

Brothers

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of the Brothers of Holy Cross
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Br. Robert Fillmore Named New Provincial Superior

In March, Father Hugh Cleary, C.S.C., Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross confirmed the



Br. Robert Fillmore, C.S.C.
Provincial Superior

election of Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C., as provincial superior of the Midwest Province. Brother Robert will begin his six-year term as provincial at the conclusion of the provincial chapter in June of this year.

Born in 1939 in Barberton, Ohio, Brother Robert entered the novitiate at Rolling Prairie, Indiana in 1958. He made his first profession of vows in 1959 and his perpetual profession in 1962. He began his ministry at Sacred Heart Military Academy, Watertown, Wisconsin, in February of that

same year. In July 1962 he went to Boysville of Michigan where he served on the faculty for seven years. He then worked as director of vocations from 1969 to 1976. Following a year of theological studies at the University of California (Berkeley), Brother Robert moved to Chicago where, in 1977, he was campus minister at Holy Cross High School, River Grove. In 1981 he was co-director of TEC (Teenagers Encounter Christ) for the Chicago Archdiocese. He later served as coordinator for religious education at Our

Lady of the Westside Schools in Chicago. He joined the faculty of Holy Trinity High School in 1989 where he remained until 2000. During his ministry at Holy Trinity High School, Brother Robert also was a member of the provincial council for six years. In 2000, he was appointed assistant provincial and vicar and for one year he was simultaneously coordinator for campus ministry at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio.

Message from the Provincial

"With the eyes of faith, consider the greatness of your mission and the wondrous amount of good you can accomplish."

*Father Basil Moreau
Founder of the Congregation
of Holy Cross*

When we take these words and multiply them by the fourteen men whose jubilees we celebrate this year, we can only imagine the wondrous good these men of faith have

accomplished over their combined 715 years of service.

These Brothers have taken their gifts for teaching, administration, accounting, music, the culinary arts, writing and social skills, and have put them at the service of God's people in their homeland and overseas. The countless thousands who have benefited in small and large ways are

living testimonies to the power of a life lived with faith.

Jubilees of religious profession are, in large part, about celebrating men and women who chose to make their faith real by living it for others. As we look into the eyes of these men and reflect on their lives, we get a sense the meaning our own faith can have and be inspired to live our lives

with an ever-growing faith. We can say with Mother Theresa of Calcutta, "These are very ordinary men who did extraordinary deeds with their lives."

May their lives continue to be blessed now and may they be given the rewards our ever-faithful God showers on those who live through faith for others.

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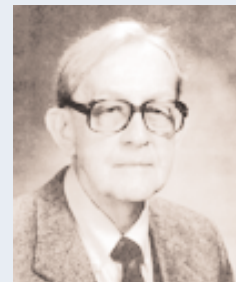
70 Years as a Brother of Holy Cross

Brother Sigismund Danielski, C.S.C.

Celebrating his 70th anniversary of profession of vows, this Chicago native spent almost his entire active life in Holy Cross as a teacher or librarian. He served in schools in Indianapolis, Ind., Chicago, Ill., Taunton, Mass., South Bend, Ind.,

Akron, Oh., and River Grove, Ill. For eight years he assisted in the brothers' publishing house, Dujarie Press, at Notre Dame. A patient, determined, and skillful teacher and man of letters, Br. Sig describes his journey in Holy Cross in the words of Amazing Grace, "... 'twas grace that brought me

safe thus far, and..." We know grace will see him safely home, but hope he will enrich our numbers by his presence a while longer.



60 Years as a Brother of Holy Cross

Brother Donald Johnroe, C.S.C.

This native of Detroit marks 60 years of vows this year. A man of many interests and multiple talents, Br. Donald began his life in Holy Cross as a teacher in Biloxi, Miss., then served on the staff of the community beehive of activity at the Community House at Notre Dame, until assigned to our Terre Haute boys' home. For several years after that he helped at the Notre Dame Post Office and cooked at the community farm, no small task when keeping fifteen or twenty hearty farming brothers in optimum shape. For the next thirty years he taught in schools in Akron, Oh., Monroe, Mich., Harper Woods, Mich., Gates Mills, Oh., and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He then served as organist for his parish in Ft. Lauderdale while studying at Barry U. He also taught at that institution for three years, as well as Keiser College. He became director of the RCIA program at the parish, then retired to Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame in 2000. Br. Donald has been a man of prodigious energy and



enthusiasm who considers it an honor to have served and made a difference in the lives of others through the years.

Brother Walter Foken, C.S.C.

Cincinnati, Oh., is Br. Walter's birthplace, and this tall, athletic man brought an abiding interest in the Reds with him to Holy Cross 60 years ago. He taught and assisted in business offices and athletic departments of schools in Austin, Tex., Akron, Oh., Lakewood, Oh., Gates Mills, Oh., Indianapolis, Ind., and Monroe, Mich. He joined the staff of the Holy Cross



Brothers Center at Notre Dame in 1986, his pleasant voice and manner greeting many a visitor and caller for more than

ten years until his retirement to Schubert Villa in the Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame. Br. Walter exhibited an intense devotion to both his religious and professional life, and his business acumen ranked even higher than his ability to cite little known facts about Cincinnati sports teams. He claims that, "I've enjoyed

every year" and "I'm thankful for this length of time in the community." All of us are.

Brother Charles Borromeo

Beck, C.S.C. Celebrating his 60th anniversary, Br. Charles, born in Newport, Ky., considers the 30 years he spent helping instruct and guide various prayer groups in the LaPorte, Ind., area to be his most challenging and productive years in Holy Cross. Prior to 1972, he also taught science and mathematics in schools in South Bend, Ind., Taunton, Mass., Evansville, Ind., Chicago, Ill., and Terre Haute, Ind. The base for his spiritual influence was Le Mans Academy in Rolling Prairie, Ind. A highly talented man, quiet and reserved, Br. Charles has enjoyed his active life in Holy Cross and appreciates his ability to contribute now to the apostolate of prayer while retired at Schubert Villa at the Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame.



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Brother Bennet Nettleton, C.S.C.

Another 60-year jubilarian and a product of Baton Rouge, La., this icon of teaching excellence and longevity is revered in Lakewood, Oh., where he taught uninterruptedly for nearly 50 years. His social studies classroom became a veritable museum, and the southern accent he never lost was as entrancing to his students as his keen interest in history and his unique approaches to its mastery. Prior to St. Edward in Lakewood, Br. Bennet taught for seven years, first in Indianapolis, Ind., and then in Monroe, Mich. A gentleman who has exemplified the traits of a gentle man all his life, Br. Bennet believes he is more reflective now than when, filled with enthusiasm and anticipation, he prepared his classes and taught in



the early days. He appreciates the gift of life and “especially my vocation to the religious life.” Dozens of brothers and thousands of students share in that appreciation.

Brother Pedro Haering, C.S.C.

To hear Br. Pedro’s voice on WSND-FM radio twice each week belies the age that must surely accompany this Evansville, Ind., native’s 60th anniversary of vows. After many years as an excellent teacher of mathematics and science subjects and as an administrator in schools, he retired to begin a second career based on a lifelong hobby – collecting and studying non-rock popular music from roughly the middle decades of the 20th century. He turned this hobby into two significant radio programs broadcast



from Notre Dame for fourteen years – so far. His academic career was pursued in South Bend, Ind., Indianapolis, Ind., Akron, Oh., and at Notre Dame. He also served in the Notre Dame area in forming new members for Holy Cross, and was director of the province infirmary for several years. The talents this man lacks are far fewer than those he enjoys. His sharp mind, keen wit, humor and obvious enjoyment of life have at times been focused into writing and producing musicals as well as into his very popular radio programs. His scientific bent is beautifully balanced by his mastery of many arts, writing and speaking among them. He says, “as the years pile up, the wisdom of living ‘one day at a time’ becomes more and more evident.” We are blessed to have Br. Pedro among us as those “one day” increments happily mount up.

50 Years as a Brother of Holy Cross

Brother Robert Kelly, C.S.C.

Born in Lima, Oh., Br. Robert is celebrating 50 years of religious profession. Having earned a bachelor of science in social studies/English at the University of Dayton before joining Holy Cross, Br. Robert began teaching in Austin,



Tex., immediately after his novitiate year. Other school assignments were in South Bend, Ind., New Orleans, La., Lakewood, Oh., Akron, Oh., and Gates Mills, Oh. For a time he was vocation promoter for the Midwest Province and coordinated a student services program at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, for seven years. He retired to Columba Hall at Notre Dame in 1995, but returned to Gilmour as a staff member in 1996

to help with campus ministry and development. Open, friendly and devoted to Holy Cross and to his apostolic work, Br. Robert says, “My vocation as a Brother of Holy Cross came from God. It was nurtured by my family and sustained by my religious colleagues.” Somewhere in that equation Br. Robert’s own fidelity and prayerfulness played a role as well, and we are grateful for his presence among us.

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Brother Robert Siegel, C.S.C.

Sheboygan, Wisc., is home to this golden jubilarian. He received a bachelor of science in biology, music and history from the U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and he began to specialize in music when he joined Holy Cross in 1952. He directed bands in schools to which he was assigned, including those in Monroe, Mich., and Lakewood, Oh., after beginning as a classroom teacher in South Bend, Ind. After he served as Director of Scholastics at Notre Dame, he became assistant principal and then principal, before being named president at St. Edward H. S. in Lakewood. He later became director of the pre-novitiate formation house in South Bend. He was recalled to Ohio to become President of the brothers' school in Akron, afterward spending two years on the staff of the Holy Cross Sisters' renewal program in Tiberias, Israel.



“We pronounce our vows in a moment, but living them for the sake of the kingdom is the work of a lifetime.”

- Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross

Br. Robert returned to South Bend and became editor of HOLY CROSS BROTHERS, a chronicle of the province. He was named superior of Columba Hall at Notre Dame and then in 1993 Assistant Provincial, serving until November of that year when he suffered a serious stroke that required ongoing treatment and therapy at Dujarie House at Notre Dame, where he has been for the past ten years. Somehow the circus found its way into Br. Robert's blood quite early, and there are few things about circuses that he doesn't know. He attends whenever the opportunity arises.

Brother Raymond Papenfuss, C.S.C.

Br. Raymond, a product of Fond du Lac, Wisc., admits that his many years in Ghana and the relationships formed



over the years at home have, as he celebrates his 50th anniversary, “given me a deeper understanding of God, myself and human friendship — a way to experience the joy of life,” and “to keep everything in correct perspective.” After teaching in Chicago, Ill., Br. Raymond was assigned to the new mission in Ghana. He spent all of his 28 years there based at St. John's in Sekondi. Besides teaching, he did parish ministry and established the Holy Cross Basic Skills training program for poor youth. Forced by illness to return to the

States, he plunged into teaching at the university level, to promoting vocations, and, as Mission Promoter, to raising capital and endowment funds for the brothers' apostolates in West Africa.

Brother John Quigley, C.S.C.

Born in Ashtabula, Oh., Br. John, marking 50

years of religious profession, obtained a bachelor's degree from Niagara U. in New York,



served in the military during W.W. II, and even conducted his own business before joining Holy Cross. He has taught in Austin, Tex., Indianapolis, Ind., Monroe, Mich., and, since 1968, either as teacher or as retired, at St. Edward H. S. in Lakewood, Oh.

Though Br. John is short in physical stature, the same can not be said of his teaching ability or his wit and humor. The thousands of students he has influenced as well as his community have benefited from his influence. In turn, Br. John says, “Of all the gifts God has given to nourish and support our lives, none can equal the presence of a faithful friend,” his brothers in Holy Cross.

40 Years as a Brother of Holy Cross

Brother Donald Morgan, C.S.C.

Marking 40 years as a professed religious of Holy Cross, Br. Donald, from Beaver Dam, Wisc., has devoted quality time and energy to several forms of ministry. He has taught in Akron, Oh., and Monroe, Mich., and has assisted in the treasurer's office at the province center at Notre Dame and at Holy Trinity H. S. in Chicago, Ill. On three occasions he spent time assisting either his own or another brother's family in a ministry of care and presence, a gift his pastoral experience and his generous, prayerful personality have made available to those in need. He served on the staff of St. Edward H. S. in Lakewood, Oh., for over ten years, then came to Notre Dame to continue to assist at Columba Hall. Br. Donald says, "I am so happy and privileged to have been called by God to be a Brother of Holy Cross!"

Brother Joseph McTaggart, C.S.C.

Br. Joseph, a native of Cleveland, Oh., celebrating his 40th jubilee, considers himself blessed by his membership in Holy Cross, which "has allowed, even encouraged, personal development, because without that, internal growth can be nil regardless of how one progresses professionally." Though himself an "educator in the faith," Br. Joseph feels he



has been blessed by what he has learned through membership in the community. Br. Joe taught in Chicago, Ill., and Indianapolis, Ind., then took up campus ministry, first at Wayne St. U. in Detroit, then at the U. of Notre Dame. He was on the chaplaincy staff of Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, Mission Hills, Calif., for sixteen years, then came to serve on the staff of Dujarie House at Notre Dame two years ago. His sincere, dedicated, effective pastoral manner has been a gift to community and others alike.

Brother Henry Skitzki, C.S.C.

Born in Cleveland, Oh., Br. Henry's forte during his 40 years in Holy Cross has undoubtedly been his professional skill as a chef. He has filled food service positions in Akron, Oh., Gates Mills, Oh., Chatsworth, Calif., and Notre Dame, Ind. (at Moreau Seminary, Columba Hall, Saint Mary's College, and Dujarie House). He even put in a stretch at a Dairy Queen in South Bend. Br. Henry's dedication to attractive, appropriate and economical food service, whether in its administrative or practical aspects, has given him a reputation for professionalism, creativity and excellence. His current post as a "specialty display chef" with the Marriott Food Services at Saint Mary's College is witness to these qualities. He has exercised a pastoral role in helping some Vietnamese boat persons successfully acclimate to life in



the U.S. over a period of years. He says of his own vocation, "I trusted in God when I gave up my chef's hat at the Statler (in Cleveland) for a black habit, and I still trust in God and know he is at my side."

Brother Bertrand Nee Wayoe, C.S.C.

Brother Nee, born in Elmina, Ghana, is a member of the District of West Africa celebrating his 25th anniversary of profession. Currently, he is novice director for the brothers' formation program in Ghana. He studied at St. Augustine's Secondary School in Cape Coast, Ghana, where he became acquainted with Holy Cross Brothers. After joining, he did his undergraduate studies at Cape Coast University and St. Edward's U. in Austin, Tex., continuing with graduate studies at St. Mary's U. in San Antonio. Returning to Ghana, he became vocation promoter and director of the temporarily professed religious, then director of aspirants. He was on the faculty of the Continuing Formation Center at Brafuyaw for eight years, then from 1999-2001 he studied pastoral spirituality at Loyola of Maryland in Columbia, Md. A specialist in psychology and spirituality, Br. Nee's contributions to the founding of a stable district of Ghanaian religious have been and continue to be significant. He says, "these past years have given me an opportunity to take a deeper journey inward to discover my own self and in the process discover the beauty of the human person."



Father Basil Moreau Declared Venerable

On Saturday, April 12th, at a consistory held in the Vatican, Pope John Paul II proclaimed the heroic virtues of the Servant of God, Basil Moreau, and bestowed on him the title venerable. This is a major step forward in the process for the beatification of the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Father Moreau was among nine Servants of God to receive this title at the consistory. In his address to the Holy Father, Cardinal José Saravia Martins, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints, stated: “The Servants of God presented today

are the expression of the fecundity of grace and at the same time the manifestation of the vitality of their Church of origin.” He added: “The multi-faceted richness of the Church is expressed in the variety of their charisms and ministry. They are an incentive to holiness for Christians of our time.”

The decree proclaiming the heroic virtues of Father Moreau states: “Basil Anthony Mary Moreau (1799-1873), priest, founded in the diocese of Le Mans, France, the Congregation of Holy Cross for preaching in the countryside, foreign missions and

the Christian education of needy youth. He is also the founder of the Sisters of Holy Cross. As a member of the men’s institute, he was purified by many tribulations that he bore with patience and meekness. He left the office of superior general and dedicated himself to pastoral ministry as a simple priest.”



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