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— *Do We Have Another Saint?* —
Brother Columba O’Neill, C.S.C.
(1848-1923)



Intercession for Miss Velma Gorman, Atlanta, Georgia

Three letters were written between Feb 18 and May 2, 1921, to Brother Columba describing her cure from arm paralysis as a result of a Spanish Influenza inoculation that hit a nerve. I quote from only her first letter.

First letter: February 18, 1921

- “Dear Brother Columba, / Let me try to express my gratitude to you for the wonderful miracle, you have performed on me, through the ‘Sacred Heart of Jesus.’”
- “Over two and a half years ago [mid-1918]” the telephone company for which she worked compelled all of its employees to be inoculated.
- After her inoculation, she “suffered great pain all of the time. ...the pain never ceased for a moment.”
- For days the pain worsened, so she went to the family doctor who diagnosed that the nerve in her arm had been punctured.
- “A few weeks later, my arm & hand got paralyzed, and I was confined to bed for several months.”
- “After taking electrical treatments for three months, which proved useless, the Drs. ordered an operation & said, ‘My arm & hand would never be of any use to me again.’ Five specialists came to see me & would not handle my case at all.”

- She learned from a Mrs. Lundrum “who has a brother a priest [research reveals that there was no CSC priest at Notre Dame by that name] at Notre Dame” that she will write to at once.
- “When I got your Sacred Heart badge, I pinned it over my bandages and glass shield that I had to wear. I at once started a nine-day novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each night before retiring, I said the Litany of the Sacred Heart and prayed all the time for my cure. On the evening before the ninth day my arm grew much worse. I nearly went insane the pain was so great. I could not sleep, so I prayed to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and fell asleep about 4:00 am. When I arose at 7:00 am the pain had ceased. This was the first time in two and a half years the pain had stoped [sic]. When the bandages & glass shield were removed that morning, the running sore had stoped [sic], there was not even a scab on it, only a scar. I can’t express my joy.”
- “My Drs. & folks and everyone who seen my arm, were astonished. The Drs. said, ‘They couldn’t understand it. It was a miracle.’”

US Province Vocation Team



Two members from the US Province vocation team, (left) Fr. John DeRiso and (Right) Mr. Matthew Bartek spent time talking with the brothers from Columba Hall. A presentation of their job descriptions followed with questions from those who attended. John was our celebrant for Mass. They then joined us for a meal. Thank you, John and Matthew.



Gilmour's 75th

(Left) The 75th anniversary of Gilmour Academy was celebrated at night in front of the Dodero Center for the Performing Arts.



The photo below shows Gilmour's 75th anniversary "Gala Tent" filling the parking lot near the Dodero Center for the Performing Arts (building below at right) as prep for the celebration held Saturday evening, September 18th, for Gilmour's 75th anniversary. Brother Kenneth Kane took the photo at dawn. The tent will be up like this until October 6th (3 weeks or so) to accommodate folks coming to the Gala on Saturday. The annual Reunion weekend is September 24-25, and Homecoming weekend, October 1-2.

Note also the new "night light pole" in the foreground. It is one of a dozen replacements for the old "roadway lamps" around the campus. The new poles are taller, brighter, and have better concrete foundations.



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Catholic with a Small “c”

Dear Associates and Friends,

When we say that our spirituality needs to be grounded and inclusive, we mean that if our religion is truly Catholic, we cannot limit it to one culture, or one country. It is universal, reaching out to all cultures and countries.

Our Catholicism needs to be grounded in a faith that has survived for over 2,000 years. It draws on the spiritual traditions which include many paths to reach wholeness and holiness. Our Holy Cross spirituality might be considered one of them. At the same time it can acknowledge and appreciate the truth found in other religions. We can acknowledge the appreciation that the Protestants have for the Bible, the Orthodox for their liturgy, the Jewish religion for honoring prophecy, the Quakers for the reverence for silence which leads them to action on social justice issues, the Buddhists for their meditation practices, the Muslims for their dedication to formal prayer. Our Catholicism with a small “c” invites all peoples of different races, cultural and ethnic backgrounds to a sisterhood and brotherhood to make up the human family on our planet earth.

- Does being Catholic mean being catholic with a small “c”?
- Do you have room to grow in your appreciation of people with different backgrounds?
- How is your own faith deepened when you honor the gifts of all peoples?

O God, help me see your presence in all the people you have created.



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

For more reflections to grow spiritually please visit our new blog
<https://weeklspiritualinsights.org/>

From the *Voice of Moreau Website*

The website features a Holy Cross sister, a brother, or a priest, with a weekly story on the blog. Check the following link below.



Website: <http://www.voiceofmoreau.org/>



**Brother
Philip Smith**



**Brother
Ben Rossi**

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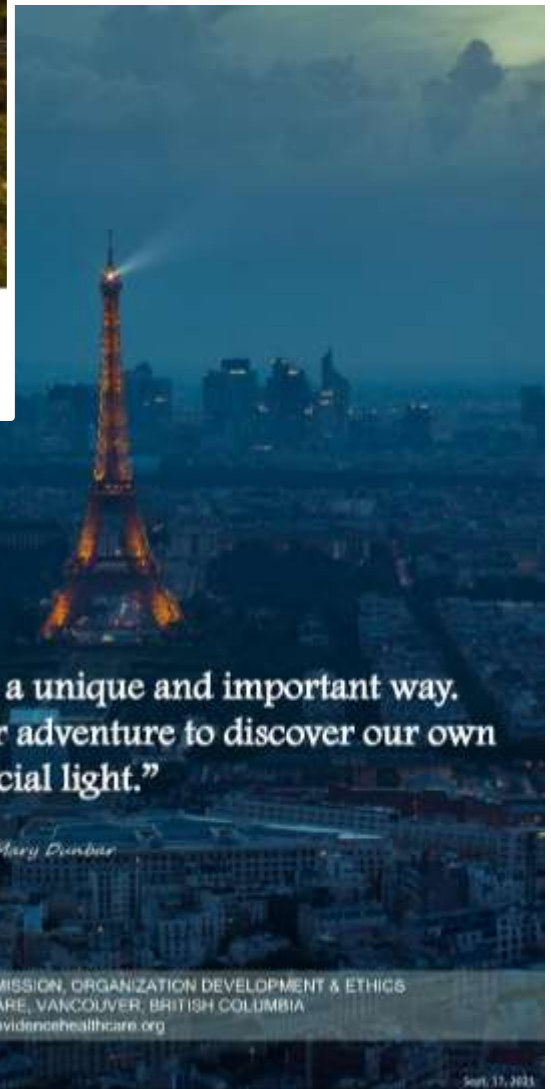
Did you read about a past Holy Cross member or enjoy the weekly story on the blog?



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



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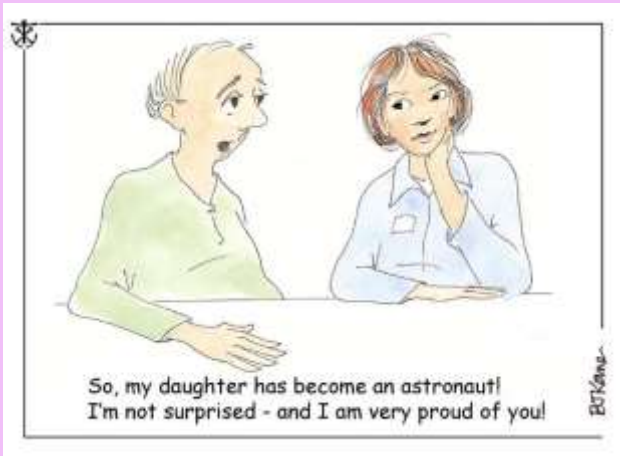
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It is our privilege and our adventure to discover our own
special light.”**

— Mary Dunbar

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