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**Following is an item I came across recently suitable for the Easter Season --
Brother William Dygert, C.S.C.**

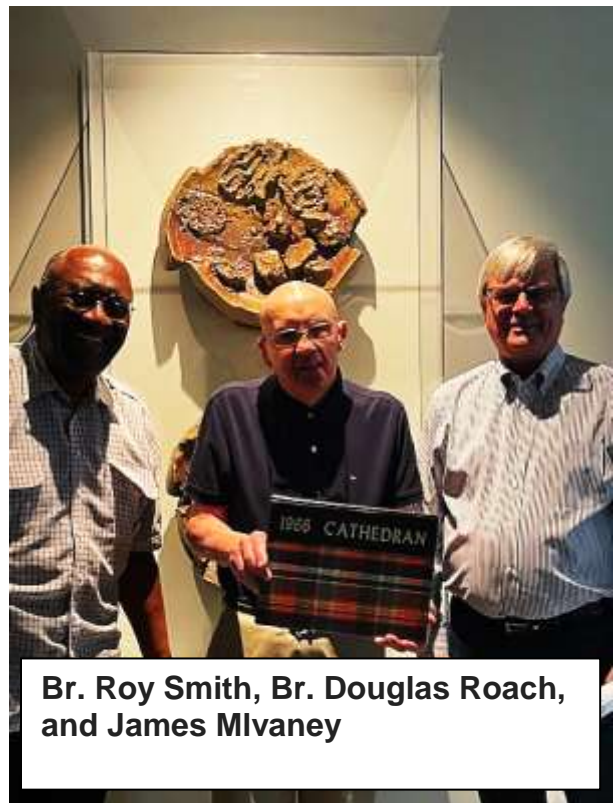
Insight from St. Teresa of Calcutta:

- The fruit of SILENCE is *Prayer*
- The fruit of PRAYER is *Faith*
- The fruit of FAITH is *Love*
- The fruit of LOVE is *Service*
- The fruit of SERVICE is *Peace*



**Note from Br. Roy Smith,
Apr 18, 2024:**

The photo is of James Mulvaney, a student of Br. Douglas Roach, a 1966 grad of Cathedral H. S. He was in town with his wife to visit their granddaughter who is a student, 1st year at St. Mary's. James contacted me and we were able to meet them for lunch.



**Br. Roy Smith, Br. Douglas Roach,
and James Mulvaney**

The Wrong Crowd

“He was a troubled kid,”
they said. “And he hung
around with the wrong crowd.”

They always say that, say
that he was really good,
but he hung around with the wrong crowd.

They never say anything
about the wrong crowd,
the boys in the wrong crowd.

What do their friends say
when the boy’s in trouble?
What do they say?

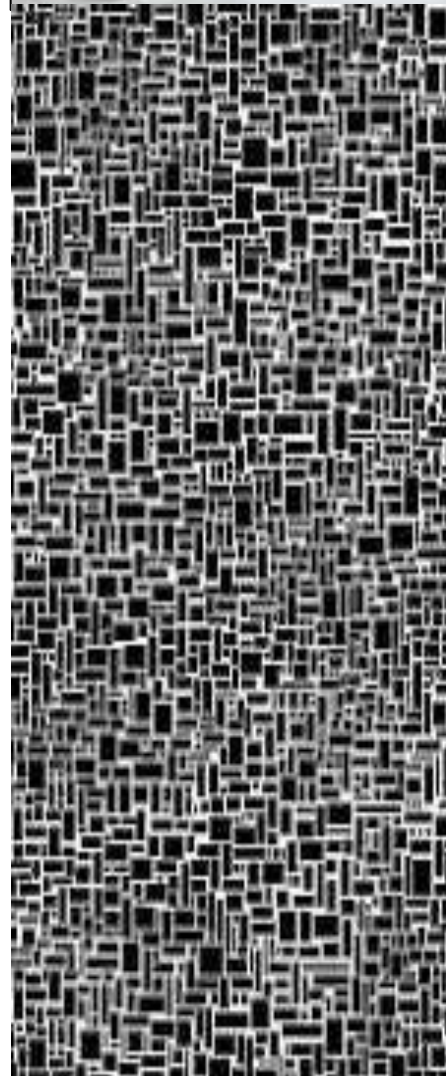
“He *IS* the wrong crowd,”
that’s what the friends say:
“He *IS* the wrong crowd.”

We wonder who is the wrong crowd.
Maybe we are all in the wrong crowd,
but we would never say that.



We always believe we hang around
with the right crowd. We do.
Even the wrong crowd says that.

—**Brother Francis Rotsaert, CSC**





A Heart of Gratitude



One of my first dinner invitations when I was freshly appointed to my new role as Provincial Assistant and Director of Apostolic Mission & Charism for the US Province in December 2022 came from the men of Columba Hall. Brother Donald Morrison coordinated the invitation and Brother Doug Roach offered me the opportunity to address the community in the dining room. I remember it fondly: the Christmas decorations, and the good food, and the warm hospitality. I got to catch up with Brother Jerome Meyer (with whom I had previously served in Student Affairs while at Notre Dame). Brother Victor even enthusiastically was snapping photos of my visit. It was great fun—and I was left with

memories of gracious hospitality, remarkable tales of rich ministry experiences (or even tragic/comedic tales of kitchen disasters from the novitiate!), and an unwavering sense of a spirit of brotherhood that holds your community together.

What started as a first meal at Columba and a first meeting certainly fed my body—but what has resulted since that first visit has fed my spirit and fed my soul.

In the following months since that first invitation, I have had a chance to learn more about the wonderful history of the Midwest Brothers through my now dear friend, Brother Phillip Smith. Our shared love of good wine, food, and history, makes any encounter I have with him enjoyable. He has also taken my son, Sam, under his wing and given him some service project opportunities last summer involving work around Brother Columba in the Archives. Sam even took the name Andre as his confirmation name! Common projects undertaken while serving on the Unification Task Force Committee with Brother James Spooner and Brother Chester Freel, or helpful hallway conversations with Brother Ken Haders, are always enlightening and formative. Hearing tales of Holy Cross in West Africa thanks to Brother Raymond Papenfuss stirs my zeal for the apostolate (also, fun fact...my grandparents in West Bend, Wisconsin, were in a spouses card-club and sewing-club with Brother Raymond's brother and sister-in-law back in the 60s/70s...small world!). I'm greeted every morning (when I'm not traveling and actually reporting to the office, that is) by Brother Charles Drevon—

I know of his love for peanuts, solitaire, and technology! And oh how I would have loved to see Brother Roy on the Cathedral football field back in the day—I guess I'll just have to settle for admiring his photo on the "wall of fame" in the corridors of Cathedral's gorgeous campus building—a school that is undeniably "Holy Cross" in all they do—one of the gifts the Midwest Province has given to Catholic education. Being so warmly included by Brother Carl Sternberg into the folds of the Midwest Holy Cross Associates program has been a true highlight of my ongoing spiritual formation. And so the list goes on!

This all to be said—your community has wrapped their arms around me—a new guy—and provided me with the formation, relationships, and friendships I need to be successful in my role. I'm forever grateful for your investment in me. Thank you! I have tried to approach my work with the US Province through a posture of listening, and a heart of gratitude. As our provinces journey closer toward unification, I hope that you can see through my efforts that the love you have shown me continues to inform my work.

Thank you!

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Paul and the Silversmith Riot

Demetrius, a silversmith and employer of related craftsmen in Ephesus organized, according to Acts 19:23-43, an emergency meeting of employees to protest against St. Paul for being responsible for risking their livelihood – the crafting of miniature silver shrines of the patron **goddess Artemis of Ephesus**.

In his preaching, Paul had persuaded a great many people that gods made by human hands were not gods. Arguing that related crafts would be affected, Demetrius took his complaint to the street, arousing a fury. Some of Paul's companions were seized. Paul himself was cautioned not to go outside.



To forestall a riot becoming a catastrophe, a temple magistrate intervened. The clerk maintained that the temple had not been robbed by Paul's claim. He reminded the Silversmiths that the courts were available for resolution of any legitimate charges. His comments reestablished order.

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Our Truth

Given the state of affairs, many are all too happy to criticize us, leaving us feeling unworthy or even rejected. Being human, we will never reach the kind of perfection which we think Jesus is talking about when he says, “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Who could come up to that standard? Sure, we could wear a “mask”, always “keeping up appearances” of always doing the right thing or blaming others to take the focus off ourselves.

Is there another way of looking at this? In the context of this Scripture passage the “being perfect” could mean “be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate.” Remember Jesus has just said before these words that his Father allows the rain to fall on the just and the unjust alike. The truth is we are finite creatures and God loves us in spite of our humanness and maybe because of it. We are God’s beloved not because we live “perfect lives” but because we share in the special relationship that the Father has with his son. Perfectionism can be an ego trip that takes us far from that relationship. What God wants us to be is our true selves. Being authentic, we will show others the path to finding their own truth.

- Do you have a positive self image?
- Can you trace the origin of your self image?
- Does your faith help you to discover your true self?

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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



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~Gandhi

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