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Holy Cross Continues to Grow in West Africa



Saint Andre Novitiate, District Center, Ghana, West Africa

Daniel Aakyier, Eugene Ayensu, Daddymus Ntaah, Godfred Kyereme, Eugene Owusu Immaculate, and Peter Ofori Gaglosu.

On August 12, 2017, at a prayer service presided over by Fr. Abraham, KJ, six novices were received into the St. Br. Andre Novitiate, Brafuyaw.

Logansport Homily by Brother Larry Stewart, CSC

August 20, 2017

I'm sure many of us have seen that TV commercial "Ancestry." You know the one I mean, the one where the person says she had her blood DNA tested and was surprised to learn she had 30% native American genes. Or the man who was dancing an Irish jig thinking he was really Irish, but when he got his test results back he was German, so he switched to dancing in lederhosen instead. Tracing one's ancestry is a fascinating hobby.

I've researched my Dad's side of the family back five generations to Scotland. We also spent two generations in Ireland. Hence we are really Scot-Irish.

Mom's family is German (but her name "Didion" sounds French because they lived in the Alsace region of France on the German border). Getting involved in tracing your family's genealogy is like that old potato chip commercial which advertised, "Bet you can't eat just ONE!" --- because once you start looking for relatives in the past, you get hooked in searching more and more.



The first native American people lived here in Indiana more than 7500 years ago at the end of the last glacial Ice Age. By 600 AD, the natives were mainly “mound builders” who lived along the Ohio River in Indiana and Ohio. Europeans discovered Indiana in the 1600s and found groups or tribes of Native Americans such as the Miamis, the Potawatomies, and the Mississipians who lived and thrived north of the Ohio River up into Michigan.

Europeans began migrating into the Midwest in the 1700’s from France, Germany, Poland, Italy, and

England. The Indiana censuses identify the most common nationalities to be French, German, Irish, and English who entered the state from Ohio, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and the Carolinas.

Since we are visiting you folks here in Logansport, I did some checking into the history of your city. The first permanent European arrived in this area in 1826. A settlement developed along the Wabash River as a shelter for travelers and named in honor of Captain Logan, a half-Shawnee/half-English soldier. He was a close friend of early settlers since he served as a scout for U.S. forces during the war of 1812 against the British. The city grew from 1820 to 1840 into a transportation center between the Ohio River and Lake Michigan via the Wabash River which is now also linked by canals with all the other Great Lakes.

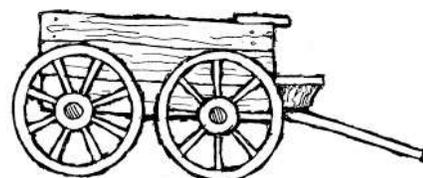


We pilgrims from Notre Dame are here in Logansport because we are tracing the route that a group of French missionaries took in their travel to Indiana from France to reach Vincennes in 1841 ... The seven missionaries were led by their Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin and six Holy Cross Brothers (Vincent, Joachim, Lawrence, Francis Xavier, Anselm, and Gatian). It was your ancestors who offered hospitality for a couple of days after the missionaries had crossed the Ohio-Indiana border. One of your Catholic priests, Father Augustine Martin, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Vincennes, invited the muddy and tired French missionaries to rest for a couple of days.

The Holy Cross missionaries were requested by Bishop Hailandiere of Vincennes to come from France and serve as teaching Brothers to develop schools. They were eager to reach southern Indiana to start working, but Father Martin knew they needed a little rest after they had endured a challenging and weary trek through the mud and forest from the Ohio/Indiana border to reach the Wabash River. He provided hospitality and helped them find a suitable flat-bottom boat, then led them on a shortcut to Lafayette. Father Martin did ask the Holy Cross men to also take along a young orphan girl named “Mary” and kindly deliver her to the Sisters of Providence near Vincennes. The Holy Cross missionaries finally arrived in Vincennes on October 10, 1841. Father Martin left Logansport five years later because of health problems and moved south to Louisiana. He became the first Bishop of the city of Natchitoches in northeast Louisiana in 1853. He died there in 1875.

We “pilgrims” from Notre Dame are traveling in the opposite direction than the first Holy Cross religious. Father Sorin and the Brothers did reach Vincennes and began teaching youth there, but within one year, they accepted a gracious offer from Bishop Hailandiere to move north from Vincennes to a 524-acre plot of land to build a school and a novitiate which has blossomed into the University of Notre Dame. To celebrate the founding of the University of Notre Dam, we began hiking last Sunday from the original foundation outside of Vincennes on the very same route which the Holy Cross missionaries traveled 175 years ago.

And today, we pilgrims are grateful for the generosity and hospitality that you, descendants of Logansport, provided those original Holy Cross people, who visited here 176 years ago.



Saint Bother Andre
Senior High School - Ghana, West Africa

Pictures as of August 2017

School to open with its first class of students.







Full of Gratitude and Grace

Frank Bice



Brother Francis Ellis introduces Frank Bice

Our Columba Hall Community recently enjoyed a modest and stirring presentation by Frank Bice, author of *Your Cross Is Your Gift*.

Frank Bice was a senior in college and captain of the football team when a bungled tackle fractured his spine and left him a quadriplegic. But instead of wallowing

in self-pity over the injury he sustained three decades ago, the Manhasset native has used his misfortune to try to inspire others to remain hopeful.

In his straight forward presentation to the community Frank offered a series of short stories speckled with theological reflections. His spiritual journey continues to be a life full of gratitude and grace.

Frank Bice holds graduate degrees from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and Yale University. A member of the Siena College Sports Hall of Fame for football and lacrosse, the author serves as a deacon at St. Mary's in Manhasset, New York. He and his wife Liz reside on Long Island. "I'm really incredibly lucky," said Bice, 51. "I really had a pretty good attitude" after the accident. "I really didn't want to waste time hoping that this didn't happen or wishing that this didn't happen. My feeling was, let's try to stay positive, and make the most of it."

"Teaching and coaching have always been my true vocation," Bice said. "I love doing it. It's a perfect fit for me."

Brother Michael Brickman

Traveling the *Path to Life* Walkway

Midwest Holy Cross Associates



Bottom Right Picture: Brother William Mewes, Ellie Peters, Brother Thomas Cunningham, Lynn Case, Rosalie Campanale, and Georgette R. Lappan. Brother Richard Johnson is taking the photo.

On Wednesday, August 16, The *Holy Cross Village Chapter* used our monthly meeting time to take the *Path to Life* walkway. Members took turns reading a scripture message at one of the stations and leading the others in a sort reflection.

Reflection



**“Our lives begin to end
the day we become silent
about things that matter.”**

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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