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Feast of St. Joseph – 2015

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In front of the house where I lived in Rhode Island there was a small cove where we would swim. The cove had a narrow opening through which the ocean water came in and left. During the summer when my dad got home from work, he used to like to go down and sit on the rocks, have a swim, and read the paper, and I would often go with him. He was a stereotypical New Englander - didn't say much, not overly expressive. One day I was swimming in this little cove, he was engrossed in the paper when suddenly I got caught by the water leaving the narrow opening. Fearing I was about to be dragged out into open ocean, I cried out - and watched as my dad simply looked up at me and then went back to his newspaper. In that moment I thought to myself "What..? My brothers were right – I was never wanted!" Then all of a sudden a wave came in behind me and brought me back in - in fact, I almost landed at his feet. I sputtered and protested his lack of action, to which he simply smiled and said that the tide was coming in and he knew I'd be right back. He, of course, had been going to that cove longer than I'd been alive, and he had absolute confidence in the situation and that I would be fine. I probably should have known that, but it is funny how in moments of crisis and fear you can quickly lose trust in people.

It can be that way with our relationship with God at times. We can face struggles, trials, illness, moments of uncertainty, life-changing events ... all of which may cause us to doubt God's love for us and God's providential care. Faith can be a fickle thing when it is sorely tested, which is why it needs to be nourished throughout our lives. Fundamental to the season of Lent, with its call to confront our sin, open our hearts to God's grace, and offer our lives in loving service, is a call to first and foremost deepen our trust in God's love and mercy. Without that trust none of those other things can happen. Lent is a time when we are to hear the words God the Father spoke to his Son, and to make them the truth that God speaks to each one of us: "You are my beloved Son, you are my beloved daughter." Trusting in God's love sets us free to be who we are meant to be.

It is in this context of our Lenten season this year that the Church gives us a model of such trusting dependence on God with the Feast of St. Joseph.



When one considers the events surrounding Jesus' conception and birth, one gets a sense of the almost heroic trust that Joseph had in God - and in Mary. We can imagine the confusion and devastation he might have initially felt when he discovered Mary was with child. Even in believing Mary that she'd conceived by the Holy Spirit, one wonders if Joseph felt shut out of this mystery unfolding between his fiancée and God. It certainly meant that his own plans would be altered. But in a dream he is asked to trust - to take Mary as his wife and to set out on a new course - to become the guardian and protector of the Holy Family. Joseph was not a participant in these events by the accident of his betrothal to Mary - he was commissioned by God through a dream to watch over, shield, protect, and raise God's Son. Even without fully comprehending the unfathomable mystery of the incarnation, he trusted.

There would be other dreams and moments of drama and fear that would call from him that same enormous trust: a dangerous journey for the census, a birth in fragile and unfamiliar surroundings, a threat against his son's life, the need to flee to another country, a panicked search for a lost child.

After the infancy narratives the gospels are silent on the life of Joseph, and we can believe that Joseph's trust in God was lived in day to day fidelity as a husband, father, carpenter - keeping his family safe and secure. Joseph's way of holiness was through the basic virtues that transform daily life: faith, love of God, trust in God's plan and purpose no matter what comes, humility, and a self-sacrificing love.

That is why the Church gives Joseph to us as a model in this holy season of Lent. We are called to have that same trust in God's love. In the normal, day to day periods of our lives for sure, but also in those moments fraught with peril and misunderstanding, it can be hard to have such trust. For us - no angel from heaven

may appear; no dream that sets our hearts at peace in troubled times may come to us in the night. To trust when we do not have full understanding takes courage; to believe in God and to believe in one another even when all evidence may be to the contrary requires of us a deep faith. Yet we have the promise of the cross and the victory it assures to guide us. We have Joseph and Mary to intercede for us, to help us trust in the promises of Christ.

We also have one another. When we were baptized, our parents and godparents were told to make sure that “the divine life that God gives us is kept safe” by being models of faith. That is a commission all of us are given. Just as Joseph was commissioned by God to keep Jesus safe, to watch over and protect him, to nourish Jesus’ own trust in God the Father, so we are called to keep the divine life in our hearts and in the hearts of one another safe and nourished. We can imagine how much Joseph’s steadfastness helped Mary deal with everything - his trust supporting her own. We can do that for each other.

I think that is one of the reasons why Blessed Moreau entrusted the Brothers of Holy Cross to the protection and patronage of Saint Joseph. Their vows and consecrated lives point to, protect, and nurture what is of God in the world, and make known the Son of God whom we meet in one another.

In the movie *A River Runs Through It* the father, who is a Presbyterian minister, preaches a homily after the death of his son. He says: “We sometimes look upon a loved one who is in need and ask: ‘We are willing to help, Lord, but what, if anything, is needed?’ For it is true that we can seldom help those closest to us. Either we don’t know what part of ourselves to give, or more often than not the part we have to give is not wanted. And so it is that those we live with and should know elude us ... but we can still love them. We can love completely, without complete understanding.”

I wonder if at times Joseph felt that way, confronted by the mystery of the Incarnation he may not have fully understood. If he did, it didn’t matter; he trusted God and loved completely.

This is what God asks of us. That we trust in His love for us. That we nourish that trust and hope in one another. That we love completely even without complete understanding. May we be faithful as St. Joseph was faithful, come what may. St. Joseph, pray for us.

Introduction Speech for Rick Sullivan

Holy Cross College Academic Convocation
Friday evening March 20, 2015.

The following introductory speech, by Brother Charles Drevon C.S.C., was for Rick Sullivan, the college's registrar, who received the college's Service Award. He is retiring after 31 years of service as registrar for the college.



I certify that this man is Rick Sullivan. I know that because I have been going to lunch with him for the past 20 years. If you happen to see him in the audience, that is not Rick but his identical twin brother. He is seated at the back of the auditorium. The gentleman with the white hair.

I asked Rick once how do you become a registrar? Is there a college that provides training for such a job? He replied: "The registrar's training is done on the job." Rick certainly had on-the-job training. While a student at Notre Dame he worked in the registrar's office and after graduating was hired as the assistant registrar and eventually became the Notre Dame registrar. He held that position for 11 years. After his Notre Dame on the job training, Rick was hired as the college's Registrar on August 8, 1983, by Br. John Driscoll, the first President of Holy Cross College,

In addition to his 11 years of experience as registrar, Rick also brought with him a painting that one of the art instructors at ND had given him as a gift. This painting has hung in the Registrar's Office since Rick was hired. On the 4 by 8 foot canvas is an upside down number 2, a number 1 that looks like the State of Indiana, and the number 5, painted on a background of patches of dark colors. It looks like the artist was cleaning his brushes on the canvas. I believe it represents his office number when he was the ND registrar. I hate this picture. To me it is ugly. Rick loves it!!!!

IBM punch cards and equipment were the technology of the day and Rick used that technology in the registrar's office at ND. He loved some kind of card sort he did on that equipment. The technology of the day at Holy Cross was the manual type writer. Rick is a very good two finger typist but often has fat fingers. It wasn't long before Br Lawrence Unfried approached Rick about using the emerging computer technology. Br Lawrence created a database and computer programs that allowed the Registrar to print out grade reports and class lists. Rick enthusiastically used this technology. The next technological advancement came when the college hired a database programmer to create D-base files and routines to advance the record keeping and output of the Registrar's Office. Rick loved to do those D-base searches. By 1994 the D-based system could no longer be sustained and an integrated computer program system was purchased by the college. In 1994 the college established an administrative computer network which consisted of eleven work stations and one server. By 1999 a much improved student information system was purchased, which is the present system now in use. Rick has worked very hard to update this system from the time he began at the college as registrar to the present. Thank you, Rick, for your hard work in maintaining the academic records of our students.

Rick is a people person. He always greets everyone who stops by his office with "How may I help you?" His attention is immediately shifted from what he was doing to serving the needs of the student, faculty, staff, former student, or visitor. He will often insert his Irish humor into the conversation which on many occasions is missed by the recipient. During the earlier years at Holy Cross he was more than the registrar. He was an advisor, a mentor, and a general good guy to all. He has the memory of an elephant and not only remembers former students but conversations that he had with them. The advancement office as well as other administrators have often asked Rick about former students or other events that took place during his tenure. He knows where all of the skeletons are.

At the end of June Rick will be retiring and ending his long Registrar career. Congratulations, Rick, and please take your painting with you.

Brother Charles Drevon

Two Fiddles and an Accordion



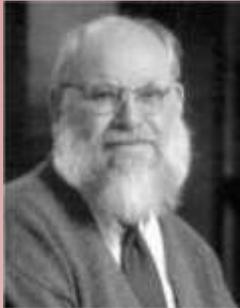
On Friday afternoon, the first day of spring, at 2:00 PM, around a dozen or so house members gathered in our lower recreation room for a little Irish music and dance demo. Three Notre Dame Students, Brendan, Molly and Rosie, entertained Columba Hall brothers with an Irish jam session. At one brother's request, Molly did a few dance steps.

Thanks to Lesya Godfrey, Life Development Director, for arranging this fun time.



Lenten Lecture Series – 2015 – Reminder
Wednesday Evenings – 7-8 PM
Geenan Hall

March 25th
Father Nicholas Ayo, CSC



“How The Stages of Our Lifetime Parallel The Stages of The Lenten Season” Father Nicholas Ayo taught American Literature at the University of Portland and has taught in the Great Books Program at the University of Notre Dame for over 25 years. He has also ministered as the Director of Novices for the Congregation of Holy Cross



Easter Triduum Schedule

Columba Hall

Good Friday Service at Columba Hall

Note: This Eastertide, a Good Friday Service will be held in Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel in Columba Hall. The service will begin at 3:00 PM.

Schedule:	Holy Thursday	4:45 PM
	Good Friday	3:00 PM
	Holy Saturday	8:00 PM for Easter Vigil
	Easter Sunday	10:00 AM

Schubert Villa – Dujarie

Schedule	Holy Thursday	11:30 AM
	Good Friday	11:30 AM
	Easter Vigil	7:00 PM
	Easter	11:30 AM

Our Lady of Loretto – St. Mary’s

Schedule	Holy Thursday	6:30 AM
	Good Friday	3:00 AM
	Easter Vigil	8:45 PM
	Easter	10:30 AM

Holy Cross College

Schedule	Holy Thursday	7:00 PM
	Good Friday	3:00 PM
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	Easter	10:00 AM

Sacred Heart Basilica

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer: 9 a.m.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 5 p.m. (live streamed [here](#))

Adoration in the Lady Chapel: 6:30 p.m.

Tenebrae: 11 p.m.

Good Friday

Morning Prayer: 9 a.m.

Silent Hours of Prayer: 12 - 3 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3 p.m. (live streamed [here](#))

Stations of the Cross: 7:15 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer: 9 a.m.

The Paschal Vigil Mass: 9 p.m. (live streamed [here](#))

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Mass*: 8 a.m.

Solemn Mass: 10 a.m.

Easter Sunday Mass*: 12 p.m. (live streamed [here](#))

Solemn Easter Vespers: 7:15 p.m.

Student Easter Mass*: 9 p.m.

*Special Mass time for Easter Sunday only

Recommended Reading for Chapter

Hello Brothers,

As part of my CTU class reading group, the Sisters and I discussed this article the afternoon after our initial chapter planning committee meeting. I thought this would be a great article to share with the province and a good article to keep in mind as we prepare for chapter.

Br. Christopher Torrijas

Never Giving Up: Dimensions of Human Resilience

by Samuel F. Mikail, PH.D., Psych., ABPP

Human Development Magazine: Vol 35 Issue 2 Winter 2014

“... two essential building blocks of community resilience are communication and competence.”

“Resilient communities do well when they are able to recognize that challenges faced in present and those anticipated in the future are different from ones faced in past, and thus, may require new and unique approaches and skills.”

The *Dimensions of Human Resilience* article may be down loaded by clicking on one of the following links:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/MIDMID/HD.docx>

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/MIDMID/HD.pdf>

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If anyone uses a map program or Google Earth especially and would like to visit the locations of Holy Cross in Ghana, you will find them below — Holy Cross locations and their coordinates. Just enter (copy & paste) the coordinates in your map program or Google Earth and you can see where we are.

Sekondi Area			
Sekondi	St. John's School - Brothers' Residence	4 55 54.64 N, 1 43 44.39 W	93 ft
Sekondi	St. Joseph's Hall - Formation House	4 55 56.27 N, 1 43 45.70 W	89 ft.
Sekondi	Holy Cross Chapel - St. John's School	4 55 57.66 N, 1 43 44.79 W	95 ft.
Sekondi	St. John's School - Administration Block	4 55 56.53 N, 1 43 43.64 W	105 ft.
Sekondi	Rex House - Student Residence Hall	4 55 59.78 N, 1 43 38.29 W	105 ft.
Sekondi	Bro. William Gates Memorial Hall	4 55 57.06 N, 1 43 42.57 W	104 ft.
Butumagyebu			
Butumagyebu	Moreau House Pre-Novitiate	4 56 47.66 N, 1 44 01.36 W	123 ft.



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