

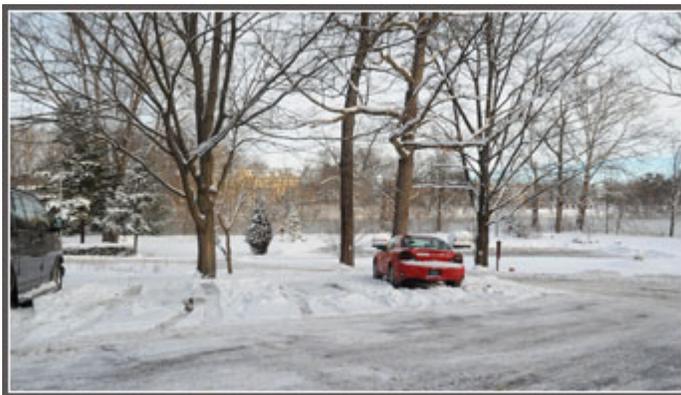
# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Columba Hall in Winter

This past week was the coldest with the most snow this winter. Pictured is Columba Hall, part of which is the second oldest building on the Notre Dame Campus. Another story in Midwest-Midweek tells of the many renovations going on in the grand building presently. Columba Hall over the past 116 years has served as residence for the priests and brothers working and teaching at Notre Dame, the home of the General Administration of the United States Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and from 1946 to 1956 the headquarters of the United States Brothers' Province. Since 1956, the Midwest Province members living on the Notre Dame campus have called Columba Hall home. Prior to the Brothers' House being built at St. Joseph High School the Brothers teaching there lived at Columba Hall. The last major renovation of the hall took place in 1983. At one time Columba Hall had over 90 private rooms, most with a common bathroom on each floor. In the past three years nearly 20 rooms have been renovated to include private baths. The Annual Appeal of the Brothers this year has been earmarked to make the front entrance of Columba Hall handicapped accessible by raising the grade of the front drive to match the level of the front entrance. This improvement will begin later this year. New carpeting in the dining area and upgrading many of the rooms renovated in 1983 will be done as residents move from their current rooms. Columba Hall is being upgraded to provide the retired brothers a more comfortable and barrier free home. Where appropriate additional home health care services, will be made available for individual brothers.



Visit Website for more Pictures:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/ColumbaWinter2013/ColumbaWinter2013.htm>

## Columba Hall Renovations Continue



The 2012 Chapter of the Brothers made the renovation of Columba Hall a major priority. To that charge the present Superior of Columba Hall, **Brother Thomas Moser** has taken on the task of renovating the historic building. Since his appointment at Superior in June 1012, Brother Thomas has brought about over \$60,000 in renovations to Columba Hall.

Obvious changes to the outside of the building include a new copper cross and roofing to the tower at Columba Hall which was struck by lightning, an addition of lightning rods on the roof, additional parking areas in the rear of the building, new concrete stairs off the recreation room and a number of landscaping improvements.

In the dining area there is a new salad bar, relocation of some kitchen equipment, and this week the replacement of the dining room carpeting. Carpeting has also been replaced in the area off the recreation room, high usage stair areas, as well as the addition of a new mail-room layout and additional bulletin boards throughout the house. The library ceiling has also been replaced.

The fitness/ exercise room area has a new carpet, cabinets and a new paint job. In the recreation room a wide screen television has been added for group viewing as well as new aquarium. New offices have been created for the Wellness Activities Director, **Lesya Godfrey**; Director of Health and Aging, **Br. Lew Brazil**; and Midwest Province Planning Director **Br. John May**.

Another improvement is the renovation of the common bathrooms on each floor. Water fountains have replaced older stand-alone water bottle units on each floor.

In Bessette House, French doors have been installed to block heat from going from the second to the third floor of the building. Also on the second floor a small kitchen with refrigerator and microwave oven have been installed. A ramp also has been built to make the second floor of Bessette House handicapped accessible.

Check other renovation pictures on the homepage slideshow:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/>

## Br. Lew Brazil Named Director of St. Joseph Place

Brothers at St. Joseph Place,

January 27, 2012



Please accept this letter as official notice regarding the appointment of a Community Director for St. Joseph Place at Holy Cross Village.

As per the Congregation's Constitutions, I have consulted with the Provincial Council and they have given consent for the appointment of Brother Lew Brazil as the new Community Director. The effective date of this assignment is February 1, 2013.

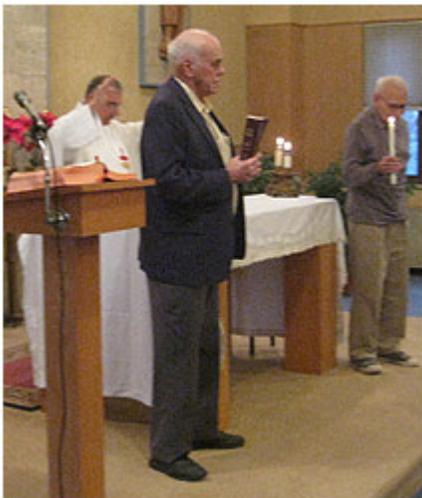
I am appreciative of Brother Lew's acceptance of this assignment. He was the unanimous choice of residents in the house, and I am sure you will provide him with your support as he fulfills the responsibilities of this office.

Thank you.

In Holy Cross,

Brother Chester Freel, CSC  
Provincial Superior

## Columba Hall Departure Ceremony for Br. Donald Becker and Fr. David Burrell



Recently Columba Hall held a Departure Ceremony for Brother Donald Becker and Fr. David Burrell. Donald is returning to Bangladesh after undergoing medical tests and treatment in South Bend. Columba Hall chaplain Fr. Bill Blum conducted the ceremony, which was suggested by long-time Holy Cross missionary Brother Fulgence Doherty. Father David Burrell, Hesburgh Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Theology at Notre Dame has been assigned there and accompanied Brother Donald Becker, a member of the St. Joseph Brothers Province, back to Bangladesh.

Also attending the ceremony, along with residents of Columba Hall was Nina Klee, sister of Father David Burrell who lives in Andre Place of Holy Cross Village. Brother Thomas Moser and Father Blum along with the assembly gave a departure blessing to Brother Donald and Fr. Burrell.



## Holy Cross Harvest to Collect Donations for Pantries



The Holy Cross institutions of Saint Mary's College, Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame will hold the third Holy Cross Harvest, "harvesting" food and monetary donations for various food pantries. (Photo provided / January 27, 2013)

While farmers ended their harvest a couple months ago, another "harvest" is about to get under way. The Holy Cross institutions of Saint Mary's College, Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame will hold the third Holy Cross Harvest, "harvesting" food and monetary donations for various food pantries. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will hold their drives Monday to Feb. 15, while Holy Cross College will hold its harvest drive during the entire month of February. The public is encouraged to participate.

Each of the three campuses has a different approach to the Holy Cross Harvest.

Here is a link to the complete South Bend Tribune story:

<http://www.southbendtribune.com/community/sbt-holy-cross-harvest-to-collect-donations-for-pantries-20130127,0,3836880.story>

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