

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Monthly House Meeting *Proceedings of the General Chapter*

**Presenter: Brother Patrick Sopher, C.S.C.  
Columba Hall Chapel, Notre Dame, IN**

Wednesday evening, February 15, 2017, **Brother Patrick Sopher** (Moreau Province) presented clarifications and background for the decrees and recommendations from *Proceedings of the General Chapter 2016* publication.

### NEW ITEMS OR MAJOR CHANGES: GOVERNANCE

Decree 1 specifies that the Superior General and his Council will organize a simplified structure for the Congregation

The new structure will have only two levels of authority, the General Administration and a number of functional provinces.



## Lenten Lecture Series – 2017 7:00 PM Geenen Hall

Holy Cross Village and the Brothers of Holy Cross sponsor an annual Lenten Lecture Series with a variety of topics and presenters. The purpose is to raise elements of practical spirituality and challenge the audience to implement some of these elements into their lives during Lent. The emphasis is on “practical.” What can the listener take home and put into practice during the days of this Lent?

### **March 1, 2017**

*“Your DNA is Divine! Recognize, O Christian, Your Worth!”*

**Brother Raymond Papenfuss, CSC**, has spent time and energy over the past 30 years working with the multiple handicapped. He advocates for a young man named Matt and is chairman of a Human Rights Committee for the disabled and serves on a foundation that works to bring spirituality to that same group. He has done this work since returning from Ghana in 1987.



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### Clarification: Prayer for Guidance

**Clarification *re* Prayer for Guidance:** This prayer, for our community restructuring, was developed by Brother Dan Kane who selected appropriate phrases from the concluding part of Rev. Bob Epping's most recent letter to the Congregation. (It was not authored by Dan.) The CSC members at Gilmour include it in their Morning Prayer.

Lord, we pray for your divine guidance for our General Administration and the Council of the Congregation. To this end we place our confidence in the all-powerful goodness of our Heavenly Father. And we pray for the inspiration and guidance of Mary, Mother of Sorrows, who tells us much of the Cross and its hope. We pray these prayers through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

## A Visit to WNDU TV Studio



**Brothers: Ronald Christenson, Donald Allen, (seated Bernard Donahoe), Richard Johnson, Carl Sternberg, Donald Morgan, Jerome Kroetsch, James Kane, John Ptaszek, and Paul Rosonke**

It was just a short trip from Columba Hall by way of University of Notre Dame roads to the WNDU studio. It was a bright warm day for February! Katrina, one of our CNAs (certified nursing assistants), helped to arrange a visit to this local TV station.

Many *thank-you's* from all of us on the trip to those we met and talked with. Most of the staff were surrounded by two computer monitors and had to pause from their work to take time to visit. And a number of the staff are friends, connected in the past with the Brothers at Columba Hall.

It was a delightful time, one that all will remember.

## Reflection

**Time is too slow for those who wait,  
too swift for those who fear,  
too long for those who grieve,  
too short for those who rejoice,  
but for those who love, time is eternity.**

Henry Van Dyke



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