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Brother Timothy O’Connell, C.S.C. December 26, 1933 – November 4, 2014

Brother Timothy O’Connell, C.S.C., age 80, died on November 4, 2014 in his residence at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 26, 1933, the son of Timothy and Katherine (Breen) O’Connell. He attended St. Adrian Elementary School and St. Philip High School, graduating in 1951.



That Fall, he went to St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he studied for the next 3 years. He returned to Chicago in 1954, to work in the general office of Marshall Fields and Company for two years and attended summer school at Loyola University. He recognized he had a calling to the religious life and after corresponding with the Holy Cross Brothers, he went, in January, 1956, to Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin. Six months later, he traveled to Rolling Prairie, Indiana to enter St. Joseph’s Novitiate for a year of spiritual training. He pronounced his vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on August 16, 1957. He studied for a semester at St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas and then began a life of ministry and service. His skills in office management and finances were recognized.

His first position was in the business office of Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame. He joined the staff at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio for a period of seven years assisting in the treasurer’s office and was the cheerful and efficient manager of the bookstore. He worked for the Cleveland diocese as office manager for Catholic Boards of Education in Mentor and Lorain, Ohio. His office skills led to positions in hospitals in Boca Raton, Florida and Columbus, Ohio. He spent seven years serving as the Director of Purchasing and Dietary for the Sisters of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame. He held the same position for the IHM Sisters in Monroe, Michigan for five years. He was the financial aid director at Our Lady of

Holy Cross College in New Orleans. He served as business manager of parishes within Detroit, Michigan, Lantana, Florida, and Phoenix, Arizona.

In 2001 he returned to Notre Dame as the assistant director of Andre Residential Services at Holy Cross Village, serving as religious superior for a time and then volunteered on the staff of Dujarie House. Timothy and Brother Robert Fillmore were housemates in one of the Villas and were helpful and supportive for each other. Timothy was often available to provide transport for Village residents for their medical appointments. His demeanor often belayed his caring and generous heart. One of his activities for which he was very proud, was being the cross bearer at funerals for the C.S.C. Sisters at Notre Dame, since his own sister, Sister Katherine O'Connell, C.S.C. had been a member of the order. Although he never taught in a classroom, he enjoyed being the proofreader of documents by meticulously correcting grammar and spelling mistakes. He would conclude visits with others with the comment, "Don't say good-bye, but '*ciao*', since we'll see each other again."

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross College, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. The Mass of Resurrection will then follow with interment afterward in St. Joseph's Cemetery of the Village. Kaniewski Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorial contributions, in honor of Brother Timothy O'Connell, 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.



Remembrance at Funeral of Brother Timothy O'Connell, C.S.C.
St. Joseph Chapel, Notre Dame, IN
November 8, 2014

By: Brother Raymond Papenfuss, C.S.C.



Whenever a Brother dies and I am asked to give a eulogy or some words of remembrance I come face to face with a great mystery. Death enables me to face and enter into this mystery. Though I have known Tim for many years all of a sudden I ask, “Who, really, was this man?” As we celebrate the life of Brother Timothy I invite all of you to enter into this same mystery—who are we really! The spiritual journey of life is to find out who we really are and ultimately become that person. This is our primal call from God and one that Timothy answered.

Tim, like all of us, was a very complex person. He was a very private person. You could only get as close to him as he would allow. He guarded his privacy carefully. Some would even see him as grouchy. Yet it is clear that he was

a very kind, gentle and generous person. He was an exceptionally witty person, sometimes a bit sharp. I believe he used his wit to establish boundaries, keep people at a distance. He was also more than willing to give help to anyone who asked for it. He frequently provided transport for people at Holy Cross Village and enjoyed driving the provincial to the airport. He was delighted to be able to serve in this way.

He never taught in a classroom but his work at St Edward's High School brought him into contact with students. Two Brothers who went to St Ed's sent me the

same remembrance. Tim worked in the bookstore. Brothers Ken Haders and Joe McTaggart told me that the warm, gentle presence of Bro. Tim made their entrance into St Ed's a memorable experience. He was a very meticulous, thrifty person and ran the bookstore very professionally. And, it was clear to everyone that he was running the bookstore. No one was in doubt as to who was in charge. I saw the same thing when he was sacristan at our chapel in Schubert Villa. He didn't like people to interfere with his work.

Bro Tim was a very good organizer. At St Ed's, I was told, the teachers liked the way he set things up. He was one of those persons who could make things happen smoothly and well. He was in charge of the Mothers' club and rapidly became a favorite of all of them. One comment from a Brother who lived with Tim at St Ed's: "To the teachers and students he seems very "Christ like" as he quietly went about his work."

His managerial, business and office skills took him to many jobs. He worked with the Sisters of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame and the IHM Sisters in Monroe, Michigan. He held positions in hospitals in Florida and Ohio. He was financial aid director at Our Lady of Holy Cross in New Orleans and business manager for parishes in Michigan, Florida and Arizona. He had a very rich and varied work life.

For three years Br. Tim was the religious superior at Dujarie and from those that I talked to he did an excellent job. He used his business skills to set up a bookkeeping system for the Brothers that is still being used. He was good friends with Brother Robert Fillmore who was provincial at the time he worked at Dujarie. At the end of his term of service Brother Robert gave Tim a commendation for service, generosity and loyalty. Tim didn't really care much for such things. He was always very generous in doing things for others, but didn't care to have people do things for him. His wit entered the scene. After Brother Robert moved out of the apartment to go to Dujarie Tim got a puppy and named him "Bobby." I am not sure whether this was in honor of the provincial or not. I leave that to your judgment.

As I mentioned earlier, Tim was a very private person and very independent. When he became ill and had to spend time at Dujarie he fought to get better, to be able to return to his apartment. He didn't like the fact that people had to be taking care of him. He worked very hard to get from his bed to the wheel chair, from the wheel chair to the walker. Finally, he achieved his goal and was allowed to return to his residence. Unfortunately, his illness was not completely cured. A couple of

weeks ago I had to tell him that because of his condition he would no longer be able to drive. This caused a minor explosion but two days later he called to apologize and tell me that he understood my decision. After a long life of serving others, Tim had to come to the realization that he now had to accept the help of others, a reality that if we live long enough, all of us will experience. Just a few days before his death I was talking with Tim and he looked at me and admitted: “Ray, I am an invalid.”

As I pondered and prayed over the life of Bro. Timothy and what it means to all of us I was reminded of a prayer composed by the author of the Cloud of Unknowing, an anonymous 14th century mystic. He prayed:

Let me fall asleep as who I am,
and awake
one small, uncluttered step
closer to you, God
one small step closer to
the person I want to be.
It will be enough.

This is the great mystery of life. We are always working to become the people who we really are, in God’s eye. Br Tim, thank you for your life and service in Holy Cross for all the good God has helped you to accomplish. You have fallen asleep as who you were and awakened one small, uncluttered step closer to God. I don’t want to say “rest in peace.” This doesn’t suit you at all! I want to say enjoy the life that God has opened to you. Have a great time!



Holy Cross Village Honors Two Deceased Brothers

Holy Cross Village has named two common rooms in Holy Cross Village to honor the memories of two recently deceased Brothers of Holy Cross, who were instrumental in the founding and development of Holy Cross Village.



Last Wednesday the, **Brother Philip Armstrong Library** in Andre Hall was dedicated to the memory of Brother Philip, who died June 24, 2014, Brother Philip loved to both read and write. This quiet scholar, unassuming leader, and gentle man was at a passionate reader his entire life.

This coming week, the memory of Brother Thomas Shaughnessy, who died on June 6, 2014, will be honored by having the hospitality room on the third floor of Riverside Place named the **Brother Thomas Shaughnessy Hospitality Room**. Brother Thomas was the director of Dujarie House when it was the infirmary for the Brothers of Holy Cross. Brother Thomas also served as chairman of the board of Holy Cross Village for six years.

At right is Mr. John Mauch, President and CEO of Holy Cross Village, reading from the plaque in the Brother Philip Armstrong Library during the brief dedication ceremony last Wednesday.



Foundation Work of New HCC Housing Unit Begins



Looking at the Holy Cross College worksite it looks as though just a big hole has been dug where the tennis courts were located. A closer look into the hole will show that in the past week progress has been made building the forms which will be the foundation for the new building. In the next week or so construction work will be done in below normal temperatures. Holliday Construction of South Bend is the primary contractor on the project which will open for student residents next August.



Columba Hall Roofing Project Nearly Completed



On Friday, November 7 the nine-week roofing project at Columba Hall was for the most part completed. All of the old roofing shingles on the main building have been replaced along with new gutters and downspouts. All that remains is the removal of the elaborate scaffolding, which had to be moved four times to complete the project. The project was original scheduled to be completed in six weeks but a wet fall slowed the progress.



HCC Holds its 11th Annual Marine Corp's Morning Colors



On Monday, November 10th, Holy Cross College held its 11th annual Marine Corp's Morning Colors Ceremony, in honor of the Marine Corp's 239th birthday.

Marines from the Notre Dame NDROTC and the United States Marine Corps Reserves, along with those from around the South Bend area and those affiliated with Holy Cross College, joined in honor of the Corps' birthday.

Celebrations were worldwide on November 10 as a result of Gen. John A. Lejeune's order on November 1, 1921, which provided a summary of the history, mission, and traditions of the Corps. Gen. Lejeune directed that the order be read to every command, each subsequent year on November 10, in honor of the founding of the Marine Corps.

The order will be read in locations across the United States, Afghanistan, and worldwide, wherever Marines are found. The Holy Cross College Morning Colors Ceremony took place at 8am at the Col. Brian Regan Flag Complex, located on the campus of Holy Cross.

For Persons Suffering from Ebola

*You shall not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that roams in darkness,
nor the plague that ravages at noon.*

Ps 91:5-6

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from Ebola. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.



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