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Reflection

On My Brother, Brother Ronald Drahozal, CSC

by Lori Neblung, Sister

Brother Ron, my brother, friend, sometimes antagonist, but to me you are a real live Saint and MY Hero.



We all know about his works in Bangladesh with the drug addicts and the less fortunate. However, there is more to his life.



There is the Bengali woman in the small village where he taught, who adopted Bro. Ron and gave him support and comfort like a good mother would do. He loved her as a son would.

When I visited Bro. Ron in Bangladesh, there were the many people in "old Dhaka" who would approach him in the streets to give him a greeting with a smile. And the children who would run after him just to say "hello" and Ron would always stop and spend time chatting with them. Many of them he recognized because they had been or are in his street children's program. The smiles on the faces of the children told me how they felt about "Brother."

The children living along the river in their tents of tarp would gather around Ron and smile and laugh with him because they too knew "Brother" and the concern and love he felt for them. And there was always one or two children he recognized and would ask, "Are you doing good, are you staying away from drugs"?

When Ron came back to Iowa for a visit, he and I would spend many hours going to garage sales, always to fulfill his list of things to take back to Apon. The kids

were first on the list. Toys, games and anything that would keep them busy. like rollerblades, matchbox cars, coloring books, puzzles, soccer & basketballs. and he always took a couple bags of candy to share.

To many this might seem like a job, to Ron and me, it was a wonderful way for us to talk and bond. I found out how life was going for him and the difficulties he and his Apon family faced. And we had many laughs about some of the very unusual treasures people were selling.

We would go to craft sales to find wooden items that his woodcrafters could duplicate to sell at their holiday market. These along with the candles that the addicts made were always a big hit. Especially for Christmas!

There were many roads in Ron's life, much like the roads in Dhaka, perpetual twists and turns, with a few bumps along the way. But he conquered those roads with great support from his family and friends, on both sides of the world, and with the help of his lord, Jesus Christ, whom he relied on for his spiritual and mental wellbeing.

The children of APON weep for you "Brother" and all send their love and thanks.

Ron, may you rest in peace!

Brother Kenneth Haders

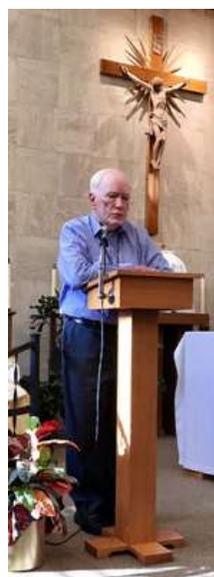
Brother Ken will be traveling to Rome for meetings. He departs on October 29 and returns on November 17. For province business or emergencies, please contact Brother Robert Lavelle at rlavelle@brothersofholycross.com or by phone at 216-346-0013.

Please pray for the success of the Council of the Congregation and their discussions about future structures.

Annual Donors' Dinner at Columba Hall



On Tuesday, October 16, the Brothers at Columba Hall hosted donors at the annual appreciation gathering. Festivities began with Mass at 4:45, celebrated by **Bill Blum, CSC**, in Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel on the third floor. **Brother James Kane** was lector, and **Brother George Klawitter** was organist. Reflections were given by **Brother Carl Sternberg** and **Brother Joseph McTaggart**.



Then all repaired to the downstairs lobby for delicate hors-d'oeuvres, libations, and conversation. Many visitors came from Holy Cross Village via the Village bus, but some came from out of town: Chicago (Lawrence Emge), Monroe, Michigan (John Ready), and LaPorte (William Dusseau). Fifty guests came to enjoy the evening.

Brother Ken Haders, provincial of the Midwest Province of Brothers, gave a welcome address and led grace before the meal. Columba Hall Brothers were scattered around the dining room among the guests for the meal, two Brothers per table. All enjoyed the fantastic meal prepared by the new head chef Gail Pursell and her kitchen crew from Notre Dame Food Services. The meal was served sit-down, and the dessert table groaned under treats all prepared on campus, except for the deluxe cream puffs, which were created by Brother Michael Brickman. The festivities ended around 8 PM.





Cathedral High School - Holy Cross Values and Traditions

On September 14, 2018, Cathedral High School held a Grand Gala to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the school. A high point of the evening was the moving reflection about the school by current school president, Mr. Robert Bridges. He spoke eloquently of the many blessings of the school and of the Holy Cross values and traditions that have sustained the school over these 100 years. He also made a dramatic announcement concerning the Centennial Campaign, presenting a unique opportunity to build on the legacy of those who came before us. The text of his speech is below.

Cathedral High School Centennial Gala Speech by Robert Bridges, School President

Good evening. What a blessing it is to be with all of you this evening---an evening in which we celebrate our past, we enjoy the present and look forward to the future.

As a Catholic, Holy Cross school, Cathedral's past can be traced to post-revolutionary France at a time in which Christian education was in crisis. When Father Basil Moreau, now Blessed Basil Moreau, took on the direction of the Brothers of St. Joseph, he saw these men primarily as educators. Moreau defined a Holy Cross education as forming the hearts as well as the minds of young people. He said... "Society has a greater need for people of values than it has for scholars." Now, this is not to say he believed knowledge and scholarship were unimportant. His philosophy was quite the opposite: knowledge and scholarship have great importance, but only if placed in the context of values. Without this context, they are meaningless and useless.

Moreau introduced some revolutionary ideas into the Catholic educational system of the time. He believed physical, social, musical and artistic activity were educationally valuable in themselves and should not be relegated only to periods of relaxation. It is said that he actually "drummed up" support for his schools by marching his student musicians through the streets of Paris. Imagine that the first school Marching Band, a Holy Cross group, and we are still doing that in fine fashion today!! This evening our celebration includes our Cathedral choirs and our Pride of the Irish Marching Band. Can you imagine what Cathedral would be without music, art and theatre? We can thank Blessed Basil Moreau for recognizing---all those years ago--- the importance and the value of music and art in our schools.

Moreau believed the school's primary purpose was to lead young people toward being true Christians; he believed the school is a community and family; and he believed school should serve a diverse population... that the poor and the wealthy could learn from one another, side by side. And the motto that he lived by and passed on to others sums up his perspective: "Holy Cross will grow like a mighty tree and constantly shoot forth new limbs whose branches will produce yet others."

Blessed Basil Moreau was committed to "preparing the world for better times than ours," precisely because he believed better times were possible and would indeed come if people cooperated and collaborated in making the necessary efforts and sacrifices. The fact that he inspired so many men and women to live the same commitment was good news even during bleak times. And it still is. Even today, we are confident that transformation is always possible -- there is always cause for hope.

For 100 years, Cathedral High School has been transforming a diverse group of students spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically to have the competence to see and the courage to act. For 100 years, we have been blessed with phenomenal leaders and educators who have provided that beacon of hope and inspired generations of excellence. For 100 years, Cathedral graduates have excelled in academics, the arts and athletics.

Moreau also felt athletics should be part of school programming. While it began as only fencing and wrestling at the time, it clearly has grown with Cathedral athletes earning more than 60 state championships. Cathedral has been named a National Blue Ribbon school three times in our eligible years. Our alumni include Indiana's first African American Federal Judge, an Indianapolis Mayor, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, professional athletes, Olympic athletes, film directors, actors, sculptors, doctors, teachers, lawyers, accountants, priests, nuns and brothers--the list goes on and on. We are extremely proud of Cathedral's more than 16-thousand alumni, 75% of whom live in the great state of Indiana.

We thank God for blessing our community with great leaders as well as dedicated students and families who have played a role in building Cathedral's outstanding reputation in Indianapolis, in the state and around the country. Many of you who are in this room tonight have played a pivotal role in making Cathedral a vibrant community in which students can learn and grow in their love of neighbor and love for God. I want to sincerely thank you for answering the call to support and serve Cathedral, as we prepare our students for college and even more importantly for Heaven. I also want to thank you for being here tonight -- as we thank God for our past -- and ask Him to bless us as we boldly embark on a great opportunity for our

future -- our Centennial Campaign.

To honor those who have come before us and bless those who come after us. It's a powerful message that embodies the spirit of our Cathedral family.

Tonight, we are counting our blessings – and we have many. The Centennial Campaign is a celebration of those 100 years of blessings and, at the same time, marks a once in a lifetime moment for us all to build on the legacy of those before us. With your support, we have bold plans to:

- Make Cathedral a leader in innovation through the construction of a state of the art Innovation Center
- Transform Brunette Park and the city's east side
- Grow the endowment to support tuition assistance and teacher compensation

Our future is bright because members of the Cathedral family are passionate, dedicated, and committed to excellence.

And so now we are excited to share our big announcement. To achieve our bold vision, we have an ambitious \$25 million goal for the Centennial Campaign – and I am proud to say this effort will go down in our 100-year history as our most successful fundraising initiative EVER!!! Thank you to the 600 families, businesses, and foundations – 100% of our board - and the 100% of faculty and staff, who have already supported the campaign with more than \$19.5 million raised todate. Many of you are in the room tonight as we celebrate. Thank you.

We are overwhelmed by this support – and yet know that we still have work ahead of us to realize our goals. This evening commences our invitation to the greater Cathedral community to join us and participate in the Centennial Campaign. In the coming days, we will be calling on those who love Cathedral to invest in the vision that starts our next 100 years. We hope you will prayerfully consider this invitation and choose to make a meaningful impact on our future, just as those who have come before you did. How will you choose to define your legacy at Cathedral? Together we can continue our legacy of excellence and your legacy can come to life as part of our future.

Thank you for being here tonight. Thank you for being a part of our family. Thank you, God, for the blessing that is...Cathedral.

André Youth for Life Focus Group Inaugurated

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, a number of students, coming from Senior High Schools and Technical Institutions connected with Holy Cross, arrived at St. Bro. André Chapel, at the Holy Cross District Centre, Brafoyaw, for the inauguration of the André Youth for Life.

The students came from St. John's School, Sekondi; Holy Cross Technical Institute, Anaji via Takoradi; and St. Augustine's College, Cape Coast. Each of the groups was accompanied by the Brothers who are the animators at their various institutions. The District Coordinator of the Group is Bro. Aristide Oben Biney.

Bro. John Badu Affum, the District Superior, gave the Inaugural Address, while Brothers Aristide and Stephen Aidoo commissioned the various sector leaders. When the program was done, refreshments were served to all the participants.

The District is grateful to Bro. Aristide and his team for the well organized and executed program.



**Bro. John Badu Affum:
The Inaugural Speech**



**Portrait of
St. Brother Andre**



**Left:
Some of the
Participants**

**Right:
Bro. Stephen Aidoo
and others Brothers**



The Six-Member Joint Province – District Committee

On Wednesday morning, October 11, 2018, Brothers Charles Drevon, Raymond Papenfuss and Robert Lavelle, arrived in Ghana and were met at the Kotoka, International Airport, Accra, by Big Joe. The Brothers were here to join their Ghanaian Counterparts, Brothers John Badu Affum, Mike Amakyi and J. Kofi Tsiquaye, for the second meeting of the Joint Committee set up after the 2018 Midwest Provincial Chapter for the accompaniment with the District of West Africa towards becoming an autonomous entity. The first meeting had taken place via conference call from the Province Administrative Center, on Friday, August 31, 2018.

The October meeting from Thursday, October 11, till Saturday, October 13, 2018, was set to look at the mandate of the committee as well as looking at the role of accompaniment in order to ensure Ghana's readiness to become a province. Thus, much time was spent going over the Strategic Plan; its appended Responsibility Matrix; and to determine how best to involve the entire District membership in embracing the decisions taken at the 2017 District Chapter and to be willing to respond creatively and formatively to the challenges therein.

The Committee was pleased with the work that went into the chapter documents and encouraged the team to mobilize the membership to step put in faith and fight for what we believe in.

The local team has been charged with setting up the dynamics for reviewing and owning of the legislations set out during the chapter and work towards achieving the objectives we set for ourselves. There is excitement in the air for the sake of our future.



Arrival at New Terminal 3 – Accra - October 10, 2018



Gathering in the Conference Room – October 13, 2018

Brothers Tour the Notre Dame Food Service Facilities

Thursday, 9 AM, five car loads of Brothers from Columba Hall caravanned across Notre Dame Campus to the ND food service facility. A grand tour was provided us that ended with us carrying back home a large box of baked treats. Our Columba Hall kitchen staff joined us for the tour.



Tour Guide: Todd Hill



**Chef Don Miller
Senior Executive Chef**





Columba Hall Chef Gail Pursell





Danny Bloss



Sinai Vespie



Reflection

There are only two ways to live your life.
One is though nothing is a miracle.
The other is as though everything is a miracle.

-Albert Einstein-



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I don't know if I should talk about my gallbladder, my kidney stones, or my spotty cable TV reception!?

Br Kane

Cartoon
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