### MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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# Weekly Spiritual Reflection from the Early Brothers of St. Joseph

Week 2 Let's pray to God unceasingly for the conversion of these poor people. I wish I could beg all of France to unite behind us with their prayers and to thus come to the help of Africa. Our holy bishop never stops recommending this holy salvo of frequent and fervent prayers that will give birth and will make the African church faithful. (Brother Andre Mottais 7/11/1840)

#### **Directory of Devotional Prayer**

The union which recollection estalishes between God and our souls will strengthen each one of us in our vocation.

Bleessed Basil Moreau (Circular Letter 134)



#### Installment - 5 — Do We Have *Another Saint?* Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C. (1848-1923)



Brother Columba was reassigned to the cobbler shop by Fr. William Corby,

Provincial.

- The exact date is not yet found when the Provincial decided that Columba Brother would go to Chicago to have his disabled foot operated on by the famous Dr. Nicholas Senn.
- Brother Ernest Ryan states in his book These Two Hearts that "Brother [Columba] yielded at once to the Obedience though he cared not a fig whether



he limped or not." And that "he dreaded the expense to his Community most of all. But he went and so successful was the operation that it seemed almost a miracle" (27).

#### Spiritual Father



Father Bob Nogosek, CSC, has died. His burial was on the 21th of July. Bob was instrumental in the beginning in forming the Midwest Province version of the Holy Cross Associates. He had the vision to include the three elements of what we do: to Grow Spiritually, Create Community, and Serve Others. He passed on the founding to Brother Carl Sternberg.

May he rest in peace, and may his vision continue to inspire the Associates.

### Last Days of Chapter (Can you still remember?)









#### Old Trees to Mulch

Three trees dead or infected downed at Columba Hall. If not shredded, the logs were left for Zac, from Columba Hall maintenance, to break up for kindling.



#### Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

#### **God of the Cosmos**

Dear Associates and Friends,

The God of the cosmos is somehow present in Jesus. It is through him that we can reach the totally other God who is the source of all creation. Jesus shows us who this God is in the relationship he had with his Father – the Father that calls him his beloved. This is the God to whom Jesus prays and in whom Jesus lives and acts.

What is Jesus' life style? His disciples know Jesus not only by what he says but mainly by how he lives and how he treats people. Jesus is concerned and cares for people's needs. He heals some of them and when things seem to get overwhelming for him, he goes away so that he can get in touch with his father's love in prayer.

We are disciples of Jesus and need to follow in his footsteps. By entering Jesus' prayer when we pray in Jesus' name, we discover that the God of the cosmos is a God of love and that love, although often hidden, is the fundamental force that sparks all of creation. It is our faith in this Christ and God's love for us that helps us grasp this revelation.

- What is your concept of God?
- Is considering God as parent helpful or difficult for you?
- Since God is love, do you experience that unconditional love in your relationship with God?

O God, help me experience even more your unconditional love for me.



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

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Brother Philip Smith

Brother Ben Rossi



## Reflection sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C





Emmanuel Care. ... With you on your journey toward health, healing and a better quality of life.





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Brother
James
Kane,
CSC



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