

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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March 14, 2012

## Funeral Mass Eulogy for Br. Eduardo Michalik, C.S.C.

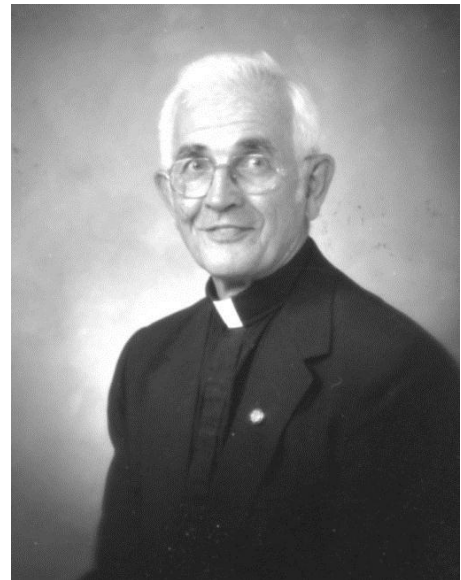
March 1, 2012

A few days ago our Provincial, Br. Chester Freel, knowing that Br. Ed and I were long-time and close friends, asked me if I would be willing to give an eulogy on behalf of Br. Eduardo. I consider it a great privilege and honor to do so. To me he is/was a truly great man and Brother.

On behalf of the entire Holy Cross Community, I extend our great sympathy to all of Ed's family and friends. Without doubt he has been a great Holy Cross Brother and has set us a great example of a kind, generous, warmhearted member of our Community. I will surely miss him as I do now because for me he was a very, faithful, good friend.

Ed and I first met at the Archbishop Porter's residence in Cape Coast, Ghana, close to Christmas, 1957.

We had a lot to do to get our home, the Brothers House ready, and for Br. Rex to get the school ready for reopening after the Christmas break. Ed and I worked a lot together. Br. Rex was totally absorbed in the school work. I grew to like and admire Ed more and more. He was a very manly person, very strong, liked sports, especially swimming and football and was very well liked by the young men in the school whose ages ranged from about 14 to 21 or more. St. John's was a secondary school or high school based on the British educational system. Ed was the Assistant Headmaster and Dean of Discipline. He was very gifted in his work as Dean of Discipline. He was very respected and liked by the boys for his fairness, firmness and kindness. His reputation as a good swimmer and chess player spread quickly especially after staging a school wide chess competition. On one occasion while walking along the beach in the fishing village area, a young lad asked him to go out and rescue another young boy who was downing in the heavy surf of the Atlantic Ocean. Ed did so which endeared him to the villagers. The waves and surf of the Atlantic Ocean are quite formidable.



Br. Ed was from De Lancey, Pennsylvania, near Punxsutawney and a member of St. Adrian's parish. He worked in the coal mine there and also worked for the Irish-American pastor who left a great influence on Ed. Working in the Parish Center and in charge of the canteen as a young man, he found another young man stealing candy bars. Ed warned him, as I remember it, and again found this other fellow making off with candy. This time Ed corrected the fellow in such a manner that the stealing quickly came to an end. Fr. Pastor would lend his car to Ed on occasion. Moreover Fr. and Ed's mother made Ed follow through on his promise to try to join a religious community. Father recommended the Holy Cross Brothers.

This brings me to a very important point in Ed's life journey and that of many other young men including myself. It is simply the great influence for good, priests have and have had on young men. Without the guidance of Ed's pastor and of other priests in Ed's journey we would not be here today. Ed had a great respect for priests. Through Ed, his own brother, Walter Michalik, two yrs. older than Ed. came back from the Army in WWII and joined Holy Cross priests in Indiana and became a Holy Cross priest missionary in Bangladesh for many years. Fr. Kevin Sullivan, a diocesan priest and pastor of a parish in Beth Alto, Illinois, I believe, a bit northeast of St. Louis on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River, had a great influence on Ed. From time to time Ed would visit Fr. Sullivan and sometimes I would accompany Ed to Fr. Kevin's rectory. With Fr. Kevin, Ed would completely relax. He and Fr. would play many a chess game and critique the sports situation. Fr. Kevin had a great insight into Ed's personality and Ed would come back to the Community a new man. Ed. spent several years in Providence House, Madison Center in South Bend. He became quite depressed there. Due to Fr. Kevin Sullivan's help, Ed returned to Dujarie House and the Quinn Memory Care Unit and into the Community again. God bless you, Fr. Kevin..

In addition to the great help and inspiration priests, particularly diocesan priests and Holy Cross priests have given Ed, there is another group of religious who have contributed greatly to Ed's spiritual patrimony and his happiness. It is the Holy Cross Sisters from St. Mary's. In the early 1980's Ed heard that the CSC Sisters from St. Mary's were looking for Brothers to help them in their program and place in Tiberias, Israel. At first Br. Phil Armstrong, Provincial, said no to Ed's request to help out the Sisters. Ed was persistent and later Br. Phil let him go to help out the Sisters.

Ed lived in Israel and worked for the Sisters as a maintenance man and gardener for about 6 ½ yrs. He was very happy there. In my view, I think these were among the happiest yrs. of Ed's life. He often drove for them in one or the other of two vans they had to take the African and Asian Sisters on field trips to the Holy Places throughout the Holy Land. He was an excellent driver. His Boss/Superior was Sr. Carmen Davy, CSC, a peach of a Superior. She had a gifted awareness of Ed's personality and left him

with slack. At times she would say to Ed or me, "Come on down to the front yard and I will give you a haircut which you certainly need." Sr. Carmen and Sr. Olivette Whalen began the seven or eight month long Mater Ecclesiae Center Spiritual and Bible Studies Program for Sisters from Asian and African countries and in summers, they had a six or seven week program for American, Canadian, or European missionary Sisters and sometimes for Holy Cross Brothers. The Holy Cross Sisters there including Sr. Carmen, Hashi, Pushpa, Philomena, and Margaret Shield were very kind to Ed. He was the swimming instructor for the Sisters who wished to take a swim in the nearby Lake of Galilee.

And certainly I'd like to highlight some of the Holy Cross Brothers who have had a great influence on Ed and his journey. Ed, without doubt, was a free spirit, high spirited, adventuresome, a very kind, generous religious man. Provincials of the past, such as Brs. Phil Armstrong, Tom Moser, Charles Krupp, Bob Fillmore, and now Br. Chester Freeland have guided Ed well with their understanding and patience. From time to time they were challenged in coping with Ed's ideas and plans. Ed got much help and inspiration from the Brothers he lived with in the Community. Ed from time to time challenged some of them for a game of chess. Ed's greatest desire was to serve the Community in whatever capacity he could. This was a very high priority for him. He was only unhappy if he could not contribute in some way to the Community. He was very talented in a number of things that he did. He cleaned out leaves, branches and debris from the gutters on the roofs of Columba and Bessette House with utter fearlessness. He had done the same on the very steep roof of Mater Ecclesiae Center in Tiberias, Israel. He was an excellent painter. He cut grass, trimmed bushes and trees, eliminated the periodic Lake Armstrong over near the Provincial House. He painted the floor and walls of the Columba Hall basement and dug trenches in the basement to allow us to get to water valves etc. And he assisted the poor with financial help, wherever he was, frequently, but always without drawing attention to what he was doing. During my stint at Columba Hall, Ed was on the house council and he gave me much sage advice, direction and help. Ed was a doer. To not be able to help and contribute was a real downer for Ed.

Finally, as I reflect, funerals are often thought of as sad events. We are sad at losing the Ed we knew in his best days. Irish wakes are often lively affairs. Why so? In my view because the faith of the Irish tells them that the relative or friend has gone home to God, graduated to the fullness of life. As Fr. Charlie Van Winkle, CSC says it, so why should we be sad? We should be happy. Indeed, Ed has gone home with great joy. He is no longer saddled and sad because of his dementia. For many months, I and others, could not communicate very well, if at all, with Ed. Now we can, praying for him as the Church Militant and asking for his help. He is with his mother and dad and brother, Fr.

Walt and others in his large family. God bless all of us Holy Cross brothers and sisters and priests, as well as Ed's friends, who have helped him on his journey We have one more Holy Cross person looking out and praying for all of his friends, relatives and CSC brothers, sisters, and priests on our journey.

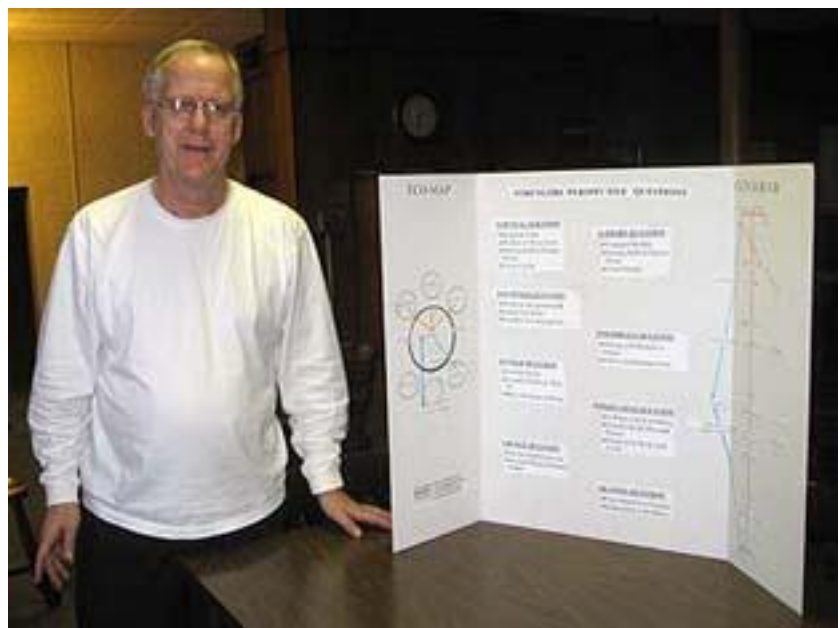
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

**Br. Donald Allen**

## Life Story/Social Work Presentation

On March 6, **Brother Thomas Moulder** presented a life story perspective on **Brother Robert Fillmore** in his class at IUSB. He and **Brother John Kuhn** prepared the life story on Brother Robert, including an eco-gram and genogram. The life story is written from a strengths perspective, allowing one to see how Brother Robert has met the various challenges in his life, and the strengths he has gained from his faith in God, his relationships with God, family, the Brothers of Holy Cross, and his friends.

Brother Robert has acted on his own behalf in applying the ingredients of a strengths perspective to his own life. He states "I can't believe where God has taken me."



(Tom received a standing ovation from his classmates for his presentation.)

## Students Welcomed Local Children for Easter Carnival and Egg Hunt

**NOTRE DAME, IN (March 25, 2012)** — Students at Holy Cross College will welcome local children and their parents to campus on Sunday, March 25th for its annual Easter Eggstravaganza event – an “eggciting” adventure for the entire family!

Children ages 3 to 8 years are invited to bring their Easter baskets and hop on over to the Pfeil Center at Holy Cross to take part in activities including an egg hunt, potato sack races, and many other exciting crafts and games.



There are plenty of opportunities to win prizes, munch on delicious snacks and treats, and to meet the Easter Bunny!

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## 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.

**March 14**



**"The Three Days:  
Foot-Washing, Bread-Breaking,  
Breast-Beating, Water-Pouring."**

Director of the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics University of Notre Dame. His scholarly interests include pastoral ministry, preaching, inculturation, Latino theology, and spirituality.

**Rev. Michael Connors, CSC**

# Letter of Consent – Sunyani, Ghana



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January 24, 2012

**Rev. Bro. Daniel Dardoe, C.S.C**  
Congregation of Holy Cross  
Holy Cross District Center  
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Dear Bro. Daniel,

### CONSENT FOR THE CANONICAL ERECTION OF THE HOLY CROSS BROTHERS RELIGIOUS FORMATION HOUSE IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SUNYANI

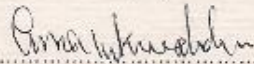
Warm Christmas greetings from Sunyani!

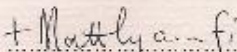
I, Most Rev. Matthew Kwasi Gyamfi, Bishop of the Diocese of Sunyani, having received a formal petition of Rev. Bro. Daniel Dardoe, District Superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Ghana, and being assured that all the requirements of Canon 610 will be fully observed, do hereby give consent, as required by Canon 609, to the canonical erection of the Religious Formation House "Bro. Rex Hennel, C.S.C. House" at Dumasua-Sunyani.

With the establishment of the Religious Formation House, I do believe that the Holy Cross Brothers will continue to participate even more fully, as they have been doing, in the apostolate of the Local Church according to your charisms.

With prayerful good wishes for a fruitful integration into the life of the Local Church, I remain

Given at Sunyani, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.

  
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Very Rev. Fr. Andrew M. Amankwaa  
Chancellor

  
.....  
Most Rev. Matthew Kwasi Gyamfi  
Catholic Bishop of Sunyani



Follow link for more information:

<http://cdsunyani.net/index.php/component/content/article/1-latest-news/47-holy-cross-establishes-scholasticate-in-sunyani>

## Free Operations for the Poor in Bangladesh Some Ex-St.Gregory Students and Other American Doctors

This article is about a group of doctors---American-Bangladeshi and other Americans who come to Bangladesh almost every year to give free operations. Dr. Ajmal Shoban is the organizer. He is a retired surgeon from Virginia. He was a student when **Brothers Donald Becker** and **Ronald Drahozal** were teachers at St. Gregs. Maybe Brs. Fulgence, Ronald Christian, maybe others also. Br. Ronald was about to have an operation to put the wires out that were in supporting his healing broken collarbone. Dr. Ajmal called and one of the American surgeons did an excellent job in less than a half hour. It saved Br. Ronald spending half a day at local hospital and also about Tk.30,000 in costs.

This team brings over all the needed people---doctors, nurses, help in the operation with putting the people nicely to sleep, helping them afterwards, etc. They do this during their vacation time, free of costs and long days of service---very appreciated by all. They bring boxes of supplies, instruments, etc. but unfortunately the government still taxes for bringing these in order to help poor get a free operation.

Br. Donald and Ronald attended the round table function----and enjoyed the company of the team members and the good lunch afterwards.

### **Brother Ronald Drahozal**

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## Prayer Requests

**Brother Chris Torrijas** is asking Province members to remember his sister in prayer. His sister Debbie has for some time been living with multiple sclerosis and recently found out that a cancerous growth has been discovered on her lungs. She & her husband Jeff are determining the best course of action right now, but certainly prayers for healing and strength would be appreciated.

Also, please remember an earlier request this month from **Brother Roy Smith** for one of his sisters, Mrs. Archie Mae Greene. She is presently in St. James Hospital, Olympia Fields, Illinois. She has pneumonia, and her condition remains mostly unchanged.

HCC and *The Year of the Brother*

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE  
AT NOTRE DAME, IN  
CAMPUS MINISTRY PRESENTS  
IN CELEBRATION OF  
**THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH  
AND THE YEAR OF THE BROTHER**

**PART TWO**

**ASK THE BROS**

**FREE FOOD!!**

**3:30 PM, MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012**  
**AT THE DRISCOLL AUDITORIUM**

The poster features a group of six men and a child. The men are arranged in two rows: five in the back and one in the front. They are dressed in a variety of styles, including suits, sweaters, and a vest. The child is in the bottom right, holding a sign. The background is a blue-tinted image of the Holy Cross College building. The Holy Cross College logo is in the top right corner.



## Remember When?

All eleven of the different Midwest Province publications through the years have now been digitized and may be available "on line" for browsing in the future. The first one was "The Newsette" which was produced at least six times a year from 1948 to 1964. It was originally called "Brothers of Holy Cross" for the first six years and became "The Newsette" in 1954.

It was a 4-page newsletter possibly printed at the Ave Maria on glossy paper, very attractive and informative. The quality of paper made it possible to display excellent photographs, particularly group pictures of each Reception and Profession class at St. Joseph's Novitiate from 1948 to 1964.

So... if you would like to go back in time and see your Reception and Profession photo, the Webmaster, Brother Richard Johnson, has made it possible for you to click on the specific date (month/year) in the following Table of your winter or summer Reception/First Profession class to see your group photo

Click for Newsettes:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/Newsettes1948-1964/NWST.html>

By the way... my previous request for someone in the Community to help the Archives to index all the Province Publications is still open. There are special groups of data (Jubilees, Eulogies, Personal Stories, etc.) that should be similarly indexed to make the information easily and readily available ----

Please contact me in the Archives (<mailto:archives@brothersofholycross.com>) if you are willing to help, even for just a couple of hours a day.

**Br Lawrence Stewart**

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