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Photo taken at Sacred Heart Basilica

Moreau Day Reflection By Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C. January 20, 2018

Today's celebration honors the memory of our beloved founder, Basil Anthony Moreau. For this occasion, Father William Blum has asked me to deliver a reflection. The details of Moreau's life, spirituality, and charisms, as well as the establishment of Holy Cross are already well known. We Brothers have special reason to recall his generosity in accepting from Father Dujarie the responsibility of directing the then Brothers of St. Joseph, along with Father Moreau's utmost esteem for and firm confidence in the Brothers, evidenced by his having included them in such important mission endeavors as Algeria and America.

Now recall with me the story in the Gospel for last Sunday: as Jesus was passing by John the Baptist and two of his disciples, John declared, "Behold, the Lamb of God," at which John's disciples immediately began to follow after Jesus down the road. As they did, Jesus turned and asked "What are you looking for?" To which the disciples replied, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" "Come," Jesus invited them, "and see." The disciples then went and saw where Jesus was staying. And they stayed with him all day.

Brothers, each one of us here, at some point in the past, having discerned our vocation, followed Jesus, like those disciples, to learn where Jesus was staying. Heeding his invitation, each of us was led by Jesus to Holy Cross.

And we, too, stayed with him all day long these many years.

Our vocation has been to be Brothers. Akin to that sibling title in a family, we all know what that means. The Church has declared us an essential component in the fulfillment of the mission of the Church. When God created this world, he had a plan: humans were to fill it and subdue it, to establish and sustain order in and balance to it, not for self, but for all others. As we well know, humans failed to live up to God's mandate, so God's plan was thwarted. So, it was Jesus, both divine and human, who, by His death and resurrection, redeemed all creation - restoring God's original plan.

Jesus has chosen us Brothers of Holy Cross as disciples to be, by our personal lives and our communal ministries, examples of the righteousness he declared would triumph in bringing about the establishment of the new Kingdom.

Such righteousness, however, required that, as Jesus did, we too must die to self. We did so by freely relinquishing what we as humans covet so dearly: surrender of our free will, of our desire to achieve immortality in this life through the begetting of progeny, and of our personal control over the accumulation of material goods. As a result of our profession of the vows of Obedience, Chastity, and Poverty, we arose as new men, now living only for the Kingdom.

The metaphor for our vocation as Brothers is that moment at the Last Supper in which Jesus, assuming the role of a servant, washed the feet of his disciples. More than a mere social amenity of the times, what Jesus did was a gesture of welcome, respect, acceptance, and courtesy, which Jesus enjoined his disciples likewise to do in the future.

Yes, we Brothers are disciples chosen to serve through education in the classroom, in offices of administrator or counselor, in the kitchen, or in the maintenance shop, on the landscape, at the Ave Maria Press. This is a service in which we use our heads, our hearts, and our hands to remove the dust of ignorance and doubt, to refresh the troubled with a promise of the hope we bring to everyone in need.

Each one of us Brothers here continues today on that same road to where Jesus stays. And, again, Jesus shows us: today it's Columba Hall. Let us then thank Father Moreau for the Congregation of Holy Cross in which we are these Brothers.

Holy Cross Congregations Celebrate Moreau Day

On Sunday, January 21, the Midwest Province of Brothers hosted the Holy Cross Priests, Sisters and Brothers in the South Bend area at a paraliturgical prayer service and a gala reception of “heavy hors d’oeuvres” planned by Brother Joseph Fox and prepared by head chef Patrick of Andre Place at Holy Cross Village. All residents of the Village were also invited to enjoy jumbo shrimp, crab cakes, New Zealand rack of lamb, and delicious desserts in the Geenen Room and Andre dining room.

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Evening Service – January 21

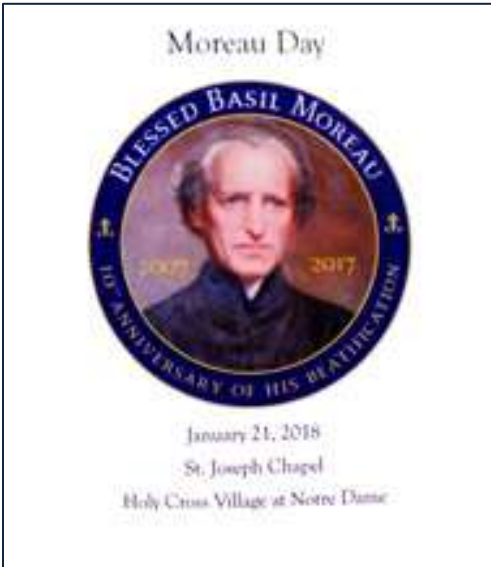
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Gala Reception – January 21





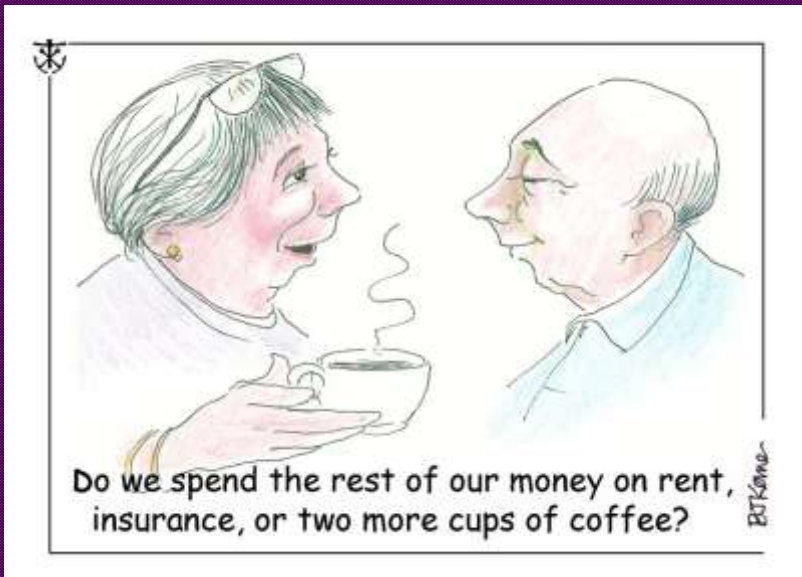
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*A goal without a plan
is just a wish.*

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

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