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**Newsletter of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross**

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With Grateful Hearts...

**C**hange and gratitude are both essential and necessary in life. So it is in the spirit of gratitude that we announce in this newsletter, a major change in our fund-raising program. After eight years of service, Jerry Kearns will be retiring on June 20 as the Director of Development for the Midwest Province. Through his leadership, development of the Brothers' fund-raising efforts has taken several new initiatives. Taking into consideration the past efforts of the office and future needs, a strategic plan was created, a capital campaign plan announced and carried out and a comprehensive planned giving program was formulated and promoted.



Mr. Jerry Kearns (left) will retire after eight years at Midwest Province Director of Development on June 20. Brother Roy Smith, C.S.C., (right) Associate Director of Development for the province will be the new Development Director.

The Brothers' community is deeply grateful for Jerry's commitment, loyalty and his untiring efforts to make known our financial needs and ask for assistance. His belief in the Brothers' vocation and ministry has been a source of encouragement for us. Through his efforts, and the many generous friends of the Brothers, we have been able to continue to provide excellent health care to our aging and ill brothers. For this we are most grateful.

Br. Roy Smith, Associate Development Director, will become the new Director of the Development Office. Many of you have come to know the affable Br. Roy Smith in the last three years as he has visited you and other potential donors. As you did with Jerry, I am confident you will continue to find ways of supporting him in his efforts to invite you to extend your treasure and hearts on behalf of the Brothers.

**Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C.**  
**Provincial Superior**

During this time of change, I wish to thank you for your concern and generous response to our needs. We daily remember our generous donors in our prayers through our prayer programs, and on special days when you are lifted up in prayer by name.

**Brothers**

# 22 Midwest Province Brothers Celebrate Jubilees June 21

Our twenty-two jubilarians this year represent a magnificent cross section of personalities and talents of the Brothers of Holy Cross . Those of you who have had any contact with them know something of their unique personalities, generosity and the contribution they have made to your life and many others. As each of their lives has unfolded, we members of Holy Cross, have come to a deep appreciation of them and their gifts. Their lives have become an inspiration to us and been a source of strength to live out our shared commitment as religious brothers. Let us rejoice in them and with them!

Members of the province will be celebrating their jubilees of religious profession at Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame, Indiana, on Saturday, June 21 at 2:00 p.m. A dinner will follow the Mass in the North Dining Hall for invited guests.

Father Steve C.Gibson, C.S.C., Director of Holy Cross Media Ministries and long-time retreat master at Fatima Retreat House, Notre Dame, will be the celebrant and homilist for the Mass of Thanksgiving. Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C., Provincial of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, will accept the brothers' renewal of vows.

[Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C., Provincial Superior](#)

## 70 Year Jubilarian



**Brother Roland Driscoll, C.S.C.**

Brother Roland Driscoll is the only one of the Midwest Province celebrating his 70th year of religious profession. Brother Roland, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, is typical southern gentleman. Prior to coming to Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, this year, Brother Roland cared for aging members of his family in Knoxville since 1980.

Over the years brother taught at Msgr. Coyle High School in Taunton, Massachusetts.; Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Indiana.; Bishop David High School, Louisville, Kentucky ; Catholic Central High School, South Bend and Holy Cross High School, Biloxi, Mississippi. He was principal at both Cathedral in Indianapolis and Holy Cross. Brother Roland was also the athletic director at Cathedral for 19 years and spent a number of summers directing Notre Dame Camp at Bankson Lake in Lawton, Michigan.

Brother Roland is a rabid Tennessee women's basketball fan. After the Lady Vols won the Women's National Basketball Championship this year he went around Columba Hall cheering with pom poms...not bad for someone 90 years old.

## 60 Year Jubilarians



**Brother Albert Kern, C.S.C.**

Brother Albert Vincent Kern has spent many of his 60 years of religious life ministering in and about Notre Dame, Indiana. He is known for his great smile and courtesy service as clerk in the Provincial Business office; performing the duties of keeping track of automobile registrations and insurance.

Brother Albert, a native of Detroit, has worked in the business office at Sacred Heart Military Academy, Gilmour Academy, Holy Trinity High School and Holy Cross School in New Orleans. He also has served as a Student Aid Officer at Holy Cross College. Brother most recently resided as one of the brother caretakers at St. Joseph Farm in Granger, Indiana.

Now retired at Columba Hall, Brother Albert is in frail health but continues to greet everyone and make them feel welcome with his infectious smile.



**Brother William Gates, C.S.C.**

Not everyone can say he has been at the same location for close to 50 years. Brother William Gates, except for his first 10 years at Father Gibault Home for Boys in Terre Haute, Indiana, and for two years of medical leave from Ghana (2001-2003), has been a missionary in Ghana for over 48 years. Brother William, a native of Avon, Ohio, was just a couple of months shy of being one of the three founding Brothers of Holy Cross to found the mission in Ghana back in 1957. This past year the mission celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Brother William has become an institution in Ghana. Over the years he has had the opportunity to hold many positions in the school as teacher and counselor, master of novices, rector of a diocesan seminary, and director of the juniorate and scholasticate for those Ghanaians being incorporated into the Holy Cross community.

Over the years Brother William has had the stability to give a stellar example to both the students in our schools as well as lay staff and anyone coming in contact with him.





**Brother John Stout, C.S.C**

Except for a year at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago and summer school sessions at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, Brother John Stout has taught English at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Indiana for 55 years. He now considers himself retired from regular classroom duties.

Brother John and Brother Eugene Phillip have become institutions in Evansville. Although the Brothers have long left as the administrators of the diocesan school, Brothers John and Eugene continue to give the example which drew so many vocations to the community over the years.

A native of Cairo, Illinois, John graduated from St. Joseph's High School in 1940 and went to work for the Mississippi Valley Barge Line in St. Louis, Missouri. In May of 1942 he joined the U.S. Army and became a Staff Sergeant and served with the 8th Air Force in England until December, 1945. While at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, he was inspired by the brothers and joined the community in 1947.

## 50 Year Jubilarians



**Brother Ronald Drahozal, C.S.C.**

Br. Ronald Drahozal, a native of Dubuque, Iowa, joined the Brothers of Holy Cross in 1956 after a year at Loras College. He joined the community to give his life to God and save his soul...although at the time he didn't know what direction that would take. Now after serving in the missions of Bangladesh for 46 years and

working with drug addicts, he has a good idea what God's plan for him is. He regrets the current lack of Holy Cross' pushing for an "option for the poor."

Brother Ronald considers his major area of ministry to be to drug addicts... female, male and children of all social, economic and religious backgrounds. Over the years he has had many different roles in the life of the community in Bangladesh.

Brother Andre has been Brother Ronald's model...reaching out to the poor and marginalized who are in need of help.



**Brother Charles McBride, C.S.C.**

Brother Charles P. McBride, a native of Chicago, Illinois, joined the community after a year at Holy Trinity High School in 1954. He, along with Br. Charles Drevon, were the last high school graduates of the Brothers' Juniorate program in Watertown, Wisconsin. Over the years Brother served at Boysville of Michigan, Archbishop Hoban High School, Holy Cross, River Grove, Illinois, the University of Notre Dame and for 25 years as a Communications Director of the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Alaska. The past four years he has been serving as Communications Director for the Midwest Province.

Besides his teaching U.S. History and journalism, the major work of Brother Charles over the years has been in the areas of communications, public relations, photography, and student recruitment. As master's thesis at Ball State University he produced an enrollment study for Holy Cross High School, River Grove. He is most proud of directing an ecumenical religious cable television channel in Anchorage, Alaska, for over 22 years.

Besides fishing, gardening and collecting art, brother's favorite hobby is photography. For the past 40 years he has been a photographer for the Sports Information Office of the University of Notre Dame. His pictures of athletic events have been on CBS and the Fox TV networks as well as in Sports Illustrated.



**Brother Charles Drevon, C.S.C.**

Brother Charles Drevon is Director of Technology at Holy Cross College at Notre Dame. Along with his many duties at Holy Cross College, Brother Charles keeps the e-mail system of the Midwest Province Listserv program on track. Brother Charles, a native of Flint, Michigan, is another of the final graduates from the Juniorate high school program the brothers in Watertown, Wisconsin.

Over the year Brother Charles has used his talents teaching at Holy Trinity High School, Cathedral High School, Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois, and Holy Cross College at Notre Dame. He served as Principal of Holy Cross High School. Brother Charles considers his major areas to be physics, mathematics and computers.

When he's not teaching or working with computers, Brother Charles can be found hitting a golf ball at the Notre Dame Burke or Warren courses, fishing on Lake Erie for Walleye or on his annual week-long fishing trip to Canada with teachers and friends of Holy Cross, River Grove.



**Brother Richard Johnson, C.S.C**

There are three things that keep Brother Richard Johnson interested in life: the missions in Ghana, computers and working with the deaf. The native of Youngstown, Ohio, joined the community after graduating from Ursuline High School, Youngstown in 1956. Between 1970 and the year 2000 he served in Ghana for 12 years on three different

occasions. This past November-March he went back to Ghana for its 50th anniversary celebration and to work on their web page.

Brother is currently the Midwest Province webmaster and as Communications Director for the Holy Cross Associates program. He lives with the Columba Hall community. Brother Richard began working with computers at Gilmour Academy in 1967 and has used his skills throughout the years, including assignments in the provincial accounting offices and at the business office of Boysville of Michigan.

Working with the deaf began in 1974 when Brother Richard had three deaf students in his math class at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago. In the late 1990's he had deaf students in his classes in Cape Coast and Secondi, Ghana, West Africa. He spent a summer studying sign language at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Over the years Brother served at more than a dozen different institutions throughout the world. Besides his years in Ghana, Brother Richard spent two years at St. Joseph High School, Saint Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.



**Brother James Leik, C.S.C.**

Brother James Leik is an example of stability. He has worked the past 40 years as teacher and one year as an interim president of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame. On a questionnaire given to the jubilarians Brother James states that his greatest contribution to the community has been his stability and a hard work ethic. Although partially retired, Brother James continues to teach a class in Business Law and create an archives for Holy Cross College.

A native of Portland, Michigan., Brother James entered the community after a year at Michigan State University. Prior to Michigan State he was in the U.S. Air Force from 1951- 1954. As Brother James

stated, "3 years, 11 months, and 8 days." Prior to coming to Holy Cross Junior College in 1968 he taught at St. Joseph High School, Archbishop Hoban High School, Holy Cross High School and Cathedral High School.

Brother James is very dedicated to his students and spends most of his free time preparing classes or grading papers. He has hobbies of photography and historical research. He has graduate degrees from both Notre Dame and the University of Illinois.



**Brother Walter Gluhm, C.S.C**

Being rescued from Hurricane Katrina and taken to the New Orleans Superdome may not be what Brothers Walter Gluhm wants to be remembered for after 50 years of religious life, but that's what gave him his "15 minutes of fame." Presently superior at Columba Hall, he has much to be thankful for after all he went through during Hurricane Katrina.

A native of Hamilton, Ohio, Brother Walter spent two years in the U.S. Army before he saw an ad in the Sunday Visitor calling him to the community to help underprivileged boys. In that role brother spent a number of years at St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Father Gibault Home for Boys in Terre Haute, Indiana. Other assignments included the Post Office at Notre Dame, St. Joseph Elementary School in South Bend, St. Mary's Parish in Kingman, Arizona, St. Barnabas Parish in Louisville, Kentucky, missions in Georgia, and finally at Sacred Heart Parish in New Orleans. In parishes and missions Brother Walter acted in the role of a director of religious education or pastoral associate.

He credits Blessed Basil Moreau for making him "Open to the many ministries in the Church." His hobbies include bicycling, making rocking chairs from clothes pins, stamp collecting, and attending movies and sports events.



**Brother John Schuszler, C.S.C.**

Brother John Schuszler joined the community after graduating from St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio. Brother John felt that "God was calling me" to religious life. Over the years he feels that his greatest contribution to the community has been "working in institutions which fostered Catholic values."

Brother John received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Industrial Arts from Indiana State University. Over the years he has used his talents at Archbishop Hoban High School, Father Gibault School for Boys, Holy Cross missions in Ghana, West Africa, and Bangladesh. He most recently completed 20 years as Building Engineer at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago.

Brother is retired at Columba Hall but uses his free time to volunteer cutting hair, assisting at Schubert Villa and Dujarie House and assisting at area volunteer organizations.



**Brother John May, C.S.C.**

Brother John May joined the community upon graduation from Monroe Catholic Central High School in Monroe, Michigan. He is a native of Maybee, Michigan. Brother John "had brothers as teachers at Monroe Catholic Central and was interested in joining them and being a teacher." Brother John has his undergraduate degree in English from Notre Dame and his graduate degree from Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. His areas of interest are English, journalism, chorus and school administration.



In his ministerial assignments Brother John has had many opportunities to contribute. He was on the founding faculty of Holy Cross River Grove, Illinois; was on Bishop David High School's first faculty when the Midwest Province became the administrators; was at Archbishop Hoban High School during the transition to co-education; was at Gilmour Academy during its many educational changes; was in on the beginnings of the Midwest Province Development Office; was editor of the Brothers newsletter; and was involved in the planning and construction of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

Brother John is currently the Director of Planning and Director of Mission Effectiveness for the province. He is also a member of the Holy Cross Village Board of Directors.



### **Brother James Bluma, C.S.C.**

Brother James Bluma, a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, after high school spent two years in the U.S. Marine Corps, four years at St. Norbert College, Green Bay, Wisconsin, getting a degree in economics and accounting, and another five years as cost accountant for Kraft Foods. In 1957 he took the advice to "come and try it out and see" what the Brothers of Holy Cross were all about. Over the past 50 years Brother James has been able to use his "God given talents" as a teacher, principal, college administrator and accountant.

Over the years Brother James has taught at St. Joseph High School, Holy Trinity High School and Archbishop Hoban High School. Brother also served as principal of Reitz Memorial High School and as an administrator at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. After he retired to Columba Hall, Brother James worked part-time in the Midwest Province Business Office.

Presently Brother James keeps busy following Notre Dame sports, reading and keeping up with his spiritual life as a brother.



### **Brother Donald Fleischhacker, C.S.C.**

A native of Chicago, Donald entered the community in 1957 after graduating from Lane Tech High School in 1956. He worked for a year in the medical records department of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Chicago before entering the community. Brother received his B.A. in English from St. Edward University and two M.A degrees from Notre Dame in Communications Arts and Theology. He served for 12 years as a member of the Chicago Archdiocesan Pastoral Council while he served for 26 years on the faculty at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois.

Brother Donald has served at 11 institutions over the past 50 years including: Father Gibault School for Boys, St. Edward High School, Ave Maria Press, Bethlehem Catholic High School, LeMans Academy, Cardinal Mooney High School, Holy Cross High School in Rochester, New York; Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois, Holy Trinity High School, Franciscan Outreach Association, Chicago, Illinois, and Dujarie House/Schubert Villa at Notre Dame.

Now retired at Columba Hall, Brother Donald spends time as a volunteer at Dujarie House along with hobbies of reading, music, swimming and walking.



### **Brother Thomas Scheurer, C.S.C**

For the past 14 years Brother Thomas Scheurer has been at Awardsville, a trophy shop at Holy Cross Children's Services in Macon, Michigan, founded in 1974 by

Brother Charles Hill. Brother Thomas went to Macon in 1994 to assist Brother Charles and substitute teach drafting and woodshop courses. Brother Thomas took over Awardsville in 1996 and has been running it ever since. Brother Thomas makes trophies for Knights of Columbus Councils throughout Michigan and some Holy Cross schools, along with many commercial trophies for the UAW as well as auto companies in the area.

A native of Mankato, Minnesota, Brother Thomas attended St. Edward University for two years before going to Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana to get his degree in Industrial Arts. Over the years he has taught at Holy Cross in River Grove, Boyssville of Michigan, twice, Fr. Gibault School for Boys, Archbishop Hoban High School, Columba Hall, St. Edward High School, twice and Grand Bay School, Dominica in the West Indies.

In most of his assignments he taught drafting, wood shop or metal shop. Brother has done maintenance work over the years.



### **Brother Donald Schapker, C.S.C**

A graduate of Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Indiana, Donald joined the community in August of 1957. His reason for coming to Holy Cross was that at Memorial, "The brothers had a big influence by their example and I wanted to be just like them."

Brother Donald has lived at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, for 48 years. Following the novitiate year he spent a year-and-a-half at the Vincent Hall in Austin, Texas, and six months at the Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin. His first assignment at Notre Dame was for three years at the Ave Maria Press followed by 31 years as a clerk at the U.S. Post Office. After retiring from U.S. Post Office at Notre Dame, Brother Donald worked for 12 years in the Audio Visual Department at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) headquarters, formerly located in South Bend, Indiana.

In his days of retirement Brother Donald spends as much time as possible on the Burke and Warren golf courses at Notre Dame.



**Brother Jerome Meyer, C.S.C.**

Brother Jerome Meyer is another graduate from a Holy Cross high school to join the community after graduation. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he graduated from St. Edward High School in June, 1957. Jerome "Saw the brothers as a fine group of men. I did a number of service projects at St. Edward and became friends with a number of brothers. I wanted to follow in their footsteps."

Brother Jerome got his B.A. degree in Mathematics from St. Edward's University in 1962 and his MA in education from St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota in 1973. Brother Jerome spent 36 years of teaching mathematics in just three schools: Archbishop Hoban High School for 10 years, Sacred Heart Military Academy for a year, and St. Edward High School for 25 years. The past 11 years he has been rector of Knott Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

In recent years Brother Jerome was a member of the provincial council of the Midwest Province. During his free time he loves to cook and has an aquarium to care for.



**Brother Thomas Cunningham, C.S.C.**

Brother Thomas Cunningham, a native of Albert Lee, Minnesota, joined the community after he graduated from high

school because, "I was looking for a teaching order." For nearly the first half of his religious life Brother Thomas did just that, he taught English at three of our schools: St. Edward High School, Monroe Catholic Central High School and Holy Trinity High School.

Brother Thomas' next six ministries would be more of the non-traditional assignments for brothers. During the time he served those suffering from AIDS, ministered to prisoners, and a chaplain at hospitals. These ministries took him to Washington, D.C.; Hoboken, New Jersey; Salt Lake City, Utah; Los Angeles, Oxnard and Santa Maria, California. His most exciting ministry would have to have been being a chaplain in the L.A. County Men's Central Jail in Los Angeles, California.

With the completion of construction at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, Brother Thomas accepted the challenge of being the director of the brothers living in the Helen Schubert Villa assisted living facility as well as those at the Dujarie House infirmary and Philip Quinn Memory Care unit

## 40 Year Jubilarians



**Brother Thomas Minta, C.S.C.**

Brother Thomas Minta is the only remaining brother vocation from Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois. Brother Thomas joined the brothers after graduating from Holy Cross in 1966. Brother Thomas saw "Many of the Brothers at Holy Cross were great examples for me and I wanted to follow their example."

He received his B.A. degree in 1973 from DePaul University in Education and American Literature. In 1984 he got his master's degree from Loyola, Chicago, Illinois, in Administration and Supervision. He later received Illinois Certification as an American Sign Language Interpreter from Harper College, Palatine, Illinois.

Brother taught at Holy Trinity High School, Holy Cross High School and Notre Dame High School, Niles, Illinois.

He has since worked in administration for Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago, the State of Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services and presently with the Church of the Holy Spirit, Schaumburg, Illinois. He is also a member of the Midwest Province Provincial Council



**Brother Thomas Henning, C.S.C.**

Brother Thomas Henning, a native of Detroit, Michigan, graduated from St. Andrew High School in 1952 but didn't enter the community until 1966. After graduation Thomas went to work for the National Bank of Detroit and later on the Crocker Citizens Bank of San Francisco, California. Brother Thomas said, "I felt an emptiness in my life while I was working. I wanted to find a religious order and I found Holy Cross. I wanted to surrender to Him in prayer and do His will in love."

Brother earned his B.A. from St. Edward's in Business Administration in 1970 and his M.A. in Theological Studies in 1995 from St. Meinrad School of Theology. His assignments have included Business Manager for LeMans Academy, Assistant Business Manager, Brothers of Holy Cross, and Manager at St. Pius Church in Southgate, Michigan. The past four years he has been working in the Attendance Office at Archbishop Hoban High School.

As a hobby Brother Thomas collects miniature lighthouses.





**Brother Charles Gregg, C.S.C.**

Brother Charles Gregg is a native of Barberton, Ohio, but attended St. Mary's High School in Akron. He graduated in 1958 and earned his B.A. in History and Government from Akron University. He then taught in the Akron public schools for 4 years before entering the community in 1966. Brother added an M.A. in English from Notre Dame in 1973 and an M.A. in Library Science in 1988 from Indiana University.

His assignments have included St. Joseph High School, Archbishop Hoban High School, Holy Trinity High School, Reitz Memorial High School, Bishop David High School, and Holy Cross College. At Holy Cross he was the College Librarian.

He was also the secretary for the provincial of the Midwest Province.

Although retired, Brother Charles keeps busy teaching in the Forever Learning Center in South Bend. As hobbies he loves cooking and reading and taking care of his pet cat.

### 25 Year Jubilarian



**Brother Paul Mensah, C.S.C.**

Brother Paul Mensah is the seventh District Superior of the Brothers of Holy Cross in Ghana and the fourth Ghanaian to hold the position. Brother is a native of Asankrangwa, Western Region, Ghana, West Africa. Brother Paul admits when he entered Holy Cross in 1981 "I didn't really understand what I was getting myself

into; the reason was to serve God and humanity through Holy Cross. The same reason applies with much deeper meaning for me now."

Brother Paul came to the United States and graduated from St. Edward's University in 1991 with a degree in Business administration. In 2005 he received his M.A. in Theology from the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois.

In Ghana he has ministered at the University of Cape Coast, Catholic Mission Press, Conference of Major Superiors (Religious Men, Ghana), Catholic Bishops Conference, and Quality Insurance Company Ltd., the insurance company of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Ghana.

## Remembering Our Deceased Brothers in Your Prayers

**Brother Rex Charles Hennel, C.S.C., 89**  
died April 15, 2008  
70 years a vowed religious.

**Brother James Greteman, C.S.C., 74**  
died May 21, 2008  
53 years a vowed religious.

**Brother Brian Lyon, C.S.C., 90**  
died June 3, 2008  
69 years a vowed religious.

*In Christ We Will  
Come to Life Again*  
1 Cor: 15:22

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