

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Brothers End Summer of 2013 With Coloma Picnic

On Labor Day, 32 Holy Cross members began their day with Mass in South Bend followed by a picnic ending the summer of 2013 at the Coloma cottage for a day of sharing with community.



Brother Joseph Fox and his crew Brothers James Reddy and Robert Dierker prepared the cottage for the gathering.. Brothers Chester Freel and Robert Berthiaume came with their traditional homemade treats of rhubarb crisp with ice cream and cupcakes. Brother James Newberry purchased bean bags so the Corn Hole throwing game could be played while a few played bridge.

There was walking on the beach and many just enjoying one another's company. Brother William Dooling from the Moreau Province was present. It had been 50 years since he had visited the Coloma cottage. Moreau Province members enjoying the day were Brothers James Posluszy and Harold Hathaway, new additions at Holy Cross College.

[Click for Picnic pictures.](#)



Recent Aerial Pictures of Archbishop Hoban High School

Here are some beautiful aerial shots that were taken recently by a Hoban parent. **Bob Wilson** is a professional aerial photographer (**Best Sites Aerial Photos**) and his son is a junior at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio.

The Archbishop Hoban Board has had much to do with the improvements to the beautiful Hoban campus, We include these photos in **Midwest-Midweek** to show what an "oasis" Hoban is. Brothers will be impressed to see the many major changes made over the years to the physical plant and school property.

Mr. Wilson made these comments. "I was out flying some client photos over the weekend and it was just too beautiful NOT to capture all the new improvements at Hoban. I appreciate the wonderful opportunities our son enjoys from [Hoban](#) and its athletic programs and I know the budgets are always tight so I would like to provide these photos to Hoban free of charge for its use as desired.



Other Aerial Photos:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/MIDMID/Hoban Aerial Photos Aug 2013.pdf>

Columba Hall Paving to Begin This Week



This Wednesday and Thursday, barring any unforeseen rain delays, paving will begin on the front drive of Columba Hall. This past week Ziowski Construction were able to lay most of the new concrete walk which will run parallel to the new road being constructed. The Notre Dame football weekend and Labor Day put a four-day delay on the project. Ritchard Brothers Excavations still has some finish work to do before paving can begin.



Columba Hall will now have the finest skateboard run on campus if the students find it. Workmen at the site see the day railings may have to be installed along the sidewalk to assist the elderly Brother residents of Columba Hall to be able to walk up the steep, long grade. Phil Panzica of Panzica Construction knows the grass slope down to St. Mary's Road is too steep to walk up or down, but should be able to be cut by a lawnmower.

The new front entrance is being fabricated locally and will be the last area to be renovated. The construction is expected to be completed in October.

St. Edward High School Unveils Theme for New School Year at Opening Liturgy

The students, faculty, staff, and administration of St. Edward High School gathered together on the first Friday of this school year to celebrate the opening school liturgy. The Mass, celebrated by class of 1997 St. Edward graduate, Fr. Chuck Butkowski, served to open the school year in prayer, and to focus on the school-wide theme for the 2013-14 academic year.

This year's theme "Worthy of the Call" is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, and focuses on one of the four pillars of the St. Ed's mission statement; Excellence. Instead of seeing excellence as simply being about earning good grades, winning sports competitions, or achieving success in the fine arts, this year's theme challenges students to, in the words of St. Paul, "Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace."

This year's theme is rooted in Moreau's own vision of excellence; "You must become identified with Jesus, your Model, not only becoming a faithful copy but in some way becoming another Christ." This year, at St. Ed's, the entire community is being challenged to heed the words of Moreau, and strive to live with Christ as our model, striving to live worthy of the call that God has for our lives.

Hear what St. Ed's faculty have to say about this year's theme:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LgEpktD3g4>

Major Superiors of Men Urge Action on Syria

Brother William Mewes sends the following information including the message from the Conference of Major Superiors of Men Office of Justice and Peace.

Pope Francis: "[Catholics] have an obligation to get involved in politics. We can't play the role of Pontius Pilate and wash our hands of it. It's easy to blame others. But people need to ask themselves: 'Me? What am I doing about it?'"

If you are concerned about the situation in Syria, now is the time to get active about it.

Pope Francis has said "... my heart is deeply wounded in particular by what is happening in Syria and anguished by the dramatic developments which are looming. For this reason, brothers and sister, I have decided to call for a vigil for the whole Church." It will be "a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, in the Middle East, and throughout the world." September 7th is that date and is the vigil of the birth of Mary, Queen of Peace. Make your plans now.

Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, who heads the U.S. Bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace stated that the bishops' conference has long held "that the Syrian people urgently need a political solution that ends the fighting and creates a future for all Syrians, one that respects human rights and religious freedom."

Numerous Church leaders - including local bishops, Vatican officials and Pope Francis - have called for dialogue rather than military action in Syria.

Prayers Requested

Brothers,

Please remember two of our Brothers and their families who have experienced deaths this past week.

- 1) On Tuesday, August 27th the brother of Brother Albert Kern passed on to eternal rest. The funeral mass for **Leo George Kern**, one year older than Albert, was celebrated at St. Charles Catholic Church in Newport, Michigan.
- 2) Friday, August 30th, **Lorraine (Dottie) Baker**, the sister of Brother Joseph Chvala, died after a long illness. Arrangements are not finalized, but most likely the funeral will be Saturday, September 7th near Muskegon, Michigan.

Please remember in your prayers the peaceful repose of Leo and Dottie, as well as Albert, Joe, and their families.

Thank you.

Brother Chester Freel

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