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October 28, 2015

“2015 Year of Consecrated Life” Celebration



Phil Smith, Robert Lavelle, Charles Smith, David Martin, Dennis Bednarz,

The evening prayer service, designed by Brother Daniel Kane, was based on the “2015 Year of Consecrated Life” document, also called “Wake Up the World,” and was celebrated by the northeast Ohio CSCs in Our Lady Chapel at Gilmour. A social and light dinner followed in the Lennon Board Room, prepared by the food service at Gilmour.



Edward Libbers, James Everett, James Spooner, Joseph LeBon, Fr. John Blazek, Robert Livernois

(Fr. Maurice from St. Edward High School was “late” that day, arriving after the service. Ken Kane took the photos, and Daniel Kane was at the piano keyboard.)

Great Celebration of Our Lady Chapel's 20th Anniversary (From Gilmour Academy E-Letter of October 16, 2015)

Friends of Our Lady Chapel gathered on Sunday, September 13, for the 20th anniversary of its dedication. Bishop Roger Gries, O.S.B., and **Fr. John Blazek '58**, C.S.C., celebrated the Mass together, honoring the history of the Chapel. The group then moved to the Athletic Center, where the festivities continued at a brunch.



Burke Scholar Mass and Dinner

Notre Dame College Prep

Last Saturday, October 17, Notre Dame College Prep held its annual Burke Scholar Mass and Dinner. This is a fundraising event organized by the Burke parents with assistance provided by Notre Dame staff. At this Mass, the Burke Scholars do the readings and prayers and act as altar servers. This is a very special event, recognizing very special members of our community. The Anne and Ed Burke Scholars Program was founded in 2009 to provide an inclusive educational environment for students with mild or moderate cognitive delays or other special needs who are seeking a Catholic education.

Students who apply for the Burke Scholar Program are required to have an existing IEP or psycho-educational evaluation from a public school district or private psychologist. Notre Dame College Prep works with the family of each student to determine the accommodations and modifications that can be made to help the student be successful. Peer mentors are trained and available to support Burke Scholars throughout their school days. The goal of the Burke Scholar Program is to provide as typical a Notre Dame experience as possible for students in the program. Most Burke Scholars will receive a certificate of achievement upon completion of the program.

The Anne and Ed Burke Scholar Program is named for Illinois State Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke and her husband, Chicago Alderman Ed Burke. The Burkes' oldest son, Edward, graduated from Notre Dame College Prep in 1989. Anne Burke was the founder and driving force behind the Special Olympics which celebrated its 45th anniversary in 2013. The Burke Scholar program is the first of its kind in the Archdiocese of Chicago and among fewer than ten such programs at Catholic schools in the United States.



In the photos can be seen our current nine Burke Scholars on “Cubs Day” — the day that our beloved Cubs won the wild card game, gaining entrance into the baseball play-offs. The remaining three photos were taken Saturday night at the Mass and dinner.

One of our most popular clubs at Notre Dame College Prep is the Burke Buddy Club. Our Burke

Scholars are paired with other members in the community simply to act as friends. Some provide help with studies, while others arrange social outings such as going to movies.

The Burke Scholar program is very special to everyone at Notre Dame College Prep.

Ralph Elwart
President



Cathedral Names New President

Robert Bridges to assume role July 1, 2016

INDIANAPOLIS—October 21, 2015—Matt Cohoat, Chair of the Cathedral Board of Directors, announces today that Robert Bridges will become the school’s sixth president, effective July 1, 2016.



Robert Bridges,
Cathedral High School’s
newly named President

“We are most fortunate that Rob has enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to become Cathedral’s next president and is eager to take Cathedral forward at this exciting time,” Cohoat says. “Rob is an exceptional leader who brings passion for Catholic education, scholarship, and an understanding of Holy Cross values to this leadership role.”

Bridges brings to the school deep experience in Catholic education, both as a teacher and as a leader. He began his career as a Peace Corps volunteer. Upon his return to the United States, he worked with prison schools as well as inner-city schools through a Peace Corps Fellowship at Columbia University. Bridges has taught and coached at Central High

School in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in addition to holding the principal’s position at both Holy Angels Elementary School and St. Francis High School in the Grand

Traverse Area Catholic Schools. His current position is the Head of Muskegon Catholic Central, a PreK-12 Catholic school system in Michigan. He brings international experience, as well, having worked in Brazil at the American School in Rio de Janeiro.

“I am humbled and honored to be selected as the next President of Cathedral,” Bridges says. “My family and I are excited to join a new Catholic community with strong traditions of high achievement and service to others. I am committed to ensuring Cathedral’s continued viability and vibrancy for another generation of students in the Holy Cross tradition.”

Bridges earned his BA from St. Joseph’s College, his Master of Education from Teacher’s College, Columbia University, and is currently completing his doctorate in Catholic Educational Leadership. Rob and his wife Marcia have four children.

School link: gocathedral.com

National Vocation Awareness Week

Dear brothers,

The Catholic community in the United States will observe "National Vocation Awareness Week" from November 1 - 7. Please find below a letter explaining the event and a prayer card that can be used in personal and communal prayer during that time.

Thanks.
Jonathan

Bro. Jonathan Beebe, CSC
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Dear brothers in Holy Cross,

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate **National Vocation Awareness Week** from November 1-7. This observance is a special time for us to foster a culture of vocations for consecrated life in the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Pope Francis, in his November 2013 apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, underlined the continued need to build a culture of vocations. "The fraternal life and fervor of the community can awaken in the young a desire to consecrate themselves completely to God and to preaching of the Gospel. This is particularly true if such a living community prays insistently for vocations and courageously proposes to its young people the path of special consecration," Pope Francis wrote.

"A culture of vocations is one that provides the necessary support for others to hear and respond to God's call in their lives," said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Raleigh, North Carolina, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. "With God's grace, we help build that culture through fervent prayer, the witness of our lives and the encouragement we extend to those discerning a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life."

In addition to promoting vocations, November is also a time of remembering. We recall those who go before us into eternal life with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Later in the month we thank God for the many blessings that fill our lives. One of the greatest gifts that we have received is our vocation to the consecrated life in Holy Cross. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, writes,

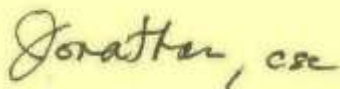
When our ear is pressed to God's heart – to the breast of all that is good, true, and beautiful – we hear a certain heartbeat and we remember, remember in some inchoate place, at a level beyond thought, that we have been gently kissed by God.

Pope Francis, during this Year of Consecrated Life, asks us to remember the joy of the moment when Jesus first looked at us. This joy comes from knowing that we are truly loved and therefore saved. He likens the lack of vocations to a crisis of memory – we forget to keep our ear pressed to God's heart and lose touch with our own story.

There are many challenges today to hearing God's call. Our task is to assist young men to discern the path that will lead them to true happiness. We accomplish this by creating a culture of vocations through personal and communal prayer, opening our homes to warmly welcome visitors, and supporting our provinces' vocation and formation programs. Above all, we attract others to religious life by the example of our own lives. "If we delight in our vocation, we will share it with others" (C6,60).

During National Vocation Awareness Week, let us continue to rekindle the fire of God's love in our hearts – and hear Jesus speak to us anew, "Come. Follow me."

In Holy Cross,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan, CSC". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Bro. Jonathan P. Beebe, CSC
Vocation Director

Attachment: National Vocation Awareness Week Prayer Card



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.



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Internet Safety

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Jesse Weinberger shares expertise on internet safety with the Gilmour community as part of “Educating the Heart: A Moral Compass” speaker series

In the week of October 5 students in grades 5-12 heard eye-opening presentations from renowned internet safety expert Jesse Weinberger. She met with each grade level in 45-minute sessions on Monday and Tuesday, presenting them with important information about the dangers of some of the social media and gaming sites that tweens/teens around the country are using. She also gathered data about their own online habits, which she then shared as part of a presentation to parents, alumni, and guests at the end of the week.



She shared her experiences working with law enforcement on sexual predation cases and told of the legal trouble that many teens find themselves in as a result of photos/information they have shared online.

While troubling, the information she shared was important for students and parents. Both groups left with greater awareness of the dangers that exist and tips on ways to navigate social media and the internet more safely.

All of Jesse’s presentations were part of “Educating the Heart: A Moral Compass,” a speaker series sponsored by the family of **Michael J. Pender ’90**, in memory of their son.

Religious Brothers Conference

An annual gathering of the Religious Brothers Conference board members was held this October 23-25 at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana. Columba Hall is home for 42 Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross located between two lakes, Saint Joseph Lake and Saint Mary's Lake, on the campus of Notre Dame University.

Conference Brothers showed much enthusiasm as they worked on their future plans. It was an enjoyable time for the Columba Hall members visiting with these Brothers from around the US.

Link to the RBC Website: <http://www.todaysbrother.com/>



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MICHIANA ORCHID SOCIETY AT HOLY CROSS COLLEGE



The Michiana Orchid Society held its annual show at Holy Cross College on October 25 and 26. Visitors were welcomed into the Vincent atrium with a riot of blooms. Prize ribbons had been awarded by the orchid committee early on Saturday morning before the public viewing so visitors new to orchids could discriminate in the

show between prize-winning flowers and those not so fortunate.

In the corridor leading away from the atrium were a number of stunning supersized photos of orchids. These had also been judged and awarded first place, second place, and honorable mention ribbons. Nestled among the photos was an “orchid” constructed out of sliced radishes! Viewers didn’t realize the cleverness of this construction until they got up close.

Also in the corridor was a table for little children who could sit and color outlines of orchids while parents browsed at the show. Two classrooms were reserved for lectures on the care of orchids. The lectures were offered on both Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon.

In the student lounge were located huge display tables of orchids for sale. This year’s orchid show was as spectacular as it has been in recent years, and the crowds were appreciative.

Br. George Klawitter



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