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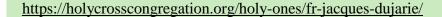
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## Father Jacques Francois Dujarié

Date of Death February 17, 1838

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Almighty and eternal God, who inspired your servant Jacques Francis Dujarié to found the Brothers of Saint Joseph and the Sisters of Providence of Ruillé for the good of souls, we beseech you to glorify without delay him who consecrated to your glory and service his life of labor and sacrifice.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel, Columba Hall Brother Nicholas Thielman, C.S.C., Sacristan, Photographer

# Our Poets, Past and Present

## A Call from the Abyss

Come, pray with me if you wish.
We'll spend a few minutes in silent prayer combined with a mixture of gratitude for blessings and good fortune.
Then we'll invite the Lord to come within.

Sitting in silence, we may hear or feel a call, seemingly from the abyss, asking for admittance to the heart.
With a most comforting and humbling feeling our answer may be "Yes, Lord, do come in!"

The place from which this voice comes is endless, limitless, and bottomless, a true abyss of pure, unconditional love, spoken most surely to those who wish to listen and hear.

Sometimes prayer without voice, with thoughts of silent love, is a prayer of good choice, and we may take all the time we need.

Then, after some time, as thoughts of life and duty return to mind, we pray, "Lord, to others help us be kind and in some small way, if we can assist, we'll do what we can to help—we shall not resist."

As we struggle through life, the waves are high and the wind so strong, so be with us, Lord, attend to our cry, ease our tensions when things go wrong.

-Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC





#### The Other "Good Samaritan"

By Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

In Jesus' parable the *Good Samaritan* (Luke 10:29-37), the Samaritan, who indisputably epitomizes in his actions the Christian principle of love of neighbor, brought a man sorely victimized by highway robbers to an inn for care, before continuing on his own journey.

It is known that in the time of Jesus there were two kinds of inns: one in which the services were freely provided on the basis of a strong traditional sense of the obligation of hospitality to anyone, even strangers; the other kind of inn, which was commercial, that is, one that required payment for the services rendered. The detail in the parable that the Samaritan "took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper" (v. 35) clearly indicates that this inn was commercial.

As a result of the innkeeper's acceptance of payment and his partnering in the Samaritan's promised agreement to pay any additional costs for the stricken man's care until the Samaritan returned, the innkeeper assumed responsibility, which, however, does not lessen the innkeeper's merit for accepting and caring of someone requiring obviously much more than room and board. Furthermore, the innkeeper should be credited with doing so primarily based on the innkeeper's apparent trust in the word of the Samaritan, a stranger.

The parable, of course, does not end with the reader/listener learning whether the victim actually recovered or that the Samaritan returned and fulfilled his promise to the innkeeper. Nevertheless, it can be reasonably assumed that all turned out well in the end.

The motivations of the Samaritan and innkeeper cannot, of course. be compared equally. What the Samaritan did was done purely out of extraordinary selfless concern for another human being in need. The innkeeper, although he required and accepted payment for his services, nevertheless must have exercised some concern in the care for which he accepted responsibility of the care to be given the stricken man. For this reason, the innkeeper may, I believe, be considered the "Other Good Samaritan," as the expression "good Samaritan" is used today—one who comes to the help of another in need...

Like the innkeeper in the parable the Good Samaritan, there are many caregivers

today, especially those professionals who are financially compensated for their services. Nevertheless, they are equally admired and appreciated for the concern and care that they often evidenced in the way they administer the care that they provide; that is, their awareness that they are helping a fellow human being.

Columba Hall, the Midwest Province of the Brothers *of* Holy Cross retirement facility located *on* the campus of the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, is especially blessed with a staff of caregivers who without question qualify as "Good Samaritans," in both the sense of the parable and its modern meaning. These caregivers, all of whom serve for financial compensation the needs of the infirmed, disabled, and elderly, include registered nurses, certified nursing assistants, housekeepers, cooks and kitchen aids, and maintenance workers.

The esteem and appreciation with which all of these caregivers are regarded is primarily because of the very admirable way in which they perform their services; the genuine concern for the Brothers that they demonstrate in providing their services: thoroughly, solicitously, anticipatorily, courteously.

In the manner in which all of the caregivers of Columba Hall serve the needs of all of the Brothers, it is evident that the truth of Jesus' parable of the *Good Samaritan* is relevelent today.



Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.



# Lenten Lecture Series 2023 6 Thursdays of Lent in Geenen Hall



February 23 @ 2:00 PM Br. Raymond Papenfuss, CSC

"To Live A Life Of Love As Jesus Did" -To grow into universal brotherhood and sisterhood.

Reflecting on a very practical way of reaching out to everyone in love to create a world the way God wants it.

Br. Ray has been a Brother of Holy Cross for 68 years. He spent 28 years in Ghana. During his religious life he has been a novice master, district superior, vocation man, and assistant provincial. He teaches Tai Chi and works with the handicapped.



March 2 @ <u>2:15 PM</u>
Casey Mullaney, Post Doctoral Assoc., Notre Dame University

"In My Father's House There are Many Rooms: Social/Economic Rights and Housing Justice in South Bend, IN"

Exploring participation and interdependence as fundamental principles of Catholic Social Thought and how the Catholic tradition calls us towards membership, belonging, and relationship.

Casey teaches Catholic Social Tradition in the Theology Department at the University of Notre Dame and is a member of the St. Peter Claver Catholic Worker community in town. She wrote her dissertation on hospitality and is a godmother to 3 children.



# March 9 @ 2:00 PM Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC

"The Three Pillars of Lent"

Exploring the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, is a member of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in Donaldson, IN. She presently ministers at Lindenwood Retreat Center as a Spiritual Director and Retreat Director. Sister has experience in parish ministry and retreat ministry and has served in leadership for her community both as provincial and a leadership team member.



### March 16 @ 2:00 PM The Rt Rev. Frank Gray

"Can stones be turned into bread?" What can we learn from Jesus' wilderness experience which can inform our own spiritual journey?

#### Based on Matthew 3:17-4:13

Frank Gray is a retired bishop in the Episcopal Church, and is a published poet and writer. Frank and his wife, Karen, have lived at Andre Place since last July.



# March 23 @ 2:00 PM r. Ronald Raab, CSC

"John 11: 1-45: Stones, Surrenders, and Second Chances"

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church reflects upon the raising of Lazarus. Jesus' tears are real for his friend. Jesus' command to remove the stone from the tomb is a surprise. This moment reflects his own passion, death, and resurrection. This story is our story, today, in our very lives.



Fr. Ronald was born in Mishawaka, IN. He was ordained in 1983 at Notre Dame, IN, and has served in parishes in Indiana, Colorado, Illinois, California, and Oregon. He is an award-winning author and a visual artist. During COVID, he illustrated, "The Stations of the Cross in Atonement for Abuse and the Healing of All" published by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN. He is in residence at Fatima House until July 1.

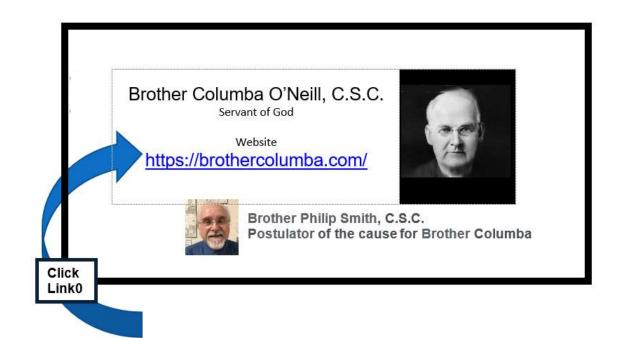
March 30 @ 2:00 PM Keith J. Egan

"What do we do and what does God do when we pray?

This presentation asks questions like: Why do we pray? How do we pray? What is God's role in our prayer?

Keith J. Egan held the endowed chair in theology at Saint Mary's College; he is a Guest Professor in theology at Notre Dame. Connie and Keith have been residents at the Village for five years.





### Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

#### You Are My Beloved

Henri Nouwen's mission to us who find his writings so meaningful for our lives was to help us be convinced that we like Jesus are the beloved of God. If Jesus discovered his own belovedness in the hearing of his father's words, "You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased," then we too who possess the Christ life within us are also the beloved sons and daughters of God.

Why is it so hard for us to grasp the full implication of this belief? Our belovedness does not rest in an inflated ego. Our belovedness does not depend on our being perfect. Our belovedness comes to us by being open to receive this blessing from the beneficent God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctifies us.

The implications of this awareness are enormous. We no longer need to be slaves to acquiring wealth, power, or seeking pleasure to be fulfilled. We do not need to do good things to receive God's love. We receive and know God's love which enables us to do good things. Nouwen helps us realize that our mission is to help others come to the same realization that God's love is the source of their belovedness and freedom in Christ.

- How would you describe the "real you?"
- Do you ever think of yourself as the beloved of God in whom God is well pleased?
- If so, how would this realization change the way you minister to others?

O God, help me experience the freedom I have as your son or daughter.

### Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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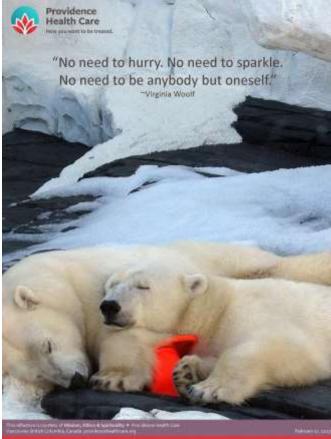


# Reflection Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.









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