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Easter Season

Readers who participated in the Columba Hall Vigil of Easter Service.

L-R Down:
Brother William Mewes
Brother Robert Mosher
Brother Thomas
Cunningham
Brother George Klawitter
Brother Douglas Roach



Notre Dame Graduates Brothers from Bangladesh



Brother Nirmal Francis Gomes, CSC Masters in Human Rights Law

Brother Jony Gregory, CSC Masters in English

Brother Bernard Klim, C.S.C. **Brothers' Initiative Program**



Brother Bernard Klim

On Monday, May 20, 2019, Br. Joe McTaggart was a speaker in the "Brothers' Initiative" program to members of the local community and residents of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. His presentation was one address in a series of events in addition to biographies of Brothers from the area printed in Village publications Brother which help the Village residents get to know Brothers of the local community in a more informed way.



Joseph **McTaggart**

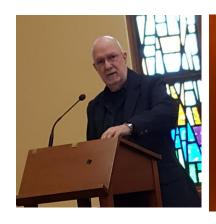
Joe delivered his address in Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel at Dujarie which included a campus-wide invitation to the entire Village. The talk examined the entire life of Br. Bernard Klim as seen through Bernie's journal writings, his art, and his extraordinary commitment and service to the Congregation's works in the States and Rome, but especially in Uganda as that ministry fulfilled Bernie's long held dream to work in the missions. Although Bernie died in 2015, his art work remains with us as a gift of his special talent. Bernard Klim's sculptures still enhance Dujarie, Schubert Villa, Andre Place, Columba Hall, and the Generalate in Rome.

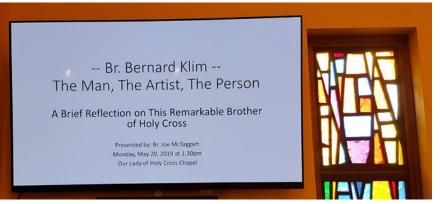
What struck Joe most in preparation and in previous interaction with Bernie was the entire demeanor of this remarkable man. His reflection was entitled: "Bernard Klim. csc: The Man, the Artist, the Person."

Joe found in Bernie's life an incredible example of a kindly, self-effacing, and unassuming man—a gifted community member who exhibited through his art, and especially through his commitment to missionary work in Uganda, a deeply spiritual, and an incredibly moving witness of Bernard's deep prayer life and realization of his closeness and intimacy with God.

Some might have called it "Enlightenment," Joe mused, as Bernie was also a frequently invited and loved presenter of Zen Meditation Retreats in Germany. He was recognized and honored by those participants as both an informed, holy, and effective teacher of meditation and a peaceful presence among them.

Without pretense and definitely unsolicited, Bernie once said of himself: "What little I had, I gave it all. I live in the present; I don't need to reject anything."

















Brother Douglas Conducts House Meeting



Above pictures by Brother Michael Brickman



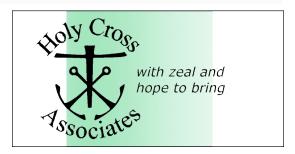
Brother Douglas Roach conducted Columba Hall House meeting in which Brothers shared their life experiences as their aging is progressing.

Commitments Renewed



Ho Ping House - Gathering after renewals

Saturday, May 11, 2019, Midwest Holy Cross Associates in the Notre Dame area joined together at Andre Place, Holy Cross Village, to make their annual commitment. A few were able to celebrate with lunch at Ho Ping House after the prayer service.



The Lost Innings – A Baseball Redemption

Cathedral Alum Publishes Novel About Baseball, Life's Journey While Honoring Classmates by Julie A. Vincent

Baseball season is on the way! And it brings with it a new book written by Cathedral High School alum Alex Murphy, along with a chance to meet the author and attend a book signing while enjoying an upcoming CHS doubleheader.

Murphy has teamed with Cathedral baseball coach Ed Freije for a baseball celebration at the April 13 doubleheader against Ft. Wayne Homestead High School, which begins at noon at Burnette Park. Players, families and guests can enjoy hotdogs, chips and soft drinks from the All American Picnic Company and engage in a post-game book signing. Anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP with team mom Chrissy Greene.

The book is titled "The Lost Innings – A Baseball Redemption" and is a fictional account of a former big-league catcher who mentors an unknown young pitcher. Several themes are prominent in the novel, including searching for a second chance in life, looking for love that may never arrive and hoping that baseball will repair losses. Murphy honors his CHS '70 class by naming characters in his fictional work after Cathedral classmates who have passed away.

"When I realized that there were 36 members of my class that were no longer with us, I wanted to remember them in a respectful and hopeful manner," Murphy said. "We had a very dynamic class that has made contributions of all types over the years to the Cathedral family. I chose to reference some well-known names in a story about second chances and redemption."

Murphy is a retired teacher and lawyer, and served as a JAG attorney in the U.S. Army. While serving in numerous locations around the world, he began to write stories about life at home.

"It's interesting how little bits and pieces of home stick with you when you're deployed," he said. "I just started writing about aspects of home life that you miss when you're far away, and baseball is at the top of the list." He credits the rigorous instruction in English classes he received at Cathedral for helping him become a writer. "The Holy Cross Brothers turned me into an English major, and I've been writing stories ever since."

"The Lost Innings – A Baseball Redemption" is now available on Amazon and Kindle.

Submitted for publication by Br. Douglas Roach

Holy Cross Family in Ghana Celebrates "Triple Sixties" in January 2019

On January 2, 2019, Sr. Esther Entsiwah, CSC, Area Coordinator of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, marked her Sixtieth Birthday. However, the Sisters have set February 23, 2019 as the date we will gather for a fitting celebration.

Furthermore, January 26, 2019 was a special day for us as we marked a double Anniversary of Sixty Years. As Providence would have it, exactly sixty years ago, the day that Bro. Vincent Gross made his First Religious Profession of Vows as a Brother of Holy Cross in the USA, Bro. Daniel Dardoe arrived in the Dardoe Family in Ghana.







Bro. Daniel Aakvier doing the 1st Reading, Rev. Kwame, SJ, seated.



To celebrate this occasion with the Family of Holy Cross, the District gathered on Saturday, February 9, 2019, for a Thanksgiving Mass at St. Bro. André Chapel, Brafoyaw. The main celebrant and homilist for the occasion was Rev. Kwame Wiredu, SJ, who has known both Brothers for a considerable length of time.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Bro. John Badu Affum, District Superior, offered some congratulatory remarks to honor our two Brothers.

At the end of the Eucharistic Celebration, we gathered at the District Roof Top for a Family Gathering during which the two brothers were made to cut the anniversary cake and were presented with gifts from the District, and citations from Sisters.



Bro. John Affum and some District Members with Bro.Vincent and Bro.Dan





Paul Bukari



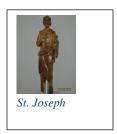
citation from Sr. Maggie while Bro.Paul looks on.

News, above and below, has been sent in by Brother Joseph Tsiguaye.

News from Ghana

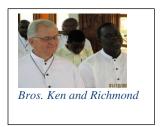
The Month of January 2019 came and disappeared faster than we could cope with it. We marked the new year with the arrival of Brother Kenneth Haders, the Provincial, for his first provincial visit to Ghana.

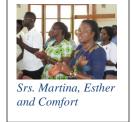
To say the least, this was a whirlwind provincial visit, attempting to visit all the communities (10 houses with total membership of over 60) of the District spread over the country: from Kasoa to Cape Coast; from Cape Coast to Sekondi-Takoradi and back to Cape Coast; from Cape Coast to Sunyani and back. It is heartwarming to know that he weathered the trip very well despite the "harmatan dust," coming across the Sahara Desert.



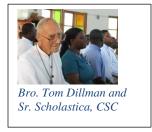














While Brother Ken was with us, he joined the District celebration of the feast of St. Bro. André. We held the celebration on Saturday, January 12, 2019, so we could have a joint celebration with representatives of "André Youth for Life" focus groups we have in our various institutions. The celebration took place at the District Centre, Brafoyaw. Bro, John Badu Affum, District Superior welcomed all the participants and highlighted the role of St. Bro. André in their lives now and into the future. Brother Ken Haders, Provincial, highlighted some key notions about the life of Brother André which have touch his life.

Rev. Fr. George Bonnah, the Vice Rector at St. Peter's Regional Seminary, closed the celebration with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This was followed by a time of family gathering and sharing by all.



Bro. John Badu Affum



Sr. Comfort Arthur, CSC, doing the Reading



Bro. Ken Haders



Rev George Bonnah



Bros Francis and Nicholas



Bro Mike, Sr. Esther, an Associate & Bro Paul Bukari

Reflections

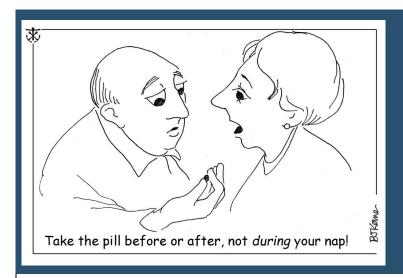


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Cartoon by Brother James Kane, CSC



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