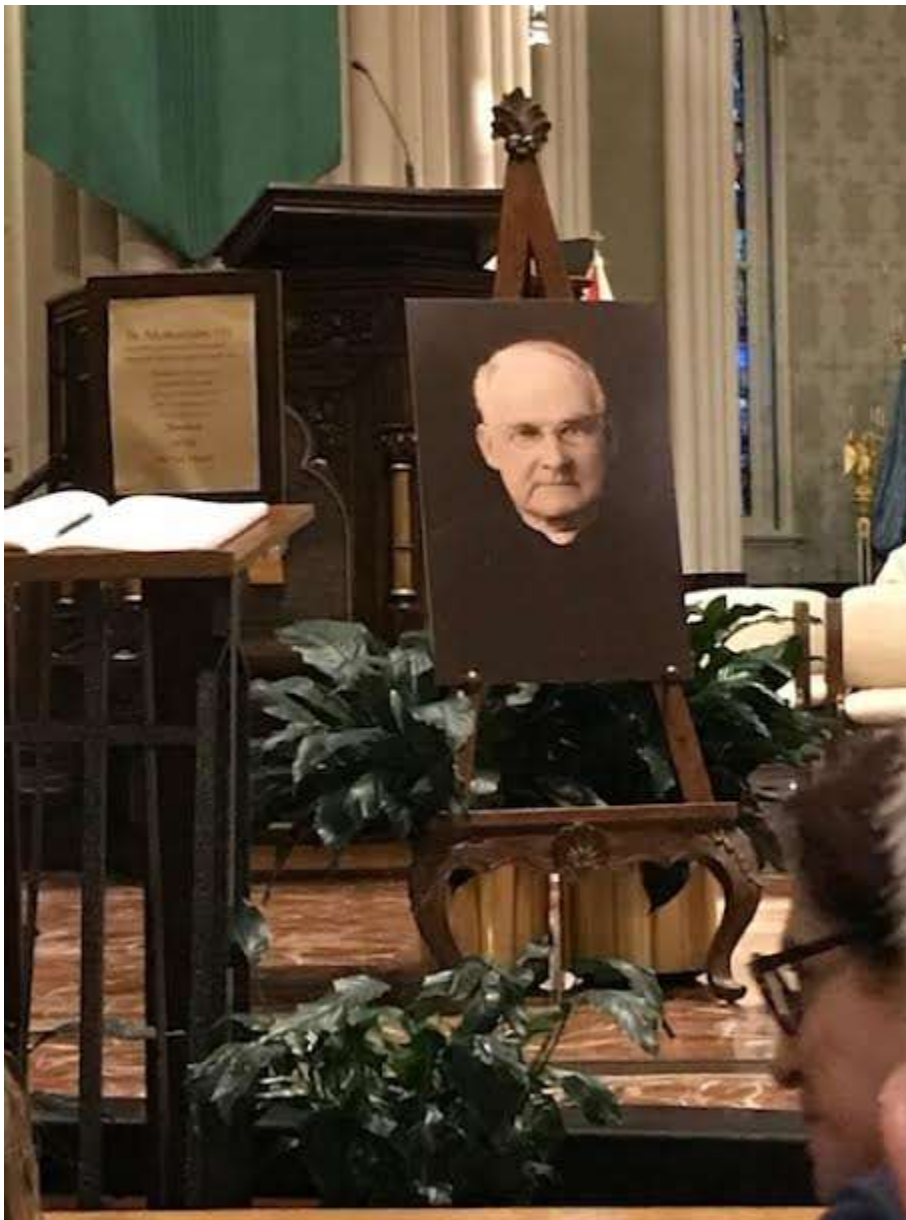


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Brother Columba November 21, 2023



**Photo from the
Basilica from
yesterday's Mass
in honor of
Brother
Columba's 100th
anniversary of
death.**



Our Poets, Past and Present

Holy Cross Brothers of Notre Dame

In the embrace of faith, Brothers at ND stand so tall,
Old Holy Cross Brothers, answering the call.
With hearts of gold and souls so pure,
In their journey of love, they endure.

Guiding me gently through life's winding streams,
Their wisdom shines bright, like sacred beams.
With caring hearts, they always lend me a helping hand.
In every moment of my life, they understand.

Through daily prayerful whispers, a steadfast grace,
In God's loving presence, they find their place.
Through trials and triumphs, their love prevails.
Their faith is firm, like ancient tales.

In the journey of life, their threads are strong,
Old Holy Cross Brothers, where we all belong.
With gratitude in my heart, I do pray,
For their love and light to guide my way.

-- Br. Chayan Victor Corraya, CSC



Traditional Yearly Celebration

Columba Hall members spent last evening, November 16, enjoying a dinner out at Carmela's Restaurant. The menu included: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Shrimp Scampi, and Chicken Marsala. Meals were followed with a cannoli for dessert.



Dan Lawton, Author The Case of Kevin Barry

On Friday, November 17, Dan Lawton, a lawyer from San Diego and author of the best-selling book *Above the Ground*, spoke to members of the Columba Hall Community and guests from Holy Cross Village. Dan became interested in 2000 in the case of Kevin Barry, a young man who had been in a jail in Northern Ireland. He had been accused of committing a murder during “The Troubles” in the country back in 1978. Kevin escaped the prison and made his way to America where he eventually had to fight extradition by the United Kingdom. Dan took up Kevin’s case and helped convince the British that Kevin could not be extradited.

Dan came to Notre Dame to sign copies of his book in the Notre Dame Bookstore on the day before the Notre Dame football game with Wake Forest. His wife Kelly came along with him and helped with his presentation both at Columba Hall and subsequently at the Notre Dame Law School. Dan had been an undergraduate student at Notre Dame from 1978 to 1981. Then he went to the Georgetown Law School before moving back to practice law in San Diego.



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Kindness and Joy

Sometimes our days flow one into another taken up with routines that eventually become automatic. There seems to be no time to really appreciate what is truly happening. God has given us so much for which to be thankful.

It might take a celebration like Thanksgiving to draw us in to feeling thankfulness and joy. God has not created us to be in a constant state of anxiety. When we see the pure joy of a young child playing, when we experience the high emotion a dog has when it greets us at the door, we get an inkling of what God wants for us all.

There are many situations in our lives and in the world that we need to be concerned about. They might lead to some action on our part like caring for another or for the communities to which we belong. As good Christians, we know that in the end “all will be well” either before the grave or on the other side. How sad it is to see Christians reveling in life’s difficulties with having no access to the good news that Jesus was sent to give us. “They will know we are Christians by our love.” The results of this kind of love will lead to gratefulness and joy. Pope Francis speaks of this love of Christ in his first letter to the Church, “The Joy of the Gospel.”

- Share some times when you have experienced thankfulness and joy.
- What brings joy to your heart now?
- Does experiencing God’s love for you have an effect on your gratefulness and joy?

O God, help me experience thankfulness and joy as a sign of your love.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Bible Bites by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

Sermon



Throughout Jesus’ ministry large crowds flocked to hear Him preach. There were times, however, when Jesus apparently had intended to speak only to those whom he regarded as his chosen disciples. While the Gospels otherwise appear never to cite an instance in which Jesus excluded anyone else from listening to Him, there evidently was at least one occasion that Jesus planned teaching only His disciples.

That occasion, perhaps surprising to many, was, as St. Luke in Chapter 6 of his Gospel seems to indicate, the **Sermon on the Plain (identified as the Sermon on the Mount in Chapter 5 of St. Matthew’s Gospel)**. Therein St. Luke states: “And raising his eyes toward his [Jesus’] disciples he said: ‘Blessed , , ,’” (v, 20) an evident indication toward whom Jesus addressed His words.

Everyone present, of course, heard what Jesus said to his disciples. And in view of future prospects, the application applied to all who were listening. For Jesus instruction in the matter of discipleship and righteousness was imperative for those who had already committed themselves to follow Him.

To all Christians, but particularly consecrated religious, Jesus delivered His “Sermon” especially.



Peru Goodbye



Brother Kenneth Haders takes a last photo with Brother John Benesh. John said Ken returned to the States with many pictures.

Rosemary Torrence – Rosemary Terreance St. Edward High School



Note from Chester Freel, C.S.C.:

Rosemary was a long time teacher at SEHS, and anyone who ever taught there would appreciate seeing her obituary.

[Obituary information for ROSEMARY TORRENCE \(mcgorray.com\)](http://mcgorray.com)



Reflection sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.




Providence Health Care
How you want to be treated.

Storms make trees take deeper roots.
- Anonymous



This reflection is courtesy of Mission, Ethics & Spirituality - Providence Health Care, British Columbia, Canada providencehealthcare.org

Use your fear...
It can take you to the place where you store your courage.

- Amelia Earhart



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