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Words of Remembrance for Brother Donald Fleischhacker, CSC

On behalf of the Brothers, as Provincial Superior I wish to express our condolences to Brother Donald Fleischhacker's family and friends: Donald's sisters, Paula and her husband John, and Genlinda and her husband John, and Don's brothers, Gil and his wife Norene, and Michael and his wife Frances, and a sister-in-law, Lyn, wife of a deceased brother, Jim. We extend our sympathy as well to several of Don's nieces and nephews, as well as their children.



Don loved his family very much and would often speak of telephone calls, visits, and greeting cards from them. We thank them for celebrating Don's life.

In addition, I extend the appreciation of the Brothers to the staff at Dujarie House, who provided wonderful care and assistance to Brother Donald these last two years as his health gradually declined.

Don's ministries were many and varied in Holy Cross. From his obituary card, can be seen that he was at Father Gibault School for Boys at Terre Haute, IN, St Edward High school in Lakewood, OH, LeMans Academy at Rolling Prairie, IN, Holy Cross High School, River Grove, IL., Bethlehem Catholic High School in Bethlehem, PA, and was on staff at the Ave Maria Press and Dujarie House, both here at Notre Dame, as well as with the Franciscan Outreach Association in Chicago. Among the various duties at these locations, Don served as an office staffer, driver, teacher, librarian, case manager, and supervisor.

Brother Donald was a tireless worker in each of these ministries. Within the local religious communities he was a prayerful, pleasant, and sincere person. He would help out wherever and whenever needed. In line with this willingness to serve, let me give two examples:

First, Don was the religious superior at Holy Cross in River Grove for six years, and from all reports he did a fine job. Brothers who lived at the Grove during this time tell me that Don was the last “true” Superior at the house. He made sure that everything was in order, done properly, and yet handled in such a way that the local community was a great place to call home.

Second example, Brother Donald worked for six years with the Franciscan Outreach Association of Chicago as first a case manager and then as a Supervising Manager. The Franciscan Outreach program ministers to people in poverty, offering them hospitality and services. They provide meals, shelter, shower facilities, and laundry services to men, women and children in the model of respect and dignity of St. Francis of Assisi. Reflecting on his work with these homeless clients, Don once wrote: “Every day I pray that I may show compassion to them recalling how Our Lord likewise helped the needy and afflicted.”

Brother Donald could be temperamental. On occasion, with the least provocation, he would release a verbal outburst, making his feelings clearly known, and would then stomp off. From what I could observe, no one took these periodic ventings personally. That was Don...he would calm down, apologize, and make amends. Everyone knew he had a good heart and did not mean what was said when upset.

I understand that one of Don’s nephews is on the Chicago Police force, and once upon seeing Don driving a car decided to pull him over for a traffic stop. His partner went up to the car alone and gave Don the third degree, really had him shaking in his boots. After several minutes of this hoax, the nephew made himself known and revealed the prank. Obviously Don was none too happy about being the victim of such a joke. It is unclear if Don released an emotional outburst once he realized he was “had” in such a way, but I suspect it took some time before Don appreciated the humor in the escapade.

Over the last five years Don’s health steadily deteriorated. He experienced many health problems: diabetes, skin cancer, kidney failure, cataracts, shingles, infections, gangrene, and eventually amputation of a foot. With each incident of

failing health, Don would be forced to face his own emotions and declining health. This was a difficult task for him.

This is not to say Don was a poor patient; in fact he was always cooperative with the doctors, nurses, and staff. Donald was extremely appreciative of the care he received, and thankful for those assisting him.

Initially with the onset of each health problem, Don would become quite worried, often times emotionally upset to the point of making himself even sicker. Once when he was scheduled for cataract surgery, he became so unnerved about this relatively routine procedure, he suffered an outbreak of shingles and wound up in the hospital. Don never did have the cataracts removed.

Don seldom complained about his poor health. Rather he adapted as best he could. For example, with his eyesight limited due to the cataracts, he was unable to read, including the praying of Morning and Evening Prayer. Instead, Don began saying the rosary rather than reciting from the office book.

In St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is written: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" *1 Corinthians 15:55-56*

There is no doubt Don suffered with his failing health, both physically and emotionally. For many years Don felt the "sting" of illness and fretted about death. However, over the last few months of his life, Don seemed much more resigned that his body was failing him, and concluded there was little he could do other than to accept the reality of approaching death.

There seemed to be two recent events which influenced this change. First, the amputation of Don's leg appeared to be a turning point. Prior to the surgery, Don would be very emotional when discussing his various health conditions. With the removal of his leg, he seemed to be much calmer and more accepting of his condition and eventual fate.

Second, the recent death of his sister Audrey in October may have also helped prepare Don for his own for death. I know that he very much wanted to attend her funeral, but given his increasingly failing health, Don realized that such was not possible. Physically he just was not in a position to travel or be away from his normal health care routine.

With such introspection, Don readied himself for death. Whenever it might arrive, he stopped distressing about dying. On the Sunday before his death, those Brothers who visited him described him as being in good spirits, but more distant than usual, as if he were thinking about something else.

On Wednesday, while receiving one of his three times-a-week dialysis treatment, Don passed from this world to eternal life. He now no longer experiences the pain of illness or the fear of death. Our Brother Donald is now victorious, as he has returned triumphantly to his Creator.

Like the Apostle Paul, our brother Don can emphatically ask the question: “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”

Brother Chester Freel
Provincial Superior

Brother Donald Michael Fleischhacker, C.S.C.
May 29, 1937 – November 18, 2015

Brother Donald Michael Fleischhacker, C.S.C., age 78, died on November 18, 2015, while undergoing medical treatment in South Bend, Indiana. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on May 29, 1937, the son of Michael and Marie (Kaltinger) Fleischhacker. He attended St. Sylvester and Bernard Moos Elementary Schools and Lane Tech High School in Chicago, graduating in 1956. He worked for a year at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Chicago and then followed a calling to the religious life. He entered Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin, in June of 1957 and went to St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, where he professed his vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on August 16, 1958. He began his college studies at St. Edward's University that fall.



Brother Donald received his first assignment in the fall of 1959 and joined the staff at Gibault School in Terre Haute, Indiana, and then worked in the business office at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio. He returned to work at Gibault School and then served on the staff of Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame, Indiana, for six years. He taught for a year at Bethlehem Catholic High School in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. During summers he continued his studies at St. Edward's University and earned a bachelor's degree in 1972. He taught at Le Mans Academy in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and Cardinal Mooney High in Rochester, New York. He then studied full time at the University of Notre Dame and earned a Master's degree in theology in 1976 and later a second one in 1980. He joined the faculty at Holy Cross High School at River Grove, Illinois, in 1976, where he spent the next 20 years teaching his specialties in theology. He was an active member of the Chicago Archdiocesan Pastoral Council and a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus. He was always sympathetic to social concerns and the plight of the needy within the city. In 1996 he joined the staff of the Franciscan Outreach Association, was a member of the Board of San Jose Obrero Mission in Chicago for four years, and Case Management Director of the Outreach Association for two years.

In 2002 he joined the staff of Andre Residential Services at Notre Dame while living at Columba Hall and served the residents of Schubert Villa and Dujarie

House in a variety of nursing duties. In 2007 he retired but continued to volunteer his services to friends and needy at the same facilities, even while undergoing vigorous treatment and dialysis for the diabetes he suffered. He once wrote in the Franciscan Outreach bulletin: *“It is humbling how trusting the men and women are, whom we care for. Being able to share their secrets in conversation and counseling is one of the greatest needs. Every day I pray that I may show compassion to them recalling how Our Lord likewise helped the needy and afflicted.”*

Visitation was held on Monday, November 23, 2015, at Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel within Schubert Villa/Dujarie House from 9:30 to 11:00 AM on the grounds of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The Mass of Resurrection followed with interment afterward in St. Joseph’s Cemetery of the Village. Kaniewski Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions, in honor Brother Donald Fleischhacker, C.S.C., to support the mission and ministries of the Brothers may be sent to: Brothers of Holy Cross, Office of Development, P.O. Box 460, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Holy Cross in South Bend, Indiana

A YouTube documentary looks at how Holy Cross has been influential to the growth and development of South Bend, Indiana. The film is part of WNIT's celebration of the city's 150th anniversary.

Sacred Mission–Civic Duty explores the history and impact of the Holy Cross Sisters, Brothers and Priests on education, health care, arts and culture, and the economy in South Bend and surrounding communities. Through interviews with **Father John Jenkins**, president of the University of Notre Dame, **Brother Chester Freel**, superior of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, **Sister M. Veronique (Wiedower)**, president of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and many others, WNIT viewers learn how their lives have been and still are influenced by the congregations.

Angela Knight

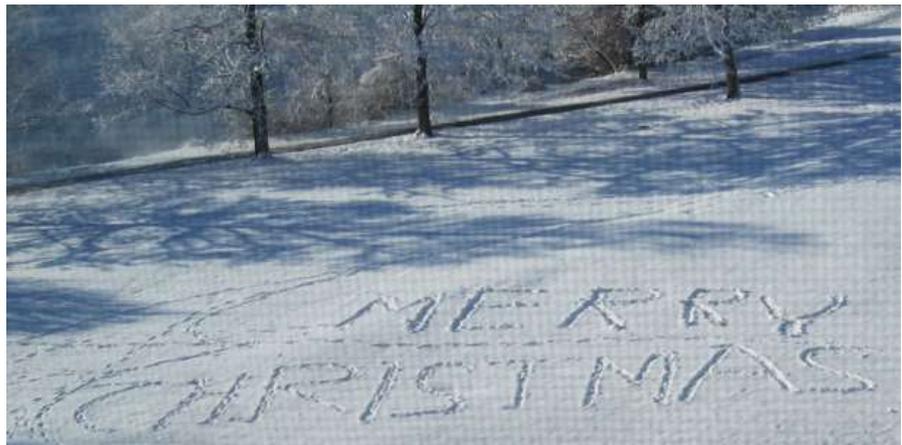
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A Merry Christmas for Columba Hall

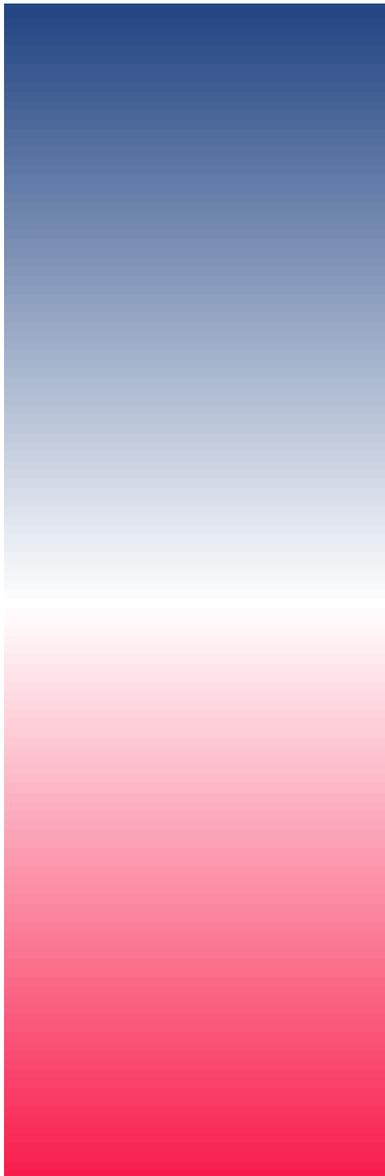
The first snow for the Notre Dame Area, November 22, displayed a Merry Christmas for all residents at Columba Hall - an unknown person's greetings. Picture is taken from the 4th floor of Columba, Br. James Newberry's room.



Pray for the People of France

The attached announcement is being sent on behalf of the Vicariate of France relative to the terrorist attacks in Paris last Friday, 14 November 2015. Let us continue to pray for the people of France and especially the family of Holy Cross in France.

Fraternally in Holy Cross,
Tom Dziekan



Wednesday, 18 November 2015

In your kindness and charity, please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of



Romain Dunet, 25 years old, English teacher in the primary and secondary divisions of Ensemble Scolaire St. Michel de Picpus in Paris, a school under the "tutelle" (sponsorship) of the Vicariate of France of the Congregation of Holy Cross,
And
Mme Véronique de Bourgies, the mother of Diego, a 5th grade student at St. Michel de Picpus

Both of whom were killed during the terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday, 14 November 2015. M Dunet died at the concert at the Bataclan and Mme de Bourgies died in the attack at rue de Charonne.

We pray for their eternal rest and for the consolation of their families and friends and especially for the school community of St. Michel de Picpus. We pray for an end to this violence and for peace in the hearts of all and among all peoples.

We hold in prayer all those who suffer from fear and uncertainty.

Sent on behalf of

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COACH GREG URBAS

Donor Spotlight – SEHS

The legendary St. Edward wrestling room is famously circled by handwritten posters of inspirational quotes meant to motivate wrestlers as they make their way through the grueling training imposed by the sport. Of the signs, none is more simple or bold than the one that reads “Work Harder.”

Hard work is at the foundation of one of the most successful scholastic athletic programs in the United States. Thirty-five state championships and 11 national championships are the product of hard work. The approach to working hard comes from the top, with no better model for going above and beyond than Coach Greg Urbas.

Since 1978, not only has Greg Urbas been a fixture in the St. Edward community and a model for hard work, humility and compassion, but he has been a generous annual financial supporter. “I have been blessed to have been a member of the St. Edward community the past 38 years and I feel the calling to help support the Congregation of Holy Cross in their mission,” said Coach Urbas. “I have seen the generosity of the St. Edward community’s impact our students over the years in many ways: It has helped young people experience a Holy Cross Education no matter their financial condition, their race or creed.”

Urbas believes that teaching at St. Ed’s is a vocation and that he’s answering God’s call to serve others through the many hats he wears at St. Ed’s. Whether it’s as a math teacher, wrestling or football coach, or driving the school bus – Urbas embodies Christ-like servant leadership and is an exemplary model for our students. As much as he selflessly gives to the St. Edward community, his focus is always on the work of others. He understands first-hand the importance of others’ generosity.



“Parents and alumni support St. Edward because they care so much for the students,” he said. It’s that care that Urbas models for our students in all he does. “There are three quotes that I carry with me. Coach Dan Flaherty always said, ‘**A coach needs to coach them all.**’ (Coach Flaherty coached a 3rd stringer as hard as he did a starter!) Coach Howard Ferguson added ‘**Use the sport, don’t let the sport use you.**’ and ‘**Never give up on a kid!**’” Coach Urbas models that advice every day – treating every person in our community as though he is the most important, opening doors to incredible opportunities for those he coaches, and always seeing the best in every young man whom he encounters.

“I believe Holy Cross Brothers have poured their heart and soul into St. Edward over the years and provided a great foundation for today’s youth,” said Urbas.

Thank you, Coach Urbas, for continuing to enliven the Holy Cross charism at St. Edward High School.

Hoban Dedicates Health and Fitness Center Celebrates Conclusion of \$6.6 Million Campaign



The conclusion to the most successful capital campaign in Hoban history was celebrated at the dedication of the Hoban Health and Fitness Center on Wednesday, Nov. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the newly constructed facility. Dignitaries, friends and donors were given a tour of the new facility, heard presentations and participated in the blessing of the building, led by the

Rev. Michael Ausperk and student representatives. The leadership team of the campaign was recognized, including honorary co-chairs Philip Maynard and Richard Fedorovich and steering committee co-chairs William Scala and David Showers. The dedication concludes the "This is Hoban" campaign which included \$1.4 million for the school’s endowment fund and \$2.5 million for the Maynard

Family Center for Spiritual Formation. For pictures of the event, click [HERE](#). To watch the video shown at the event, click [HERE](#). To link to coverage in the *Beacon Journal* on Ohio.com, click [HERE](#).

20th Fair Trade School in Nation From **The Lance** (Gilmour school newspaper)

November 20, 2015
By Kenny Kirchner `17

It is official. Gilmour Academy is the 20th school in the United States to commit to Fair Trade organizations around the world. This recognition is credited to the Peace and Justice Club, which has focused greatly on Fair Trade issues. Mrs. Kathryn Petros, Instructor in Religion, said, “Fair Trade helps the Gilmour community embody more fully its Mission statement, and encourages individuals to live the Holy Cross charisms in a real way.”

Fair Trade is a movement to encourage fair working conditions for people who make our necessities and who encounter unfair working conditions. Schools need



to form a team, commit to Fair Trade activities, and offer Fair Trade products in order to be officially recognized as Fair Trade schools. Gilmour’s team will be open for anyone to join to make a difference. The Gilmour Community has been active with the Fair Trade movement following the summer reading book, *Where am I Wearing?* by Kelsey Timmerman.

For Halloween, Peace and Justice Club members shared over 500 pieces of Fair Trade chocolate with friends and families while passing out candy. Club member Jordan Robinson (`17) said, “Giving awareness as well as being an active participant is the only way to make a difference.”

The Peace and Justice Club will also be working to bring a Fair Trade marketplace to campus this spring or next year which will allow students to shop for ethically produced clothing, jewelry, and food. Gilmour Alum Hilary Dell founded the first Fair Trade uniform company in the United States.

Ms. Katy McKinnon, Instructor in English, said, “Fair Trade gives us the opportunity to stand up for our global neighbors who grow the food we eat and sew the clothes we wear.”

Through these activities, the Peace and Justice Club aims to embody every Holy Cross value. Jack Bujoll ('17) said, “The club not only teaches, but shows the Gilmour Community how to act and live the many virtues we embrace as a Catholic school.” Meetings for Peace and Justice Club are every Thursday after school in CB11.

The newly founded Fair Trade team will strive to bring awareness of Fair Trade issues to the greater community in many ways. To join the Fair Trade team, contact McKinnon.

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Honor & Appreciation Of Stephen J. Helmich

Following the Cathedral High School board meeting on 9 November 2015, a dinner was held at the Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel, Indiana, to honor and show appreciation for the 16 years of service and leadership that Steve Helmich has provided Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The surprise party, engineered by board chair, Matt Cohoat, was attended by family, staff, faculty, friends, and present and former board members.

Several people spoke of Steve’s influence on their lives, careers, and how much of a mentor and friend he was, all the while maintaining a professional relationship. Greetings were read in a note from Archbishop Tobin. Mayor Greg Ballard, the

mayor of Indianapolis and a Cathedral grad, read a proclamation from the city of Indianapolis.

There are so many accomplishments and milestones that have taken place during his tenure that it would be hard to list them all. A few noticeable achievements that have happened in the area of “Honors and Achievements” are:

- 4- Star School
- Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- One of three schools nationally named “School of Innovation”
- Top 25 Academic Catholic High Schools in the country.

Steve served as President 1999 to 2016.

On the award given to him were these words:

You have forever changed Cathedral
in so many ways.
Your legacy will live on as long
as there's a Cathedral.

Brother Roy Smith



(L to R)

Clark Schroeder
Carrie (Helmich) Schroeder
Cindy Helmich
Steve Helmich
Anastasia Helmich
Patrick Milligan
Amy (Helmich) Milligan

Transformed Building Transformed Hearts

Brother Francis Boylan, CSC



In 2001, the family of Holy Cross Services accepted the challenge to convert the former Mercy Hospital on Detroit's east side into a "one stop" community resource center. The renamed "Samaritan Center" was designed to be a hub of educational, health, employment training and social support services for individuals and families living below the poverty line. The transformation of the building was just the beginning; the "real story" is the transformation of lives. Little did we realize how appropriate the name chosen was for our transformed

setting: Samaritan Center.

No less than 70 organizations partner to assist 1,500 individuals who come through the doors of Samaritan each day. Services are provided with compassion and receivers are welcomed in a gracious manner. Perhaps more importantly, these services are also received with joy and gratitude such that both givers and receivers feel renewed. We are all "good" Samaritans with aid to offer and in some way we all have scars, needing healing and hope.

The evidence of the power of mercy and hope can be seen in the smiling faces of those who leave with new clothes, diplomas, opportunities for employment, restored family relationships, or improved health. "Providers" are also transformed by the encounter, humbled that God used them and grateful for friendships that gradually develop.

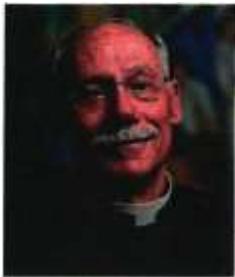
As he inaugurated a "Year of Mercy," Pope Francis has encouraged us to be touched and transformed by the Lord's mercy. But being transformed—changed—requires courage. It can be painful. At Samaritan, we often encounter individuals who struggle to believe they are worthy of God's grace. We the providers assure our visitors that God loves them and that we love them. And their humble presence visibly and tangibly reminds us that we too need mercy, acceptance, and healing. Christ is experienced precisely in the "give-and-take" of Samaritan.

Our clients are messengers of God to us and we tell them, "We are blessed by your presence. You awaken us to the often harsh realities of life from which we sometimes shield ourselves. By meeting you, we are indeed changed.

Hopefully we will be able to help you experience some awakening and change as well."

In reality, we are forming a "family," a home where givers and receivers feel mutually welcomed and appreciated. In fact, we could say that all of us at Samaritan - givers and receivers - become the "inn" or "hotel" where the Good Samaritan took his new friend, discovered on the roadside of life.

The Samaritan became "good" by his charity, and by accepting that charity, the "victim" became healthy and moved the Samaritan to deeper spiritual insight, growth, and sensitivity. The story and parable goes on. Everywhere and everyone can be "Samaritan."



Br. Francis Boylan, CSC, has served as Executive Director/President of Holy Cross Children's Services for more than 40 years. He is a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross, holds a Bachelor's of Science from St. Edward's University and a Master's of Social Work from the University of Michigan. He holds a Clinical and Macro license through the State of Michigan Department of Community Health Board of Social Work. Br. Francis is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Legatus (national organization of Catholic executives), and the Equestrian Order of Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He has received many awards in response to his efforts on behalf of children and families.

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