

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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February 21, 2018

Brother Joseph John Chvala, C.S.C.
May 30, 1924 – February 11, 2018

Brother Joseph John Chvala, C.S.C., age 93, died on February 11, 2018, at Dujarie House, in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, Indiana. He was born in Ludington, Michigan, the son of Anton and Josephine (Miller) Chvala. He attended Pere Marquette Elementary School and Ludington High School graduating as the class valedictorian in 1942. He worked for a year as secretary in an electrical shop and then joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served for 3 years. He rose to the rank of Petty Officer, 2nd class, and was discharged in 1946. He studied at the University of Michigan for 2 years. In April 1949, he followed a vocation to the religious life and went to Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, then entered the Novitiate, where he pronounced his vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on August 16, 1950. Brother Joseph attended the University of Notre Dame where he completed his college studies and graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A. degree in 1954 and later earned a Master of Arts in English degree there in 1966.



He began his teaching career with one-year stints at Cathedral High in Indianapolis, St. Edward High in Lakewood, Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, six years at Holy Trinity High in Chicago, a year at Archbishop Hoban High in Akron and three years back at Holy Trinity. In 1965 he began a long 40+ year tenure at his favorite niche, St. Edward High in Lakewood where as a “master teacher of English” was revered by students and colleagues. He was a lover of words, spoken or written, especially in English courses and developed the literary magazine *Flight*. Many students remembered him with visits and contacts in their college studies and professional careers. A teacher never stops learning. Brother Joseph attended summer institutes to improve his teaching techniques at colleges in the Midwest and East Coast. His leadership and expertise were recognized by colleagues and the awards he received such as: the recognition in 1990, as one of ten outstanding Ohio teachers with a grant of \$2500 by the Ashland Oil

Achievement Program; in 1998 he was one of fifty Notre Dame Alumni teachers honored for outstanding teaching; in 1999 he received a citation from the Ohio House of Representatives; and in 2001 one of his honor students received the Presidential Scholars Award in a formal ceremony at the nation's Capital.

Many of the awards he received were given following a stroke he suffered in October 1995 which necessitated a period of convalescence, therapy, and recovery. He said, "Most people quit after they have had a stroke. I didn't. You have to get angry with yourself and do it." He set goals. He was determined and focused. His strength came from prayer, people, and affirmation. His treatment and therapy were at Notre Dame where many of the Brothers urged him to pray to Brother Andre. Visits and letters came from faculty, friends, and students. His therapist urged him to return to his students in Lakewood since it would be the best medicine for him. One day, the stimulus for recovery arrived in the form of a letter from (then Principal) Jim Kubacki inviting Brother Joseph to return to St. Edward and get involved with the students again. In the fall of 1996 he returned to continue his love of teaching by serving part-time in guiding students until he retired from St. Edward in the summer of 2006. He moved to Notre Dame, where he found opportunities to assist and influence Holy Cross College students by volunteering in its Writing Clinic.

When hearing of Brother Joseph's death, President Jim Kubacki remarked: "It is just amazing how often Brother Joseph is remembered by alums across the country as the teacher who made the biggest difference in the lives of those St. Edward High students."

Visitation was held on Friday, February 16th, at Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Schubert-Dujarie complex on the grounds of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The Mass of Resurrection then followed with interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery of the Village. Kaniewski Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions in honor of Brother Joseph Chvala, 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.

Reminder

Lenten Lecture Series – 2018
7:00 P.M. in Geenen Hall

February 21, Dr. Carolyn Yauyan Woo

"Lent: A Time to Listen"

Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo currently serves as the Distinguished President's Fellow for Global Development at Purdue University. From 2012 to 2016, Carolyn served as President & CEO of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Before coming to CRS, Carolyn served from 1997 to 2011 as dean of the University Of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.



Carolyn was one of five presenters in Rome at the release of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment in June 2015. Her faith journey and work at CRS are recounted in her book, *Working for a Better World*, published in 2015 by Our Sunday Visitor.

February 28 Dominic Vachon

"How Jesus Saves Us by Awakening Our Compassion: A New Way to Understand Lent and the Easter Triduum"

Dominic Vachon is currently the Director of the Ruth M. Hillebrand Center for Compassionate Care in Medicine at the University of Notre Dame. He has been involved in the training of physician residents in patient-physician communication and professionalism. He is also a practicing psychologist.



Lenten Series – Brother Raymond Papenfuss

The first lecture of the *Lenten Series* talks was introduced by **Sister Marylyn Zugish** on Ash Wednesday evening. **Brother Raymond Papenfuss** was the first presenter. He listed three events from the Bible which he looked at through the eyes of traditions and culture of the time. The gathering was a modest size but the talk was enriching and full of insight. Thanks, Brother Raymond, for a deeper understanding that you bring to us in studying the scriptures.



Brother Raymond Papenfuss, CSC

Brother Richard Johnson



**Sister Marylyn
Zugish, CSC**



Geenen Hall, Andre Place

Photos by Brother Michael Brickman, CSC

Medical Mission Team

Eighteen Hoban students were part of a medical mission team of 72 people in Honduras Jan. 10-17.

To read the article, follow the link below:



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Gibault

**Gibault Board Dinner
January 26, 2018**

Brother Roy Smith, was recognized on Saturday as a member of the Dale Heger Society for 2017.

He was honored for his support to enhance the programs for the children at Gibault. “We are thankful to have you serve on Gibault’s Board by giving your time and talents to make life better for the children.” (Patty Stiegelbauer, Director of Development)

Picture at left: Brother Roy Smith
and Michele Madley, CEO

Saint Francis Youth Leaders

Youth leaders from St. Francis Church, Chicago, Illinois, came with **Brother Roberto Jimenez** to Columba Hall for a group retreat at the beginning of Lent.



**Brother
Roberto
Jimenez, CSC**

Prayer for St. Francis of Assisi leaders

Let us pray so that you may create among us young leaders, individuals made in your image who will apply your love in their lives and positively impact our young men and women, our group, our families, and our St. Francis church community. Guide us so that we may be a guiding light to those who encounter our youth group. Allow us to share our talents that you so willingly gave us to serve you and our church. Give us that hunger that allows us to meet the cry of the poor and their special needs, the needs of our members, especially those who seek our love and understanding. Allow us to have the special abilities to strengthen and give courage to those who follow you. Make us leaders with love, courage, and compassion, leaders who will work for your kingdom and who love the visible and invisible needs, of those who need us. Encourage us to recognize your love in one another and most importantly in

Reflection

Commitment is a conscious choice, to align ourselves with our most genuine values and our sense of purpose.

- Rachel Naomi Remen

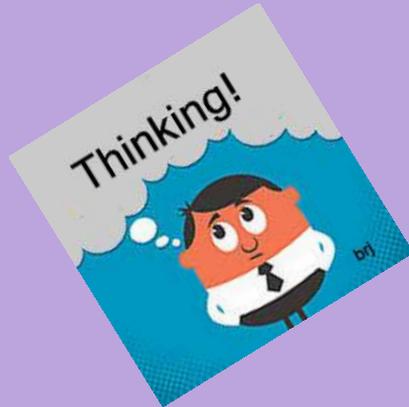
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James will be back
after a break.



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