

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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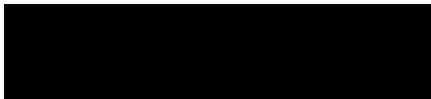
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## Mission Experience



On Wednesday evening at Columba Hall, May 13, **Fr. Thomas McDermott, CSC**, spoke to the community about how his experiences serving in the missions of Holy Cross around the world have richly affected his personal spirituality. The charism of the family among the societies of sisters, priests, and brothers, he feels, is truly a Moreau foundational pillar that was particularly enjoyed by Holy Cross missionaries. In the missions, this charism is witnessed by all we serve.

Columba Hall members enjoyed Tom's personal remarks. He left us with our own thoughts about the future of Holy Cross and encouraged us to renew, as we move ahead, the aspirations of our founder, **Rev. Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC**



## Brother André Mottais Award

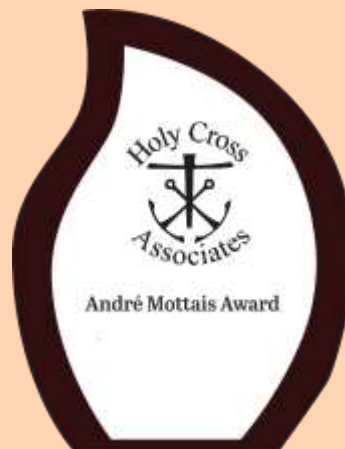


On June 13, 2015 at the Pfeil Center, Holy Cross, College, Notre Dame, IN, a celebration will be held with presentations of the Brother André Mottais Award. It will include a wine and cheese party. The presentation will honor three awesome people – two Holy Cross Associates and one friend of the Associates.

The Holy Cross Associates Award is dedicated to Brother André Mottais who was first to have a vision of Brothers and lay teachers in association with one other.

Brother André, born in Larchamp, France, in 1800, was the most important link between the Brothers of St. Joseph, founded by Jacques Dujarie, and the Congregation of Holy Cross, formed by Basil Moreau. From 1820 unto 1835, Brother André Mottais served as novice master, teacher, and director of education for the fledgling community of the Brothers of St. Joseph, After the merger, he was sent to Algeria by Basil Moreau in 1840. In Africa he suffered from bad teaching conditions in his schools and returned to France two years later in poor health. He died in 1844 and is revered as one of the giants of Holy Cross.

**Br. Carl Sternberg**



## Holy Cross Associates Renew Commitments

On Thursday, May 22, Twenty-three Holy Cross Associates, Brother Affiliates, and those in Associate formation attended a retreat day in preparation for their Mass of Commitment which is to held on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel.



Lynn Case, Sharon Donlon, and Douglas Williamson will be making their commitments for the first time along with other Associates from the South Bend area who renew their commitments each year.

The theme for the retreat day was the “Gifts of the Spirit and the Access to Them through Prayer.” **Sister Marilyn Zugish, CSC, and Brother Carl Sternberg, CSC,** gave presentations. An enjoyable lunch followed Mass at Shubert Villa.



## Memorial Day at Coloma



Although there was an absence of swimmers this year, 23 brothers from the Notre Dame area enjoyed their Memorial Day at the cottage on Lake Michigan. Thanks to **Brothers Joseph Fox** and **Robert Dierker** for their work in preparation and cleanup. Temperatures were perfect and predicted rain held off.

For photos of the event, view the slide show at:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com>



## Hoban Breaks Ground for New Health and Fitness Center



Ground was broken for a new health and fitness center at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, on May 13. The center is part of a \$6.5 million capital campaign dubbed “Empowering Minds, Engaging Hearts, Exceeding Expectations: This is Hoban.”

After words of welcome from Dr. Todd R. Sweda, school president, Mr. Bill Scala and Mr. Richard Fedorovich, campaign co-chairs, delivered remarks. The Rev. Mike Ausperk, presided over a blessing ceremony at which seniors Evan Nichols and Anne Tomei did the scripture readings and **Brother Bob Livernois** read the general intercessions. Additional remarks were made by Dr. Joe Congeni, physician for the athletic program; senior Jackson Miles, student council president; and Mr. Michael J. Del Medico, executive director of advancement and athletics.

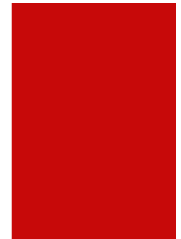
Student-athletes involved in spring sports ran through a fog machine across the expressway bridge to the sounds of “Gonna Fly Now” from *Rocky*. Joining the

others for the actual ground-breaking were Dr. Mary Anne Beiting, principal, and **Brother Chester Freel**, provincial superior. Thanks to the video committee, the student body could follow the ceremonies in their classrooms via live streaming on their iPads.

Following the ground-breaking, the students released gold and blue balloons. The ceremony was followed by an outdoor reception nearby with a "healthy and fit" menu.

Although some site preparation has already begun for the center, this event officially launched the final construction phase of the capital campaign that also included construction of the Maynard Family Center for Spiritual Development and growing of the school's endowment.

### **Brother Joseph LeBon**





*As life becomes harder and more  
threatening, it also becomes richer,  
because the fewer expectations we have,  
the more good things of life  
become unexpected gifts  
that we accept with gratitude.*

EttyHillesum  
Holocaust Victim

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## Friendship Centers

Recently Br. Lawrence Skitzki forwarded an email to the communications department here at our Holy Cross Provincial Office concerning *Friendship Centers* – founded by Br. William Geenen, C.S.C.

For those curious readers, here are a few links and a short article from their news events that may be of interest.

It was intriguing to view some of the ads that populate the *Friendship Center* webpages, e.g., a **Meet Singles** advertisement.



<http://www.beawarebettercare.com/>

**Home Website**

<http://friendshipcenters.org/Home.aspx>



### **Helping Seniors Use Technology to Stay Connected**

The Friendship Centers is one of seven organizations in the country chosen by the National Council on Aging and Verizon to be a test site for the Digital Aging Mastery Program. This program uses technology to help older adults connect online and age in place longer. Isolated seniors are learning how to use tablet computers with the help of trained volunteers who provide ongoing support.



## Health Issues - Prayers

Brothers,

Please find below requests for prayers and some related health updates:

- 1) **Br. Christopher Torrijas'** grandmother, Cecilia Foldenauere, passed away last night at the age of 95. Chris shares the following as he is asking for her to be remembered in prayer: "She had a long good life, but will be missed by my mom & all her siblings, not to mention all her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren. The wake will be towards the end of the week in Michigan City at Ott Haverstock funeral home, and funeral at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Michigan City."
- 2) **Brother Charles McBride** has regained some strength over the last two weeks, but his restricted breathing requires supplemental oxygen and the use of a motorized wheelchair. Given these limitations Charlie has decided it in his best interest to become a permanent resident of Columba Hall.
- 3) **Brother Bernard Donahoe**, upon the advice of his doctor, is now a permanent resident of Columba Hall. The main health difficulty is a series of TIA's ("mini- strokes) and the concern that these may be a precursor to a more serious stroke.
- 4) **Brother Donald Fleischhacker** had his right leg amputated late last week and is now back at Dujarie House. Over the last year Don has experienced problems with blood flow to his toes and the doctors tried various interventions. Unfortunately, none of the treatments were lasting and the foot became infected to the point where there was no alternative other than surgery. Don appears to be in good spirits, and is appreciative of all who pray for his well-being.
- 5) **Brother Carroll Posey** was in the hospital the last several days due to pneumonia. Carroll's condition has improved considerably after a course of antibiotics, and he returned earlier today to Columba Hall.
- 6) **Brother James Reddy** continues with his course of chemotherapy to treat a reoccurrence of cancer. Each chemo infusion requires Jim to spend 3 - 4 days in the hospital. At this time Jim is about half way through the sessions, and thus far is tolerating the infusions better than might be expected.

- 7) **Brother George Klawitter** has been diagnosed to have a tennis ball-sized tumor near his heart. Thankfully the tumor is not cancerous, but will need to be removed. The date for surgery is pending.
- 8) Please remember the mother of **Brother Richard Gilman** in your prayers. Mrs. Alice Gilman passed on to eternal life earlier this afternoon, living to the age of 93 years. Mrs. Gilman had been in relatively good health up until this last year, and only recently had entered a nursing home in the Cleveland area due to declining health. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Thank you.

**Brother Chester**

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