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Our Poets, Past and Present

Beyond Anticipated Years

For me to wonder why a person lives beyond anticipated years is not to question God or any plan that gives this extra time for using what one's got to influence the world in special ways; nor is it up to me to predicate my own conclusion as to why these days are added to a life to celebrate.

But if it were, to me longevity is truly seen in this acknowledgment: that love and wisdom incrementally increase in those to whom more time is lent; and, sharing them with us, this wealth untold, our elders' gifts are worth far more than gold.

—Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC



News from Ghana



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Presented by Brother Nicholas Kwaku Arthur, C.S.C.

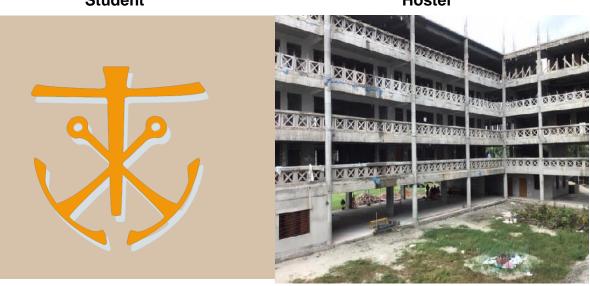
August Updated Pictures of a Bangladesh Endeavor Brother Francis Boylan, C.S.C.







Student



School

The school is called ... Holy Cross School (grades 3 to 8) and college, (grades 9 & 10) are in Rajshahi, Bangladesh. The first and second floor are now completed. We have 125 students in grades 3, 5, 7. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th floor will be completed by November of 2022. In January of 2023, we are expecting 200 more students. The building can accommodate 1400 students.

The hostel should also be completed by November. It is primarily designed for 100 marginalized Catholic rural farmer children, the economically poor. First students will come in January of 2023.

Construction of the Brothers residence begins in September 2022. We are grateful for the prayers and financial support of our mutual friends for making this school become a reality after so many years.

The construction of the college building began in February of 2020. This building is also designed to accommodate 1400 students.

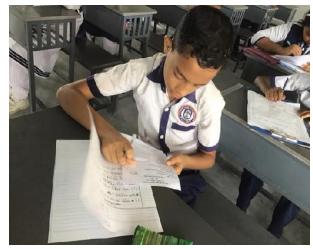
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Students

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Student Exterior of School



By Brother Francis Boylan, C.S.C.

Columba Hall - Renewal of Vows For August Anniversary Members (Standing)

















Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Coming Home

Do you have a large house? A house can give you a sense of security, respite from the cold and heat of the weather, a feeling of all that is familiar and that all is well.

Jesus had no home, Relying on his disciples and friends for a place to rest as he tended to his calling for the last three years of his life. He found his home in the love his father offered him. He wants to offer us a home by dwelling within our hearts. Many have not found a home in a church. Society offers less comfort in the breaking down of mutual respect and love - a house is not enough. Many are longing for a place that offers something more. St. Augustine writes, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee." A Christian Church should be a place in which we find Jesus!

What happens when Jesus becomes our home base? We are able to feel at peace and have unexpected joy. He becomes our guide and when we put our trust in him, we can look for many miracles large and small to occur. He sends us the gifts of the Holy Spirit to awaken within us a way of living that changes the fear that is behind so much that is going on in our world to love. This love can become a place which not only provides a home for us but offers the world a place to dwell amidst all of the ambiguities of living in this age.

- Who and where are the homeless people?
- Does Jesus have a place in your heart?
- How have you experienced Christ's presence in your life?

O God, help me make room for you in my heart.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

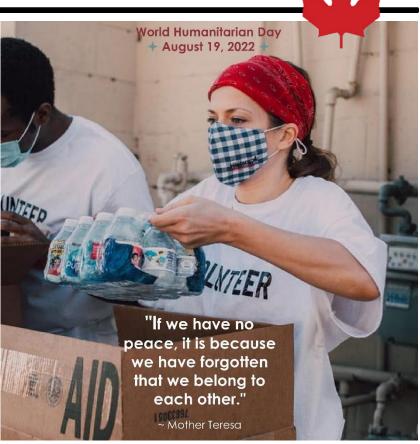


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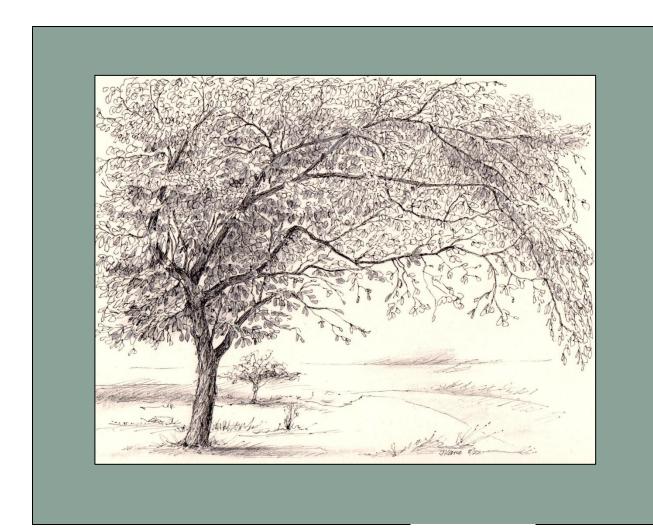
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Reflection Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.







This is an ink-and-pencil sketch (on cream-colored paper) of the Flowering Dogwood ("Cornus Florida") located in the Columba Hall back yard.

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Kane,
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