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Our Poets, Past and Present

Feel Hopeless? Just THINK

Einstein was four before he could speak! Isaac Newton was uncompromising when he was a kid.

Beethoven, "hopeless" as a composer, his teacher said.

Edison as a kid, was "dumb" but with a pleasing personality.

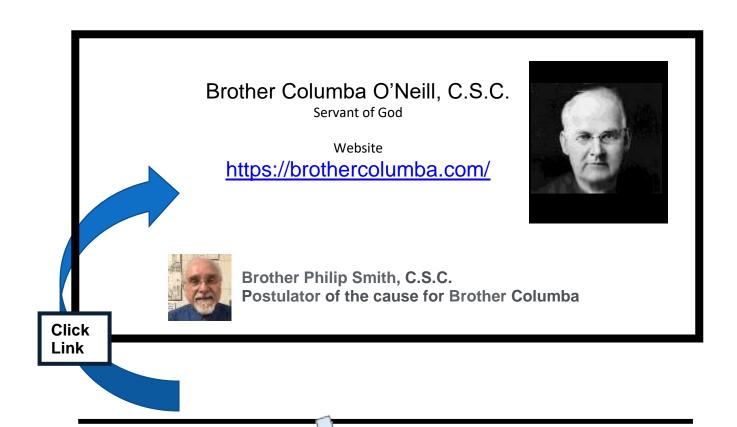
Woolworth couldn't "close a sale," it was said. Michael Jordan was cut from his high school team! And, ah, Walt Disney was let go: no imagination! And Winston Churchill failed a grade.

So don't feel hopeless.
Just do your best:
You can be better
Than ALL THE REST!

—Brother Remigius Bullinger, CSC July 1, 2000





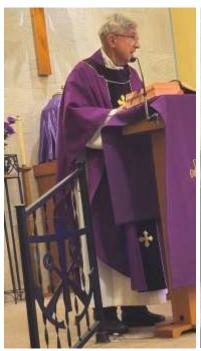




Brother Julian Przybyla and CNA Mae



Christmas Party at Columba Hall Midwest Holy Cross Associates





Brothers and Associates joined together with Mass to begin our annual celebration.









Dinner with caroling completed the evening.













Columba Hall Christmas

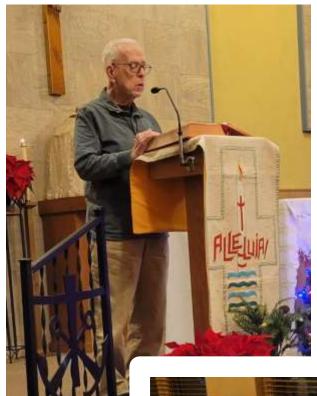
Christmas Eve





Christmas Day





















Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Faith for Compassion

Yes, all religions have compassion as an attribute of God and of God's desire for us humans to live compassionate lives. But we live in a world dominated by competition and to be over and against the other. This may come from a lack of having received compassion in our relationships and also because of what permeates our society in becoming "number one" above other motivations. Having compassion as an overall goal can be interpreted as a sign of weakness. Yes, we can make a leap of faith and believe what God in Christ expects of us since we have experienced for ourselves God's unconditional love and compassion. Therefore, we are asked to offer compassion to others without falling into the trap of feeling we are weak in doing so.

Compassion means to "suffer with." Compassion means to look on the other as another self. It means to stop for a minute and not worry about our own survival and to put the other first as we walk in their shoes. There are so many people and situations that deserve compassion. We need to ask God in prayer for the grace to do what God calls us to do. Knowing that with God's grace we have the power to accomplish great things, our leap of faith will have results.

- Are you motivated more by competition or compassion?
- Do you believe that God can accomplish good things through you?
- Is God calling you to live a more compassionate life?

O God, give me a compassionate heart.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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

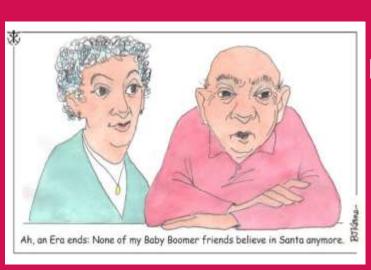




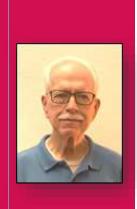


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