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Br. Chester Freel Visits Archbishop and Bishops of Goaso and Sunyani

On Thursday and Friday, April 18th and 19th, while on his Provincial Visitation to Ghana, **Brother Chester Freel, CSC**, the Provincial of the Midwest Province and **Brother Daniel Dardoe, CSC**, the District Superior of the Brothers in Ghana made their way North from Cape Coast to visit the Holy Cross Brothers ministering, studying and living in the Diocese of Goaso and Sunyani. Brothers Chester and Daniel visited with Bishop Peter K. Atuahene, Bishop of the Diocese of Goaso and Bishop Matthew Kwasi Gyamfi, Bishop of the Diocese of Sunyani. On Monday, April 22nd Brother Chester and Brother Daniel Dardoe visited with the Archbishop Matthias Nketsia, Archbishop of Cape Coast, West Africa.



Bishop Peter Atuahene, Bishop of the Diocese of Goaso with Bro. Chester Freel.



Bishop Matthew Gyamfi, Bishop of the Diocese of Sunyani with Bro. Chester Freel.



Archbishop Matthias Nketsia, Archbishop of Cape Coast with Bro. Chester Freel.



Pictures and story courtesy of: **Father. Robert Gilmour**

Two Brothers Make Final Vows in Ghana



Bro. David and Bro. Augustus answer the questions about their readiness with the words: "I am."

On Saturday, April 27th, people came from the West, North and East in Ghana, to join the Holy Cross Family gathered at the Holy Cross District Center at Brafoyaw-Cape Coast, Ghana to join in the celebration of the Final Profession of Vows of **Brother Augustus Mensah** and **Brother David Kpobi**. It was a beautiful day and the celebration joyous. It was a day that the Lord had made and all rejoiced and were glad in it. **Brother Chester Freel**, Provincial of the Midwest Province of Brothers, Notre Dame, Indiana, accepted the vows of the religious.

We would like to invite you, members of our Holy Cross Family, to share our joy and thanksgiving on the occasion of the Final Profession of our Brothers. Just click on the link below to join us in our joy and thanksgiving.

<https://picasaweb.google.com/rgilmourcsc/ProfessionOfFinalsVowsHolyCrossGhana>

Father Bob Gilmour
Holy Cross District Center

'Swing Into Spring' Concert Was a Toe-Tapping Delight

The Holy Cross Village Jazz Ensemble and Singers gave a rousing toe-tapping



'Swing Into Spring' performance on Sunday afternoon, April 28, in the Brother William Geenen Hall of Andre Place, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The concert was one of the frequent musical productions during the year at Andre Place by **Brother Lew Brazil,**

and his group. Brother, who lives at St. Joseph Place in Holy Cross Village, ministered at Holy Cross Village and is now Director of Health Care and Aging for the Brothers of Holy Cross Midwest Province.

Featured jazz artists who performed with **Brother Lew** included: on clarinet, **Jessica Brock** a novice at St Mary's with The Sisters of the Holy Cross and performer with the Church of the Loretto Choir; Tenor Sax, **Wes Speake**, jazz guest artist from the South Bend area; drums, **Rich Dubiensi**, a professional drummer from the South Bend area and a regular member of the HCV Jazz Group; and on piano, **Marian Emerya**, teacher of music at IUSB and a professional musician in the area.

Also performing were the Holy Cross Village Singers: **Susan Berger** whose mother lives in Andre Place, **Tim McBride** whose father, Bob McBride, was a resident of the Quinn Center before passing away last year, **Susan Griffin,**

marketing director at HCV and **Sissy Smith**, a nurse at Dujarie House who sings in a Gospel choir on Sundays.

The two-hour concert included songs from the ballroom and big band era. The afternoon event also included refreshments and an intermission.



Holy Cross College lecture series to continue

South Bend mayor speaks about success at early age.



South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg speaks to Holy Cross students, faculty and visitors about success at an early age inside Driscoll Hall auditorium on the campus of Holy Cross. (South Bend Tribune/ROBERT FRANKLIN / April 28, 2013)

By Bob Williams

The 2012-13 school year at Holy Cross College was outstanding in many, many ways. One striking example was the high note the new Practical Lessons in Success lecture series closed on.

South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, not much older than many Holy Cross students, discussed his path to success with students during his presentation April 17.

Buttigieg shared his academic path to success through St. Joseph High School, [Harvard University](#) and a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford with the audience of

students, faculty and community visitors. That, combined with private sector and now political success, makes him uniquely qualified to discuss achievement at an early age.

The students heard about the mayor's expectations at each step of the way and what it took to succeed. He also addressed the current needs of South Bend and how reaching out and building relationships are critical to progress in a challenging world.

For the complete story go to:

<http://www.southbendtribune.com/community/sbt-holy-cross-college-lecture-series-to-continue-20130428,0,1983877.story>

Prayer Requests

Brother Donald Becker, CSC, has been laid to rest in Wari Christian cemetery Thursday, April 25. Archbishop Patrick D'Rozario was the main celebrant. Most Rev. Michael R'Rozario (Emeritus bishop of Khulna), Most Rev. Theotonius Gomes (auxiliary bishop of Dhaka), several CSC priests were concelebrating with the Archbishop. Many religious, candidates, former students, friends and well-wishers of Br. Donald were present.

Brother Bikash V. D'Rozario gave the eulogy just before the Mass. Several people spoke on Donald and his life as a religious, especially of his contributions in the field of technical education in Bangladesh.

After the Mass of the Resurrection, the body was carried by the staff of St. Joseph Trades School (where Donald spent many years of his life). Most Rev. Theotonius led the prayers for the burial.

On behalf of the Province, I'd like to convey my sincere thanks and gratitude to you all for your continued support and prayer over the past several weeks since Donald's hospitalization.

Let us continue to pray for his reposed soul and ask him to pray for all of us.

God bless us all!

Brother Harold Bijoy, C.S.C.
Provincial, St. Joseph Province

*Editor's Note: **Brother Donald Becker, C.S.C.**, age 81, died suddenly on April 24, 2013 in Dhaka, Bangladesh after a lengthy illness. He was originally a member of the Midwest Province, but in 1989 he officially joined the St. Joseph Province in Bangladesh. Brother Donald died one day after his 81st birthday. He joined the Brothers of Holy Cross and entered St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana on February 1, 1951 and made his first profession of vows on February 2, 1952.*

Brother Edwin Reggio, C.S.C. died at Dujarie House, Notre Dame, Indiana on Wednesday, April 24. He had been a resident of Dujarie for a short period of time.

Brother Edwin Reggio, a member of the Moreau Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, served in a variety of ministries over his long career as a Brother of Holy Cross. He taught at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Brooklyn, New York; at St. Edward's High School in Austin, Texas; and at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He also served as a Holy Cross vocation promoter and as a regional director of Families for Prayer. Returning to New Orleans in 1984, he served as Headmaster and local superior at Holy Cross School. In 1991, he moved back to Austin where he served as Events Coordinator (1991-1999) and Auxiliary Services Coordinator (1999-2013) at St. Edward's University. From 1997-2003, he served as the religious superior of the St. Joseph Hall community.

The funeral services for Brother Edwin are as follows:

At Notre Dame, Indiana, at the Dujarie House Chapel:

Tuesday, April 30: Viewing from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 11:00 a.m.

In Austin, Texas, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel at St. Edward's University:

Thursday, May 2: the Memorial Service will be held at 7:00 p.m

Friday, May 3: the Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:30 a.m., followed by burial at Assumption Cemetery.

May our Brother Edwin rest in peace.

Brother Donald Blauvelt, CSC

Prayers requested for the repose of the soul of Josephine Mikottis, the aunt of **Brother Donald Fleischhacker**. She died on Sunday, April 21, 2013.

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