

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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January 16, 2013

St. Joseph Place Dedication



Sunday, January 13, the Feast Day of the Baptism of Jesus by Saint John the Baptist, St. Joseph Place, the Brothers' Residence at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame was dedicated.

The renovation project which has been in the planning stages for over two and a half years was made possible by the patrimonial gifts from **Brothers Thomas More Beere (deceased), George Klawitter, Louis Mangini, Donald Morgan, Paul Rosonke, Thomas Sisung, Lawrence Skitzki and Raymond Trotman.**

Originally the new house was to have been constructed near the Congregation Administrative Center near Highway 933. As the discussion of a residential facility continued, it was decided to connect and enlarge two already existing houses in the Village which had been occupied by Brothers.

Panzica Construction Inc. of South Bend was responsible for the design and construction of the project. Panzica was also the primary contractor for the most recent buildings at Holy Cross Village and has had a relationship with the Brothers of Holy Cross since their renovation of Columba Hall in 1983. Philip Panzica, President of Panzica Construction Inc., spoke at the dedication.

At the dedication and blessing **Brother Chester Freel, C.S.C.**, provincial of the Midwest Province, acknowledged the eight Brothers who were donors to the project with a plaque which will hang in the entrance of the eight room residence. **Rev. Kenneth E. Grabner, C.S.C.**, Holy Cross Village Chaplain and resident of St. Joseph Place blessed the building.

Brothers residing at St. Joseph Place include **Brothers Chester Freel, Raymond Papenfuss, Raymond Harrington, Lew Brazil, Janes Leik, Thomas Sisung and Roger Berg.**

The three-hour open house drew a number of Holy Cross Village residents along with Holy Cross Priests, Brothers and Sisters from the area. All of the private rooms along with the living room, dining room, kitchen, parlor and guest room were open to for visitors to see.



Pictures of the event will soon be posted at:
<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/CurrentEvents.htm>

Br. Joseph Edward Umile, CSC
July 16, 1948 - January 13, 2013

Brother Joseph Umile, the only child of Joseph William Umile and Rita Kawders Umile, was born on July 16, 1948 in New Haven, CT. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Bernadette Parish and attended Morris Cove School and then St. Bernadette Elementary School, all in New Haven, CT. In 1966, he graduated from Notre Dame High School, West Haven, CT.



Before entering Holy Cross, Joseph earned a BA from Fairfield University in 1970, having studied at the University of Paris from 1968 to 1969. After entering the community, he earned a Master of Arts degree in French at Middlebury College by studying during the summers from 1971 to 1979. Joe did additional studies at Boston College in Religious Studies and Iona College in Education.

Prior to entering the Congregation of Holy Cross, he worked as a teacher at his alma mater, Notre Dame High School, West Haven, CT from 1970 to 1974. When Joseph became a candidate in August 1974, he was assigned to teach at Holy Cross, Waterbury, CT for one year before entering the Holy Cross Novitiate in Bennington, VT on August 14, 1975. He professed his first vows on August 7, 1976 and his final vows on August 27, 1983.

After completing his Novitiate, Joseph taught French and Italian at Holy Cross High School in Flushing, NY. Starting in 1980 he taught French at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury, CT for four years. In 1984, Joseph went to Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy where he served as Principal of the high school for two years. He was appointed as Headmaster and returned to the United States six years later when the school closed in 1992. He then served as President of Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, IN for fourteen years.

In 2007, Joseph moved to the Holy Cross Community Residence in Cocoa Beach, FL. He did so to provide care to his mother nearby. He also served for a while as the Director of Advancement at Melbourne Central High School in Melbourne, FL. In 2011, Joseph moved to Holy Cross College, South Bend, IN where he served first as the Director of Development and then as the Project Assistant to the President.

Joseph was admitted to St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend, IN because of respiration problems but suffered from multiple medical issues. On January 13, 2013 with many community members and friends at his bedside praying with him, Joe passed over into eternal life.

Those who lived and worked with him learned to ignore the rough exterior and freely given opinions and instead to appreciate how deeply he was dedicated as a religious and how truly generous and caring he was to all. Joseph shared his many gifts and talents wherever he ministered. He will be remembered as loving and building community, evidenced by his willingness to use his excellent cooking skills for the benefit of all. Requiescat in pace!

Br. William Zaydak, CSC
Provincial

Arrangements

South Bend, IN

Wednesday, January 16, 2013: Visitation at St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross College, South Bend, IN, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm followed by Mass of Resurrection at 3:30 pm

Valatie, NY

Friday, January 18, 2013: Memorial Service at St. Joseph Center, Valatie, NY at 7:00 pm

Saturday January 19, 2013: Mass of Resurrection at 11:00 followed by burial.

If you will be able to join the community at St. Joseph Center on Saturday and can stay for lunch, please RSVP [518-784-9481 #209](tel:518-784-9481) or sjcval@gmail.com Please also inform them if you would like to stay overnight.

3600 Mile Road Trip to Miami

I decided that the Notre Dame-Alabama game would become an opportunity to drive to Florida and visit the Holy Cross Community and friends along the way. I began Wednesday, January 2 with a visit to Kay Kinsella, sister of the late **Brother James Kinsella** at the Friends Fellowship Home in Richmond, Indiana. Kay lost her husband Kermit Harris earlier this year. Both have been in the home over 8 years. Other than a loss of hearing, Kay is doing well. It was a very pleasant visit.

My next stop was in Oxford, Florida where I stayed with Julie and Alan Katra the parents of Megan Katra a long-time receptionist in the chancery office in Anchorage. When I left Anchorage 9 years ago I left my dog Molly with Megan. At 11 Molly is still doing well. They live on a 20-acre plot of farmland outside Oxford, Florida. It had been two years since my last visit.



On my way to Miami I stopped by to see the Holy Cross Community at Christopher Lodge in Coco Beach, Florida. It was my 6th visit to Coco Beach. There I met with **Rev. James Lackemier**, Superior of Christopher Lodge and **Br. William Farrell** of the Moreau Province (picture). There are currently 10 priests and a brother at the lodge with 5 other priests affiliated with the lodge. It had been 55 years since I

saw Brother William Farrell. We had been students at St. Edward's 55 years ago. Many improvements have been made to individual living quarters at the lodge in the past few years.



Following my four days in the Miami area I headed West taking Alligator Alley through the 170 miles of Everglades in Florida to the bed and breakfast the Brothers run in Sarasota, Florida. Pictured are **Brothers Jerome Kroetsch and Paul Kelly**. **Brother Lawrence Skitzki** was in Hawaii celebrating his 50 Jubilee along with his **Brother Henry and Brother Thomas Sisung**.

The three Brothers have done remarkable work in upgrading the facility founded by the late **Brother William Geenen**. It looks like they will have full occupancy this February. It is a great spot for both Holy Cross members and friends to spend some vacation time. The facility is a short walking distance from downtown Sarasota and the waterfront. Sarasota is well-known for its magnificent beaches. To contact **Brother Paul Kelly** about staying in Sarasota call 941-343-2631, Fax 505-983-6963 or e-mail at: pkelly@brothers of Holy Cross.com



Br. Charles McBride

25 Years and Counting...For Another National Football Title

It had been 25 years (1988) since Notre Dame won a National Football title against West Virginia in Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Arizona. Having shot Notre Dame Sports since 1969 for the Notre Dame Sports Information Department, January 7, 2013 looked like a perfect opportunity for Notre



Dame to add to their 11 National football titles. So off I went on a road trip to Miami to follow my dream of seeing Notre Dame become a National Football Champion after 25 years. Such was not case following a 42-14 letdown defeat to



Alabama. It was a difficult loss for the Irish who went 12-0 and were ranked #1. 40 years before I shot the ND – Alabama “game of the century” which Notre Dame won 24-23 in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. Notre Dame was ranked #3 going into the game, Alabama #1. It was the best football game I saw in the past 44 years. [Click to follow this link](#) to 23 of my images which show the buildup and latest game against Alabama in Sun Life Stadium, Miami. Although we didn’t win, it’s the best the Irish have finished in the past 25-years.

Br. Charles McBride

Brother Andre Award Exemplary Service Core Values

HOSPITALITY: I have watched the care that Mae gives all of “her” residents in Quinn Memory Care Center. She is constantly patient and caring and goes above and beyond expectations. Her hospitality is unsurpassed treating her residents as special guests in her home. Family members often remark how confident they are to leave, knowing their loved ones are in good hands with Mae.

FAITH CENTERED: She not only provides amazing care to the residents on a daily basis, but she has an intense love and respect for each of them.

INTEGRITY: Mae is consistent in her work attendance and work performance. She not only completes her responsibilities in her shift but will also set up supplies, etc. for the next shift.

RESPECT: She is exemplary in her regard for her residents’ dignity and respectful of their wishes – delivering a truly resident-centered experience for residents within Quinn.

The Saint Brother Andre Exemplary Service Award

The Saint Brother Andre Exemplary Service Award honors and recognizes, in a word, the heart and soul of our collective mission in Holy Cross Village and is presented this year 2013 to **Mae Quinn**.

The Brother Andre Exemplary Service Award is

given annually to that person regardless of rank, position, or ministry who, like Brother Andre, is one with the people served, knowing the ills and infirmity they assist today will be theirs tomorrow.



Left to right: 2012 recipient Velma Harris, 2013 recipient Mae Quinn, Jack Mueller, Sr. Marilyn Zugish, CSC

By grace, they provide their care in the sure knowledge that it is the God who works through them, as they go about their tasks.

Like Brother Andre, the recipient of this award manifests: attentive and tender compassion; kindness and commitment in anticipating need; gentleness and professionalism in offering service; and genuine engagement with those in their charge – regardless of how small or large the task.

Those honored by this award will see their service as the natural and uncomplicated response to the obvious needs before them. They will be known in their care giving as completely dedicated to those they serve, making no distinction for class, position, or personality. They will go about their work as Andre himself did, grateful for their own blessings and determined to provide equally for others.



This recognition of talent and service is made yearly to one among us who, in unassuming and consistent ways, is tender in care and compassionate in duty.

Our honoree is a model in work and relationships, as was the Man from Montreal, Sainted Brother Andre Bessette.

“It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the best paintings. Put yourself in God’s hands; God abandons no one.”

Brother Andre Bessette, CSC

Prayers Requested

Brothers,

Please remember in prayer the health needs **Brother Ronald Christianson** who is in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, IN.

Brother Ronald Christenson was admitted to St. Joseph Medical Center due to general weakness. The initial diagnosis indicates some type of anemia and Ron has benefited from blood transfusions while undergoing various tests to determine the cause. Ron is asking for the prayers of the community but is requesting no visitors at this time.

Thank you.

Br. Chester Freel

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