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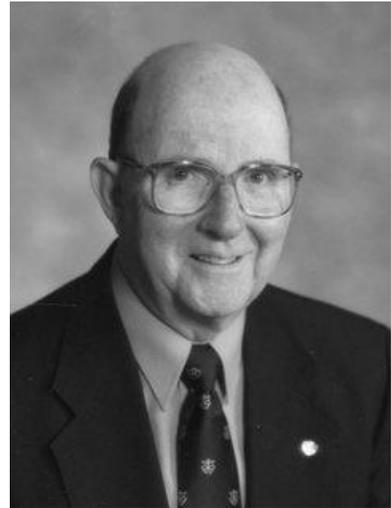
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June 25, 2014

## **Brother Philip Carter Armstrong, C.S.C.**

*October 9, 1932 – June 24, 2014*

Brother Philip Armstrong, C.S.C., age 81, died on June 24, 2014 at Dujarie House, in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, Indiana. He was born in South Bend, Indiana on October 9, 1932, the son of James and Marion (Attick) Armstrong. He attended St. Matthew's and Holy Cross Elementary Schools in South Bend and graduated from Central Catholic High in 1950. The example of the Brothers must have had a strong influence on Philip, since he entered the Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin a few weeks after graduating. He began his religious training a few months later at St. Joseph's Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and pronounced his first vows on August 16, 1951. Philip then started his college studies at the University of Notre Dame and graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1955. He later earned a Master's degree at the Vandercook College of Music in Chicago in 1958 and a Master's in Educational Administration at Siena Heights College in 1966.



After graduating from Notre Dame, he taught for a semester at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, OH and then in Austin, TX at St. Edward's High School for 2 years. In 1957, he joined the faculty at Boysville of Michigan in Clinton where he served for 9 years and was the Director for 4 years. In 1966, he was assigned to Ghana where he spent 13 years teaching at secondary schools in Sekondi and Cape Coast and the diocesan seminary in Amisano, where he was rector for 4 years. He served as District Superior of West Africa for 2 years and was chosen to attend the Midwest Chapter in 1979 where he was surprised to be elected the Provincial of the Midwest Province and served a 6-year term until 1985. He took a sabbatical for study in Louisville, KY in 1986 and at the summer General Chapter,

he was elected an Assistant General of the Congregation for a 6-year term until 1992.

After admirably serving the Congregation leadership both in Rome and with the Midwest Province, Brother Philip was given a 2-year sabbatical for a Province Writing Project. He had already written a book (*Intersections*) consisting of a compilation of his poetry and reflections. He researched and produced three books, a biography of Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, C.S.C., and two books on the histories of the Midwest Province and of the District of West Africa. His most recent book was on praying the rosary using one's own personal mysteries. In 1994 he served as the Secretary to the Provincial, Brother William Geenen, for 6 years and beginning in 2000, he assisted and provided consultation with the Province Development Office for 11 years. At the time he lived in Holy Cross Village where he served as a facilitator and leader in a variety of projects for the residents. In 2011, he moved to Dujarie House where he passed to his eternal reward.

Philip claimed he had three primary ministries in Holy Cross, teaching, administration, and writing. Brother Roger Jamison once said, "If I want to get something done, I give it to a busy man." Roger believed that such a person would find time in one's work to accomplish even more. Philip was such a person. His teaching prowess in English, French and music was exemplary. His leadership skills were legendary for he utilized the expertise and talents of those who served with him in provincial and general administrations.

It is his writing ministry in which we have copious examples of his gifts and talents. He authored five books. He composed more than 1400 poems and essays. He wrote numerous articles, book reviews, and letters to editors of religious and secular newspapers and journals. He carried on a prolific correspondence with Holy Cross friends, former students and especially his Armstrong family where he was a great communicator and genealogist. Philip's other ministries were his spiritual strengths, as a retreat master, spiritual counselor, and eulogist. His artistic creative talents were evident in the hundreds of intricate geometrical designs on 3x5 cards where he used colorful pastel sticks. He even created a complex board game called 'Winners,' a combination of checkers, parcheesi, bingo, and monopoly played at many gatherings of the Armstrong family.

Three years ago at his Jubilee celebration, Philip wrote, “After 60 years of vowed life I grow even more grateful to God for the opportunity to serve and hope I have brought at least some brightness to the corners of the world I was privileged to influence.”

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 27th, at St. Joseph’s Chapel at Holy Cross College from 9:30 to 11:00am on the grounds of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The Mass of Resurrection will then follow at 11:00am with interment in St. Joseph’s Cemetery of the Village. Kaniewski Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorial contributions, in honor of Brother Philip Armstrong, C.S.C., to support the mission and ministries of the Brothers may be sent to: Brothers of Holy Cross, Office of Development, P.O. Box 460, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

## Pre Jubilee Gathering a Vocation Reality Check

The theme of our province pre-jubilee gathering was to have members updated on the current vocation situation in the province and Catholic Church in the United States. We all knew that vocations to religious life in the church have been dropping since Vatican II...but few realized it has been so radical and critical to the continued existence of a presence of religious priests, brothers and sisters in America. It’s not just a CSC problem; it’s a major concern for all religious communities.

**Brother Chester Freel** opened the conference by introducing the film “***BRO: Men with Hope to Bring***,” produced and directed by **Brother Nich Perez** and Holy Cross College communication students. Brother. Nich could not attend because of summer classes in New York. Technical difficulties at the beginning of the film caused a delay before a good copy was secured. The video will be another tool which can be used to attract vocations as a brother.

The second conference was to have been a presentation which included new initiatives and vocation formation changes discussed by Provincials Brother Chester Freel and Brother Bill Zaydak of the Moreau Province. Brother Bill Zaydak was prevented from attending due to an upcoming provincial council meeting in Austin, Texas. Brother Chester presented details of the unified vocations program of the two provinces, including the expansion of the St. Joseph Residence Program located on the second floor of Pulte Hall, at Holy Cross College. Brother Chester also pointed out that the average age in the Midwest Province is 77.5 years of age for its non-Ghanaian members.

The Thursday afternoon session was an “Overview of Vocations and Brotherhood” by **Brother Paul Bedardzyk**, Executive Director of the National Religious Vocations Conference, Chicago, IL. Brother Paul’s Power Point presentation included 11 pages of statistics from a 2013 survey by the NRVC. The presentation included the statistics on the number of religious in the United States between 1965 and 2013. The total drop in the percent of religious serving was 65%. This was a drop from 192,225 to 68,004 members of religious communities, a net loss of 124,221 religious. The losses came from deaths, defections and a decrease in vocations. Priests fell by 46%, sisters and nuns by 72% and brother by 64%. In the last 15 years there have been just 1,568 vocations to religious life in the United States. For full report, go to: [www.nrvc.net](http://www.nrvc.net).

Brother Paul outlined five major challenges to getting brothers’ vocations but outlined the opportunities we have including: A religious Pope in Pope Francis, a Jesuit, The Year of Consecrated Life which will be held in 2015-2016, Vatican instructions on the Vocation of a Religious Brother written by religious brothers, more awareness and support for religious vocations and CMSM Religious Brothers’ Task Force.

On Thursday afternoon there was Mass celebrated by **Father Chris Kuhn, C.S.C.** in St. Joseph Chapel. A reception and dinner followed at Columba Hall for all. **Brother Thomas Moser** was a great host and **Chef Rick Landsberg’s** prime rib and salmon dinner was a meal to remember.

On Friday **Brother John Paige, C.S.C.**, President of Holy Cross College spent a little over an hour outlining changes and his vision for Holy Cross in the coming year. He also showed plans for the renovation of the second floor at Pulte Hall to accommodate the new candidate program at Holy Cross. Pictures of this

presentation are included in the slide show on the province web page [www.brothersofholycross.com](http://www.brothersofholycross.com)

Holy Cross has now acquired ownership of the land near Angela Boulevard. In time, athletic fields will be developed in this area. The Holy Cross campus now consists of 50.5 acres. During the coming year a new dormitory will be constructed behind the present maintenance building, a parking lot will near the Pfeil Center, and a grass quad in the present parking lot between the dorms and classroom buildings.

The new second floor renovation of Pulte hall will include a chapel, kitchen, dining room, community recreation rooms, aspirant director's office and room, nine aspirant rooms, four religious residence room including two guest bedrooms. This fall there will be seven candidates, and seven religious living in the residence including two brothers from the St. Joseph Province of Bangladesh, who will be studying English.

The conference concluded with a Mass by **Reverend Rick Wilkinson, C.S.C.** in St. Joseph Chapel followed by lunch in the college dining hall.

## Brothers of Holy Cross celebrate jubilees as vowed religious

The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross on Saturday, June 21 celebrated 12 Brothers of the Midwest Province who have lived the vows of a Holy Cross religious for 60 and 50 years. **Brother John Paige** of the Moreau Province, celebrated 50 years with the group. The thirteen religious brothers have a total of 700 years living the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

**Reverend Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C.**, Provincial of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers was the principal celebrant and homilist. Father O'Hara replaced **Reverend Andre' Le'veille', C.S.C.**, chaplain at Holy Cross Village, due to illness. Father Andre' was a member of the Brothers of Holy Cross when he took his first vows 50 years ago as a member of the brothers who celebrated 50-years of vows. **Brother Chester Freel, C.S.C.** Provincial Superior of the Midwest Province of Brothers, will accept the renewal of vows by the group.

**Brother Daniel Kane, C.S.C.** of Gates Mills, OH, directed the music and **Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C.** coordinated the jubilee liturgy and dinner. Readers at the Mass included **Brothers John Paige, Douglas Roach** and **Carlos Parrilla** and Marian Isabel Nolte. Gift bearers were **Brother Robert Fontaine** and **James Kozak**. The Cantor was Michele Warner.



Picture above from left to right:

**Front Row: Brothers John Patazek (60), John Paige (50), Donald Morrison (50), David Martin (50), James Blasak (50) and Francis Boylan (50)**

**Back Row: Brothers Douglas Roach (60), James Everett (60) Thomas Rock (60), Carlos Parrilla (50), James Reddy (50) Paul Rosonke (60) and Chester Freel, Provincial of the Midwest Province**

Not Pictured: **(Brother Peter Nault (50))**

Additional Jubilee pictures may be viewed at:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/Jubilee2014/Jubilee2014.htm>

## 'Voices From the Village' Presented by Local Poets

On Thursday, June 12, seven poets from Holy Cross Village were honored at a public reading of which include their poems, in the Brother William Geenan Room of Andre Place. The poets were Dorothy Berger, Anne Lyons, Ernest Brandywie, Hugh O'Donnell, Barbara Saggau, Carolyn Scheibelhut, and Jean Westland.



These seven Village residents met twice a month during the winter to study poetic forms with **Professor Brother George Klawitter**, English instructor at Holy Cross College. They worked initially with short forms like the haiku and limerick. The sessions ended in May with each poet composing a sonnet.

The best poems were gathered into a booklet '**Voices From the Village**' for distribution at the reading. The cover of the booklet was enhanced with a drawing by Justin Palmer, newly graduated from Holy Cross College.

Barbara Saggau composed a sonnet on Winter (2014):

Awakened that morning to a vision pristine,  
The night's snow had covered the whole world in white.  
Winter had fallen, a beautiful scene,  
Transformed what was dreary into delight.

Day after day as the temperature dropped,  
Snow became normal, day seemed like night.  
Each month passed slowly and time almost stopped  
'Til almost amazing! Spring is in sight!

The wind's now a breeze, the snow starts to thaw,  
Green sprouts from the earth, a promise of spring,  
The weather beguiles us—it's no longer raw  
For winter has fled and the robins will sing.

Spirits are lifted when warmth fills the earth.

The world is smiling, our hearts filled with mirth.

And Carolyn Scheibelhut contributed the following limerick:

An aspiring young poet wrote verse  
For a ravishing red-headed nurse.  
She rejected his rhyme  
So he tried one more time,  
But the verse for the nurse was worse.



Pictured from left to right are: Ernest Brandywie, Anne Lyons, Dorothy Berger, Justin Palmer (artist), Brother George Klawitter, Hugh O'Donnell, Jean Westland, Carolyn Scheibelhut, and Barbara Saggau. All are poets except Justin Palmer who did the art for the cover of the poetry book.

**Br. George Klawitter**

View webpage for more pictures:

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Reflection at the Funeral of  
Brother Thomas Shaughnessy, C.S.C.  
St. Joseph Chapel – June 14, 2014

There is a quote from Book of Revelation that cautions us about being lukewarm about things. We are called to be either hot or cold or we should expect to get spit right out. I think this may have been Brother Thomas Shaughnessy's everyday philosophy of life. Tom was never lukewarm. He cared deeply about many things, principally about people, and was often busy championing of one or more causes on behalf of people he cared about. Mostly he was hot and if you didn't know what he was thinking, it was because you weren't listening very well. If you were around Tom, you knew what was on his mind, because he was talking about it. And, there may have been times when some were convinced he was not about to let the facts get in the way of a good story.



Tom was a man of significant intelligence and talent. From his freshman year of high school, when his mother wisely chose the new school in Lakewood run by the Holy Cross Brothers over that Jesuit school on the near west side, to his education at Notre Dame and his Master's degree in social work as well as multiple workshops, he valued knowledge and never stopped learning and preparing himself for his many responsibilities. I was often amazed at the breadth of his knowledge and expertise, and his ability to bring that knowledge and expertise to the service of others.

I got to know Tom when I was a student brother. We enjoyed learning about the ins and outs of Midwest Province news and politics while sitting with a beer around a table in the dining room at the Brothers Center. We liked it when the brothers came in for province meetings and gatherings, and Tom was always one of the senior brothers who spent time with the temporarily professed. Tom cared about the community, and he turned that care into action. He also liked to join with his friends, who at that time were mostly the brothers from Gibault, St. Charles or Boysville, and solve the problems of the community and the world. He

was bursting with enthusiasm for his work, for the brothers and for the future, and he believed we younger brothers should be a part of things. So we learned a certain version of the truth from some of the, shall we say, more talented and opinionated men in the province.

When I started working at the boys' homes during my summers off from college, especially at Gibault in Terre Haute, I quickly aligned with a group of talented and committed mentors for both religious life and for ministry. Tom was one of those mentors, and he continued to play that role for me for over forty years. Tom was a brilliant social worker who brought a significant level of professionalism to his ministry. And, because he was a leader, he also brought the same high level of professionalism to the places he worked. He was great at identifying pertinent data and even better at figuring out what could be done with that data. He did this for his many ministries and for the community.

For me, that was first at Gibault School, where Tom was director. When I was finally finished at Notre Dame, Tom recruited me and gave me a job at Gibault. Unfortunately, he then turned over leadership to Tom Balthasor, who later fired me. Shaughnessy liked to develop leaders, and to allow them to lead when they were ready. Too bad I got caught in the crossfire. But it was God's way of getting me where he wanted me, and Tom Shaughnessy continued to offer friendship and support.

Tom cared about the kids and their families and worked with intelligence and zeal to foster the change required to improve their lives. He was an advocate, a counselor, an administrator, an organizer, a confidant, a mentor, an innovator and a leader. He had considerable wisdom and was not afraid to take on the big problems or to do the dirty work. Brother Roy once told me about being at a loss for what to do about a particularly difficult youngster that he was counseling. He went to Tom for help and later watched as Tom demonstrated his great talent and expertise. Tom actually got down on the floor and crossed his legs and proceeded to connect with that youngster and lay the foundation for some real progress. Brother Walter told me a different story of a very tense time at Gibault when way too many boys were housed in the large-room dormitory in Alerding Hall, and the boys were planning a riot; with the added threat of Molotov cocktails made with gasoline from the lawn mowers. Tom took the lead on corralling the ring leaders and calming the situation. Tom was also a leader in moving the central program at Gibault from farm work to attending school. It just made sense, and for Tom

that was paramount. Over the years Tom became a significant man in the lives of many who went on to considerable success. Tom kept contact with many of his successful boys, and I hope this was a source of pride for him.

Tom also had a long tenure in caring for his fellow brothers. As Director at Dujarie House and Superior of Columba Hall, he was famous for his care and compassion for the men. His primary concern was always to care for the brothers, and he used his considerable talent and influence to make things better; and he could be very creative in his interventions. He was noted for learning what the brothers wanted and trying to make that happen. And his level of self-sacrifice was considerable. Why he even sacrificed his time to accompany different brothers on vacations, even to Las Vegas. And, though I say that with levity, I also know that volunteering to accompany these somewhat cantankerous old men would probably not have been his choice for a vacation. Tom was passionate about the men and acted as their strong and somewhat demanding advocate. Under his leadership, professional care improved, facilities were enhanced, and programs developed. He always used the highest professional standards as his guidelines, and offered the competent leadership to certify those standards as the only way to operate.

Though the legacy of Brother Thomas Shaughnessy is considerable, perhaps his greatest achievement for the province was his work with Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. Without his leadership as Chairman of the Board for more than six years, I sincerely doubt Holy Cross Village would be what it is today, a thriving community of good people, with outstanding facilities and programs, and an important ministry of the Brothers of Holy Cross; a ministry that even creates some income for the brothers. Tom's amazing capacity to see the big picture, to plan for the future, to empower leadership, and to understand complicated business structures helped to create a truly amazing place for good people to lead happy and productive lives in their golden years.

Though I did not always agree with Tom Shaughnessy, I always came away from a visit with him feeling inspired. The passion with which he engaged life was amazing. I remember complaining to Tom about a brother who I believed had wronged me. Tom surprised me with his response. He basically told me that this brother had been my friend for years, and that I needed to get over my hurt and continue being a friend. Upon reflection, I realized Tom had been modeling that behavior for years. Those who remember the Furries – Shaughnessy, Balthazor

and Caley – will remember they were often fighting, but always seemed to remain friends, close friends. When Brother James Caley was faced with the loss of his second leg from complications of diabetes and was ready to give up and die, it was Tom who was able to bring him back. Tom simply acknowledged that he understood Jim was ready, but kindly informed Jim that he was not ready to lose his friend. James knew Tom really did care, and agreed to proceed with surgery. Tom was a real friend with great integrity, and Jim knew it. Tom was that friend to many and I am sure most of us have our own favorite Tom Shaughnessy story. We need to share those stories to make this reflection complete.

Tom remained close to his family, and often shared their stories with pride. He remained close to his high school friends and used his influence and organizational expertise to bring them together. He fought tirelessly for his brothers in community, most often championing something just because he believed the cause was righteous. He was my friend and my mentor, and I already miss him. Now where do I go for the latest news? Now where do I go for a description of the newest community disaster (from Tom's point of view), or for a hopeful vision of the future, if we would just do what Tom suggested.

God bless you Thomas Shaughnessy, and thank you for stirring up my life with your mixture of love, compassion, wisdom, zeal and professionalism.

**Br. Kenneth Haders**

## Eight Trees Cut Down Near Holy Cross Province Center



Last Thursday and Friday, (June 22 & 23) there were eight trees removed from the area of the Holy Cross Administration Center at Notre Dame. Four trees smaller trees were cut down behind the Brothers of Holy Cross sign near the administration building. Another four trees from behind the administration building were also removed. One of the trees may have had some lightning damage. The trees were lost due to infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer insect. Branches in canopy of the trees had died and the damage would just have just continued.

During the past few years, Notre Dame, and many areas in Michiana have had ash trees removed due to the infestation. More trees were also removed last week near the parking lot of Holy Cross Village and St. Joseph Cemetery.



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## St. Edward Cornerback Commits to Notre Dame Football



Shawn Crawford, a 2014 graduate from St. Edward High School, Lakewood , Ohio, and cornerback on the Eagles football team, committed to Notre Dame on Sunday, June 15. He became the 13th player to verbally commit to ND's recruiting class of 2015, picking the Irish from an offer list that included Florida State, Miami, Ohio State, Penn State and Michigan.

CBS Sports Network recruiting analyst Tom Lemming, "is a big-time player." Lemming ranks the 5-foot-9, 165-pound Crawford as a four-plus star player while 247Sports and Rivals each give Crawford four stars. His commitment nudged the Irish into the No. 9 spot in the Rivals team rankings, No. 10 in the 247Sports list.

Crawford as a junior had 82 tackles and two interceptions. He also totaled 808 yards and accounted for 10 touchdowns on offense. According to 247, Crawford runs the 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds. "Explosive cover corner, the best in the Midwest, that's why everyone was after him," Lemming said. "Everything is smooth. He has natural cover skills."

Notre Dame is expected to sign a class in the range of 20 players. Crawford is the fifth player to commit in an eight-day span, with all five being defensive players -- five interior linemen and two cornerbacks. NCAA rules prohibit Kelly from publicly commenting on recruits until the Feb. 5 national signing day.

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