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Andre Bessette

# Brothers

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

## Blessed Brother Andre to be Canonized in Rome by Pope Benedict XVI October 17

VATICAN CITY — A council of cardinals presided over by the pope decided early Friday, February 19, to make Montreal's Brother Andre a saint, Pope Benedict announced.

The pope made the announcement in Latin from the meeting of cardinals at the Vatican.

The canonization will take place in Rome on Sunday, October 17, 2010. Blessed Brother Andre will be the first member of the Congregation of Holy Cross to be named a saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

Andre, born Alfred Bessette, had already been recognized by the Catholic Church for his healing powers. In 1978 he was declared venerable. He was beatified in 1982.

The man most people associate with the massive St. Joseph's Oratory on the flank of Mount Royal in Montreal was born on Aug. 9, 1845, in St. Gregoire d'Iberville, southeast of the city.

Andre was a frail child, orphaned at age 12. He worked on farms and in mills in New England before returning to Quebec in 1867. In 1870 he took a job as custodian at College Notre Dame, run by the Congregation of Holy Cross in Montreal.

He entered the Congregation of Holy Cross as a lay brother in 1870, and in his capacity as the porter of the school for 40 years, counseled many parents of pupils. With those who had fallen ill, he prayed to St. Joseph.

So many sick people began to visit his humble room in College Notre Dame; there was fear of spreading disease through the school. Andre gained a reputation as a healer, and a man who could perform miracles.

When the congregation purchased land across the street, Andre was instrumental in getting a small chapel built in 1904. There, he met with the sick, who left their crutches and canes behind when healed.

A church seating 1,000 was built in 1917 and in 1924 construction began on the current oratory, stopping only during the Depression.

When Andre died at age 91 in 1937, an estimated one million people came to pay their respects. The Oratory of St. Joseph was completed in 1966.

The five other candidates along with Blessed Brother Andre to be canonized are: Blessed Stanislaus Soltys (Kazimierczyk) (1433-89); Blessed Mary MacKillop (1842-1909); Blessed Giulia Salzano (1846-1929); Blessed Camilla Battista da Varano (1458-1524); and Blessed Candida Maria de Jesus Cipitria y Barriola (1845-1912).

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## the Provincial

### Meeting Needs: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

On February 19 Pope Benedict XVI announced approval for the canonization of Brother Andre Bessette, C.S.C. In 1982 Pope John Paul II declared Andre blessed and in the intervening 27 years all in the family of Holy Cross have eagerly, and prayerfully, awaited the proclamation of sainthood. Oh, what a glorious day Sunday, October 17 will be for the Church and Holy Cross.

I have visited St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal on three different occasions, and each time left energized, and learned more of Andre's holiness and his determination to build this "home" for St. Joseph. This simple, holy brother attended each day to the needs of the injured and ill seeking the intercession of St. Joseph for a cure. With hundreds of people coming to Andre each day hoping for a miracle, he not only focused on these requests, but also maintained the dream of a great place of honor and prayer to St. Joseph, and thus over the years grew the magnificent Oratory of St. Joseph. As Brother Andre is about to be canonized, we can be confident that Brother Andre (and the Oratory) will assist those who in the future ask for his intercession. The story of Brother Andre is a great example of how the needs of God's people have been met in the past by Andre's prayers, today by pilgrimage for those who journey to the Oratory and now for future tomorrows as Brother Andre is to be proclaimed a saint for the benefit of the entire Church.

In this issue of BROTHERS we highlight two ministries of the Midwest Province that likewise meet the needs of the Church: yesterday, today, and with God's blessings, tomorrow. Holy Trinity High School in Chicago is proudly celebrating 100 years of serving the changing population of Catholic

families on the near Northwest-side of Chicago. Today Holy Trinity, as a sponsored school of the Midwest Province, continues the traditions, heritage, and excellence of a Holy Cross educational ministry. Congratulations Holy Trinity for a century of Catholic education, and still going strong!

The second featured ministry in this newsletter is Holy Cross Associates, our newest apostolate. The purpose of the Associates is to introduce and share



**Brother Chester Freel, C.S.C.,  
Provincial Superior**

the spirituality of Holy Cross and Father Basil Moreau, C.S.C., with the broader Church, typically our lay partners in ministry. Holy Cross Associates is a forum for us to share our spiritual foundation and charisms with lay associates, today and into the future.

Finally, there is a short update on the Annual Appeal designated to repair and remodel Columba Hall. As you will read, due to our extremely generous friends, we will be able to significantly improve the safety and quality of life for those brothers who reside in this 110 year old building. Thank you to all who provided a gift to support this appeal. Your kindness ensures that the brothers on the Notre Dame campus can continue to call Columba Hall "home" for many more tomorrows.

May St. Joseph, Patron of the Brothers, pray for you and us.

In Holy Cross,

Brother Chester Freel, C.S.C.  
Provincial Superior



The statue of Blessed Brother Andre is the work of the late Rev. Anthony Lauck, C.S.C., and is in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, Indiana.

For more information on the canonization of Blessed Brother Andre please go to the website of the Oratory of St. Joseph or the website of the Midwest Province.  
[www.saint-joseph.org](http://www.saint-joseph.org)  
[www.brothersofholycross.com](http://www.brothersofholycross.com)



# The Brothers of Columba Hall Thank You



The Brothers living at Columba Hall are grateful for the many former students, friends and relatives of the Brothers who donated to the annual appeal of the Midwest Province. You are all in our prayers.

## Annual Appeal Update on Columba Hall

In a spirit of gratitude and excitement I share with you news of our Annual Appeal.

So far 900 people have made donations to our appeal for renovations to Columba Hall. Of those 160 were first time donors who contributed a total of \$26,000. You may recall that a long time and very generous donor offered to match dollar for dollar gifts by first time donors.

The contributions by you, our donors, have reached \$174,000. Our goal, as listed in our appeal letter, was \$122,000.

We are extremely grateful for the tremendous response of our benefactors for this project. In fact it appears we will be able to remodel more brother-resident rooms than first planned.

Brother Walter Gluhm, C.S.C., superior of Columba Hall, has informed me that work on the fire alarm system for the house is under way. The sprinkler system for the hood range

in the kitchen is finished. He is still reviewing bids for the rooms and work on the freezer will be addressed soon.

Thanks to your generosity we are moving ahead with the Columba Hall renovation project.

Your willingness to continue supporting us and being a part of the Holy Cross story is encouraging to us.

Gratefully,

Brother Roy Smith, C.S.C.  
Director of Development

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The Holy Trinity Gospel Choir and Band perform during the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the high school on September 15, 2009.

## Holy Trinity High School Celebrates 100 Years of Educating Hearts and Minds in Chicago

Mr. Timothy Bopp, President, Holy Trinity High School

*“It requires a great devotion in order to continue in the calling as a teacher. With the eyes of faith, consider the greatness of the mission and the wonderful amount of good that one can accomplish.”* – Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, C.S.C.

Congratulations to the faculty, staff, board, students, alumni and friends of Holy Trinity High School, who are celebrating the school’s Centennial Year in 2009-2010.

Founded in 1910 primarily to educate Chicago’s underserved Polish population, Holy Trinity looks much different today. A diverse student body — composed of 94 percent African-American and Latino students — hails from more than 139 grammar schools across the city.

While the demographics of the student body have changed since the school opened, Holy Trinity’s commitment to urban education has not. Giving underprivileged youth who have the drive to better themselves the opportunity and tools to succeed is at the heart of the mission of Holy Trinity and the Brothers of Holy Cross.

For 100 years, Holy Trinity has demonstrated its steadfast commitment to the principle that every child deserves a quality education. Unfortunately, access and opportunity are often scarce for children growing up in the inner city. Many students experience overwhelming instability at home, danger on the streets, and temptation from their peers. Holy Trinity faculty and staff strive to uphold the Holy Cross values of educating the heart as well as the mind, empowering these students to believe in themselves and strive for a better life. The past four graduating classes have achieved 100% college acceptance.

As Holy Trinity moves into its second century of service, the school’s leaders envision another 100 years of educating exceptional students who have overcome extraordinary odds. A Centennial Capital Campaign will be announced soon.

Holy Trinity reconfirmed its commitment to the youth of Chicago by kicking off its year-long Centennial Celebration in the school auditorium on Sept. 15, 2009, which was pronounced “Holy Trinity High School Day” in the City of Chicago by Mayor Richard M. Daley. Among those in attendance were 21 Brothers of Holy Cross, including several former Holy Trinity faculty and staff members. The celebration featured performances, a slideshow highlighting the history of the school, the formal unveiling of a new school sign on Division Street, and the announcement of the annual Moreau Service Award, which will recognize the Holy Trinity student who most exemplifies the spirit of helping others.

Holy Trinity honored the Brothers of Holy Cross on March 12, at its annual Guardians of Hope Dinner fundraising event. Please visit the Holy Trinity website — [www.holytrinity-hs.org](http://www.holytrinity-hs.org) to learn more about other exciting news at the school. Please also join us in giving thanks for the first 100 years of Holy Trinity, and praying that the next 100 years will lead to even greater success and opportunities for its students.





Holy Cross Brothers who took part in the 100th anniversary celebration on September 15 visit the computer lab.



Former Holy Cross Brothers' Provincial, Brother Fillmore, C.S.C. greets two students during a lunch period at Holy Trinity.





Holy Cross Associates attending their 2009 assembly at Notre Dame pose for a group picture on the steps of the main building.

# Holy Cross Associates: A Call to Spirituality, Community, Ministry, and Sustainability

**Dr. Joseph Connell**  
Director, Holy Cross Associates

Christians called to deepen their spiritual growth through the charisms and mission of a religious institute such as the Congregation of Holy Cross, are known as associates. There are more than 50,000 associates in North America, and they represent one of the fastest growing lay movements in the Church according to the North American Conference of Associates and Religious.

Blessed Basil Moreau's vision for his congregation included the laity. He never saw any conflict in attracting lay people to share the charisms and mission of Holy Cross, and in 1837 he developed a group of lay men and women called the Associates of Saint Joseph. The place for associates in Holy Cross was later rekindled in the 1980s by Father Robert Nogosek, C.S.C., Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C., and several other brothers and lay persons. This led eventually to the formation of Holy Cross Associates (HCA).

The vocation of Holy Cross Associates consists of laypersons and vowed

religious committed to growing spiritually, fostering community, and ministering to God's people. Formed by the charisms of Holy Cross, spiritual growth occurs by sharing in the spiritual gifts of fellow associates through prayer, reflections on scriptures, and ministry. In community, associates form relationships that support their individual and mutual faith journeys while fulfilling their primary baptismal call to make God known, loved, and served. In ministry, associates collaboratively share directly or indirectly in the mission of the congregation.

Since July 2007, a director was retained by the provincial to lead the growth and development of Holy Cross Associates. However, as resources are dedicated to the ongoing support of the retired and infirmed brothers, the provincial and associate leadership are exploring new ways for HCA to become financially independent of province resources, and to provide opportunities for further development throughout the congregation.

Moreau's vision for laity in the congregation is analogous to a "fourth branch" in the family of Holy Cross. Many vowed members and laity alike contend that achieving sustainable growth and development of Holy Cross Associates will produce positive and prophetic consequences — particularly in sectors of the congregation where the number of religious is decreasing.

For further information about the vocation of Holy Cross Associates, and/or suggestions and contributions for the sustainability of HCA, please contact Joseph Connell, Director, at 866-539-1116 or [www.jconnell@brothersofholycross.com](mailto:www.jconnell@brothersofholycross.com).

# Brother John R. Paige Named President-Elect of Holy Cross College

On January 13, Mr. Jerry Love, President of the Board of Trustees of Holy Cross College, named Brother John R. Paige, C.S.C., Ph.D., President-Elect of Holy Cross College. Brother John is succeeding Brother Richard Gilman, C.S.C., Ph.D., who will be retiring at the end of calendar 2010. Br. Richard has been the president of Holy Cross College for the past 17 years.

Brother John comes to his new post after a long and highly accomplished career in education and in service to the Brothers of Holy Cross, as a member of the Eastern Province of Brothers. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Physics from the University of Notre Dame, a Master's degrees in Mathematics from Wesleyan University, a degree in Applied Theology from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, and was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Maryland at College Park.

In his distinguished career he has worn every "hat" you will find on a college campus—he has been a teacher, coach, athletic director, academic dean, principal, board member, president/CEO, and college professor, and is frequently involved as a workshop facilitator, speaker, and consultant on religious, educational, and school governance and accreditation issues. He also served the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States as Master of Novices.

He is a student of the education process and has authored a book about the experiences of the Congregation of Holy Cross educators during Uganda's brutal civil war: *Preserving Order Amid Chaos: The Survival of Schools in Uganda, 1971-1986*.

Currently, Brother John is completing a six-year term as Vicar General of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Rome. As Vicar and First General Assistant of the Congregation of Holy Cross, he directs and supervises the mission and ministry of the Holy Cross Fathers and Brothers worldwide.

Under Brother Richard Gilman's 17 years of leadership, the College has been transformed from a two-year community college into a vibrant Catholic Liberal Arts College. Brother Gilman oversaw the construction of the Vincent Academic Center with 17 new classrooms and labs. To celebrate the Millennium, he suggested the construction of the Millennium Arch and Hardesty Plaza. He led the development of a residential life program, remodeling two buildings as student dormitories and building two new residence halls. He initiated the office of Campus Ministry and started the International Experience program. He also spearheaded the development and completion of the Pfeil Recreation and Student Center. Twelve athletic teams have also been added in the past five years.



**Brother John Paige, C.S.C.**



**Brother Richard Gilman, C.S.C.**

# St. Edward High School Names James Kubacki as First Lay President

At the end of December 2009, the Brothers of Holy Cross and the St. Edward High School Board of Trustees, announced that Mr. James Kubacki will be the school's next president, effective July 1, 2010. Kubacki replaces Brother Peter Graham, C.S.C., who has served as President and will continue as Director of Mission Effectiveness at St. Edward.

As a former St. Edward principal, Mr. Kubacki led the school into the national spotlight, as it earned recognition from the U.S. Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. He also helped develop a technology plan that has been the foundation for St. Edward to be at the forefront of secondary school technology today.

His experience as the Associate Dean of Admissions at Princeton University, and most recently as the President of Eastside Catholic School in suburban Seattle, will be invaluable as he renews his relationship with the St. Edward community beginning this summer. Mr. Kubacki is completing his ninth year as president at Eastside Catholic, where among his accomplishments has been the completion of a new \$88 million campus for the school.

Though Mr. Kubacki will be St. Edward High School's first lay president, be assured that the presence of the Brothers of Holy Cross is alive and well in our community. The five Brothers who continue to have an active role at St. Edward High School, coupled with the ongoing education of every student in the Holy Cross tradition, ensure that the young men of St. Edward will continue to develop the competence to see and the courage to act as men of faith.



**Mr. James Kubacki**



**Brother Peter Graham, C.S.C.**



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