

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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March 29, 2017

Brother Gregory Teodecki, CSC

April 19, 1940 - March 27, 2017

I first met Gregory in Watertown, Wisconsin, when he entered as I also came to join the Brothers of Holy Cross. The living quarters were on the second floor of the old guest house. Both of us were assigned to the same room, which was about the size of a walk-in closet. It was furnished with a double-decker bed. Greg without any hesitation said he would take the top bunk. As I looked at him I wondered how someone so young could be choosing the religious life of a Brother. As others came, I saw that I was the minority. As a part of the program each of us was given a work assignment. Greg was assigned to work with Brother Paul Rosonke on maintenance. This proved to be a good choice for he had learned much from his father. Twice during our stay Greg was called out to assist in the replacement of an inside part of the furnace. This task had to be done during the night so there would be heat in the morning. He was up all night but proved himself up to the job.



Let me jump ahead to his appointment to Gilmour Academy. There he became the "keeper of the keys," that is, he could get you in anywhere. Bro. Richard Johnson shared with me that when he was transferring to another school, Br. Gregory gave him a key and invited him back anytime. Br. Gregory was a kind of loner, but not in a negative sense. Ask him to help you or fix something and the answer was always "yes, when do we start?" While looking through a paper someone had written about Gilmour,

I spotted Bro. Gregory's name. The statement said, "I want to thank Br. Gregory for the way he has kept our campus." Another Gilmour headmaster praised him for the MANY things he did around the property.

Perhaps one of the most rewarding and "joyful" assignments was his assignment to St. Joseph Farm. It was said of him by the superior of the farm Br. Donald Donlevy at the time of the sale of the farm, "We got the best price for our equipment because of the care and repair it had received from Br. Gregory."



There is one revelation which perhaps needs to be revealed: that large fish which Br. Gregory is shown with was the largest for that trip - but it was not for eating. It was thrown back and the meat (steak) they had carried with them was eaten.

When Br. Gregory retired to Columba Hall, considerable construction was taking place there under the direction of the house superior, Br. Tom Moser. Two young men, Mike and Zak were adding porches at every door. Br. Gregory was keeping a close eye on what was going on. He seemed not to interfere but did from time to time offer suggestions.

Finding his suggestions worthy, the young men learned to listen and learn. Br. Gregory also found someone to give his tools to, someone whom he felt would take care of them,

Brother Gregory died on the feast day of St. Joseph, the carpenter. What a day for him to go!

Brother James Newberry

Brothers Symposium

On Saturday, March 25, over 220 participants from more than 30 religious communities gathered at the University of Notre Dame to reflect on the Vatican document, "The Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church." The Holy Cross family was well represented, including **Rev. Robert Epping, CSC, Superior General**, and the entire **General Administration**. Brothers **Paul Bednarczyk, John Paige, and Jonathan Beebe** were part of the **planning committee for the symposium**. Brother **John Mark Falkenhain, OSB, PhD**, keynote speaker, reinterpreted the often heard phrase, "just a brother," as a positive statement that we are both privileged and challenged to give an "uncomplicated witness" to the life of Jesus Christ.

Brother Jonathan Beebe







Laying on of Hands

With joy and thanksgiving,
the Congregation of Holy Cross
invites you to celebrate the ordination
of their brothers

REV. MR. MICHAEL PATRICK PALMER, C.S.C
REV. MR. RYAN JOSEPH PIETROCARLO, C.S.C

for service to the people of God
through the ancient Christian sign of the laying on of hands
and the prayer of the Church.

The Order of Presbyter will be conferred by
The Most Reverend Arthur J. Colgan, C.S.C.,

Auxiliary Bishop of Chosica (Peru)

on Saturday, April 22, 2017

at 2:00 p.m. (EDT)

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart

University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Indiana

A reception will follow in the Rotunda, Main Building, Notre Dame

You are cordially invited to attend dinner
at Moreau Seminary on
Saturday, April 22, 2017
at 6:00 p.m. (EDT)

- Will attend
- Will not attend

Number of people attending _____

Food Allergies _____

Name _____

Please respond by April 7, 2017

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Lenten Lecture Series - 2017
7:00 PM Geenen Hall

March 29, 2017

“Solidarity Can Transform Your Spirit”

Arlene F. Montevecchio, Director - Center for Spirituality at St Mary’s College, is a graduate of St. Norbert College and Harvard Divinity School. She previously worked as Director of the Center for Social Concerns at Gannon University and is currently a doctoral student in theology and ethics at Duquesne University. She has published articles and reviews in *Political Theology*, the *Annual Volume of the College Theology Society*, *U.S. Catholic*, *The National Catholic Reporter*, *The Merton Seasonal*, and the blog *Daily Theology*. Arlene and her husband Caesar have two sons, Andrew and Damian.



April 5, 2017

“The Gift of Self: A Lenten Practice”

Jaclyn Champagne Terranova studied psychology and deaf studies at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. After her undergraduate studies, Jaclyn completed a year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corp in San Diego CA and later served as a professional advocate for women and children in situations of domestic violence through the Children's Hospital of Boston. She earned a Masters of Pastoral Ministry at Boston College. After graduate school, Jaclyn completed her professional training in hospital chaplaincy through the Clinical Pastoral Education program (CPE) at Hartford Hospital Hartford CT. She shifted her focus to hospice chaplaincy and served as the Spiritual Care Coordinator for Acera Care Hospice until she moved to South Bend IN. After arriving in South Bend, she accepted a position as a research assistant and program coordinator in the Hildebrand Center for Compassionate Care at Notre Dame. She is now the Director of Pastoral Care at Sanctuary Holy Cross Long Term Care and Rehabilitation Center in South Bend.



Chrism Masses



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March 6, 2017

Dear Brothers,

Greetings to you during this holy season of Lent. Bishop Rhoades invites you to attend one of the two Chrism Masses in our diocese. This year, they will be celebrated on Monday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m., at Saint Matthew Cathedral in South Bend; and on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

As you know, the Chrism Mass is a beautiful liturgy during which our priests renew their priestly promises and during which the sacred chrism is consecrated and the oil of the sick and oil of catechumens are blessed. It is an important moment in the spiritual and liturgical life of our diocese. Your presence, especially in prayerful support of our priests, or if you are unable to attend, your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Your faithful witness of the consecrated life in our diocese is greatly appreciated. And may our Lord bless you as we prepare for Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian MacMichael".

Brian MacMichael

Director, Office of Worship



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The quote on the right is from eNEWS, posted for Memorial High School, Evansville, IN.

MEMORIALISMS



"Do you see, or don't ya"

-Brother Eugene Philipp, C.S.C. 1938-2009

BEST OF THE WEEK – St. Edward High School MARCH 20 - MARCH 24, 2017



LESSON OF THE WEEK

BR. DENNIS BEDNARZ, C.S.C. RENEWS HIS VOWS TO THE CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS

This past Monday, the St. Edward Community celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph. This feast day is an important time for celebration and reflection in our community as St. Joseph is the patron of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Cause for celebration was doubled as the community had the privilege to be with Br. Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C., as he renewed his vows to the Brothers of Holy Cross. This renewal marked 40 years of service as a member of the Congregation. Br. Dennis serves the St. Edward community with humility. He does not seek attention or recognition for his tireless presence in the classroom teaching history, on the field coaching baseball, and within the community as a friend, mentor, and model of servant leadership.

"Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God," Pope John Paul II once said. In the Holy Cross Constitutions, members of the Congregation of Holy Cross are asked to answer "a summons to give over their lives in a more explicit way." They are "called to serve all people." Through his commitment to the Brothers of Holy Cross and the relationships he has cultivated, Brother Dennis is dedicated to living his life modeling the example of St. Joseph and has thus modeled faith, Christ-like servant leadership, and humble excellence to thousands of young men.

The St. Edward community was thankful to be a witness to this event and for the service that Br. Dennis has provided over the past 40 years. In honor of his 40th jubilee, the St. Edward High School Baseball Program announced the creation of the Br. Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C., Award, to be given each year to the member of the St. Edward High School Baseball Program who best lives out all four pillars of St. Edward's Holy Cross Mission, and gifted Br. Dennis with a custom #40 jersey.

Allowing our community to witness the re-commitment to his vocation makes Br. Dennis' renewal of vows this week's Lesson of the Week.

Our Favorite Apple Tree

Br. J. Kroetsch, CSC

*As a senior citizen, I've now learned
there's much more to life
than how much money can be earned.
For instance, as we age we find
the greatest treasure is gained in being kind.*

*Truly good things are invaluable,
such as a lifelong friendship.
I came upon one long ago you see,
while resting beneath my favorite apple tree.*

*Just how close these friendships really are,
sometimes we don't realize
until in our friend we sense a twilight star.
Then my friend might see a sway in my gait too
and let me know I'm no longer up to par.*

*But for true friends, a swaying gait or fading star,
in truth it matters not--
what only counts is who we really are.
And as so close we've come to be,
let's always remember how we met,
beneath our favorite apple tree.*

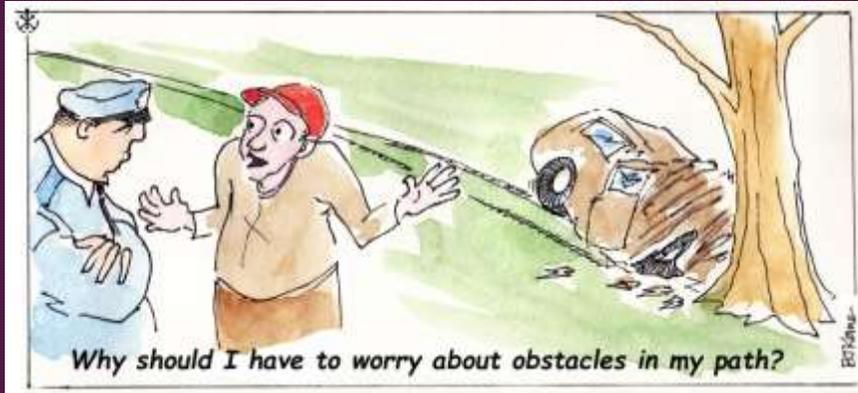
Reflection



**“Strength doesn’t come from what you can do.
It comes from overcoming the things
you once thought you couldn’t.”**

Rikki Rogers

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James
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CSC**

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