

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Cathedral High School Service and Ministry Programs

The Justice & Peace Commission met and decided to inform the province of the appropriate activities of our affiliate schools for the edification of all. The first such school is Cathedral High School of Indianapolis.

Their service and ministry programs consist of support for the Humane Society with dog food drives and Paw For A Cause student club support. Under disease and hospital care they support the American Cancer Society via the No One Fights Alone club and student donations. Student donations from the annual walkathon support the American Heart Association. The Timmy Foundation Club supports medical needs and a mission trip in Guatemala. The Peru Mission Trip has supported medical needs in Peru for the fourth year. The Tanzania Global Service Learning Trip supported children programs in Tanzania and wrote a book for funding.

At Brookfield Senior Living the Lifesaver's Club hosts a senior prom and interaction. Student donations from the annual walkathon go to St. Augustine. There is in-house school recycling. The biology class water and soil sampling program watches the river. There is also support of the Millersville neighborhood organization.

Anna's House Sophomore Class Project is a monthly Hispanic community dinner and Saturday food distribution. Cathedral Soup Kitchen Junior Class Project provides monthly Saturday meals for the homeless. Students help out at the neighborhood food distribution pantry. The Interact Club and an English class service learning project supports the Gleaners. There is a canned food drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas basket programs for Holy Cross. The Kids Against Hunger Club supports the packaging of nutritional meals for malnourished areas world-wide. There is food distribution support for the St. Vincent De Paul Society. There is a class project meal serving program for the homeless through

the Wheeler Mission and also support through the Drumstick Dash. A food drive supports the Catholic Charities Crisis Center.

There is a home supplies drive and student club support for the refugee program of Catholic Charities. A Freshman Class Project supports the Catholic Charities Christmas Store with donations and assistance. A student club participates in Mentoring Magic, an after school mentoring program active in five inner city schools. A student club also volunteers at Miracle Place with homework help and support in a disadvantaged neighborhood.

The Lifesavers student club supports the Washington, DC, March for Life. Pro-Life activity includes working for social justice legislation. The Babies In Blankets student club supports Birthline and Wishard Hospital. The USO student club supports monthly trips to the USO Lounge at Camp Atterbury in Indiana. The Wounded Warrior Project student club supports veterans. An English class student group does likewise.

The first semester seniors take Social Justice in which they discuss seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Through this class every student goes on a half day field trip and help to build two houses with Habit for Humanity. During the second semester seniors take the knowledge they learned first semester and in groups of ten they develop a service project about a topic they are interested in. While these projects are mostly service, some groups do try to make long-term changes to social structures.

The school also has a Service Learning program. A few years ago an English class read "The Road" and then went to a food pantry to sort canned goods and talked about the parallels between the book and modern day hunger. Last year, a Fiber Arts class was working on knitting and each student knitted three hats for homeless children. These are two examples of how teachers have implemented service into their classroom.

Kidney Transplant



My name is Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C. After I found out that both of my kidneys had failed due to an audio-immune disease, I was put on dialysis for over two years (a process for cleaning the blood of impurities). There was always hope that someday I could receive a healthy kidney. Three people had offered me the possibility of donating one of their kidneys to me. My cousin, Jane, offered after a neighbor, who performed transplant surgeries, convinced her that she could do this. There would have to be a lot of testing before this could happen. She did not even know her blood type at the time. When she found out that her blood type matched mine, we both

realized that God wanted it to happen. The only requirement that she made was that I would come to Dallas, her home, so that she could resume her work quickly. We waited months with a lot more testing to be done. I had to fly to Dallas so that the doctors there could be convinced that the operations would be possible. The operations finally were schedule for January 11. The day of the operations when we both came to the hospital, we found out the operations could not be performed until the results of additional tests were in. She and I said prayers to Brother Andre using the relic that Brother Chester, my provincial, had given me. The test results came in an hour later and we were both cleared.

I woke up in intensive care and found out that both operations were successful. My new kidney was functioning and Jane was doing well and could leave the hospital in three days. I spent seven days receiving excellent care and adjusting to the many pills and procedures that had to take place before I could be discharged. There were challenges along the way, but each challenge was met including an aftercare stay in a first class rehabilitation center. Brother Lew Brazil was with me through the whole process and took care of the many details that made it a smooth transition. This in itself was a true gift.

I am now back at Columba Hall on the Notre Dame Campus getting use to life here and learning to manage my medicines and living in a large group once again. The Brothers have been very encouraging and helpful and our nurse, Elisabeth, is keeping me on tract. I have met my new doctor from I.U. transplant center who will be overseeing my medications.

Thanks to the many prayers of people around the country, this journey has been remarkable. I have learned to take it one day at a time trusting that God will always be at my side. I have received many graces and look forward to the journey that God has in store for me.

2012 Annual Lenten Lecture - Wednesdays of Lent at 700 p.m.

Sponsored by the Brothers of Holy Cross and Holy Cross Village
Andre Place Great Room - Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame

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Jean Morman Unsworth

“ART SHAPES FAITH SHAPES ART”

Jean Morman Unsworth is an artist and teacher who has spent a lifetime exploring multiple media. She has used fabric, sculpture, paint, printmaking and photography. She has chaired departments and taught art and art appreciation. She designed games based on making connections. Jean Unsworth will present the evolution of the visual concept of Jesus that puts the changing images into an historical context. Visit her website for more information and to enjoy some of her work. www.jmuarts.com

Brothers, Priests and Sisters Celebrate the Patronal Feast of the Brothers



The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, March 19, was celebrated with the return of the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir and a wonderful homily by Rev. Joseph Walter, C.S.C., which included a tribute to the Brothers of Holy Cross for their works since coming to America in 1841.

Father Walter told of the role of the original five Brothers who came to

Northern Indiana with Father Edward Sorin to found a humble school which is the present University of Notre Dame. Father Walter listed the many Brothers who were leaders in the Congregation of Holy Cross and who were teachers, administrators and workers at Notre Dame. The congregation prayed that in this 'Year of the Brother' the Congregation of Holy Cross would be blessed with vocations to the Brothers.

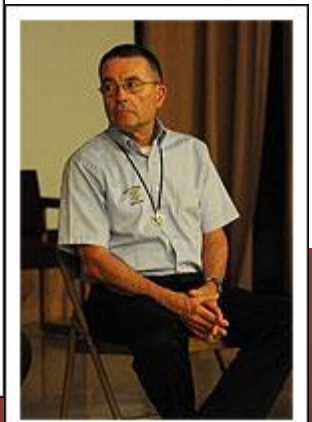
The evening concluded with a Community Dinner at Moreau Seminary.



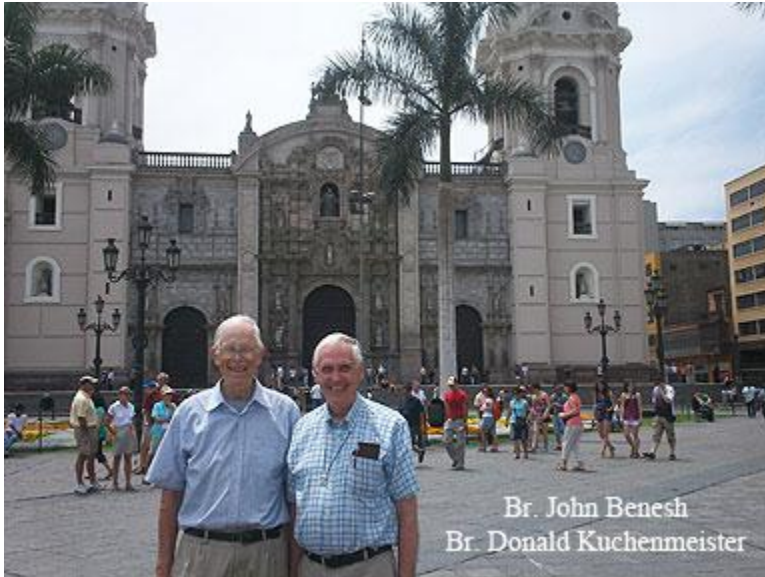
Ask the Bros...Part Two at Holy Cross College

In celebrating St. Joseph as the Patron of the Brothers of Holy Cross and a continuation of the 'Year of the Brother', Holy Cross College held 'Ask the Bros...Part Two' on Monday, March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph Husband of the Virgin Mary. The program included a short video clip of the Congregation of Holy Cross along with questions for the Brothers asked by moderators of the Campus Ministry Department as well as attendees.

Brother participants included **Brothers Carlos Parrilla, John Paige Nich Perez, Richard Gilman, Raymond Harrington and James Leik**. This was an opportunity to educate participants on the nature and history of the Brothers of Holy Cross and their specific vocation. Ask the Bros...Part One was held Nov. 17, 2011.



District Chapter in Peru



On Sunday, February 12, the sixteen members of the District of Peru opened the 2012 District Chapter. Father David Tyson, CSC, Provincial Superior of the US Province presided. **Brother Donald Kuchenmeister, CSC, MW**, represented the District of Chile as an observer. **Brother John Benesh, CSC, MW**, was a member of the Apostolate and Community Life Committee.

Other committees were Finance-Government and Vocations-Formation. All committees had met several times before the chapter and the formal sessions of this meeting went smoothly and relatively quickly. The final session took place before noon on Wednesday, February 15.

During the final two days, Wednesday and Thursday, **Father Anibal Niño, CSC**, was installed as the Superior of the District of Peru. On Wednesday, **Bishop Norberto Strottman, MSC**, presided at the Eucharistic Liturgy and on Thursday the celebrant was **Father David Tyson, CSC**.

Brother John Benesh

Annual Day of Fasting

The designated day for the Congregational 2012 Annual Day of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving will be Friday, March 30th. Alms offered on this day should be sent to the Province Business Office as they will then be forwarded to the General Administration for a designated cause. The recipient of such funds this year is the Abhayadhama Human Development Centre. This is an orphanage operated by the St. Joseph Province and is located at Whitefield, Bangalore. More information on this ministry is available at

<http://abhayadhamahumandevlopmentcenter.blogspot.com/>

or at

<http://abhayadhama.com/aboutus.html>

North American Conference of Associates and Religious

NACAR has introduced the newly elected Executive Committee of their Board of Directors! Former Holy Cross Director of Associates, Joseph Connell, who is a member in a group of Holy Cross Associates in California, has been elected as president to the Board of NACAR.

View the announcement at:
<http://nacar.org/>

Congratulations, Joseph!



Left to right: Joe Connell, Judy Gomila,
Marilyn Gottemoeller and Jane Forni

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