

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Brother André Statue



Eight o'clock in the morning, Thursday, September 15th – a flatbed truck arrives at the entrance to Holy Cross College/Village. On the truck is a larger than life size 800 pound bronze statue of Brother André. By 9:15 three men have hoisted the statue up, attached rods to its base, drilled holes into the prepared mount, and fixed the statue firmly to it.





Saint Br. André Bessette, sculpted by artist Jerry McKenna.

Brother Raymond Papenfuss
(Pictures and article)



Solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica of the Sacred heart

Homily: Rev. Thomas O'Hara

My sisters and brothers in Holy Cross as well as all who are gathered here to celebrate our patronal feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows. We come as the family of Holy Cross to thank God for Mary our Mother's guidance of Holy Cross throughout the world. She has watched over us for well over a century and a half.



But our Patroness is Mary in a very particular way, that of Our Lady of Sorrows, a Mother who cared so much for her Son that she was able to hold steadfast even through deeply sorrowful moments that she had to endure in her life. Fr. Moreau founded Holy Cross after a tumultuous time in France in a land that had known the violence, uncertainty, and suffering of social upheaval following a revolution. In many ways, because of the situation in France, it was natural for Moreau to turn to the Mother of Sorrows as one who could by her example teach so much to his fledgling Holy Cross family. But his idea of Mary guiding and teaching his family in struggling France in the 19th century was applicable not only to 19th century France. Clearly now in the 21st century with Holy Cross firmly rooted in Asia, Africa, and the Americas, and with our world more tumultuous than ever, we are blessed to have Our Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows, guiding us and teaching us still.

So what does this Mother of Sorrows teach us? Firstly, she teaches us to trust in God's will even when we are not sure of our own will. It was she who as a young woman with some measure of confusion and doubt eventually was able to say "Thy will be done." So for us, initially after times of significant discernment and perhaps deep questioning, we professed our vows in Holy Cross, trusting as Mary taught us, that like her, even aware of our human weaknesses, God was calling us and God would lead us. But importantly this is not just an initial trust at the pronouncement of vows. Mary trusted not just at the Annunciation but most importantly even after each of the Seven Sorrows. So our initial or even final vows must similarly be accompanied by a continuing trust that God will continue to lead us in our lives, even when we might not be certain about the roads our lives in Holy Cross will take us.

Armed with that sense of trust we further learn from Our Mother of Sorrows. She endured the Seven Sorrows we commemorate tonight with a sense of determination and strength. From the time that she was told by Simeon that a sword would pierce her heart, to the escape into Egypt with her young son, to three

days looking for her child in Jerusalem, to the most dreadful days of his walk to Calvary and his death, Mary never gave in or gave up but with determination was convinced she had a role to play in God's plan, no matter how difficult. My sisters and brothers, we have that same lesson to learn from our Mother of Sorrows. Of course we have known sorrow in our lives, of course we have been brought low knowing and sometimes feeling helpless to address the sorrows of those around us, whether in our own religious communities, our families, or within our broader societies. But we learn from Mary that we need to be just as determined, even facing our sorrows or the sorrows of others, that we do not succumb nor do we ignore the sorrow in front of us. We have the strength and determination as Mary our Mother did to bear the sorrows we know in life. Like her, we place our trust in God's plan, even in the midst of pain.

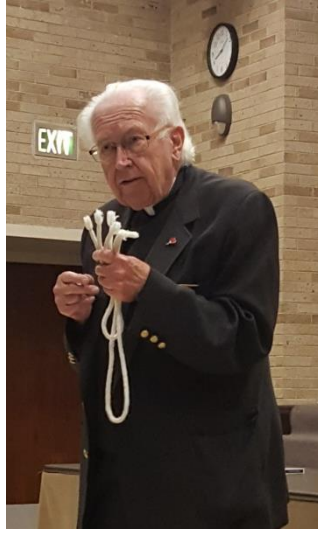
And perhaps the greatest lesson Moreau wanted us to learn from our Mother of Sorrows occurs at the Cross. When so many disciples were nowhere to be seen and had apparently given up hope, it was Mary who stood at the foot of her Son. It was Mary who held him as he was taken down, and it was Mary who followed him to the tomb. Fr. Moreau writes, "She was standing even at the foot of the Cross, among the executioners and soldiers, so close to her Son that not a single detail of his death escaped her." Never did she deflect from the Sorrow of the Cross; rather she stood there as a person of hope believing to the end, when others struggled to believe, that all He had said was true. Moreau wanted his family to understand this deepest mystery--that it is in the Cross that we ironically find new hope. "Ave Crux Spes Unica." Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope. Who better could be a teacher of that motto than Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, whose very witness gives life to those all-important words? Mary is our first teacher of proclaiming hope in the midst of the Cross. Fr. Moreau simply could not have chosen a better teacher, a better patroness for us as the family of Holy Cross, than Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary knew sorrow in her life and as a result was able to extend love and compassion to those who suffered. If we truly act as Holy Cross religious, we are sensitive to suffering around us no matter where we are ministering precisely because we have not been oblivious to nor overcome by the sorrows in our own lives.

And so in the Gospel, when Jesus says to John, "Behold your Mother," so too do we remember this night wherever Holy Cross is in the world. Fr. Moreau is similarly echoing that thought, "Behold our Mother, our Patroness, and Our Lady of Sorrows." She teaches us to be men and women of trust, of determination, of hope. Let us learn well tonight and profess to follow her example all of our days as Holy Cross religious.



A Little Magic

Holy Cross Priests, Brothers and Sisters celebrated the feast of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows, on September 15, 2016, round the world. Here in the Notre Dame area, after Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and a meal at Moreau Seminary, those able to attend the common celebration were treated to a magic show by Father James Blantz, CSC.



Read more about Fr. James Blantz at:
<http://www.insidemagic.com/magicnews/2013/08/6702/>



Statue Relocated

After a short prayer service on September 8th, the statue of Mary was relocated near to the entrance of Duarrie House, as seen in the bottom picture. This opens the area between Dujarie (East) and St. Joseph Place for possible expansion if needed.



Brother Joseph Fox, Farther Timothy O'Connor, and Sister Marilyn Zugish standing next to Mary's statue. The statue is placed outside the Dujarié dining area, left of the building entrance.



This is a picture from Google Earth



Change of Address Brother John Doran



Brothers: James Newberry, Donald Allen, John Doran, Ronald Christenson, and Jerome Kroetsch



Brothers: Jonathan Beebe , Larry Atkinson, John Doran, Frank Ellis, and Donald Allen

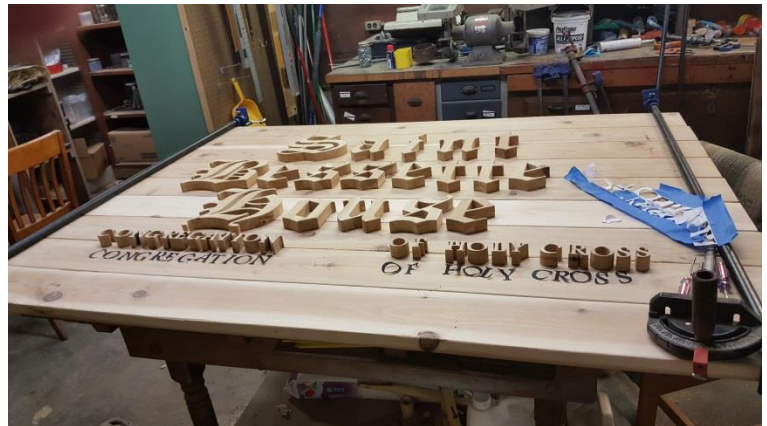
Brothers enjoyed smoothies with John as he waited for his ride to the airport.

Brothers Jonahan Beebe and Larry Atkinson joined Brother John Doran as he began his trip from Columba Hall to Vincent Pieau House in Austin, Texas.

On Sunday the 18th, Brother Frank Ellis received an email saying that all arrived safely and that John was adjusting to his new home.



Columba Hall Annex – Bessette House Sign



A work in progress by Mike Bagiackas, a staff member of Columba Hall. He is thinking of doing a burnished back ground so that the letters will stand out.



Tree Wedge



Columba Hall maintenance staff (in picture – Zak Newgent and Mike Bagiackas) no longer have to split logs by hand. Brother Thomas Moser purchased for the house a log splitter since a number of older trees have fallen or have been taken down. Cost to have a company to come in and remove trees is as high as \$2,000.



A Brick from old St Joseph High School

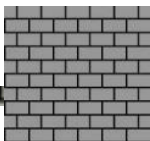


Brothers Daniel Kane and Roy Smith, past faculty members of St. Joseph High School, stopped September 15th at the old school's site to pick up a commemorative brick for placing in our community archives.



Writing from the above certificate:

The school opened its doors at its original location at 1441 North Michigan Street in September 1953 under the name of Saint Joseph High School. The new Catholic high school was the result of the merger of three schools: South Bend Central Catholic, Saint Joseph's Academy, and South Bend Catholic, which had absorbed Saint Hedwig's High School. The first graduating class was presented their diplomas in the spring of 1954. After serving the community for 59 years, the original building was vacated in the summer of 2012 and sold to the University of Notre Dame. The new building, located in downtown South Bend, was dedicated in August 2012.





BEST OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 5 –SEPTEMBER 9, 2016



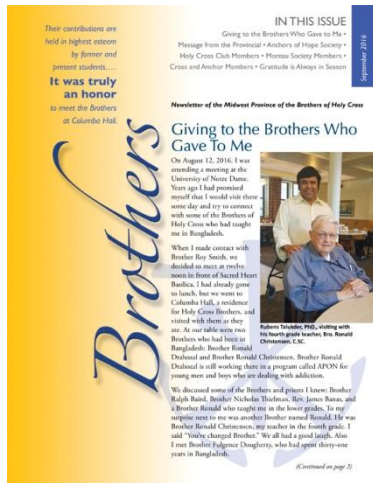
PERSON OF THE WEEK

- **MR. JURELL SISON**

- St. Edward High School's mission-based theme this year is "Together, We Are St. Ed's," which calls our community to remember that, as one community of brothers and sisters in unity, we enable each other to become the best versions of ourselves. The quote on many of the theme materials this year reads: "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend" (Proverbs 27:17).
- Mr. Jurell Sison is helping his sophomore theology students live our theme by constructing lessons that enable them to share their faith experience powerfully and authentically with one another.
- Mrs. Lisa Hardin, Associate Academic Dean for IB/MYP, had the opportunity to watch Mr. Sison teach this week and said, "I walked into an atmosphere where immediately I could tell something *REAL* was happening, as students were sharing an artifact that to them was proof of the existence of God or love in their lives."
- Students were engaged in an authentic experience of community made all the more powerful by their willingness to share a part of themselves. Public speaking is difficult for many adults, nevermind high school boys, but the environment fostered by Mr. Sison made students feel safe, and the trust he placed in his students helped them to trust one another. Students were respectful of their brothers, a respect which in turn strengthens the relationships in our community.
- For fostering such a strong environment of "Together" in his classroom, Mr. Jurell Sison is the Person of the Week.



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Cartoon by Brother James Kane, CSC



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