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“And that has made all the difference”

Robert Frost, an American poet, in his poem “The Road Not Taken” writes “Two roads diverged in a woods, and I-I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” During our life journey we all make decisions that have put our lives in a certain direction which strongly influences where life takes us. Clearly, this is true of the brothers whose religious profession we celebrate this year. They made a decision sixty, fifty, forty, or twenty-five years ago which was different than most of their peers. For them, and for those they have served, their decision has made all the difference. As you read their biographical sketches you will appreciate the uniqueness of their lives, their gifts and the variety of the ways they have served. I think it is safe to say, they have gone places and done things beyond what they could have imagined.



Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C., Provincial Superior, with Andre Place at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame in the background.

Their examples remind us that that life is a mystery of how God’s grace works in all of our lives. We are called to play a specific role in God’s plan for the world. Our joy in life is dependent on our personal faithfulness to that call. These men represent 850 years of faithful commitment and are living proof that a life of faith and commitment, when lived with integrity, is not only possible, but can also be fulfilling. As we celebrate these men, may their lives inspire each of us in our own faith commitment.

For those of you who personally know one or several of these men, I ask that you reflect on the difference they have made in your lives and give God thanks for their presence. Let us also take delight in celebrating the plan and purpose of our own lives and recommit ourselves to being faithful to our God-given call.

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Brothers

16 Midwest Province Members Celebrate Jubilees June 20

On June 20 the Brothers of Holy Cross will honor those 16 brothers who are celebrating a jubilee of religious vows. Our group this year includes two past provincials, our new provincial, past and present district superior of Ghana. Brothers being honored include a farmer, archivist, founder of Senior Friendship Centers and founder of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, maintenance men, artist, teachers, treasurer, academy headmaster, director of spiritual life ministries, seminary staff member, and missionary.

Joining our 16 jubilarians will be Holy Cross Brothers from around the province and world along with relatives and friends of the brothers being honored. The Mass of Thanksgiving will be held in Sacred Heart Basilica on the campus of the University of Notre Dame at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Following the Mass there will be a dinner for invited guests at the North Dining Hall.

Rev. Andre Leveille, C.S.C., Chaplain of Andre Place at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame will be the celebrant and homilist at the Mass of Thanksgiving. Brother John Paige, C.S.C, Vicar and 1st General Assistant of the Congregation of Holy Cross will accept the brothers' renewal of vows.

60 Year Jubilarians



Brother William Geenen, C.S.C.

Brother William Geenen will be remembered as a past provincial but more than that he will be remembered for founding both the Senior Friendship Centers in Florida and Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame in Indiana. A native of Appleton, Wisconsin, William Geenen was born to William and Rose Geenen on April 28, 1930. He took his first vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on February 2, 1949 at St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. He earned his undergraduate degree in education from St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas in 1953, and his master's from Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, in 1960. He then taught English at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio for a year, and then from 1952-53 he taught at St. Edward High School in Austin, Texas.

For the next 21 years, from 1953-74, he served as a teacher, twelve years as principal, and finally as director of admissions at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio. While on a visit to see his mother in Sarasota, Florida, he was touched by the problems faced by the senior citizens of the area. His vision brought about the creation of the Senior Friendship Centers in Sarasota, Venice and Naples, Florida.

This past February 11 marked the 35th year the Senior Friendship Centers became a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Florida.

After 21 years in Florida working with seniors he was called back to South Bend, Indiana, to serve as Provincial of the Midwest Province for the next six years until the year 2000. As provincial Brother William faced many of the same problems he had faced with the senior population in Florida. There was an urgent need to be able to provide an aging group of brothers medical care and retirement opportunities – thus was born Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. Once his term as provincial was finished, Brother William returned to Sarasota, Florida, where he lives and sees the Senior Friendship Centers continue to grow. Brother William's latest venture is "CALL ANDRE," a 24-hour service to persons living alone who may need occasional assistance. The service is staffed by Holy Cross Associates.



Brother Richard Huber, C.S.C.

Richard Huber joined Holy Cross for the opportunity to both work and pray. Richard was born to Mary and Edward Huber in Columbus, Ohio, August 13, 1929. Richard attended St. Mary Grade School and graduated from St. Mary

High School in 1947. Richard entered Holy Cross at Watertown, Wisconsin, September 1, 1947. Brother Richard began his novitiate year at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and took his first vows on February 2, 1949.

Brother Richard spent the majority of his religious life as a farmer. At the time there was only one United States Brothers' Province and they operated four farms throughout the United States. Brother Richard was a farmer at Silver Lake Farm, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, from 1949-1951, and again from 1960-78. He served at St. Joseph Farm, Granger Indiana, from 1951-1960, 1978-1992, and from 1993-1995. Both farms had many brothers involved in growing hay and corn as well as taking care of cattle and dairy herds.

A serious accident at St. Joseph Farm forced Brother Richard to change his work. From April of 1992 until May of 1993 he served at Dujarie House, Notre Dame, Indiana. From May until August 1993 Brother Richard worked at the Holy Cross Brothers' Center, Notre Dame, Indiana. In August of 1993 he returned to St. Joseph Farm and then to Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, in 1995 where he has lived and worked for the past 14 years.

Brother Richard has made it his mission to make rosaries and spread the good news about the value of saying the rosary daily. He can be seen often praying the rosary at the Notre Dame Grotto. Brother Richard often repeats the saying of the late Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., "The family that prays the rosary together stays together."



Brother Joseph Dudek, C.S.C.

Joseph Dudek was born in Harvey, Illinois, on November 30, 1922, to Frank and Frances Dudek. Joseph attended St. John the Baptist Grade School in Harvey and graduated from Thornton Township High School in 1941. For the next seven years Joseph Dudek worked as a machinist at the Buda Company for two and a half years then joined the U.S. Navy for two years and then spent another year and a half at the Buda Company.

While serving in the Navy Joseph had the idea of joining religious life. He did so on January 23, 1948, when he entered Holy Cross at Watertown, Wisconsin. Brother Joseph took his first vows on August 16, 1949, at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana. He received a degree in Physical Science from the University of Notre Dame in 1953 and a master's in Teaching Physical Science from Notre Dame in 1961.

Brother Joseph spent 36 years teaching science, mathematics and drafting in four of the brothers' schools. He began teaching at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, Illinois, in 1952, followed by Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, in 1959, Catholic Central High School, Monroe, Michigan, in 1961-1970, and Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois, from 1970 – 1988. During those 36 years Brother Joseph also moderated a number of clubs and once served as an athletic director.

Brother Joseph was famous for his hobby of getting refunds for food and other items. Over the years he saved the house at River Grove thousands of dollars with his refunds. He lived at River Grove until it closed in 2006 when he moved to Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, to live. He is now a resident of Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, Indiana.



Brother John Kuhn, C.S.C.

John Kuhn is one of many brothers who joined the community after graduating from Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana, in 1948. John was one of three children of John and Clara Kuhn and was born in Evansville, Indiana, February 11, 1930. Brother entered the Watertown, Wisconsin, Juniorate program in June, 1948. Brother John took his first vows on August 16, 1949 at St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana.

Brother graduated in Education from St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, in 1952. He earned his master's from the University of Notre Dame in 1962 in Educational Administration. He earned two more master's degrees, one from Spalding, University, Louisville, Kentucky, in Counselor Education in 1972, and another from Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky, in Studio Art in 1978.

Over the years Brother John taught at St. Edward High School, St. Anthony High School, Holy Trinity High School, Reitz Memorial High School, Bishop David High School, Bardstown Public School System, Sacred Heart Academy, Gilmour Academy, and Holy Cross Junior College. At Reitz Memorial he was principal and religious superior from 1964-68. From 1970-73 he was superior of the religious at Bishop David High School. Between 1985-1995 he was director at the Solitude of St. Joseph, Notre Dame, Indiana. Brother John also served as assistant and then archivist of the Brother of Holy Cross from 1992-2005.

Over the years Brother John enjoyed teaching art and English in our high schools and art and music traditions at Holy Cross Junior College. His hobbies are reading, listening to music, visiting art galleries, museums and cooking. He is active in the Holy Cross History Association. Brother is currently retired and active in the activities of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, Indiana.



Brother Stephen Carter, C.S.C.

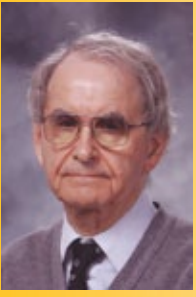
Brother Stephen has performed general maintenance work in all years in the community. It was in his retirement years that he learned to paint with oils and pastels. Brother Stephen loves to go camping and paint. For his 50th Jubilee he traveled to Alaska where he painted and took photos to paint in the future.

Stephen Carter was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, on October 12, 1922, to John and Rose Carter. He attended both Holy Family Grade School and High School in New Bedford. Steven joined Holy Cross because his mother encouraged him to do so. She said that he had liked the community. Steven entered St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, in August of 1948 and took his first vows on August 15, 1949.

For the first three years of his religious life he served at Silver Lake Farm in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and St. Joseph Farm in Granger, Indiana. From 1952-1953 he spent a year working at St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. From 1953-1962 he worked at St. Joseph Farm in Granger, Indiana. For the next 14 years he worked at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. Following his time at St. Edward's, he spent a year at Holy Cross High School in San Antonio and two years at the Carmel Residence for Senior Citizens in Fallbrook, California.

From 1979 until last year Brother Stephen was on the staff and then retired at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California. During his retirement years after 1988 he devoted most of his time and effort to his painting. Brother Stephen is now living at the Brother Vincent Pieau Residence at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

50 Year Jubilarians



Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

Brother Robert Mosher not only marks his 60 years of vows this year but is the only brother celebrating who was a four-year high school student at Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin. Robert Mosher was born in Evanston, Illinois, January 21, 1928, the son of Timothy and Kathryn Mosher. Before going to Watertown he graduated from St. Matthias Grade School in Chicago, Illinois. Robert joined the Brothers of Holy Cross because of a spiritual commitment to himself and to serve the church as a teaching brother. This year marks his 54th year as a teacher.

After his novitiate year Brother Robert spent a year on the staff of St. Charles Home for Boys in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a year at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. In 1952 he went out East to teach in three grade schools for the next six years. He taught at St. Francis of Assisi and St. Thomas Aquinas in Brooklyn, New York, and Mt. Carmel in the Bronx, New York. Brother Robert got his degree at St. John University in New York while teaching grade school. For the next two years he taught at Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin, and Monroe Catholic Central, Monroe, Michigan. For the next 19 years he taught at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago. He was the superior of the religious community at Holy Trinity from 1973 – 1979. While teaching at Holy Trinity he earned his master's in education during the summers at St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota.

From 1979-1980 Brother Robert got a master's in humanities from the University of Dallas, Texas. Since 1980 Brother Robert has been teaching at Good Shepherd Catholic School in Garland, Texas.



Brother Vincent Gross, C.S.C.

For the past 43 years Brother Vincent Gross has been a missionary to Liberia and Ghana. Vincent Gross was born in Conklin, Michigan, on May 18, 1939, to Carl and Catherine Gross. Vincent attended Conklin grade school and Coopersville High School. Vincent worked for Lays Farm Equipment Company in Conklin until he entered the Juniorate in Watertown, Wisconsin November 20, 1957. He made his first vows at St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, January 26, 1959.

The rule at the time required a brother to spend a year in a house of formation before going out on assignment. Brother Vincent spent his year at the Dujarie Scholasticate, Notre Dame, Indiana, before being assigned for the next three years to Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. At Hoban Brother Vincent helped teach welding and was the maintenance man for the school.

Brother Vincent's first attempt to be a missionary was cut short by a civil war in Monrovia, Liberia, where St. Patrick's School was located. After three years Brother Vincent came back to the United States and was assigned from 1965-1968 to do maintenance at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois.

For the past 41 years Brother Vincent has been a missionary in Ghana, West Africa. For 21 years from 1968-1989 he was on the staff of St. John's Secondary School in Sekondi, Ghana, West Africa. He served as the community director of St. John's from 1981-1989. From 1986-1989 he was also steward of the District of West Africa. Brother Vincent was on sick leave from 1989-1990 at the Holy Cross Brothers Center, Notre Dame, Indiana. Upon returning to Ghana he served for a year as community director and staff member of the Holy Cross District Center in Cape Coast, Ghana.

From 1991-1999 he was Institutional Director at the Institute for Continuing Formation Center, Cape Coast, Ghana. Since 1999 Brother Vincent has served as community director at the Holy Cross District Center in Cape Coast, Ghana.



Brother Paul Kelly, C.S.C.

Before entering the community Paul Kelly was a dairy farmer in McCordsville, Indiana, for four years. He read about the Brothers of Holy Cross in Our Sunday Visitor many times and decided to inquire. Brother Eymard answered immediately - and the rest is history. Paul Kelly was born in McCordsville, Indiana, September 22, 1935, to Thomas and Lena Kelly. He attended and graduated from both McCordsville Grade School and then McCordsville High School in 1953. By the way, both schools were in the same building. Paul Kelly entered the Juniorate in 1957 and made his first vows on January 26, 1959, at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana.

Brother Paul graduated from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, in 1962 with a degree in business. Over the years taught teach typing, business courses, religion and acted as controller in four of our schools. His first assignment was from 1962-1969 at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. There he also was assistant superior and then superior of the religious community. From 1969-1975 he served as treasurer at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio.

From September-December 1975 and again in 1995 he attended renewal programs at Sangre de Christo, Santa Fe, New Mexico. From January 1976–October 1979 he served at Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois on the faculty, as superior and as treasurer of the school. In October 1979 until July of 1991 Brother Paul moved to Notre Dame, Indiana, where he served as assistant to the provincial steward, superior of Columba Hall for five years (1980-1985), as assistant provincial and community director of the provincial

house from 1985-1991. From 1991-1996 Brother Paul became President of Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, and a member of the Midwest Provincial Council.

From 1997-1999 Brother Paul was treasurer of Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, Illinois. He then became business manager and community director at LeMans Academy until 2004. From 2004-2007 he was the Brothers' Director of Schubert Villa and Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. He is presently treasurer for Sangre de Cristo renewal programs in Santa Fe, New Mexico. By the way - his hobbies are cooking, hiking and reading.



Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C.

On June 19, 2009, Brother Robert Fillmore completed his term at Provincial of the Brothers of the Midwest Province. During his term the completion of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame is his most noteworthy accomplishment. Holy Cross not only provides the brothers with a new ministry to the elderly, but facilities needed for our aging and infirm brothers. There are close to 300 persons living in the Village, 60 of them brothers.

Over the past 50 years the major emphasis of Brother Robert's work has been Youth Ministry.

Both the Blessed Brother Andre and Blessed Father Basil Moreau have had an influence on Brother Robert's ministry. Brother Robert wrote, "Moreau has given me a vision for education and my life and work. Andre has given me an example for what it means to live a life of faith and service."

Robert Fillmore was born May 1, 1939 to "Lefty" and Helen Fillmore in Barbarton, Ohio. Robert attended St. Augustine Grade School in Barbarton, Ohio, and St. Mary's High School in Akron, Ohio. He graduated in 1958 and entered the community at Watertown, Wisconsin, in November 1958. After taking vows

in 1959 he studied at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, earning his B.A. in education and social studies in 1962. In 1977 he received a degree in spirituality from the Berkley School of Theology, Oakland, California.

Over the past 50 years he has ministered at Sacred Heart Military Academy, Boyssville of Michigan, Holy Cross High School, Our Lady of Westside Schools, Holy Trinity High School, Archbishop Hoban High School and the Andre Residential Community at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. He has served as province Director of Vocations, co-director of the TEC program for the Archdiocese of Chicago, Provincial Counselor, Assistant Provincial and Vicar, Province Director of Formation, community superior, province coordinator of Justice and Peace and Provincial Superior.



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

Carl Sternberg after high school decided that he wanted to be a brother, not a priest; he wanted to teach. Carl was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on June 27, 1940 to Carl and Agnes Sternberg. Carl attended St. Francis of Assisi Grade School and graduated from Trinity High School in Louisville in 1958. He entered Watertown in June, 1958.

Brother Carl took his first vows on August 16, 1959. He went on to get his B.A. in English at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. In 1962 he earned his master's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame. Brother's entire ministry has been in the field of theology and spirituality.

Beginning in 1962 Carl taught two years at Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, followed by four years at Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown, Wisconsin, and another five years at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. For the next 13 years, except for a year he taught at Holy Rosary Academy,

Louisville, he worked with the CCD and Office of Religious Education of the Archdiocese of Louisville as a youth consultant. While in Louisville, Brother Carl lived with the brothers at Bishop David High School where he was he religious community director for nine years.

In September 1986 after a four-month renewal program at Sangre de Cristo Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico he joined the staff of the Solitude of St. Joseph, Notre Dame, Indiana, for eight months. Brother Carl then served two years as youth minister at St. Louis Parish, Cathedral City, California. In 1988 he became an member of the adjunct faculty of the LIMEX Program at Loyola University, Chicago Illinois. For two years beginning in 1989 he was director of spiritual life ministries at the Newman Center, Palm Desert, California. Between 1990 and 1994 he was a pastoral counselor at the Betty Ford Center, Palm Desert, California. He is currently the director of spiritual life ministries at Christ of the Desert Parish, Palm Desert, California. Brother was the founder and is still spiritual director for the Midwest Province Associates of Holy Cross.



Brother Robert Lavelle, C.S.C.

Robert Lavelle graduated from St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio in 1958. He was a classmate of Kenneth Kane who is also celebrating his golden jubilee this year as a Brother of Holy Cross. Robert Lavelle was born to Michael and Maud Lavelle July 21, 1940 in Cleveland, Ohio. Robert entered Watertown June 17, 1958 and received the habit at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, August 15, 1958.

Brother Robert went to St. Edward's University, Austin Texas, following his first vows August 16, 1959. Brother received his B.A. in education from St. Edward's and later on his master's in education from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

For his first assignment Brother Robert was assigned to teach at Sacred Heart Military Academy, Watertown, Wisconsin, from 1963-65. For the next 11 years he taught at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio. At Hoban from 1969-1975 he also served as religious superior of the brothers.

For the past 33 years, beginning in 1976, he has ministered at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio. From 1976-1980 he was assistant headmaster and from 1980-1981 he was acting headmaster. In 1981 he became headmaster of Gilmour Academy and has been so for 28 years. Over those years Gilmour has undergone many growth changes under Brother Robert's leadership.

During his time as headmaster Brother Robert also served the Midwest Province as a Provincial Counselor 1979-1982 and 1985-1991.



Brother Kenneth Kane, C.S.C.

Kenneth Kane is another Holy Cross student who became a brother because of the influence the brothers had on him as a student at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio. Brother Kenneth said, "I was attracted by the quality of men I met as my teachers at St. Ed's, in particular Brothers Leonard Leary, Paul Schwoyer and Robert Siegel, all who were my music teachers at the time." Kenneth was born August 19, 1940, to Edward and Ruth Kane in Lakewood, Ohio. Kenneth was one of five children.

Brother Kenneth said, "I have always been a 'two-humped camel' –performing arts/ physical sciences." After taking his first vows August 16, 1959, he went on to get a B.S. in teaching at the University of Notre Dame in 1964. He went on to get a music education degree at VanderCook College of Music, Chicago, Illinois, and an M.S. in physical science from the University of Portland, Oregon, in 1973.

He taught at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio, 1962-64; Catholic

Central High School, Monroe, Michigan, 1964-1970; and from 1970-1983 he taught at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio. During 1983-1984 he studied the ICCS Program at Holy Names College, Oakland, California.

Beginning in 1984 Brother Kenneth spent the next 16 years at St. Edward High School. He served as community director twice during that period. In 1987 he went to Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, where he is today, 22 years later.

40 Year Jubilarians



Brother Clement Burger, C.S.C.

Both of our 40 year jubilarians have spent the majority of their religious life at one school or institution. In the case of Brother Clement Berger he taught at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, Illinois, for 31 years, and has been living in the Chicago area for 34 years. Clement Burger was born July 14, 1942 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to Clement and Jeanette Burger.

While a student at the University of Notre Dame during the period just after Vatican II, it was an exciting time in the Church. A Holy Cross brother gave an inspiring talk in a Cursillo meeting he was attending. It was after that meeting that Clement began to investigate Holy Cross and was very impressed with the people he met. Clement entered the community at Basil Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, in September 1967. He took his first vows on June 16, 1968. Brother Clement earned both his B.A. and Master's degrees from the University of Notre Dame in government and international studies.

Brother Clement's first assignment was St. Joseph High School, South Bend, just down the road from Notre Dame and Basil Hall. After a year at St. Joseph he served at Father Gibault School for Boys in Terre Haute, Indiana from 1970-1971. Following Gibault, Brother Clement served at Boyssville of Michigan, Macon, Michigan from 1971-1975.

For the next 31 years Brother Clement would call Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, Illinois, home. Brother Clement would be one of the final brothers to serve at Holy Trinity which will celebrate its 100th Anniversary this coming year. Since 2006 Brother Clement has served on the staff of St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Brother Clement says he enjoys talking to seminarians from Uganda, Kenya, Vietnam, Poland, Mexico, Haiti, Brazil, and Peru.



Brother Chester Freel, C.S.C.

On June 19 Brother Chester Freel was installed as the new Provincial Superior of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Brother Chester was elected provincial by the membership of the Midwest Province. June 20th Brother Chester will celebrate his 40 Anniversary of religious vows. Chester Freel was born September 20, 1949, to Marvin and Mary Freel in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Chester attended St. Monica's Grade School in Mishawaka, Indiana, and graduated from St. Joseph High School, South Bend, Indiana, in 1967. Brother said the reason for joining Holy Cross in 1967 was, "The positive influence of the Brothers of Holy Cross at St. Joseph High School and the desire to participate in the ministry of teaching, and gentle calling to follow the Lord and witness to the Gospel message."

Blessed Brother Andre has been a great influence in Chester's life. He believes due to the intercession of Brother Andre he's alive today. In 1991 Chester suffered a freak accident while playing basketball, which resulted in a life threatening illness, and hospitalization in a coma for several weeks. Chester's health improved only after many prayers by the community members, friends and relatives, and the placing of a Brother Andre relic at his side. The next day he began to recover, with the doctor at a loss of explanation. After his novitiate year and taking first vows on June 16, 1969 he went to St. Edward's University and graduated with a degree in mathematics and teaching in

1972. Later on he would earn a master's in social work in 1981 from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

Brother Chester began working at Boysville of Michigan in the Summer of 1970 teaching mathematics and typing. He continued to work at Boysville and then Holy Cross Children's Services as it is now called for the next 37 years. For the first 10 years he worked his way up in the various programs at Boysville. In 1981 he became Program Director for Boysville as well as supervising managers in Detroit, Ecorse, Mt. Clemens, Saginaw and Alpena, Michigan. By 1985 he was Regional Director with a staff of 175 and revenue in excess of ten million dollars.

Since 2007 Brother Chester has been the vocations promoter for the province. He also teaches a class at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana, and directs the Bessette House Intentional Community at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana.

25 Year Jubilarians



Brother Michael Amakyi, C.S.C.

Brother Michael Amakyi is currently a graduate student at the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. Brother Michael served as the fifth District Superior for the District of Ghana from 1996-2005. Michael Amakyi is the son of Sabina and Charles Amakyi. He was born November 23, 1963 in Takoradi, Ghana.

Michael entered Holy Cross on September 14, 1981. He made his first vows on July 28, 1984. About joining Holy Cross Michael said, "A group of Holy Cross Brothers conducted a youth leadership workshop in my parish and I was impressed. Each brother played a part in the workshop and supported each other. I wanted to be part of a group that worked together and supported one another to accomplish a task."

Brother Michael, following his first vows in July 1984, attended the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, West Africa. He graduated in 1989 in mathematics. He spent the next year as a student at Mater Ecclesiae Center, Tiberias, Israel.

From 1990-1997 Brother Michael taught at St. Augustine's College, Cape Coast, Ghana, West Africa. In 1992 he became the vocation promoter for the district. Following his term as District Superior he returned to St. Augustine's College to teach until he came to the United States this past year to study at the University of Dayton.

Brother Michael loves playing chess, watching soccer, and walking with friends.



Brother Daniel Dardoe, C.S.C.

Brother Daniel Dardoe was elected by the District of Ghana as District Superior during their Chapter December 2008.

Brother took office in January of 2009 following the celebration of 50 years of Holy Cross in East Africa. Brother Daniel is the eighth District Superior, and the fifth African to hold the office since Ghana became a district in 1967. Brother Daniel took his first vows on July 28, 1984. Daniel was born on January 26, 1959.

His first assignment in 1984 was for two years at St. John's Secondary School, Sekonki, Ghana. For the next two years, beginning in 1986, Brother Daniel became director of the Basic Skills Training Program, Ketan, Ghana.

For the next two years he studied first at the Takoradi Polytechnic Institute, Takoradi, Ghana, and then at the Mater Ecclesiae Center, Tiberias, Israel. Upon his return from the Holy Land he joined the staff of St. John's Secondary School and became the projects director at the skills center. From 1991-1994 he was a student at Takoradi Polytechnic where he became a construction technician with a degree in building construction. His major duties after 1994 were maintenance at St. John's School along with directing the skills center.

In 1996 Brother Daniel became community superior for the brothers in Sekondi area, Director of the Holy Cross Skills Training Center, Assistant District Superior and Director of Candidates.

Brother Harold Aloysius Ruplinger, C.S.C., 80
died February 20, 2009
60 years a vowed religious.

Brother Anthony Eugene Jorae, C.S.C., 67
died March 10, 2009
47 years a vowed religious.

Brother Edward Vincent Courtney, C.S.C., 90
died March 16, 2009
62 years a vowed religious

Remembering our Deceased Brothers in Your Prayers

*In Christ We Will
Come to Life Again*

1 Cor: 15:22



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