

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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July 9, 2014

## **Brother Albin Martin Kuzminski, C.S.C. *November 9, 1928 – July 6, 2014***

Brother Albin Martin Kuzminski, C.S.C., age 85, died on July 6, 2014 at Dujarie House, of Holy Cross Village, in Notre Dame, Indiana. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 9, 1928, the son of John and Anna (Jurecki) Kuzminski. He attended Saint Ann Grammar School in Chicago and then St. Ann High School where he graduated in 1947. He worked for two years at Continental National Bank and Trust and also took evening classes at Northwestern University in Chicago until 1949. In 1951, he joined the U.S. Army to serve for two years in the Signal Corps as a Radio Repairman. He was stationed in Pirmasens, Germany and rose to the rank of PFC before leaving the service in 1953. He worked again in Chicago and eventually followed a calling to the religious life in Holy Cross. In June 1954, he went to Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin and two months later he entered St. Joseph's Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana on August 15, 1954. A year later he made his first profession of vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on August 16, 1955.



That Fall he was sent to St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas where he completed his undergraduate degree, graduating in June 1957. His first assignment was to teach and be the steward and treasurer at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, where he served for four years. In 1961 he taught at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois and was the house treasurer. Two years later he moved to Holy Trinity High School to teach for a year in Chicago. In 1964 he joined the faculty at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron where he served as business teacher, treasurer and house steward for seven years. In 1971 he was assigned to the staff at Boysville of Michigan in Clinton, Michigan, where he

faithfully served for a total of 36 years as a counselor, teacher and caregiver dedicated to the youth of the facility, which is now known as Holy Cross Children's Services. Albin retired from teaching in 2007 to assume the position as business manager and caretaker of St. Dominic Church in Clinton. In 2009, he moved to Columba Hall at Notre Dame where he served as the house accountant.

Albin enjoyed playing a number of board games with students at Boysville. He always found time for a stimulating game (or games) of bridge. When he moved to Columba Hall, he maintained his enthusiasm for bridge and each evening he would be found around the card table with his favorite partners and opponents.

Albin saved correspondence from his former students. A letter from a student in Akron mentioned that in 1964 Albin had influenced him to walk the "straight and narrow" and not be a drop-out. The former student was a successful college graduate with three sons, all college graduates. Another letter from a former student who was in a correctional facility in Michigan included many thankful comments for the advice and donations Albin had given him over the years. Albin's philosophy of life may be found in a comment he once wrote: *"I'm an ex-soldier who has discovered meaning in my life and I like to share it with a person-oriented philosophy."*

There will be a viewing on Friday evening, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel at Dujarie House from 6:30 to 7:30pm with a prayer service following. Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, at St. Joseph Chapel of Holy Cross College, Notre Dame from 9:30 to 11:00am. The Mass of Resurrection will then follow with interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery of the Village. Kaniewski Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorial contributions, in honor of Brother Albin Kuzminski, 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.

**Br. Lawrence Stewart**

## Holy Cross Institute Holds Holy Cross Conference for Student Leaders



Eighty-two students and their adult chaperones from ten Holy Cross schools arrived at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN, on June 25 for the 2014 Holy Cross Conferences for Student Leaders. Sponsored by the Holy Cross Institute in Austin, Texas, this annual five-day event proved to be a great success. **Brother Robert Livernois**, Associate Principal at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, OH, was the principal coordinator of the event.

The ten Holy Cross high schools participating included **Sisters of the Holy Cross:** Academy of the Holy Cross – Kensington, MD; **Midwest Province:** Archbishop Hoban High School – Akron, OH; St. Edward High School – Lakewood, OH; Cathedral High School – Indianapolis, IN; Gilmour Academy – Gates Mills – OH; Holy Trinity High School – Chicago, IL; **Moreau Province:** Bishop McNamara High School – Forestville, MD; Holy Cross – Flushing, NY; Holy Cross – Waterbury, CT and Notre Dame High School – West Haven, CT.

The theme and goal of the first day was building community. Through a series of ice-breaker activities, it didn't take long for students from Flushing, New York, to be laughing and sharing stories with students from Indianapolis, Chicago and Lakewood, Ohio. After dinner students continued to socialize while enjoying ice cream at the South Bend Chocolate Café.



Brother Joseph McTaggart

Thursday was spent learning about the early roots of the Brothers of Holy Cross at Notre Dame and Holy Cross College. With notebooks in hand, students were blessed to have **Brothers George Klawitter, Bob Livernois, Joe McTaggart** and lead the morning pilgrimage that began at the Log Chapel and ended at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Everyone then enjoyed lunch with the brothers' community at Columba Hall. After visiting Columba Hall, the pilgrimage continued along St. Mary's Drive with a stop at the community cemetery. Thursday evening the group attended a South Bend Silver Hawks baseball game at *Four Winds Field*.

Friday students spend the day sharing ideas and best practices. Always one of the highlights of the conferences, both chaperones and students left with great ideas on how they could improve student life this coming school year.



The St. Vincent DePaul Society, Habitat for Humanity, The Catholic Worker House, and two community gardens were the sites where everyone did services on Saturday morning. After lunch the group traveled to Saint Mary's College. Welcomed by Sr. Veronique, newly elected President of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, students made a pilgrimage of the history of the sisters at Notre Dame.

Fourteen brothers joined the students for dinner Saturday evening. Following dinner, each brother was invited to briefly share his life story. Students delighted to hear that a brother had worked at their school during his career.

All then gathered in the Driscoll Auditorium for a talent show. The highlight of show was the Barber Shop Singing Brothers led by **Br. Carl Sternberg**. With song sheets in hand, everyone sang ten "oldies but goodies." The evening continued with a Mass celebrated by **Fr. Kevin Rousseau, CSC**, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in South Bend. The evening ended with a "swag swap" and lots of hugs as students began to realize that their time together was coming to an end.

### **Br. Bob Livernois**

A webpage of pictures may be viewed by following the link below:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/Leadership%202014/Leadership2014.htm>

## Father E. William Beauchamp Welcomed to Holy Cross Administrative Center with Employee Meet and Greet



**Provincial Rev. Thomas O'Hara, Provincial Brother Chester Freel, and Rev. E. William Beauchamp**

**Rev. E. William Beauchamp, C.S.C.** joined the Provincial Administration of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross as of July 1st as an Assistant Provincial. He has his office on the second floor of the Holy Cross Administration Center at Notre Dame.

He was welcomed on Thursday, July 3, by **Provincial Rev. Thomas O'Hara, C.S.C.** and **Provincial Brother Chester Freel, C.S.C.** at an employee meet-and-greet coffee. Prior to coming to Notre Dame Father Beauchamp was the president of the University of Portland, Portland, OR. Welcome. Father Beauchamp, to the Holy Cross Administration Center.



**Brothers Robert Dierker, Joseph Fox, and James Reddy**

## A Brotherhood of Caring was the Highlight of 4<sup>th</sup> of July Gathering

The annual Fourth of July Picnic at the Coloma Cottage was much more than just a group of 27 men having a traditional hamburger and hot dog meal. It was the perfect example of Brotherhood we profess as a community. Everything came together on July 3 when “worker bees” **Brothers Joseph Fox, James Reddy and Robert Dierker** went to Coloma to prepare the festive occasion.



The group spent nine hours getting everything ready and set up for the community to enjoy.

Additional desert treats were prepared by **Chester Freel** and **Robert Berthiaume**. Other brothers assisted in setting up and breaking down the serving table. It was also very evident the care with which a number of brothers assisted three brothers with walkers who needed assistance navigating the uneven ground and stairs.

Last but not least, **Brothers Thomas Moser** and **Lew Brazil** got to work cleaning the pots and pans ...without being told to. It was also a great day for the swimmers who braved the cool water of Lake Michigan at Hagar Beach: **Brothers Roger Berg, John Doran,** and **Frank Ellis** along with **Father Bill Blum**. See what you missed; join us in ending the summer of 2014 on Labor Day, Monday, September 1.

**Father Bill Blum and Brothers**



**Brothers Tom Moser and Lew Brazil**



**Brothers Roger Berg and Frank Ellis**



**Brother John Doran and Fr. Bill Blum**

## HCV Honors the Memory of Brother Edward Courtney



On Thursday, July 3, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 20 residents and employees of Schubert Villa and Dujarie House of Holy Cross Village for the third consecutive year honored the memory of **Brother Edward Courtney** with a Flag Wave at the Courtney Memorial Flag Pole on highway 933 across from WNDU and in front of Holy Cross Village. The residents and employees waved flags as passing motorists honked their horns in support of the American flag.

Brother Edward sat daily for eleven years waving the American flag on 933 as his personal protest of the Supreme Court allowing the American flag to be burned. After his death the flag pole was erected in honor of Brother Edward's patriotism. Brother Edward died on March 16, 2009, at 90 years of age. At the time of his death Brother Edward was a resident of Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village.

The World War II veteran was honored by a number of veteran organizations for his flag waving effort both before and after his death. Without a doubt he was one of the most recognized Brothers of Holy Cross in the Michiana area. One of the highlights of his life was being the Grand Marshall of the South Bend Saint Patrick Day Parade in 2008.

The Flag Wave was organized by employees Jack Mueller and Sister Marilyn Zugish, C.S.C., of Holy Cross Village



Reflection at the Funeral of  
Brother Philip Carter Armstrong, C.S.C  
St. Joseph Chapel – June 27, 2014

On behalf of the Congregation Of Holy Cross, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Doug and Linda Armstrong, Greg and Connie Armstrong and all the Armstrong family. I would like to mention especially his nieces, Susan, Mary Ellen, Paige, and Sarah who stood vigil around the clock, in Uncle Phil's final hours. Those were precious, beautiful moments to see his nieces talk with, pray with, and nurture him. To all of the Armstrong family, thank you for sharing Brother Philip / Uncle Phil with us all of these years.



Family was so important to him and he was so proud of them.

He was born to James E. and Marian Armstrong in 1932 as the middle child of five boys. His father worked at Notre Dame for 40 years and played a key role in the early years of the Notre Dame University's formation of an alumni association which is so much a part of Notre Dame's success and development today. Phil looked forward each year to attending the dinner when someone in the Notre Dame family would receive the James E. Armstrong award. His mother, Marian, was for the most part a "stay at home mom" who routinely cooked three meals a day. The boys were all bigger than their mother, but my sense in listening to stories, there was little doubt who was in charge. There were lots of books to read in their home and they listened to all types of music. His parents gave example by word and action, mostly by their actions.

Doug said Phil was simply a wonderful big brother.

His mother's style of consistency may be the reason Phil was so big on routine whether planning a chapter, writing provincial letters, or watching re-runs on Sunday morning of the Notre Dame Football games. One day I walked into the parlor and said, "Phil, what are you doing?" He said, "watching the Notre Dame



game.” I said, “Phil, we were at the game yesterday.” He just gave me that look. I do know he did not expect a different outcome because it aired on Sunday.

Of course I could not mention family without at least a mention of Aunt Jo, his mother’s sister. She also was pleased when Phil would visit her and Robin who lived in the neighborhood near Holy Cross Parish where Phil grew up in South Bend.

Phil looked so forward to visiting his family or hosting them on holidays. He and John May would, during the Christmas season, have Phil’s family over for a meal. John told me, “Roy that was the routine.” In the last few years he would say, “Doug is coming out on Wednesday to work in the Andre Place library or it is Thursday and Doug and Linda will be by at 1:00 pm with a malt or shake and a sandwich and of course some candy, preferably chocolate and butterscotch.”

The other focus, joy and love of his life, was the Congregation of Holy Cross.

I met Phil during the 1979 chapter. Following chapter I returned to Boysville and was trying to adjust to my new surroundings of six months. One day during staffing a phone call came in and Rich Hug, one of the counselors handed me the phone. The voice said “can you talk now?” I said no. The voice said go to another room. Phil spoke briefly about wanting me to be on his council as personnel director. I quietly said there are 300 guys in the province, why is he calling me? At the end of the conversation he said, “Think about it, you can say yes or no. However, if you say no, I may ask you to re-consider.” I said to myself, I think I can read between the lines. After discernment and discussion with Br. Frances Boylan, I moved in September 1979, to Notre Dame. After I’d been back in South Bend for a couple of months, I reminded Phil one day of his call to me. I told him that perhaps his name should or could read Strongarm. He was not amused.

Phil did have a good sense of humor and when we’d go on our walks after work he’d share some of his humor. A few years ago there were books popular called World Thinnest Books, for example *THE NUMBER OF TIMES I HAVE NOT APPEARED ON THE COVER OF MY MAGAZINE* by Oprah Winfrey. He had a Brothers’ version: *MOVIES I’VE MISSED* by Joe McTaggart; *HOW I LEARNED TO LOVE THE CUBS* by Roger Berg; *SUCCESSFUL LOTTERY PARTICIPATION FOR DUMMIES* by Roy Smith; *ALL THERE IS TO KNOW*

*ABOUT FINANCES* by Phil Armstrong; *MILES I HAVE NOT DRIVEN* by Eduardo Michalik; *SHORT SENTENCES I HAVE WRITTEN* by Phil Armstrong.

St. Paul writes, “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others; let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.” Romans 12:5-8

Phil realized that the gifts he received were not his alone. Rather he was given them to share with others. He served the Congregation as local superior, district superior, provincial, general councilor, administrator, and teacher. When I think of Phil, I think of part of the definition of a Renaissance man, a person whose expertise spans a significant numbers of areas. Phil was at home whether speaking about Gustave Mahler, Giacomo Puccini, Notre Dame Football or his beloved Cubs. He was an artist, musician, editor, writer, thinker, teacher, poet. He spent a good bit of time as an administrator even though teaching was one of his true loves. He did teach us all by his devotion to Holy Cross. Writing was a joy to him as he wrote books, letters, book reviews, articles for Major Superiors of Men, for spiritual magazines and of course letters to the Province. I think one of his proudest achievements was his book on Brother Ephrem O’Dwyer, CSC.

Phil helped to develop and articulate the philosophy on which Holy Cross Village was founded.

In Phil’s last years he and Brother John May made a real effort to get to know their neighbors. Along with Meg Van der Gracht, Mary Houck, Br. Joe Berg and Br. Joe Mc Taggart, they started a book club. Phil was also instrumental in starting the Lenten Lecture series here at Holy Cross Village.

He will be remembered for many reasons. However most said they remember him as a gifted, talented, articulate with languages kind and gentle person. He died peacefully and gently. Now he takes his place with some of the other bright lights—Brothers Donatus Schmitz, Kieran Ryan, Charles Krupp, William Geenen, Lawrence Miller and other leaders in Holy Cross.

I share this from Brother Raymond Papenfuss:

“Life is a mystery shrouded in darkness. But the darkness is fecund, a place of possibility and power. What is radically amazing is that we are invited into the darkness, into the heart of creation and creativity, invited to participate----unsure, but confident in the invitation and the One who extends it. May we, like John of the Cross and Jesus, embrace the darkness and become radiant with life.”

The last words though belong to Phil from a poem he called

*A SHINING IMAGE:*

“But Lord, if I believe the risen you  
And what you are in all of us, .....

I simply must permit myself to be transfigured by  
Your love into a visible and shining image of the glory You reserve for all of us.”

Philip, let your light shine before all and forever. Amen.

**Brother Roy Smith**



**Drawings above by Br. Philip Armstrong, C.S.C.**

## Holy Cross College Names Three New Board of Trustee Members



Holy Cross College is honored to announce the appointment of three new members to the institution's Board of Trustees: **Rev. David Tyson, C.S.C.**, of Notre Dame, Indiana, Sr. Amy Cavender, C.S.C., of Notre Dame, Indiana, and Dr. Thomas McGovern of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

"Father David Tyson and Sister Amy Cavender bring to our Holy Cross Board a wealth of experience as Holy Cross educators," said Br. John Paige, C.S.C., President of Holy Cross College. "Their long engagement in Catholic and Holy Cross higher education institutions affords them a lived experience of mission that is critical to governance and decision-making in the college as we grow and expand programs and facilities."

Brother John went on to say, "Dr. McGovern, an active member of the Catholic Medical Association, is particularly enthusiastic about the development of our pre-professional science program at Holy Cross. I am looking forward to working with all three new members as we further the mission and the goals of the college."

In 1990, Father Tyson was elected president of the University of Portland. During his 13 years as president, Father Tyson oversaw a major expansion of the campus, a tripling of the institution's endowment, and improvement of the university's regional and national standing.

In 2003, Tyson was elected Provincial Superior of what was then called the Indiana Province of Holy Cross, the largest Holy Cross province in the world. During his nine year tenure, Father Tyson choreographed the reincorporation of the Southern Province into the Indiana Province. In 2009, he began a process which led to the merger of the Eastern Province into the Indiana Province. That process was completed in 2011 with the title of the province being changed to the United States Province with over 500 members serving on three continents. He led the US Province until the end of his term in 2012.

Today, Father David Tyson serves as a professional specialist, a teaching professor, and Director of Catholic Outreach at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

**Sister Amy Cavender, C.S.C.**, a Sister of the Holy Cross and an Associate Professor of Political Science at Saint Mary's College, will also provide the Holy Cross College Board of Trustees with know-how and competence in the areas of academics and mission. However, her passion and proficiency in all things technical will also be a positive and crucial asset to the Board.

Sister Amy started her career in teaching in 1991 at the University of Notre Dame. She went on to teach courses in government, political science, and philosophy at Indiana University South Bend, Holy Cross College, and Queen of Apostles Philosophy Centre in Jinja, Uganda, before being appointed lecturer and full time associate professor at Saint Mary's in 2004. In addition to her teaching duties, Cavender was named Interim Director of the Center for Academic Innovation at Saint Mary's in 2013.

**Dr. Thomas McGovern** grew up in the town of Escanaba in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and obtained a biology degree from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan.

He graduated from Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minnesota, and entered the United States Army for eight years. While in the Army, McGovern worked in defensive biological warfare research at Fort Detrick, Maryland, completed a dermatology residency at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado, and ran the dermatology clinic at Fort Riley, Kansas, for two years. After his honorable discharge from the Army, he performed a one-year fellowship in Mohs and Advanced Dermatologic Surgery at the Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut.

Dr. McGovern is a fellow of the American College of Mohs Surgery and has practiced dermatology and Mohs surgery at Fort Wayne Dermatology PC since 2000 and became a co-owner of Fort Wayne Dermatology Consultants, Inc. in 2003. He lives in Fort Wayne with his wife and their seven children.

The three new trustees will each serve a three-year term and be eligible for reappointment to a second three-year term in 2017.

**Portions taken from a Holy Cross College Press Release**



## July 1 Storm Causes Downing of Trees at Holy Cross Village and College



Two severe thunderstorms during late night of June 30 and the morning of July 1 caused over a dozen trees, many old and large, to be downed on the property including the Holy Cross Administration Center, Holy Cross College, and Holy Cross Village. At 1:30 a.m. on July the sirens went off indicating the possibilities of a tornado in the area.

70 mile per hour straight-line-winds took down over a dozen trees in the **Rev. Theodore Hesburgh Grove** of Holy Cross College, in front of the Holy Cross College Library, along Holy Cross Parkway in front of St. Joseph Chapel, and along the walkway from the Holy Cross Administration Building to the chapel. Other parts of the campuses had tree limbs down and small branches and leaves strewn all over the ground. Much of the cleanup was completed on Tuesday, July 1. Other cleanup in South Bend will have to wait for the backlogged area residents dealing with downed trees to be removed by tree service companies. The Burke Golf Course at Notre Dame was said to have lost 25 trees.

Indiana Michigan Power had over 900 workers restoring power to 54,000 customers in the South Bend area who lost power. Power took until last Saturday to be restored to some residents.

For a slide show of the storm damage to Holy Cross College and Village go to:  
[www.brothersofholycross.com](http://www.brothersofholycross.com)

## Sister Ruth Nickerson to Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Vows on July 20



For the past four-and-a-half years **Sister Ruth Marie Nickerson , C.S.C.**, the Area Coordinator (*provincial*), Area of North America of the Sisters of the Holy Cross has had her office in the Administrative Center of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame, IN. This is a first in modern times for the Priests, Sisters, and Brothers of Holy Cross to have their administrations under the same roof.

On Sunday, July 20, Sister Ruth Marie will celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as a Sister of the Holy Cross along with a group of 18 sisters in the Church of the Loretto at Saint Mary's. The sisters celebrating jubilees have served 850 years as vowed religious.

The five-year term of Sister Ruth Marie will come to an end this September when the Sisters of the Holy Cross of North America gather to elect a new area coordinator who will take office later in the fall. Sister Ruth Marie's presence will be missed at the CSC Administrative Center.

Prior to becoming area coordinator of the Sisters of the Holy Cross of North America, Sister Ruth Marie Nickerson from 2004-2009 was on the Leadership Team and First Councilor of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. She has also served as Director of Development for the Sisters of the Holy Cross. President and CEO of Saint Agnes Medical Center, Fresno, CA, President and CEO of Holy Cross Hospital, Mission Hills, CA, Health Planning Agency, Salt Lake City, UT, Assistant to the Administrator at St. John's Hospital, Anderson, IN, and Registered Nurse, Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Springs, MD.

## APON is Best Drug Rehabilitation Center/ Program in Bangladesh

*Last week **Brother Ronald Drahozal** e-mailed Brother Chester some pictures about his APON drug rehabilitation program garnering another award in Bangladesh.*

On June 26 in Bangladesh there is a function for the International Day Against Drug Abuse. The location of this function is different each year. When I heard they were just outside of the entrance to these stalls that the Home Minister was to visit I called them in and then introduced them to the Minister as our graduate recovering drug addicts who are now free of drugs. It was nice to get the crest award and wonderful to see that these youngsters came so far for the function, although the guards would not allow them in. If I had known I would have brought them in as my children!

We did not know we would get the prize until just before the function.

There had been a function for recovering drug addicts the day before that we boycotted since the DNC had some non addicts organize and run the program that was intended for recovering addicts.



We struggled for years to get the recovering drug addicts to get together and run their self-help meetings like Narcotics Anonymous (NA). We felt that the DNC had been used by a couple of these non-addicts who do things for their own reputation and not for their beneficiaries or in this case, for recovering drug addicts. Many of the recovering drug addicts felt the same, but were fearful that

the DNC might react and since they run programs for addicts they might be pressured for bribes, etc. We said our principles are first, and as I say, I will die for my principles so will not give up my principles for these self-seeking people.



The pictures show APON being awarded as the Best Drug Rehabilitation Center/ Program in Bangladesh, given by the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC), under the Home Ministry. The person giving the crest award is the Home Minister--- although the Prime Minister has retained the Home Ministry so he is called the Stat Minister. The youngsters in the picture of some of our

graduates who are staying in a "Safe Night Shelter" and said they are all free of drugs.

## Prayers Requested

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Brother Eli Pelchat** of the Moreau Province who died June 28. Brother Eli was born in Central Falls, RI, on May 13, 1921.

For almost 25 years Eli was at Notre Dame, IN, first as a student, but then in the post office. Throughout the Congregation of Holy Cross, many remember him because of that assignment. He started as a postal clerk in 1942 and after twelve years was promoted to Assistant Postmaster, a position he held for nine years. His postal career ended in 1967 after four years as Postmaster. He lived at Columba Hall.

In the past year, he experienced back pain from an undetermined source. A few months ago tumors were detected in his chest. The tumors developed so rapidly that Eli entered hospice care. Eli found it difficult that his health had declined so quickly. Still, he remained unfailingly a gentleman with all visitors, and – after a lifetime of practice in community – found it easy to join them in conversation and laughter. Brother Eli will be laid to rest in the community cemetery in Valatie, NY.

**Br. William Zaydak**



Brothers,

Here is a health care update for some of our Midwest Province members who are experiencing various illnesses:

**Br. Ray Harrington** is currently at Alexian Rehabilitation Hospital in Elk Grove Village, IL. On Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> Ray began an intensive 30-day rehabilitation program to improve his mobility. The address is 935 Beisner Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Ray may be reached by Telephone after 4:00 pm by calling (847) 640-5600; once connected to the automated service enter #1 followed by 1198 at the prompt.

**Br. Joe Berg** has completed his 100 days of rehabilitation following the stroke that he suffered, and now is a resident at Dujarie House.

**Br. James Everett** is progressing with his cancer treatments while still residing at home and continuing in ministry at St. Edward's High School.

**Br. Henry Skitzki** has completed his chemo-therapy for cancer, and is awaiting further determination if radiation treatment is appropriate.

**Br. Clement Burger** is undergoing treatment for cancer and asks for the prayers of the Province.

**Br. Robert Kelly** is experiencing back pain caused by arthritis, and is undergoing assessment as to the best course of treatment.

**Br. Ronald Christenson's** mobility is currently restricted to a wheelchair while doctors run tests to determine the reason for weakness in his legs. Ron continues to reside at Columba Hall.

Please remember all of these members in your prayers as they confront aging, illness, and health challenges.

Thank you.

**Br. Chester Freel**



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