

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Brothers Attend Final St. Joseph High School Mass, Brunch

On Wednesday, May 9 Susan Richter, Principal of St. Joseph High School, invited former teachers and staff members for their years of service to the St. Joseph High School community to attend the final Mass and brunch in Alumni Gymnasium of the ‘old’ St. Joseph High School. Attending were ten Brothers of Holy Cross including: **Brothers Roy Smith, John McMuldren, Robert Dierker, Carlos Parrilla, Edward Foken, Lew Brazil, John Paige, James Bluma, Wilbert Leveling and Robert Kelly.**



Come and See 2012

From Friday, May 4th until Sunday, May 6th, the Office of Vocations hosted a *Come and See* weekend attended by five students from Gilmour Academy and accompanied by **Brother Edward Fox** and Assistant Headmaster Dr. Todd Sweda.

After arriving and settling down at Bessette House, where they would lodge for the weekend, the students gathered for an orientation which culminated in a meditation guide by Br. Edward Fox. This was followed by a pizza social which continued until night prayer.

After an early morning continental breakfast on Saturday, the students proceeded to the Columba Hall living room for a keynote presentation on Brotherhood in Holy Cross given by **Br. Joseph McTaggart**. His hour-long presentation was followed by the vocation stories of **Br. Robert Kelly** and **Br. Roy Smith**. After a lunch with the Columba Hall community, the entire group gathered with **Br. Richard Johnson** at the Provincial Administration Center's Heritage Room for a Skype "trip" to Ghana, West Africa. During this Skype session from Ghana, **Br. Joseph Tsiquaye** gave a report on the various ministries of the Brothers in Ghana. He also answered questions from the Gilmour students. Following the Skype trip to Ghana, Br. Edward Fox escorted the students on a tour of the campuses of the University of Notre Dame, Holy Cross College, and Holy Cross Village. Afterwards, all attended the 5:00 Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica.

"It was a great and very spiritual experience to visit and pray with Brothers at Notre Dame." **(Kennedy)**

"I'd like to start by saying I had a ball. The Brothers were all so hospitable and just awesome men. It was great to learn about their vocation and what the Brotherhood is all about. Thank you" **(Tad)**

"The Come and See weekend was an excellent experience. At Gilmour you see Brothers all the time, yet I never understand their vocation. This weekend was a great learning experience; thank you." **(Charlie)**

"It was an interesting experience to see a different lifestyle. The people were so hospitable." **(David)**

"The Come and See weekend was an amazing experience and helped me in my discernment. I would come back without a doubt." **(Derrick)**

Saturday dinner took place at Bessette House at 6:30 PM. Afterwards **Br. Thomas Moser** gave a slide presentation on the life and ministry of **Saint Brother André Bessette**. Around 8:30 PM the group gathered for a social get-together. One of the students entertained everyone with his expert card tricks. The evening came to a close with night prayer in the Bessette House Chapel.

Following morning prayer and continental breakfast on Sunday, everyone gathered again in the Columba Hall living room for another vocation witness session with **Br. William Mewes** and **Br. Thomas Moulder**. During this event, the Gilmour men then gave a few reflections on what the weekend had meant for them. At 11:00 AM, the guests joined the local Columba Hall community for the Jubilee Mass honoring **Br. Robert Dierker** and **Br. Roy Smith** in celebrating their 60th and 50th Jubilees respectively.

Before returning to Ohio, the Gilmour guests wrote down the following remarks about their experience with the community at Columba Hall and Bessette House:

Brother Carlos Parrilla

Click on link below for more pictures:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/MIDMID/ComeAndSeePics.pdf>



Brother Carlos

Brother Robert Kelly
With Students



Holy Cross Associates Retreat



Wednesday, May 9, **Brother Carl Sternberg** conducted a retreat for area Holy Cross Associates of the Midwest Province. **Brothers William Mewes** and **Richard Johnson**, affiliates, accompanied members from the three area groups: Holy Cross Village, St. Joseph and Andre Place. **Brother Edward Foken**, also an affiliate, was attending a celebration at St. Joseph High School and could not make the retreat. Later this month the associates will be making annual commitments as associates.



Between talks, associates were able to tour the gardens during reflection time. A gourmet luncheon that followed the retreat was enjoyed in the Fernwood dining area.

[\(Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve\)](#)



Br. Thomas Maddix Receives Award

Brother Thomas Maddix recently returned from a conference in Newfoundland where the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada awarded him their first Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations Tom.

Moreau Province Election Results

Dear Brothers and Fathers of the Moreau Province:



Br. William Zaydak

On Thursday, 10 May, **Brothers Donald Blauvelt, Lawrence Backus** and **Johnny Juno** counted the ballots of the membership for the election of provincial in the presence of **Brothers William Zaydak** and **William Nick**. The total number of eligible voters in the province was 161; 144 ballots were received which was more than the 50% of the eligible voters required by Statute 574, 4, b.

The results of the balloting were as follows: **Brother William Zaydak** -- 77; **Brother William Nick** -- 44; **Brother Mark Knightly** -- 12; **Brother James Branigan** -- 11.

On 10 May 2012, an electronic letter was sent to **Father Richard Warner**, Superior General, giving him the results. He responded on 12 May 2012, confirming the election of Brother William Zaydak as Provincial. (letter from Fr. Warner)

Therefore, I am happy on behalf of the province to announce the election of Brother William Zaydak to a six-year term as the Provincial of the Moreau Province. Let us offer him our prayers and support as he moves into a new stage of this important ministry on our behalf.

Your brother in Holy Cross,
Brother Donald Blauvelt, C.S.C.
Vicar Provincial

HCV and Brothers Lead Alzheimer's Walk for 5th Year

For the past five years a combination of donations by Holy Cross Village residents and Brothers of Holy Cross allowed the group of walkers to lead the annual walk benefitting the Alzheimer's and Dementia Services of Northern Indiana. This year, the 23rd for the event, will raise \$75,000 with two scheduled walks this spring. The Holy Cross group raised \$7,500 this year including \$2,320 raised by effort of the Brothers. Brother Thomas Cunningham coordinated the Brothers raising \$120 higher than last year. The Brothers walked to honor their own who died last year suffering with Alzheimer's or dementia and those currently living in Holy Cross Village with the diseases. Thanks to all of the Brothers who contributed to the walk.

New this year, besides new bright blue tee shirts with Brothers of Holy Cross on the back, was a sign letting walkers know the Brothers Team was '*Walking in Support of Our Brothers.*' Twelve Brothers walked this year. They were: (In the order in which they are pictured below) **Brothers Charles Gregg, Thomas Moulder, Walter Gluhm, Roy Smith, Julian Przybyla, Lawrence Stewart, Roger Berg, Lew Brazil, Chester Freel, Thomas Cunningham and Charles McBride.** Brother James Reddy is not pictured. Over 30 staff, residents and relatives of Holy Cross Village walked. Janice Brugh and Laurie McFadden coordinated the Holy Cross Village fund-raising effort.





Columba Hall 'Wellness' Presentation on Privacy Rights

This past Monday, May 14, Br. Lew Brazil, Coordinator of Aging for the Midwest Province and Resident Service Coordinator for Holy Cross Village along with Stacey Johnson, Director of Nursing for Holy Cross Village, gave a presentation at Columba Hall on the medical privacy rights residents have when they move into a higher level of healthcare.

This was one of a number of presentations made yearly at Columba Hall in conjunction with their 'Wellness' program.



Saint Brother André Place



In the past each community house would appoint a brother to keep the *house archives*. This was a log or journal of daily events; today we would call it a blog. To read and enjoy the daily happenings of **Brothers Paul Kelly** and **Jerome Kroetsch** as they setup and open Saint Brother André Place, click on the link below. You will be able to view the blog

written by Br. Paul. Enjoy.

If you can use Google Earth, open the Google program and paste in the longitude and latitude supplied at the bottom of Paul's blog for a view from the heavens or even a ground level view of Saint Brother André Place.

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/MIDMID/SARASOTA%20MISSION.pdf>

Hannah's House-A Maternity Home With A Heart



On Friday, May 11, 2012 **Brothers James Newberry, William Mewes and Roy Smith** attended the 'Blessings Bloom

Breakfast' at Hilton Garden Inn, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. This is the annual fundraiser for Hannah's House which began in 1993 in Mishawaka, Indiana. Hannah's House is a home for young, expectant mothers. The program included a video and live presentation of Ashley's Story, a moving testimony by Ashley who is presently still benefitting from the help Hannah's House has given her. In her story she included the Sisters of The Holy Cross where she is employed as well as Holy Cross College where she is preparing to become an elementary school teacher. Brother Roy recently joined the board of Hannah's House.

Two Iraqis complete their degrees at Holy Cross College

By MARGARET FOSMOE South Bend Tribune, 5:42 p.m. EDT, May 10, 2012

SOUTH BEND -- Life goals and perspectives have changed for Omar Rasheed and Karam Salem during the four years they've spent living and studying in South Bend.

The two men, both 24 and natives of Iraq, arrived here in 2008 to attend Holy Cross College. They came here with the assistance of the Iraqi Student Project, a non-profit organization that works to provide college education to Iraqi young people displaced through war and violence.

Salem and Rasheed will be among 69 Holy Cross students receiving degrees on Saturday.

Both men grew to their teen years in Iraq under the government of Saddam Hussein, a regime under which freedom of expression wasn't encouraged or often tolerated.

You may read the entire story at: <http://www.southbendtribune.com/news/sbt-two-iraqis-complete-their-degrees-at-holy-cross-college-20120510,0,1269522.story>

New email address

The new email address for St. Joseph Center, Valatie, NY is sjcval@gmail.com

Internet Back Up

Both my internet and email have now been restored. Please spread this good news. Hope all has been well with you. See you in June.

Robert Mosher

Prayers Requested

Brothers,

Please remember Brother Fred McGlynn in your prayers. Brother Fred was admitted to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center (Mishawaka, IN) early this morning, Monday 14, suffering from congestive heart failure and pneumonia. Currently in a semi-coma state, Fred is residing in Room 6610 and the doctors are treating him with various intravenous medications.

Thank you.

Brother Chester Freel

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