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January 11, 2012

Elections in the District of West Africa District Superior and Council Members



Br. Daniel Dardoe

Congratulations to **Brother Daniel Dardoe** upon his re-election as District Superior. This will be Daniel's second three-year term.

Brother Daniel's new District Council is:

- **Brother Nicholas Arthur**, Assistant District Superior
- **Father. Bob Gilmour**, Secretary of the council and District Steward
- **Brother Paul Mensah**, Councilor (Elected by the Membership)

Congratulations to Daniel upon his re-election and to his new Council. We thank each for his willingness to serve the District in this capacity. Please remember Daniel and his Council in your prayers as we ask for God's blessing on all the District endeavors over the next three years.

Brother Chester Freel



Br. Nicholas Arthur



Br. Paul Mensah

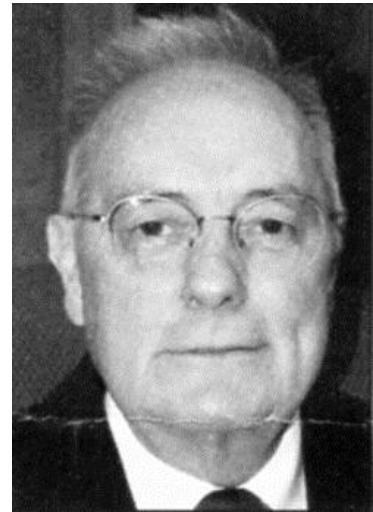


Fr. Robert Gilmour

Brother Joseph Earl Ballard, C.S.C.

November 22, 1934 – January 8, 2012

Brother Joseph Ballard, C.S.C., age 77, died on January 8, 2012 at Dujarie House, in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, Indiana. He was born in Holy Cross, Kentucky on November 22, 1934, the son of John and Mary (Newton) Ballard and the eighth of their eleven children. He attended Holy Cross Elementary and High School and St. Francis High School in Loretto, Kentucky graduating in 1953. During the summers, he worked in general construction projects in the area. Joseph felt a calling to the religious life and entered Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin in September 1953. He began his year of novitiate training a few months later at St. Joseph's Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana and pronounced his first vows in January 1955. He went to St. Edward's University to begin his college studies and was assigned the next year to teach at St. Thomas Grade School in Brooklyn and then taught for two years at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. Brother Joseph returned to St. Edward's University to finish his college studies and graduated in 1960.



Brother Joseph then had a variety of teaching assignments (high schools in Evansville, IN, Indianapolis, IN, Lakewood, OH, Louisville, KY) for 19 years and then served at Brescia College (Owensboro, KY) in the Admissions Office and taught at the Air Force High School in Bitburg, Germany for six years. His interests led him from the classroom teaching and counseling to serve as a pastoral associate at parishes in Wabash, IN and Lake Charles, LA. He returned to teaching and was the grade school principal or faculty member in Kileen, TX, Austin, TX, Floresville, TX and San Antonio for a total of six years. His last active apostolate was in the ministry program at Nazareth House in Louisville, KY where he worked with senior citizens for four years. He found his ministry of working with the sick and elderly very rewarding, saying, "The residents are wonderful to work with and are so grateful for all that is done for them, even the smallest assistance." Brother Joseph retired from his varied careers and lived at Columba Hall for a year before moving to Schubert Villa and Dujarie House in 2008.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 11th, at Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel from 9:00 to 11:00am on the grounds of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The Mass of Resurrection will then follow with interment afterward in St.

Joseph's Cemetery of the Village. Kaniewski Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorial contributions, in honor of Brother Joseph Ballard, C.S.C., to support the mission and ministries of the Brothers may be sent to: Brothers of Holy Cross, Office of Development, P.O. Box 460, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Artificial Intelligence Comes to Peru



Brother John Benesh

In October of last year **Brother John Benesh** was among the 165,000 persons worldwide who signed up for a Stanford University course titled ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, a free course to be taught on the web.

This number was far greater than the promoters had expected and so the group was divided into “beginners” and “advanced”.

Both groups had access to the video classes but the advanced students were required to submit eight homework assignments and to take a midterm and a final exam.

Brother John chose the advanced level and on October 10 began watching, listening and taking notes. His mathematical background was very helpful but topics such as Machine Learning, Bayes Filters, Markov Decision Processes, Adversarial Planning, and Robotics were new and challenging.

An honor code was an important part of the course. Each student was expected to complete the required work without the assistance of others.

A week before the end of the course, Brother John posted a question on Aiquis.com, one of two discussion sites connected with the course. He asked if there were other students in the advanced section who were eighty or older in age and stated that he was eighty-one. The name he used for this posting was “OldinPeru”. He expected responses only from older folks, but comments came from all ages. Some of the under-thirty crowd were amazed that someone so ancient was taking the same course that they were.

The final exam took place on the weekend before Christmas, and on December 21 John received from Stanford a “Statement of Accomplishment” which said that he had successfully completed the Advanced Track of Introduction to Artificial Intelligence.

The Brother Andre Exemplary Service Award

The Brother Andre Exemplary Service Award was developed to honor an employee of Holy Cross Village who, regardless of rank or position, provides service to our residents in unassuming and consistent ways. Like Brother Andre, now Saint Andre, the recipient of this award manifests attentive and tender compassion, kindness and commitment, gentleness and professionalism, and genuine engagement with those in their charge, no matter how small or large the task. This recognition of talent and service will be given on an annual basis and the first recipient of the new award is Velma Harris.



Jack Mueller
Stacey Johnson, John Mauch
Velma Harris

Velma is a Certified Nursing Assistant at Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village, and has worked at Dujarie House for over eight years. Velma was one of 37 employees whose names were submitted by fellow staff members and residents. Employees from all divisions were nominated – Independent living, assisted living and nursing care. The recognition sub-committee of the Mission Integration team reviewed the nominations and narrowed the field to 6. Those 6 nominees then met together and decided among themselves who would be the inaugural award recipient. Holy Cross Village is blessed to have Velma caring for our residents, and we were proud to present her with the Saint Brother Andre Award on January 6th.

Bulletin Boards contain more information about Velma and the award itself.

Congratulations to Velma! We are blessed to have her among us!!



Above Picture:
Jack Mueller, Director of Campus Operations
Stacey Johnson, Director of Nursing
John Mauch, President and CEO of Holy Cross Village
Velma Harris, Certified Nursing Assistant

Bishop Rhoades Scholarship Offered by Holy Cross College to Help to All Students of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese

NOTRE DAME, IN (January 6, 2012) Holy Cross College is looking for more than a few Rhoades Scholars, *as in Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades*, who wish to experience a strong liberal arts college education.

The newly-established Bishop Rhoades Scholarship will provide \$3,500 annually to any student graduating from a Catholic high school in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese who is accepted to Holy Cross College. Students from area public high schools are also eligible for the scholarship by simply submitting a letter of recommendation from their pastor. The scholarship, which will be offered to new students entering in the fall of 2012, is renewable each year as long as the student maintains a certain grade point average. Over the course of a four year college career, the total benefit could total up to \$14,000.

“I am grateful for the strong and close collaboration between Holy Cross College and our diocese,” wrote Bishop Rhoades after he gave the college his blessing at the inauguration Mass of college president, Brother John Paige, C.S.C., Ph.D.

As part of its mission to prepare students for work and for life, Catholic identity is a priority at Holy Cross. At the same inauguration Mass last fall, Brother Paige made an Oath of Fidelity and the entire Holy Cross theology faculty made a Profession of Faith in front the bishop.

“We value our relationship with the diocese,” says Robert Kloska, St. Matthew Cathedral parishioner and Vice President of Mission Advancement at Holy Cross College. “We know we provide an excellent return on investment for families and we’d like to help our local families in a very deliberate way.”

Faculty and staff members of Holy Cross College are active within many area parishes, and Kloska says the scholarship program is another way to connect with the community and share the Holy Cross College mission.

“The Rhoades Scholarship exemplifies our commitment to Catholic students in our local area,” adds Marie Bensman, St. Pius X parishioner and Dean of Admissions & Enrollment Management. “We care deeply about local communities. The churches and the neighborhoods in our diocese have many needs. The young people on the campus of Holy Cross have many talents. We link these two in a variety of wonderful social outreach programs.”

“This is a way for families who are active in our diocese to really benefit,” says Kloska.

The application process is free and may be downloaded at www.hcc-nd.edu/apply. For more information on the Bishop Rhoades Scholarship, contact Holy Cross College at 574-239-8400 or email admissions@hcc-nd.edu .

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Holy Cross College is a Catholic, four-year, co-educational, liberal arts institution founded in 1966 by the Brothers of Holy Cross. With a 13:1 faculty/student ratio, students find personal attention from professors who care about their success. The college focuses on the holistic development of the mind, body, and spirit. Baccalaureate students must complete four requirements before graduation—a professional internship to develop their real-world qualifications, service experiences to develop their compassion, an international experience to expand their horizons, and a senior Capstone presentation to sum up their learning outcomes and attest to a panel of faculty and business leaders that they are ready for life after college. With a campus adjoining St. Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame, Holy Cross College provides the best of both worlds—a close-knit, small college atmosphere with the resources and social opportunities of a large university.

Request for Prayers

Nancy Lavelle, sister of Brother John Lavelle, died January 5. She resided for several years at St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove, IN. Nancy was 91 years of age.

Services

are set for 14 January 2011
Saturday

12:00 Viewing
1:00pm Mass

St. Paul Hermitage
501 N. 17th Ave
Beech Grove, IN 46107
[\(317\) 786-2261](tel:(317)786-2261)

Condolences

may be sent to one of her nieces:

Mrs. Sarah O'Brien
1526 N. Hawthorne Lane
Indianapolis, IN 46219

Upcoming Medical Procedures

Brothers,

Two of our members are requesting prayers for upcoming medical procedures:



First, please remember **Brother Charles McBride** in your prayers. Charles is in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, recovering from pneumonia and complicating conditions resulting from that treatment. In addition, Charles is evaluating various treatment procedures to address a malfunctioning heart valve. He has been consulting with doctors at Indianapolis Methodist Hospital who specialize in less invasive corrective procedures. Charles is hoping that this preferred alternative procedure can occur within the next few weeks.



Second, and more immediate, on Wednesday, January 11th, **Brother Carl Sternberg** will undergo a kidney transplant in Dallas. The donor is a cousin of Carl's who resides in Texas, and who appears to be a very viable match which decreases the chances of rejection. Obviously this is a complicated surgical procedure and will entail several weeks of recovery. However, Carl and his doctors believe this is a better alternative than continuing dialysis three-times a week, which over time becomes less effective in cleansing the blood.

Carl is asking that you remember him and his cousin in your prayers, and also request prayers for the medical personnel performing the surgery. Brother Lew Brazil is accompanying Carl in Dallas, and will keep us informed of the operation and the transplant's success.

Thank you.

Br. Chester Freel

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