years what would become Holy Cross Village, was a small infirmary for brothers.

All that changed in 1994 with the election of Brother William Geenen as the Provincial Superior for the Midwest Province. Brother William came into office with 20 years of experience ministering to senior citizens in Florida, and immediately



set about increasing the quality and scope of health care service available to the brothers. He remolded and enlarged Dujarie House, and with the construction of Schubert Villa, added Assisted Living Services; and this was only a forerunner of changes to come.

At the Provincial Chapter of 1997, Brother William unveiled his vision of Holy Cross Village. The concept was to create a retirement community of Brothers

and lay men and women living on one site where as neighbors they might minister to each other. This Village would be a Christian community providing mutual support for those in their senior years.



From a ministry perspective, Brother William envisioned that the Village would respond to the needs of the aging population in this country, and from the brothers' perspective, meet the needs of our own aging

membership. Holy Cross Village would provide the brothers with a new avenue of ministry, while allowing our members to be of service to others as they withdrew from full time ministry and moved into retirement.

Joining Brother William in the development of the Village were several key contributors. Brother Phil Armstrong was William's Provincial Secretary and personal confidant. Brother John May served as the Director of Planning for the Province, and in time served as the first administrator of the Village. Brother Joseph Fox was appointed as Community Superior for the brothers living at the Village and was charged with the task of helping brothers transition to their new role of being a "brother-to-others."

Together these four pioneers set out to create the Village. While reviewing the history of the Village I found an early description of the task assumed by these four founders:

The goal of the Holy Cross Brothers team is the development of a superior Intergenerational (pre-retirement and retirement) community on the campus of Holy Cross College. It will be superior in design, quality, services and lifestyle one that will appeal to people from throughout the nation.

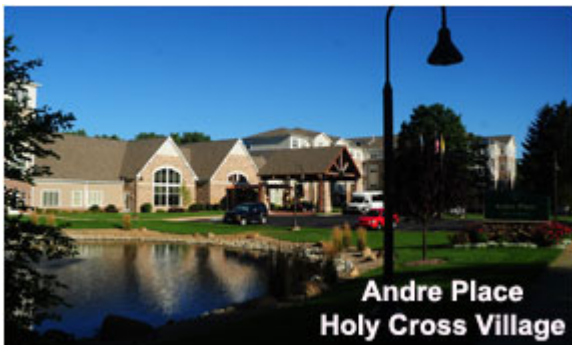
And that is just what they accomplished: Forty Villa units were built between 1997 and 2002. Riverside Place was opened for residence in 2001. Brothers and lay residents moved in, learned and shared of each other's lives, and established the foundation of the community spirit that is enjoyed by all who reside at the Village today. In addition, Dujarie House and Schubert Villa were each licensed, enabling all residents of the Village access to these facilities.

By 2003, all of the Villas were occupied and the Village was confronted with the demand for more houses and more development. At the same time, the Brothers

began to recognize that they did not have the necessary expertise in development and property management and that outside assistance was needed.

Entering the picture at this time were Brother Robert Fillmore as the new Provincial Superior of the brothers, and Brother Thomas Shaughnessy as Chairperson of an Ad Hoc Committee to determine future direction and growth of the Village. Under their direction, the next series of building blocks were enacted, and the Village as we know it took shape.

- It was determined that a Continuing Care Retirement Community concept could meet the Village's goals in regard to density, ministry and future development.
- The Franciscan Service Corporation of Chicago was contracted to provide expertise and management of the Village and Mr. Steve Kastner was hired as the first Executive Director.
- *Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame* became separately incorporated as an independent ministry of the Brothers of Holy Cross, and a Board of Directors was established. Brother Tom Shaughnessy was appointed as the board's first Chairperson.



- And with all of the above as preparation, in 2006 a bond issuance was approved allowing the Village to make its most dramatic growth: the building of Andre Place, the final addition to Schubert Villa, creation of the Memory Care Unit, and the construction of Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel.

This last achievement, the bond issuance, was certainly the one which presented the greatest level of risk to the Village, but Brother Tom and Brother Robert courageously, and with full confidence in the mission of the Village, proceeded forward.

To give you an idea of the risk involved, approval for the project was needed from the Provincial Council, the Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and from his Holiness, Pope John Paul II. To borrow \$40 million dollars for the purpose of advancing a ministry to and with the elderly, a ministry that was clearly outside our traditional field of education, could only be described as innovative and unprecedented.

With this as a brief history, and hopefully providing some perspective of what has been accomplished in the 14-years since Brother William first enlisted the support of the brothers for this new ministry, this evening we are gathered to recognize the six "Founders" of the Village.

There are many other brothers, and likewise lay colleagues, some of whom are with us tonight, who also advanced the mission of Holy Cross Village, and for their contributions we are thankful. In subsequent years we plan to formally recognize them. However, tonight we recognize the "Founders" of the Village.

Brother Phil Armstrong, Brother John May, Brother Joe Fox, Brother Tom Shaughnessy, and Brother Robert Fillmore:

On behalf of the Midwest Province, I express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your service, for your perseverance, and for your steadfastness. It is only because of your tireless efforts that Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame exists as we experience today.

We are forever indebted to you as the "Founding Brothers" of Holy Cross Village.

Thank you.

Br Chester Feel



Call for Proposals

Spirituality: The Invisible Ingredient in Health and Healing

May 3 and 4, 2012
Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites
Vancouver, British Columbia



Providence Health Care of Vancouver, British Columbia invites you and your colleagues to participate in our fourth biannual conference that explores the integral relationship between spirituality, health and healing.

The focus of the conference will be on the importance of spirituality – the hidden source of meaning and purpose as it impacts: patients/residents, caregivers, healing, our lives, families and friends, the workplace, how we grapple with change personally and professionally.

Participants include: Physicians/Nurses and other health care providers; health care executives and managers; researchers; government leaders; instructors especially in medicine, nursing and other health disciplines; community and social service practitioners; primary care and religious leaders; educators; patients and families.

The conference will be held at the Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites in the heart of Vancouver's colourful and cosmopolitan West End.

Contact: Elizabeth Turtle; 604-806-8528; eturtle@providencehealth.bc.ca



Brother Thomas Moulder Takes First Vows

Brother Thomas Moulder, pronounced his first vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on Saturday, August 20, at a Mass and Profession Ceremony held at St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, IN. **Brother Chester Freel**, Provincial Superior, witnessed Brother Thomas's taking of vows.

Following the ceremony the 110 guests attended a reception at Brother Geenen Hall in Andre Place at Holy Cross Village. Brother Thomas' sisters, Mrs. Nancy Moulder Gurry and Mrs. Sharon A. Finneran were the readers, **Rev. André Léveill ** was the celebrant and homilist, **Br. Joseph Fox**, Master of Ceremonies and coordinator of the event, and **Br. Daniel Kane**, music director and pianist.





Deadline Nears For Cathedral High School Trip

September 13 is the official date for celebrating the reunification and recognizing Cathedral as again —sponsored by the Brothers of Holy Cross. As part of the celebration of this event Cathedral High School is welcoming any and all interested Brothers to join them as honored guests. In particular, the administration is hoping that Brothers who are Cathedral alumni or former teachers will be able to —return homel for the event.

If you are interested in attending, please contact me at 631-2912 (leave a voice

message if necessary) or a cfreel@brothersofholycross.com. Please RSVP by September 6.

school Link: <http://www.cathedral-irish.org/page.cfm?p=104>

Thank You.

Br. Chester Freel

Cathedral High School Reunions

Brother Joseph McTaggart was the featured speaker at the 40-year reunion of the class of 1971 All-Academy reunion of Cathedral High School, Ladywood - St. Agnes, St. Mary's Academy and Our Lady of Grace, The reunion began with Mass on Saturday August 6 at Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, IN, followed by a reunion at the Riverwalk Lodge in Broad Ripple Village.



Brother Joseph



Brother Roy

Many students expressed their appreciation to Brother Joseph for attending their reunion, for sharing stories and experiences from his years at Cathedral and letting them know the whereabouts of some other former teachers. **Brother Roy Smith** accompanied Brother Joseph to the reunion.

The Cathedral High School Class of 1961 welcomed **Brother Raymond Harrington** to their gathering on Saturday, August 20. A tour and luncheon of Cathedral High School was held for those who had not seen the E 56th Street location.

Mass was celebrated in Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral, followed by a reception in the old Cathedral High School gym.



Brother Raymond

Many students expressed gratitude to Brother Raymond for his being their teacher and for taking the time to be with them at this special, 50th year reunion.

Brother Roy Smith, a member of the Class of 1961, accompanied Brother Raymond to the reunion.

Address Changes

Brother Joseph Dudek has moved from Schubert Villa to Dujarie House.

Dujarie House
P.O. Box 706
Notre Dame, IN 46556
574-472-1913

Brother Raymond Dufresne has moved from Riverside Apartments to Schubert Villa.

Schubert Villa
P. O. Box 706
Notre Dame, IN 46556
574-251-2209

Brother Robert Fillmore now resides at Schubert Villa.

Schubert Villa
P.O. Box 706
Notre Dame, IN 46556
574-251-2201

Brother John May now resides at Columba Hall.

Columba Hall
P.O. Box 706
Notre Dame, IN 46556
574-631-3219

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