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Reflection for the Liturgy of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Brother Robert Mosher. C.S.C.

Because of her unquestionable essential participation in the Divine plan for the redemption of humankind, Mary's assumption into heaven, body and soul. Is the most salutary merit consequent of the achievement of that redemption - resurrection of her own Son Jesus.

From the Visitation to the Assumption, Mary's total commitment to Jesus' mission was a lifetime of faith, prayer, and personal sacrifice, even under the heart-rending ordeal of Calvary. Her support even continued during the early days of the founding of the Christian Church, which, as the Mother of the Church, she continues today.

For many in Holy Cross, the feast of the Assumption, August 15th, is the anniversary of their reception as novices into the Congregation of Holy Cross. Like Mary, they too responded to an invitation from God by their "fiat," that is, their "yes" to commit their lives in supporting through their ministries and Community Life with the Church a continuation of the mission of Jesus in saving humankind. Some of them are here with us now.

Upon her entrance into heaven, Mary, in the presence of the Trinity, was crowned Queen of Heaven by her Son, Jesus., a fitting tribute to the only woman in history who helped God alter the destiny of humankind. The famed British poet, Shelly, has paid Mary the compliment of being "nature's solitary boast."



Threshold to Eternity

I close my eyes and open my mind.
I see a threshold, unique of its kind,
looking beyond, from a cloud, hear a call:
“Come friend, take my hand—you’ll not fall.”

I’ve seen this place before—from a distance.
I was afraid, fearful. I felt a resistance.
Pondering then I saw through to a light.
Could I pass safely? What a beautiful sight!

I’m closer now, and see it more clearly.
That voice in the cloud—I love it sincerely.
I’m ready now, Lord. I no longer delay.
Take my hand and show me the way.

The threshold behind me, then riding the
cloud:
Oh, Jesus, my Lord, I’ll praise you aloud.
At last I realize Your love is so great.

By Your mercy, Lord, be this my fate.

—Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC



"Our Old Kentucky High School" - A Visit to Bishop David PART 1



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The Bishop David Class of '84 held its reunion in early June. Brother Dennis, their class moderator, was invited to attend the reunion activities.

Now known as Holy Cross High School, the co-ed school now uses the B.D. facilities. Holy Cross graciously invited the Bishop David and Angela Merici alumni to the school.



The front of the high school looks pretty much the same except for the new windows. The classrooms are now air-conditioned.



The Brothers' former residence (now the Bishop David Apartments) are vacant. They served as a residence for retired priests of the Archdiocese. The school is discussing with the Archdiocese how to best use that building.



The Brothers' Chapel has retained its look from its days as the Brothers' chapel. HCHS uses the Chapel for small groups.

"Our Old Kentucky High School" - part 2



Directly behind the school cafeteria are the new stands used for home football games. The field is grass and has lights. The stadium entrance honors the legacy of Angela Merici and Bishop David

High Schools. For one home game a year, Holy Cross wears B.D. colors.



The baseball diamond is still located behind the Brothers' residence. The field looks the same but with a grass infield and in-ground dugouts.

Brother Dennis and some of his former players were able to walk on the diamond. The scoreboard is dedicated to Andy Kehl '84, our class president, who passed in 2017.



The current administrators are aware of and appreciate the foundations that the Holy Cross Brothers brought to Holy Cross High School and Catholic education in southwestern Jefferson County.

Anything Lincoln

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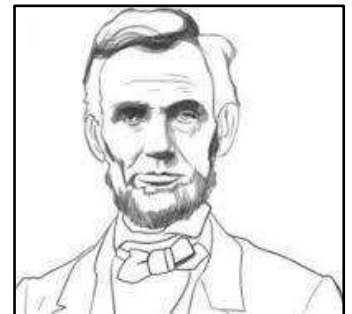


(left) Patrick O'Donnell , (Rt) Br. Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C.

On May 16, Br. Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C., attended a book signing by his former student, Patrick O'Donnell (SEHS '89). Pat was a student in Brother Dennis' AP U. S. History class. The event was held at the Bay Village Public Library.

O'Donnell is a best-selling author of thirteen books.. He has appeared on C-SPAN, the History Channel, and the Discovery Channel as a military historian. Pat is a Mount Vernon Fellow who has written books focusing on the American military ranging from the War for Independence to Iraq.

His latest book, ***The Unvanquished***, is about Lincoln's Special Forces and the Shadow War that Forged America's Special Operations.



Sensitization On Holy Cross Education Province of West Africa



The Brothers of Holy Cross West Africa Province organized a two-day workshop for teachers at St. Brother Andre SHS in Ghana.

Bro. John Affum Badu, Leader of the West Africa Province, and Bro. Nicholas Arthur were key speakers during the training session.

The speakers introduced teachers to the History, Philosophy, Mission, Vision of Holy Cross and strategies to lead students in and outside of the classroom.

The teachers were empowered to serve as positive change makers by applying the Holy Cross Philosophy to shape students to become both academically and morally fit for society.



At the end of the training, the teachers expressed much appreciation for the enlightenment and urged the Holy Cross Brothers to continuously organize such workshops to educate and remind both new and existing staff on the purpose of Holy Cross Education.



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NE Ohio Holy Cross Community

Email from Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C.

Last month, the NE Ohio Holy Cross Community gathered to celebrate the Fourth of July at Brother Dennis' apartment in the Ellet neighborhood of Akron. A traditional summer meal of hamburgers, locally grown sweet corn, and a US flag cake were served.



From left: Br. Ed Libbers, Fr. John Blazek, Br. Charles Smith, Fr. Maurice D'Souza, and Br. Robert Lavelle.

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

This is the last publication of *Holy Cross Roads* being printed in Midwest-Midweek . If you would still like to continue receiving these reflections send your email address to Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C. at:

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Holy Cross Associates will soon be handling this publication.

Revolution of the Heart

Why have so many in our country given up on being Catholic? There are many reasons for this. I believe that this phenomenon is not mainly the result of doctrinal issues but because they have not had an experience of a religion that has reached out to them and touched their lives in a significant way. “What you do speaks more loudly than what you say.”

When we speak of “the heart” in the Biblical sense, we are not speaking only of our feelings. We are speaking about a person’s center, the source of his or her whole life. Pope Francis wants all members of the Church to evangelize. He is not just talking about doctrinal issues. He is talking about living a Christian life in such a way that people notice our outlook and behavior reflect a deep Christian spirituality. We need a revolution of the heart. The experience of God who accepts us and loves us even though we sin can change our stony hearts to accept and love others. Pope Francis says, “All are welcome into this community of people who have not yet arrived but who are on the way. We are a “pilgrim Church.”

- Have people in your family or friends stopped going to Church?
- Does your Church (parish) have a way of reaching out to the “nones”?
- How can you show acceptance and love?

**O God, help me show acceptance and love to others,
especially the broken hearted.**

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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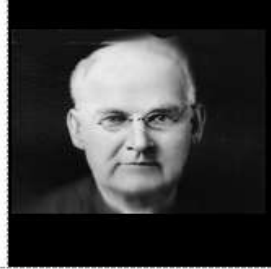
Reflection



A repeat reflection, but a favorite – Brother Richard Johnson, C.S.C.

**"I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy."
~ Rabindranath Tagore**

Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.
Servant of God



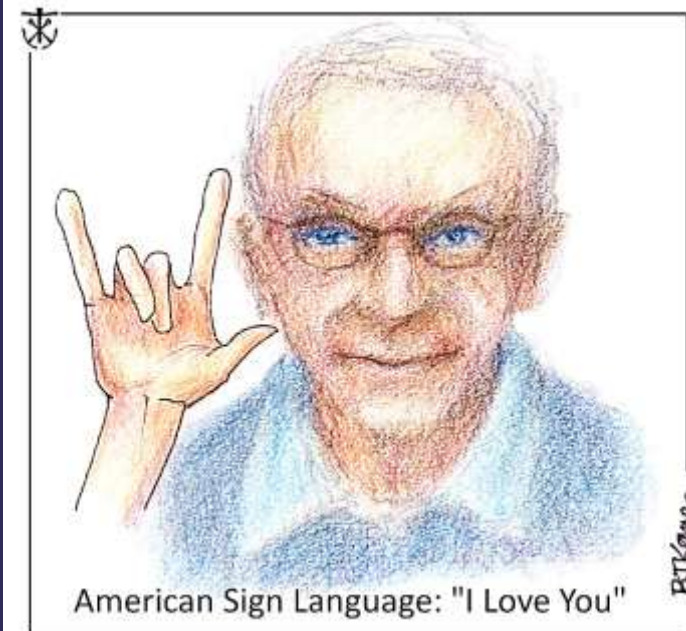
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There were a nuber of responses due to this being the closing publication for the Midwest-Midweek. May I respond with a quote from our Brother Joseph Annan, CSC, A District member of Ghana, West Afrrica, who has passed away:

“Thanking you for Thanking Me”
(and for thanking all members who worked on *Midwest-Midweek*)

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