

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Brother Bernard Klim



Brother Bernard Klim was born in Hamtramck, Michigan, in 1930. He spent most of his early years on the family farm, but he did live for one year in the city of Detroit. He has but one sibling, a brother who lives in North Carolina. After grade school, Bernard went to work for General Motors where he labored on machinery. He thought about joining the military but decided against it. At the time the Korean War was in full swing.

One day after work at General Motors, a nun said to him, “You know, Benny, You don’t want to stay here.” And she was right. He contacted the Brothers of Holy Cross and met with Brother Eymard, the vocations director, at a parish in Detroit. He entered the novitiate at Rolling Prairie, Indiana, in 1951 where Brother Dominic Elder was his novice master. He professed his vows a year later and was assigned to work at Dujarie Hall, the scholasticate for the Brothers of Holy Cross on the Notre Dame campus.

Bernard’s first assignment after a year at Dujarie was to the Generalate in Rome where he did maintenance work for the large complex that included a major seminary. In his artistic moments, he gathered scraps of iron to fashion into beautiful sculptures, many of which adorn Schubert Villa today at Holy Cross Village. They are truly works of art.

Called to Uganda by the district superior after many years in Italy, Bernie found a new calling: architect. He was asked to design a church for Kyarusozi Parish in Fort Portal. The pastor wanted a church in the round but specified no focal point. Bernie created a large, magnificent edifice within two months.

During his time in Uganda he also designed schools, a boys' dormitory, a girls' dormitory, three gazebos, and church offices. One would think that he would be most proud of the beautiful church in Fort Portal, but no, he thinks most fondly of the Lourdes grotto he designed. Even though he did not lay a single one of the stones, he is proud that he supervised the entire construction.

Br. George Klawitter



Visit Bernie's works in East Africa
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<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/Klim2015/Klim2015.html>



Finance Presentation at Columba Hall

If you are coming for the 7:00 PM financial presentation at Columba Hall on Wednesday, June 10, you are welcome to join the house members for supper at 6:00 PM.

Days of Service Year of Consecrated Life

Brothers,

The Year of Consecrated Life invites us to identify or develop days of service this summer as a way to highlight the consecrated life. Please allow me to share with you one activity that might be of interest to you.

On Saturday, June 27th student leaders from the Holy Cross Leadership Program will participate in various work projects in the South Bend area as part of their four day program. These service projects will be from 9:00 am – noon, and will include such activities as a) helping at a Habitat For Humanity Resale Store, b) assisting at the Catholic Worker drop-in center, c) volunteering at one of the local Community Gardens, and d) sorting clothing at St. Vincent DePaul Society.

If you are interested in “participating” in this day of service with the Holy Cross Leadership students, please contact Jane Smith at 631-3776. Participation could range anywhere from physically working alongside the students to being there to offer moral support.

Thank you,
Br. Chester Freel

USP Annual Community Retreat



call Natalie Huppenthal at [574-631-6196](tel:574-631-6196), during the week.

The United States Province has five openings for their annual **Community Retreat** at the LaPorte Center. These openings are available on a first come (call), first served (accepted) basis. Those interested should

The retreat starts with Evening Prayer on Monday June 29th and ends with lunch on Friday, July 3rd.



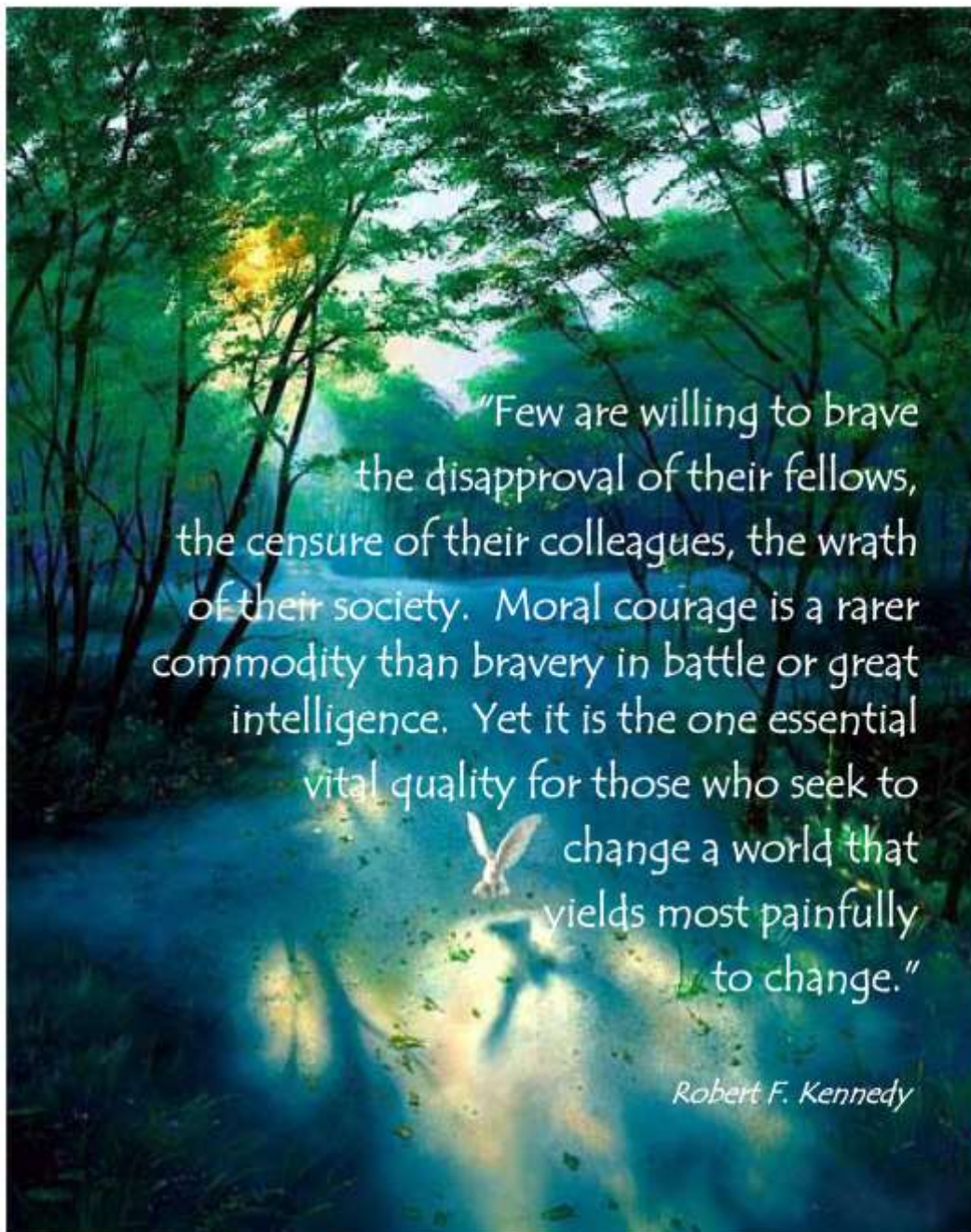
Fr. Nick Ayo, CSC, has graciously accepted to direct the retreat for us. Nick directed the retreat at Columba Hall earlier this year and was very well received. Brothers who attended the Columba Hall retreat should **note that the topics/content will be the same.**

While all the rooms at LaPorte are on the ground level, participants need to be mobile enough to move around the different buildings and to care for their own personal needs.

Thank you.

Rev. Richard S. Wilkinson, CSC
Assistant Provincial and Vicar
US Province of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers

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Gilmour Academy Scholarship

Brother Kenneth Haders forwarded this link of interest:

Goldman Sachs executive gives \$750,000 to Gilmour Academy to establish scholarship.



<http://www.crainscleveland.com/article/20150519/NEWS/150519793/goldman-sachs-executive-gives-750000-to-gilmour-academy-to-establish>

**HOLY CROSS
COLLEGE** 
at Notre Dame, Indiana

Westville Correctional Facility with Holy Cross College celebrates a momentous milestone

NOTRE DAME, IN (June 1, 2015) — When Carl Gary and Jon Hicks were each convicted and sentenced to the Indiana Correctional System, they knew the experience would be life changing. However, at the time, Gary and Hicks had no idea of just how transforming, educational, and valuable their incarcerations would be.

On Thursday, May 21, 2015, Carl L. Gary and Jon E. Hicks, two inmates at Westville Correctional Facility, graduated with an associate's degree in liberal studies from Holy Cross College.

For the past five semesters, Gary and Hicks have participated in the Westville Education Initiative (WEI), a program that offers male inmates with the opportunity to enroll in college level courses to work towards earning their associate's degree. WEI allows inmates who have both a demonstrated aptitude



and a desire to pursue a higher educational degree to enroll in courses taught by professors from Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame and. The professors expect WEI students to perform at the same academic rigor as their students at their respective institutions. This high level of academic intensity provides students with the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty, violence, and crime which can lead to incarceration.

Thursday was the inaugural commencement ceremony for the Initiative. This inspiring event began with **Brother Jesus Alonso, C.S.C.**, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Holy Cross College. Welcoming the graduates, faculty, staff, dignitaries, and guests on this “significant milestone, demonstrates our commitment to our students at the correctional facility, as well as the institutional commitment to supporting WEI.”

After a heartfelt national anthem sung by WEI student, Clifford K. White, Superintendent Mark Sevier addressed the commencement audience on the merits of the program. “I have found it (providing higher education to inmates) to be a cost effective way to reduce recidivism and eventually save the taxpayers money,” said White. By investing in our inmates, society can provide those individuals with “every opportunity to succeed upon his release and increase his likelihood of not returning to prison.”

The commencement address was given by Holy Cross College trustee, Daniel B. Fitzpatrick, CEO of Quality Dining. Fitzpatrick believes so strongly in this program that he flew in for the day from Florida in the midst of his daughter's wedding so that he could support the two graduates. In his address, Fitzpatrick

stressed to the graduates and the other WEI students that the work they are doing in pursuing an education is worthwhile and beneficial to them, but also, they are inspiring the greater community. He said that this commencement, “touches me more than any other commencement” Fitzpatrick has ever attended.

During the most moving part of the ceremony, Gary and Hicks reflected on their education. Gary believed that this experience was one of the most positive things he has done and that he is grateful to be leaving “a horrible place but with a diploma.”

Hicks was grateful for ways in which the educators were able to apply the academic curriculum to the students’ situation. He went on to say that “the liberal arts education is all about critical thinking”. Both Hicks and Gary stressed that WEI provided them with the ability to think before acting so that they are able to make better decisions.

WEI began when representatives from the Bard Prison Initiative (BPI) in New York, contacted Notre Dame to inquire about the potential interest of expanding into Indiana. Notre Dame and Holy Cross were immediately supportive of the Westville endeavor and, with support from BPI, were able to move forward and create the infrastructure required for a sustainable initiative. The Indiana Department of Corrections (IDOC) has also been an essential partner of the program, though since budget cuts in 2011, has been unable to financially support publically funded college degree-granting programs.

The benefits of this program for both those earning their degree and for society at large were best demonstrated at the commencement ceremony and the reception afterwards. The students and their families are grateful for this transformative experience. WEI allows Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame to fulfill their mission to educate the hearts and minds of those incarcerated at Westville so that they can realize their fullest potential.

To learn more about Holy Cross College visit the website at www.hcc-nd.edu.

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