

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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May 13, 2015

## Brother Robert Lavelle, C.S.C., is honored by the Gilmour Community / Family



On Saturday, April 18, 2015, Brother Robert Lavelle, C.S.C., was recognized, thanked and honored for his 38 years of service to Gilmour Academy. Thirty-four of those years he served as Headmaster of the school.

The event was held in the Gilmour Academy Athletic Facility which was transformed into the Eastside & Westside of Cleveland with familiar restaurants from the respective sides of town for “Gilmour’s Night in the CLE”.

Many accolades were rightly given to Brother Robert as well as “thank you” by numerous people. The booklet said it well:

Thank you, Brother Robert, for your selfless dedication and for all that you have done for Gilmour throughout the past 38 years.

The evening was also a fundraiser to fund the Bishop Gilmour Institute, a project dear to Brother Robert’s heart.

To ensure that the Holy Cross mission and vision remain as the framework for school culture at Gilmour, the school is launching the Bishop Gilmour Institute for Holy Cross Mission Integration in honor of Brother Robert Lavelle, C.S.C. The Institute will provide leadership and service programs for students and faculty to foster the Holy Cross values and Gilmour Academy’s mission.

Brother Robert was the eighth headmaster of Gilmour Academy and is one of the longest serving headmasters, of an independent school in the U.S. He will continue

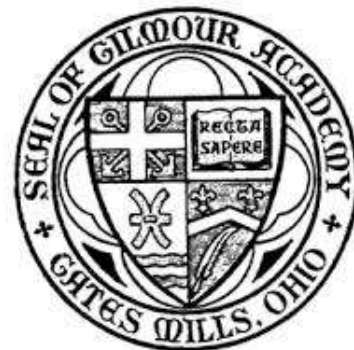
to share his passion for the Holy Cross charism through the Bishop Gilmour Institute and Holy Cross Institute.

His presence and wisdom will remain with the Gilmour community/family.

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## Brother Robert's legacy

One of the highlights of the night was a video tribute to Br. Robert. Since many weren't able to attend Saturday night's festivities because it sold out so quickly, we want to share a link to the video so that you, too, can reflect on all that Br. Robert has meant to the Academy and the impact he has had on the lives of the thousands of students who have walked Gilmour's halls during his tenure.



## Retirement Fund For Religious



On the weekend of April 11& 12, 2015, **Brothers William Mewes and Roy Smith** spoke at Little Flower Parish, South Bend, IN, and St. Thomas Parish, Elkhart, IN.

In 1988 the Catholic bishops in the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) to address significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic sisters, brothers and priests in religious orders. Three primary factors fueling the crisis are: insufficient retirement savings, rising health-care costs, and declining income.

The Midwest Province has been a part of sharing the above message with members of the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend many times since the campaign fund was initiated over 25 years ago.

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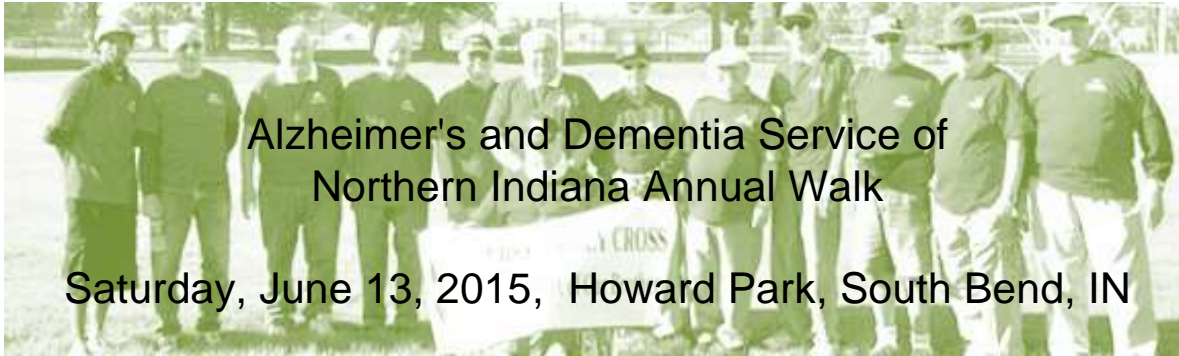
## K of C State Convention



Br. Roy with Patty Stiegelbauer, a long time Gibault employee who is an assistant in its development department

Br. Roy and Fred Campbell, the Chairman of Vocations for the Knights of Columbus for the State of Indiana

Shown above is **Br. Roy Smith** at the booth on vocations during the State Convention of the Knights of Columbus. The Conference was held at the Marriott East, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 18, 2015.



Alzheimer's and Dementia Service of  
Northern Indiana Annual Walk

Saturday, June 13, 2015, Howard Park, South Bend, IN

Dear Brother,

As we begin another year raising money for the annual Alzheimer's and Dementia Services of Northern Indiana Walk, a new drug (T-817MA) designed to slow the progression of the disease is being tested in clinical trials. We wish we could say that if successful, this drug would be available before most of us need it. As we live longer, many of us begin to experience various problems with both our short and long term memory. This slow deterioration of our memory can be very subtle or can come on rapidly so we may have difficulty functioning as independently as we once did.

This year we are honoring **Brothers Roland Driscoll, Camillus Kirsch, and Bernard Donahoe**, who are all experiencing various memory problems at this time. We are also honoring the memories of **Brothers Robert Fillmore, Raymond Dufresne, Charles Krupp, Albert Kern, Thaddeus Gottemoller, Isaac Jogues Motz, Eduardo Michalik, Joseph Ballard, James Kinsella, Robert Ludwig, Stephen Carter, James Roth, and Charles Lewis**. We would also like to honor the family members and friends of the Brothers who have/had Alzheimer's or dementia.

Again this year we will have a team of Brothers walking and giving public witness to our support of our Brothers (both living and deceased) as part the Holy Cross Village team, by wearing shirts identifying the Brothers. Everyone is welcome to be part of our team whether you can walk the course or just come to cheer on the Brothers and give public witness to our support of our Brothers. The walk course has been moved to downtown South Bend this year.

If you are able to support the Brothers' team with any contribution, no matter how small, please consider doing so. If you are unable to contribute financially, please pray for the success of the walk and for your fellow Brothers. Last year the Brothers successfully raised \$2,300.00 for the walk. Thank you in advance for any support you may be able to give.

**Brother Larry Stewart**  
**Brother Chester Freel**

**Brother Roy Smith**

**Brother Charles McBride**  
**Brother Thomas Cunningham**

## Note of Gratitude

A note of gratitude to the Brothers for founding Holy Cross Village

On April 1<sup>st</sup> I celebrated my fifteenth year anniversary as a resident of Holy Cross Village.

What a gift the Brothers gave to us (Holy Cross Village Residents)! For the vision and courage of men like **Brothers William Geenen, Philip Armstrong, John May, Joseph Fox** and all the members of the (Holy Cross) community who supported them – a heartfelt thank you.

May your legacy continue to be blessed with wise leaders who live and share the Holy Cross Spirit.

**Meg Van Der Gracht**  
Holy Cross Village Member



Picture by Fr. William Blum, C.S.C.

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## Root Beer Float - a Summer Treat

The Columba Hall Choir members were treated last Friday, May 8, to a Root Beer Float Party held in their honor. The Sisters of the Holy Cross arranged a get together on St. Mary's Campus, Notre Dame, IN, held inside and outside as can be seen in the slideshow on the website homepage of the Brothers of Holy Cross. View the slideshow by going to:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com>





## **DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE - SOUTH BEND**

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April 24, 2015

Bro. Chester Freel, CSC  
Superior, H.C. Brothers  
P. O. Box 460  
Notre Dame, IN 46556

Dear Brother Chester,

With gratitude and joy, I am writing to invite you to attend our diocesan celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life. I am inviting all the men and women religious resident in our diocese to join me for the celebration of Evening Prayer (Vespers) at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 31. After the celebration of Vespers, we will have a reception in the rotunda of the Main Building, next to the Basilica, at the University of Notre Dame.

I am really looking forward to this celebration as an occasion to thank God for the gift of consecrated life and to thank you for your witness and service in our diocese. Our diocese is richly blessed by the presence of over 700 religious women and men of 30 different institutes of consecrated life.

I would be very grateful if you could extend this invitation to all the Holy Cross Brothers of the Midwest Province resident in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and let me know, if possible by May 15<sup>th</sup>, an estimated number of those who will attend the May 31<sup>st</sup> celebration. This will help us in planning the amount of food for the reception. I am hoping that a good number of Holy Cross religious will be able to attend. A reply form is enclosed with this letter.

May Our Risen Lord bless you with His peace and joy in this Easter season!

**RSVP by calling Sharan  
Palmer at: 631-2920**

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades  
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

*National Mental Health Week  
May 4 – 10, 2015*



*Recovery is not about finding a miracle cure or  
returning to how things used to be.  
It's about finding a happier, healthier, more  
sustainable life that recognizes the past,  
accepts the limitations of the present  
and is full of hope for the future.*

Simon Heyes

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