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CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS CELEBRATING 201 YEARS OF BROTHERS IN CONSTRUCTION IN CONSTRUCTION BROTHERS OF ST. JOSEPH 1820 - 3020 BROTHERS OF HOLY CROSS

This Week

Information on individual early Brothers of St. Joseph for posting week by week in 2020.

July 19 – 25 In this week on July 20, 1823, Henry Taupin came to Ruille to become a Brother. So promising was he that he eventually was named one of the four Brother Directors, under the supervision of Brother Andre Mottais.

July 26 – August 1 In this week Brother Francis Xavier Patoy was born in 1820. He came to Indiana in 1841 and lived the longest as a Brother in Indiana. He died in 1896 and is buried on St. Mary's Road at Notre Dame. He was a carpenter and the undertaker for South Bend. He dug the earliest graves in Cedar Grove Cemetery at Notre Dame.

Schools opened before 1838 and directed 25 years or more:			The Schools of the Early
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The Founding of the Brothers of St. Joseph Panel Discussion



Photos by Brother Michael Brickman, C.S.C.

1The panel discussion convened Wednesday, July 15, at 2:00 PM in *Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel*, Columba Hall. Three presenters presented the following papers.

Philip Smith, C.S.C. James Connelly, C.S.C. George Klawitter, C.S.C. "The Early founding" "Father Dujarie and the Brothers" "The Early Schools of the Brothers"

An Introduction by Brother Douglas Roach, C.S.C.

July 15, we celebrate the 200th year of the foundation of the Brothers of St Joseph.

Just recently we have remembered Brothers Andre Mottais, Vincent Pieau and Anselm Caillot. These were all Brothers of St. Joseph who became Brothers of Holy Cross. They set the tone and vision for the Brothers in the Congregation. During this jubilee year of the Brothers, we have been celebrating and commemorating the lives of the Brothers of St Joseph and their tireless effort to bring about the ideas of Dujarie and Moreau.

We thank the early members of our Congregation for planting the seeds from which we have all benefitted throughout our history.

May all of us, in our daily prayers, remember to pray for the welfare and future of our Congregation. May all of us have a grateful heart to God our Creator who guided the components of our Congregation for the past 200 years.

Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.

In his paper, Brother Philip emphasized the close working relationship that Brother Andre Mottais and Father James Dujarie enjoyed over a period of eighteen years. Although they differed in age by thirty-three years, the two men developed a strong and healthy community of young men known as the Brothers of St. Joseph.

You can read the full text of <u>Brother Philip's paper</u> here:

Father James Connelly, C.S.C.

Father Connelly then raised the question "Did Holy Cross have a basic spirituality in its beginnings"? He concluded: "There is no evidence that Moreau had a grand vision for the community's growth when he sent missionaries to Algeria in 1846. He was simply responding to a plea from the bishop of Algiers. Likewise Moreau's response to send missionaries to Indiana in 1841 and to Canada in 1847. There is no clear indication that Moreau

expected to send additional personnel to any of these places or that he saw North America as important to the development of Holy Cross."

Brother George Klawitter, C.S.C.

Brother George concluded the paper session by looking at the early schools that the Brothers staffed beginning in 1821, the year after their beginning. Brother George focused in particular on the town of Craon, where the Brothers of St. Joseph ran the parish school for seventy-six years. The Brothers remained vibrant throughout the first fifteen years of the Community.

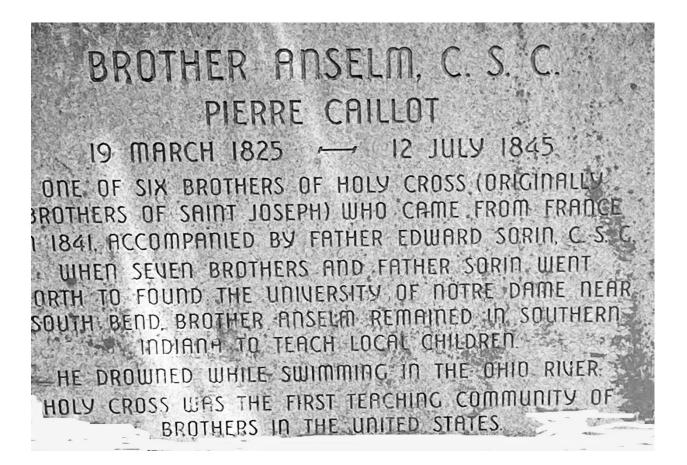
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<u>Click here to view a YouTube video of</u> <u>the panel discussion.</u>



Brother Anselm's Gravesite Photos sent in by Brother Roberto Jimenez, C.S.C.



BROTHER ANSELM, C.S.C. PIERRE CAILLOT 19 MARCH 1825 – 12 JULY 1845

ONE OF SIX BROTHERS OF HOLY CROSS (ORIGINALLY BROTHERS OF SAINT JOSEPH) WHO CAME FROM FRANCE IN 1841. ACCOMPANIED BY FATHER EDWRD SORIN, C.S.C. WHEN SEVEN BROTHERS AND FATHER SORIN WENT NORTH TO FOUND THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME NEAR SOUTH BEND, BROTHER ANSELM REMAINED IN SOUTHERN INDIANA TO TEACH LOCAL CHILDREN. HE DROWNED WHILE SWIMMING IN THE OHIO RIVER. HOLY CROSS WAS THE FIRST TEACHING COMMUNITY OF BROTHERS IN THE UNITED STATES.







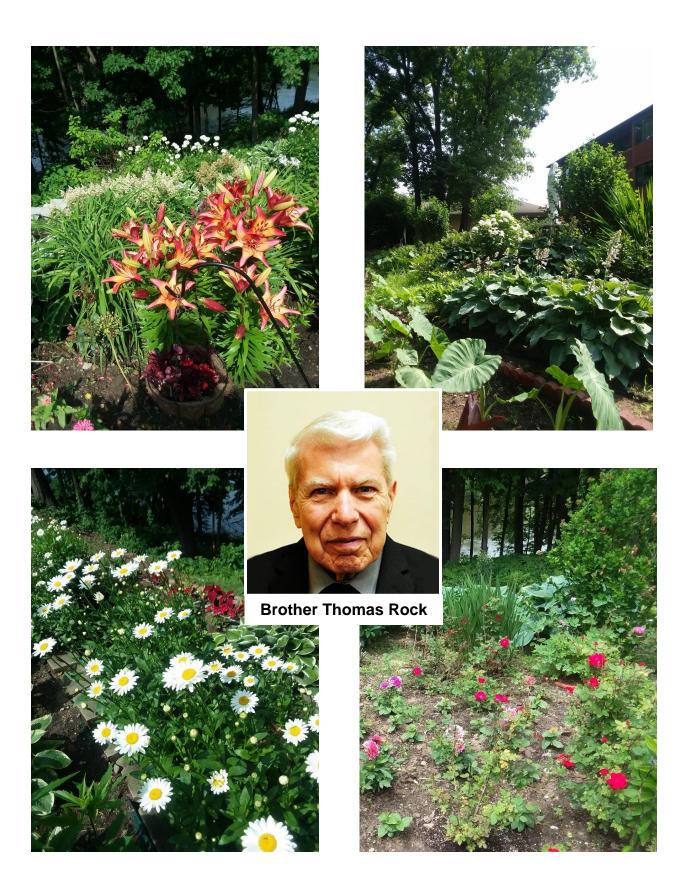




Brother Thomas' garden is located behind the Riverside Building in Holy Cross Village. It sits on the top of a cliff above the Saint Joseph River.







Midwest Holy Cross Associates *Holy Crossroads* Writings for the Journey #16

Our Journey into Faith

Dear Associates and Friends,

When we travel we usually have a destination in mind. Our travel plans are decided and are based on where we want to go. Our journey into faith is another matter. It is like starting out on a road that might lead anywhere. Our plans for a wonderful destination could rely on the one who has invited us to travel with him. In faith we are asked to travel with Jesus who says, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

How do we arrive at such faith, such trust? It must begin in our relationship with Christ. It is real? Is it reliable? Does it really make a difference in our lives? If so, maybe we are ready for a journey of faith into the unknown. Our spiritual growth depends on our willingness to move beyond where we are now as Christ leads us forward. Our consolation rests on our experiences from the past. If we have trusted, if we have had faith to move to new horizons and have found them surprisingly life giving, then we can face this new adventure with less anxiety knowing that God will have our back as we journey into faith once more.

Christ, help me be ready to follow you wherever you may lead.



Brother Carl Sternberg, CSC http://holycrossassociates.org/

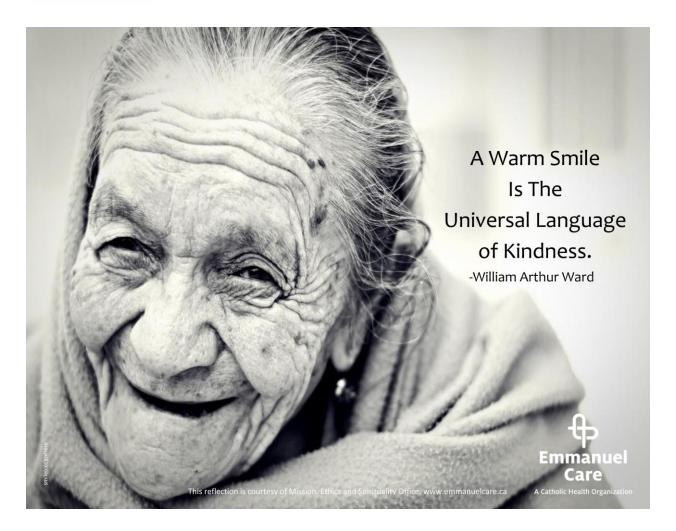




Reflection

Reflection(s) sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.:







Brother James Kane, CSC

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