

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

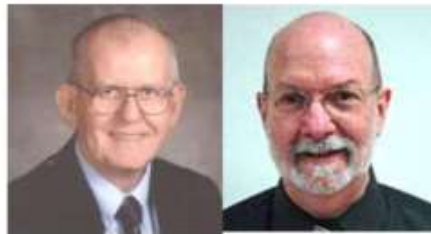
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## JUBILEE CLASS OF 2023

**Seventy**

**Sixty**



Br. Raymond  
Papenfuss

Br. Joseph  
McTaggart

**Fifty**

**Forty**



Br. James  
Van Dyke

Br. Robert  
Livernois



Br. Paul  
Mensah

Here is the link for the live stream of the brothers' jubilee mass at 10:30 am on Saturday.

<https://basilica.nd.edu/prayer-and-worship/watch-mass/>

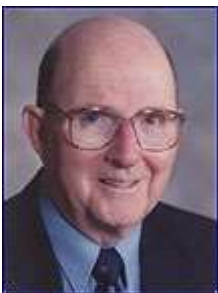
## This Awesome Mystery

Surrounded by a million pliant forms,  
each carrying a million scaven signs,  
I'm inundated by a million storms,  
each ferrying a million bright designs

up to my waiting dock of consciousness  
to be offloaded as and when I need  
to stoke insatiable desire with less,  
far less, than it should take for me to feed

my yearning, yawning mental maw, my soul,  
and savor salient symbols simmering  
as kindled by one great linguistic whole,  
a menu varied, listing shimmering

ideas, challenges, plus all that undergirds  
this awesome mystery that we call words.



**Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC**  
October 19, 2001



## A Visit to Our Novitiate in Huaycan, Lima, Peru.

**Story sent in by Brother John Benesh, C.S.C., Peru:**



Brother John Benesh was part of the staff of the Spanish-speaking novitiate in Peru from its beginning in January of 2001 until the year 2008 when he moved to Canto Grande where the Congregation of Holy Cross has a parish, a school, a formation house, and other apostolates.

During these past fifteen years Brother John has gone to this novitiate many times to visit the men there and to do numerous repair jobs. But because of the Covid problem and his own tumor treatment, John was not able to visit from early in 2020 until this past week.

The Novice Director, Brother Jonathan Beebe, mentioned to John that two of the outside night lights were not working. Brother John was familiar with this system since he had built and wired three of these fancy lamps and had fixed a tall light pole so that it could be lowered when repairs were needed.



On Monday, April 17, Brother John went to Huaycan with Father José Ahumada, who was visiting Peru. Father José is the Superior of the Chile-Peru District of the Congregation. They arrived at the Novitiate in time for supper with the four novices, Brother Jon, and Father Alfredo Hernandez.

The next morning, after meditation, morning prayer, Mass, and breakfast, John began what he thought would be an easy task. The first photo shows a lamp located near to the residence of the novices. When he took off the top he saw that there was no bulb in the socket. He had a good bulb but was not able to insert it into the socket. He found another socket and after installing it the bulb entered easily. When he turned on the main switch two other lamps lit up but not the one on which he was working.

With his trusty multimeter he found that there was **no voltage**. He eventually traced the line back to a working lamp that was located in front of the



Chapel. The second photo shows where this lamp was located. He had to cut his way into the center of the bushes where he found the important connections. He saw that one wire was not making contact, tightened the connection and then the faraway lamp worked. This used up almost all of the morning. He did the second job in the afternoon.



The third photo shows a tall steel pole that supports two lamps. Years ago, Br. John had modified the steel pole so that he, with the aid of counter-balancing weights, could lower the pole so that bulbs and/or lamps could be replaced. On this visit when he turned on the main switch for the outside lights neither of the two pole lamps lit up. While he was thinking about lowering the pole he noticed that there was a small switchbox near the base of the pole. He opened the box cover, flipped the switch,

and one of the two lamps shined brilliantly. There was no big need to replace the lamp that was not working so he used the afternoon to rest and walk around the neighborhood.

**Note: As a member of the Midwest Province, 92 year old Brother John, is 3<sup>rd</sup> in rank.**

Check out Brother John's past hobby with stained-glass:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/benesh-stained-glass/>



Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.

Servant of God

Website

<https://brothercolumba.com/>



Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.

Postulator of the cause for Brother Columba

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## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### Where Do I Go from Here?

Sometimes when we are spinning around in circles at a very fast rate, we become dizzy and we just want to get off the “merry-go-round.” It might seem that we are really not going anywhere. Our inevitable routine finds us having the same experiences over and over again, day after day.

This can be how people sometimes feel about life. “I am going around and then again around. I wonder, ‘Where do I go from here?’” It takes a contemplative mind to see that each meeting of a person, each passage of time has a unique presence. Am I open to notice what is really going on at a deeper level? Where does God, where does my destiny, where does this encounter fit into the picture? With a contemplative mind I perceive the heart of the matter seeing the multi-dimensions of what is happening. Each day becomes an adventure full of surprises. God has new ways of sharing Godself and I am invited to respond in a new way.

This experience cannot be captured in definitions. My interactions with others, with creation, can have significant implications in how I view my life. As the psalmist exclaims, “THIS is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

- Do you sometimes feel that you are going around in circles, not getting anywhere?
- What helps you see the new possibilities in what you are experiencing?
- How is God leading you in the everyday experiences of your life?

**O God, help me see the significance of the everyday experiences of my life.**

**Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.**



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# Reflection

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



EID AL FITR  
APRIL 21, 2023



**Providence Health Care**  
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## Eid Mubarak

"Eid al-Fitr is an Islamic festival that marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk each day. It is the first time Muslims can eat during daylight hours after fasting during Ramadan."

Open your arms to change  
But don't let go of your values.

*Dalia Liana*

Providence Health Care  
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April 21, 2023



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