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Brother Raymond Joseph Harrington, C.S.C. *September 10, 1929 – January 21, 2015*

Brother Raymond Joseph Harrington, C.S.C., age 85, died on January 21, 2015 at Dujarie House, in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, IN. He was born in Chicago, IL, on September 10, 1929, the son of John and Margaret (Maloney) Harrington. He went to St. Sabina Elementary School and Leo High School for a year, and then transferred to Calumet High School where he graduated in 1951. Raymond was the youngest of the five Harrington children. He must have been influenced by the example of his older brother, John, for he also joined the Brothers of Holy Cross eight years after John did. Raymond went to Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, WI, and received the habit of the Brothers on August 15, 1951, at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, IN, where made his first profession of vows as a Holy Cross Brother on August 16, 1952. He went to Austin, TX, to begin college studies at St. Edward's University and earned a bachelor's degree, graduating in February, 1955.



After graduating from St. Edward's, Brother Raymond taught the spring semester at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, OH. In the fall, he joined the faculty at Boyssville of Michigan in Clinton, MI, where he taught for two years. In the summer of 1957 he taught at St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee, WI, and in the fall joined the faculty at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, IN, where he taught and was the chairman of the English Department for 16 years. During the summers, Raymond earned an M.A. in literature at DePaul University and also studied at Notre Dame, John Carroll University, and Gannon University. Students at Cathedral were enriched by Raymond's consistency and consideration as a devoted English teacher. Many who proceeded into professional positions in business and medicine repeatedly thanked Raymond for his patient guidance and instruction through the intricacies of English expression. Raymond would devote

each summer to teach remedial English to young inner-city students at Holy Trinity High in Chicago and never accepted a salary for his generous work.

In 1973, he joined the faculty at Holy Cross College at Notre Dame where he excelled in teaching the required English composition and literature courses for 33 years, while serving as the Chair of the Humanities Division. Raymond once said, *“I find it gratifying to see students’ progress from the beginning to the end of the semester acquiring proven writing skills. I have faith and confidence that they will succeed. In learning, it is important not only to emphasize self-discipline but also self-confidence.”* Raymond retired in 2006 from teaching in the classroom, but continued for the next 8 years to be available every day at Holy Cross College as a tutor in the Writing Clinic of the College assisting and inspiring students.

Raymond earned the praise and admiration of students and faculty as a master teacher ranked among the giants of the profession within Holy Cross. When Raymond would greet a person with the typical *“How are you?”* he meant it. He was truly interested in the well-being of that person. His excellence in teaching and/or counseling was second only to his quiet humility. He was noted for showing kindness and appreciation when offering his thanks and congratulations to a person for an accomplishment. For him, to spend one’s life doing what matters is the greatest of all achievements.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 31st, at Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel [within the Dujarie House/Schubert Villa complex] from 9:30 to 11:00 AM on the grounds of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. 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 Brother Raymond Harrington, 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.

Reflection for Brother Raymond Dufresne, C.S.C.

On behalf of the Congregation of Holy Cross, I wish to express our sincere sympathy on the death of Brother Raymond to his sister, Sister Elaine, his niece Ann and his nephew Adam who are with us today. We wish to express our sympathy to his sisters Theresa and Marcie and to his brother Norb and to Raymond's many nieces and nephews who are with us in spirit. We will all miss "Bud."



It was my privilege to work closely with Ray for several years and to live with him for ten years. Ray had a generous spirit which was evidenced in his outgoing personality. I don't think he ever met a stranger. We first met at the chapter of 1972 where I was secretary and he was one of the sharpest delegates there. Raymond possessed a keen insight into every situation and questioned anything that wasn't perfectly clear. For this we all owe him a huge debt.

He began but didn't finish high school in Somerset, Wisconsin where he was born, but entered the juniorate of the Brothers of Holy Cross at Watertown, Wisconsin. He was the last brother to receive a religious name, so Robert became Raymond.

With so many brothers at the time, he felt lucky to get to be Raymond. As he said, "at least people could pronounce it."

Professed in 1945, he attended the University of Notre Dame where he graduated with honors in 1949. His first assignment was West Haven, Connecticut, and then Taunton, Massachusetts, where he taught both French and English (and probably Religion too). When Notre Dame International School was established in Rome, he was sent there to teach, act as steward, and run the kitchen. He didn't know a word of Italian when he got there, but was rather proficient in that language when he left Rome several years later. His next stop was River Grove, Illinois, at Holy Cross High School. His hearing was beginning to fail at that time, so he looked for a job where he could remain in education, but the strain on his hearing wouldn't be so acute. He later became principal at River Grove and went to work on a degree in Library Science, so that when his term as principal was up, he could remain in education. He received a degree from Rosary College and when the job of librarian

opened up at River Grove Ray served there for 6 years, and then it was back to Rome, as secretary to the Superior General, Father Barrosse.

Returning to the U.S., he became librarian at Holy Cross College, a position he had for ten years and then worked part time in the library for an additional 7 years. He was an exacting but very kind boss.

In retirement, he worked to complete his family genealogy and volunteered at the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Every Friday, he folded women's clothes and hung them on racks. Of course, the teasing he took for "working in women's clothes" was plenty, but he took it all with a good spirit and a hearty laugh.

In those days at Riverside Place, four of us would get together for a meal on Wednesday night. The group included Raymond, Br. Harold Ruplinger, Br. Charles Drevon and me. The meal frequently lasted over two hours and we would leave, full of good food and good spirits.

His last few years were difficult. He suffered what appeared to be a stroke while at his brother's home. His brother Norb brought him back and took him to the hospital. He hated the hospital, but being an obedient man he endured it. He was somewhat reluctant to move to Schubert Villa, but again obedience called him. From there, it was Dujarie and after experiencing several falls, he moved to the Quinn Memory Unit.

It was sad to see the very sharp Raymond suffer so much, but many times, the familiar smile would shine through. It was his smile which I remember fondly and I'm sure that he's still smiling with vim and vigor as he enjoys God's everlasting presence.

Brother Charles Gregg

Jan. 21, 2015

Brother Raymond (Robert) Dufresne, C.S.C.
May 4, 1926 – January 15, 2015

Brother Raymond Dufresne, C.S.C., age 88, died on January 15, 2015 at Dujarie House, in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, Indiana. He was born in Somerset, Wisconsin on May 4, 1926, the son of Edward and Emma (Belisle) Dufresne. He attended St. Anne's Elementary School and Somerset High School for two years. Raymond believed he had a calling for the religious life and entered the Brothers' Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, WI, in the summer of 1942. He received the habit on August 15, 1944, at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, IN, and made his first profession of vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on August 16, 1945. He began his studies at the University of Notre Dame and earned a bachelor's degree, graduating *cum laude*, in 1949. He later earned graduate degrees from DePaul University in Chicago and Rosary College in River Forest, IL and did post graduate studies at the University of Montreal in Canada for three summers.



Brother Raymond's first assignment in 1949 was to join the faculty and teach at Notre Dame High School in West Haven, CT, for 4 years. This is where he began pounding the intricacies of the French language into his students. He then taught for 2 years at Monsignor Coyle High School in Taunton, MA, and in 1955, he joined the faculty at Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy, to continue teaching the arts for 8 years and dealing with the Italian cooks to appease the hearty appetites of the boarding students. In 1963, he joined the faculty of Holy Cross High School in River Grove, IL, where he taught for 8 years and was the Principal for another 4 years. In 1975 he participated in the spiritual renewal program at Sangre de Cristo in Santa Fe, NM, and then returned to River Grove to be the librarian for 6 years. In 1983, because of his fluent knowledge of French, Raymond was called back to Rome to be the secretary for the Superior General of the Congregation for 3 years. In 1986 he returned to the U.S. to be the librarian at Holy Cross College for the next 17 years. In 2003 he retired to live at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame to do a number of projects, one to complete research on his extensive family history, tracing it back to France in the mid-1600s. The ten-generation genealogical "wheel-chart" he produced contained a total of 957 of the usual 1023 ancestors, a great achievement for his Dufresne-Belisle family.

Raymond was a strict and demanding teacher in French and English courses, but a cheerful and enthusiastic friend to his students outside of class. He served as principal of Holy Cross High in River Grove during the “turbulent 1960s.” When a senior class was disruptive in their last semester, he threatened to cancel the graduation ceremony, but calm was restored when he made graduating seniors sit between his parents during the ceremony. In later years, the parents insisted the practice should be continued for future graduations.

Raymond’s qualities of being a broad reader and being precise in teaching fit perfectly in roles as secretary for the Superior General and librarian for 20+ years at Holy Cross High School and Holy Cross College at Notre Dame. Of course the usual “calm or quiet atmosphere” within a library was sometimes interrupted when Raymond would help a student. The hearing problem he experienced would cause him to speak a “little louder” than normal both as a counselor and also in conversation with friends, away from the library.

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Midwest Holy Cross Associates

The Midwest Holy Cross Associates are handing out this prayer card asking, in your prayers, for support and encouragement.

Prayer For Holy Cross Associates

Gracious God,
we ask your blessing on the men and women who have become Holy Cross Associates. Help them fulfill their commitment to grow in spirituality, community and mission as part of the family of Holy Cross.

Increase their zeal for ministry and their devotion to our beloved founder, Basil Moreau.

Bless their families and loved ones and may they truly be men and women with hope to bring.

We make our prayer through Christ your Son with Mary and Joseph at our side.
Amen.



Holy Cross: A Mighty Tree

Holy Cross will grow like a mighty tree, and constantly shoot forth new limbs and branches which will be nourished by the same life-giving energy.

Fr. Basil Moreau, June 15, 1854

**Generalate Entrance Sculpture
By Brother Bernard Klim, C.S.C.**



This crucifix sculpted by Brother Bernard Klim is mounted at the main entrance to the newly renovated Generalate in Rome, Italy. The crucifix will be a permanent fixture at the Generalate and will be the first thing that all visitors see when going into the building.

Congratulations to Brother Bernard Klim.

Photo sent by Brother Tom Dziekan

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