

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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On Wednesday, July 17, Notre Dame area Midwest Holy Cross Associates gathered at *Papa Vino's* for a social. Br. Frederick Raehsler suggested the three groups of Associates (Holy Cross Village, André and St. Joseph) meet together now and then. Seventeen members were able to attend. Among the Brothers present were: **Carl Sternberg, Frederick Raehsler, Robert Kelly, Richard Johnson, and Edward Foken**. Pictures may be viewed on the website slideshow:



Br. Frederick Raehsler



Columba Hall's Annual Jubilee Celebration



On Sunday, July 21, Columba Hall celebrated the Jubilees of its house members for 2013. (L-R) Brothers **Robert Kelly, Joseph McTaggart, Fulgence Dougherty, and Donald Morgan** were fêted with a Mass followed by a Social and Dinner. Baked Alaska followed a Filet Mignon meal prepared by Columba Hall Chef Rick.

Brother Fulgence was especially honored by having present Ann and John Blair. John was boarding house captain (senior prefect) for Fulgence when Fulgence was working in his apostolate in India (pre-Bangladesh, 1947). John said the he has always been a leader in everything he did, giving credit to Fulgence for his mentoring.

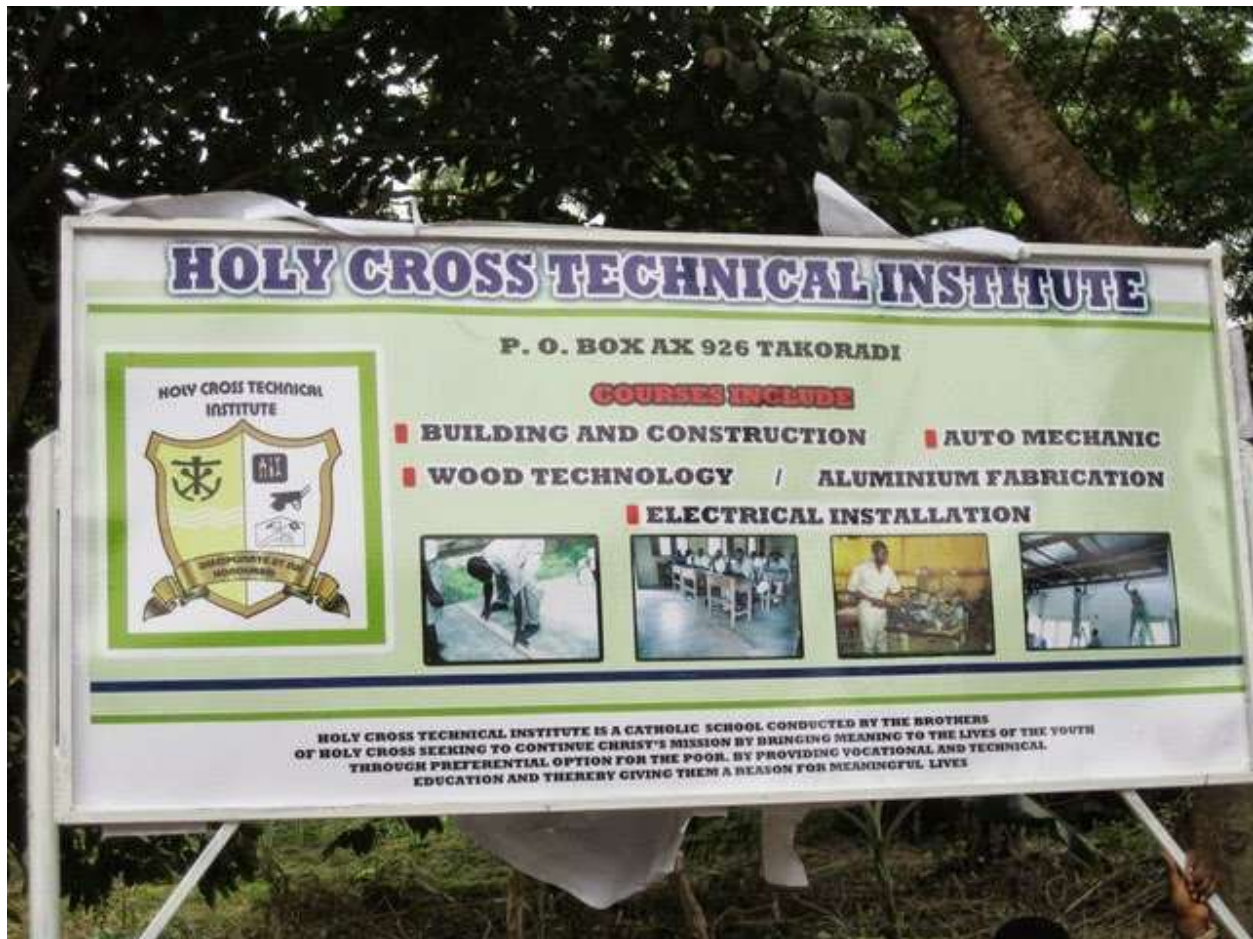
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By: Br. Richard Johnson



Holy Cross Skills Centre, Anaki, Ghana, Marks 30 Years



On Friday, 19th July 2013, the 30th Anniversary of the Holy Cross Skills Training Centre at Anaji was celebrated with an open house celebration. During the celebration there were speeches to mark the occasion, worthy individuals and achieving students were recognized, the history and important figures in that history were recalled. The school shared changes it was making to take its place among the Technical Institutes of Ghana and it marked this new direction with a change in its name - becoming the HOLY CROSS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. It was a good and grand day and a good number of the members of the Holy Cross Family were in attendance.

For additional pictures of the event go to:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/rgilmourcsc/HolyCrossSkillsTrainingCentre30thAnniversary>

Sacred Heart Basilica to Mark 125 Years August 16

On Friday, August 16 at 4:00 p.m., **The Most Reverend Daniel Jenky, C.S.C.**, bishop of Peoria, Illinois, will celebrate 125 years of prayer and worship at Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame, Indiana. Music for the Mass will be performed by alumni of the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir. A reception will follow the Mass in the Rotunda of the Administration Building.

The Basilica serves as the mother church of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States and has special meaning to many members of the Congregation of Holy Cross who have made their final profession of vows, ordinations, and jubilee celebrations at Sacred Heart Basilica. Invitations to attend the celebration have been extended to all members of the Congregations of Holy Cross as well as the general public.



For 77 years, Brothers of Holy Cross made their final vows, celebrated jubilees and were buried from the present Sacred Heart Church and laid to rest in the Community Cemetery at Notre Dame. Beginning in 1965 with the building of the Midwest Brothers Province Center across highway 933, the Brothers would no longer made their final vows, observe jubilees or be buried from Sacred Heart Basilica.



The past few decades the Brothers have renewed their tradition of celebrating jubilees of first profession of vows each June at the Basilica. Holy Cross Priests at Notre Dame have invited area Brothers and Sisters to celebrate the major Holy Cross Congregational Feast Days of Our Lady of Seven Dolors and St. Joseph followed by a dinner celebration at Moreau Seminary. Each year the communities of Priests, Sisters and Brothers rotate the celebration of Blessed Basil Moreau on January 20.

Today Brothers are buried from Our Lady of Holy Cross or St. Joseph Chapels in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame and are laid to rest in St. Joseph Cemetery, since 1966.

When Holy Cross **Father Edward Sorin** and seven Brothers of Holy Cross: **Mary, Gatien, Patrick, William, Basil, Peter,** and **Francis** arrived in Northern Indiana on November 26, 1842, they found a log cabin to house a chapel which Jesuit missionaries had built in the 1830s to serve the settlers of the area.

Father Sorin and Brothers built a larger log structure for the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by 1848. In 1852, the church had double spires built by a local carpenter in exchange for his son's tuition at the school, a carillon, wall murals, and other religious art.

Father Sorin wanted a church modeled after Church of the Gesù in Rome. That church, built in 1568, had a floor plan resembling the Latin cross and housed the tomb of St. Ignatius Loyola (the founder of the Jesuits). The new edifice would echo the Roman church's floor plan and have a mural depicting the life of Loyola.

Father Sorin asked Patrick Keely, the nation's preeminent architect specializing in Catholic churches, to design the new church. Father Sorin apparently experienced sticker shock when Keely submitted a design with an estimated completion price of \$100,000 and then enlisted his church's pastor and a Holy Cross **Brother Borromeo Harding**, who was an amateur architect and builder, to work with Keely to develop a more modest plan.

Building the church was a Holy Cross Community project. The Sisters of the Holy Cross at St. Mary's provided necessary funds needed to keep the project going. Brothers made the yellow bricks used in exterior wall of the church from materials gotten from Saint Mary's Lake and fired on the grounds of what is now Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. At one time, the Sisters of the Holy Cross had plans to build a Sacred Heart church at St. Mary's.

Difficulty in raising money for the scaled-back version of Keely's plan caused delays, and construction stretched from 1868 through 1888. In 1870 the present church was begun with the cornerstone being laid in 1871. The first Mass was said in 1875 and dedicated by Bishop Joseph Dwenger of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on August 15, 1888.



The art and architecture of Sacred Heart Basilica, the Gothic Revival church reflects the Congregation of Holy Cross' heritage of faith, service, and education. The church is in a central campus location next to the administration building and 'Golden Dome,' and the cross atop its 218-foot-tall tower is the tallest point on the Notre Dame campus at 230 feet.

The church is 175 feet long, 114 feet wide, and has interior ceilings soaring to 60 feet high, and the artwork and architectural detail is equally impressive to the church's size. The original baptismal font dating from 1871 sits at the front entrance of the church.





The French-built main altar made a stop at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia during 1876, winning an award for its design before its installation in Indiana. The altar of Our Lady Chapel is said to have been designed in Rome by the studios of Bernini. The tabernacle doors contain a fragment of wood believed to be from the table on which St. Peter celebrated Mass in Rome. The altar in the Lady Chapel, constructed in 1886, celebrated the 50th anniversary of Father Sorin's 1838 ordination. The 50th Anniversary chalice of Father Sorin is used yearly in the jubilee celebrations of the Brothers of Holy Cross at Sacred Heart Basilica.



Famed Vatican painter **Luigi Gregori**, artist of the Papal Household of Blessed Pius IV and Professor of Art at Notre Dame, created 56 wall and ceiling murals and Stations of the Cross for the church over a 17-year period. Gregori's 12th and 13th Stations of the Cross made a stop at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago before their installation in Indiana. Models for many of Gregori's stations and

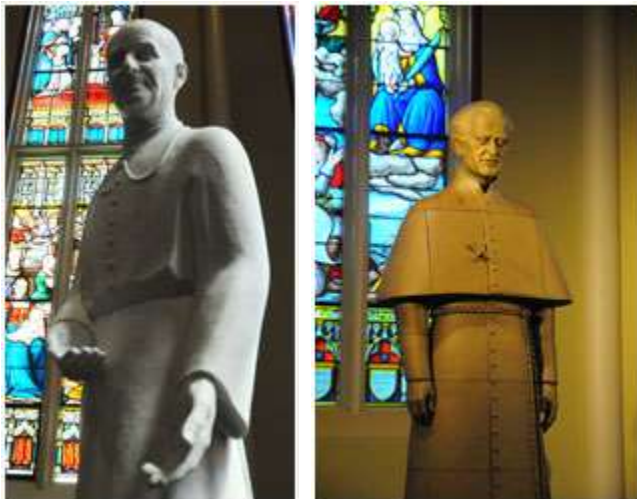
murals were family members along with priests and brothers of Holy Cross, students and faculty.

Father Sorin commissioned Carmelite nuns at Le Mans, France, to create 42 stained glass windows. The windows, installed at the church between 1873 and 1888, contain 114 life-size scenes and 106 smaller scenes. The 23-bell carillon was created in 1852 and brought over from the old Sacred Heart Church. It is reportedly the oldest carillon in North America and is in the church's tower with a seven-ton brass bell dubbed "St. Anthony."

The vintage Holtkamp organ installed in 1978, has four divisions, three manuals, 54 ranks of pipes, 40 stops and 2,929 pipes. Holy **Cross Brother Daniel Kane** of Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, has performed original works on the organ. Brother Daniel is the music director for all of the Brothers of Holy Cross jubilee celebrations at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

A 1968 renovation brought the church building into line with liturgical reforms, and a 1988-91 restoration brought the church's most treasured elements back to their original glory. **Father Daniel Jenky** was the Rector of Sacred Heart Church during the three-year restoration. One of the biggest improvements during the 1980s restoration by **Conrad Schmitt Studios** involved sending the church's 116 windows and 1,200 individual panes of glass to the Carmelite Sisters Glass Works in Le Mans, France, to be restored.

In 1992, **Pope John Paul II** recognized the church's historical and spiritual significance by designating it as a minor basilica.



Additions to the Basilica include statues of **St. Andre Bessette, C.S.C.**, canonized in Rome on October 17, 2010 and Holy Cross Founder, Blessed **Basil Mary Moreau, C.S.C.** who was beatified in Le Mans, France, September 15, 2007. **John Cardinal O'Hara, C.S.C.** (1888-1960), twelfth president of Notre Dame, Bishop of Buffalo, New York, and Cardinal Archbishop of Philadelphia is buried in the Stations of the Cross Chapel.



This past July, Holy Cross **Brother Robert Falcone, C.S.C.,75**, a member of the Moreau Province of Brothers, and resident of Holy Cross High School, Flushing, New York, was a volunteer tour guide who worked from 9-11 and 1-4 daily at the Basilica. Brother Robert in the 80s and 90s while on the staff at the Holy Cross International School in Rome gave Saturday tours of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome for 10 years.

Br. Charles McBride



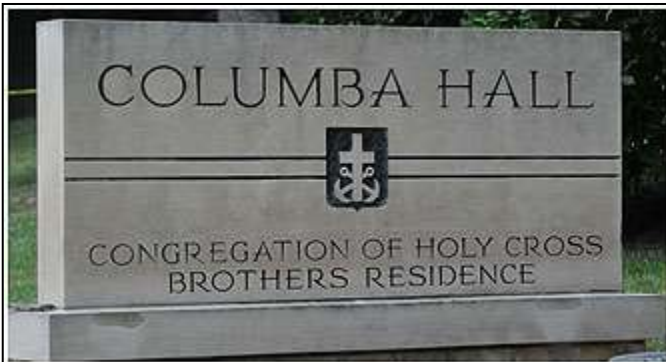
'Raise the Road' Project Begins at Columba Hall



The planning and discussions have ended, and the ‘Raise the Road’ renovation at Columba Hall began in earnest this past week. The project is made possible by the Brothers of Holy Cross Annual Appeal last November. The purpose of the front entrance renovation of the 117 year-old building is to make it barrier-free for the older residents to be able to enter and exit without having to climb stairs and open two doors manually.



Last Monday **Brother Thomas Moser** and his crew put the final touches on the patio he and his working crew built at the north end of the building near the kitchen. The Columba Hall granite sign had the words ***Brothers of Holy Cross***

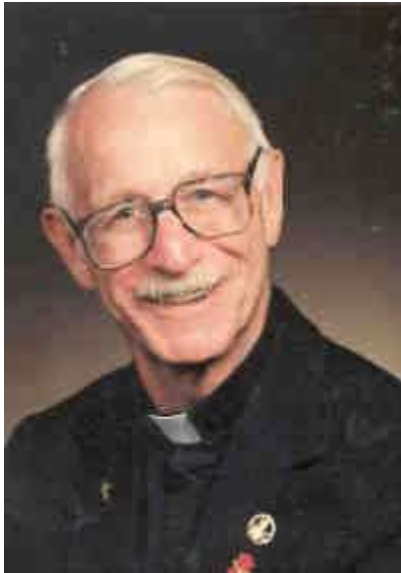


Residence added to the sign in front of Columba Hall. The final project on Monday was the removal of the outer glass entrance of Columba Hall, allowing for the demolition of the cement stairs.

Ritschard Bros Excavation and Demolition of South Bend prepared the site and installed the necessary safety barriers. It took a couple of days for the demolition of the stairs and sidewalk area in front of Columba. Toward the end of the week Ziolowski Construction began to build the forms for the walls needed in ‘Raising the Road.’ This coming week concrete work by Ziolowski Construction should begin as well as the removal of trees and present driveway.

Panzica Construction is the primary contractor and has been involved with Holy Cross for over 25-years. Panzica’s first project in 1988 was the \$1.2 million dollar renovation of the infrastructure of Columba Hall. Other projects have included the expansion of the Province Archives, Andre Place, Schubert Villa addition, Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel, Quinn Memory Care Center, St. Joseph Cemetery, Riverside Place renovation and construction of St. Joseph Place Residence for Brothers in Holy Cross Village.

Obituary of Former Brother of Holy Cross Richard Sitar



Here is the obituary of former Brother of Holy Cross Richard Sitar who was a Holy Cross Community member from 1945-75.

Reverend Richard Thomas Sitar entered eternal life on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the age of 86. Father Sitar was born January 31, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan to Rudolph and Stella (Gaska) Sitar. He attended St. Boniface Grade School and St. Leo High School in Detroit. **He entered the Congregation of Holy Cross as a Brother in June, 1945. He received a B.A. and M.A. in European history from the University of Notre Dame.** In 1975 he became a seminarian for the Diocese of Gaylord and received his M.Div. from St.

John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth. Father Sitar was ordained on October 28, 1979 by the Most Reverend Edmund C. Szoka at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord.

He was assigned after his ordination as Associate Pastor of St. Casimir Parish in Posen and St. Dominic Parish in Metz, and in 1980 St. Francis in Traverse City. In 1981 he began serving as Associate Pastor at St. Mary Parish in Alpena. He became Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Onkama and St. Raphael Parish in Copemish in 1986. On August 3, 1989 he was appointed as Pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Rogers City and served there until he retired on June 30, 1992.

Prayer Requests

Brother John May entered St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka due to an infection. John is in Room 3308, and his telephone number is (574) 335-3308.

The sister of Brother Roland Driscoll passed away early Saturday morning. Roland is requesting prayers for Ms. Mary Reese of Knoxville, Tenn. She had been in a nursing care facility this last year, and took ill last week. Roland's grand-nephew, Father Reagan Schriver, will celebrate, the Mass of Resurrection on Tuesday, August 6 in Knoxville, TN.

Summer Schedule – Next Publication

Regular scheduling will return on August 21.

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