

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## On Their Way to Indiana



FATHER EDWARD F. SORIN, C.S.C.,  
AND BROTHERS  
VINCENT PIEAU, C.S.C., JOACHIM ANDRE, C.S.C.,  
LAWRENCE MENAGE, C.S.C., MARIE PATOIS, C.S.C.,  
ANSELM CAILLOT, C.S.C., AND GATIEN MONSIMER, C.S.C.,  
CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST MASS IN THE UNITED STATES  
AT SAINT PETER'S CHURCH ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1841,  
ON THEIR WAY TO INDIANA, WHERE THEY FOUNDED THE  
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME IN 1842.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION  
CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS IN AMERICA  
SEPTEMBER 14, 1991

Our Poets, Past and Present

Brother Sixtus Perzynski, CSC  
(1914 – 1998)

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Poem: Brother Sixtus, CSC

Joyfully, joyfully,  
The angels sing,  
As the smiling soul  
Of Brother Sixtus  
Makes the bells ring  
Loudly!

As he adjusts his heavenly crown  
And dons his eternal gown,  
He leaves us here below  
Thinking of him  
Proudly!

Like a diligent farmer,  
Sixtus was a quiet charmer:  
His smiling social life  
Quickens one  
To forget strife,  
See the good in all  
And follow his call.  
Such was our Brother Sixtus,  
Man of God.

This hard-working man of God  
Brought us  
“Peace in the Lord’s service.”  
This he taught us.

May saintly Sixtus inspire us—  
Indeed, fire us! —  
To love one another:  
This is the message  
Of our smiling Brother,  
Sixtus Perzynski, CSC.

—**Brother Remigius  
Bullinger, CSC**







# "Scary Halloween Dinner" in Ohio



Father Alexander Susai  
Brothers Kenneth Kane and Charles Smith

Brother Edward Libbers  
Father John Blazek



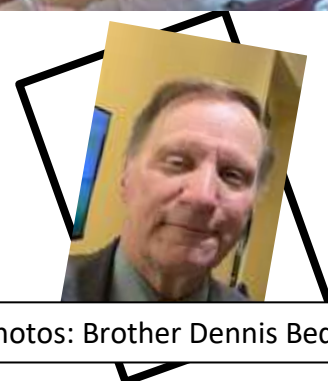
Father John Blazek  
Brother Kenneth Kane  
Father Maurice D'Souza  
Father Alexander Susai



Brothers Edward Libbers  
and Charles Smith



Eyeball hors d'oeuvres!  
by Brother Dennis Bednarz



Photos: Brother Dennis Bednarz

**Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.**  
Servant of God

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 **Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.**  
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## **Holy Cross Roads**

Writings for the Journey

### **With a Glad Heart**

Do you have a glad heart? When you are able to see beyond your own personal preoccupations, and have the opportunity to serve another, it might open up the possibility. It becomes easier to experience gladness when you are able to meet another's needs. Think of the many times you have been served in a restaurant with the waiter who serves with a glad heart by what she or he says but most of all by her or his spirit which can become contagious and helps you and your companions begin the meal with gladness.

This is just one example of how we might be receptive to joy. Another powerful example would be seeing on TV the joy of the million and a half youth and their companions on World Youth Day. This is what Pope Francis wanted to convey in his letter "The Joy of the Gospel." We committed Christians who follow Jesus, even though we are invited to take up our Cross and the suffering in the world, know that Christ had overcome fear in its many forms and even death itself. That faith and hope can lead to an experience of a glad heart which is also contagious. With a glad heart we are called to praise God and with our lives reflect an "Alleluia" that can never be far from our true self.

- What keeps you from having a glad heart?
- What gives you a smile as you go through your day?
- Does an inner relationship with Christ bring happiness to your life?

**O God, help me reflect the joy of being Christian.**

**Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.**



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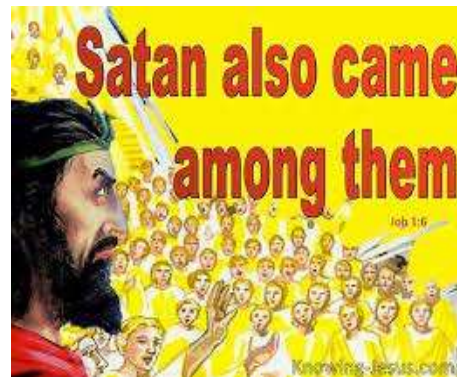
### God and His “Sons”

As evidenced in Old Testament scriptures, some Jews, influenced by the beliefs of their pagan neighbors, imagined that God was aided in the government of his creation by a council of consultants known as the Sons of God (1).

Acting like some ancient monarch, God would summon these minor deities for advice, an instance of which is best illustrated in the biblical narrative of *Job* in chapter 1, verses 1-12, as follows here below:

One day, When the Sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, the satan also came among them. The LORD said to the satan{2}, "Where have you been?" Then the satan answered the Lord and said, "Roaming the earth and patrolling it." The LORD said to the satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him, blameless and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil." The satan answered the LORD and said, "Is it for nothing that Job is God-fearing? Have you not surrounded him and his family and all that he has with your protection? You have blessed the

work of his hands, and his livestock are spread over the land. But now put forth your hand and touch all that he has, and surely he will curse you to your face." The LORD said to the satan, "Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on him." So the satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.



#### NOTES:

{1} "Sons" (meaning *connected to or with*); not referring to male offspring of a father.

{2} the satan: (uncapitalized); does not refer to Satan, the devil.



**Reflection** sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.




Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality  
 By which you invite strangers to become friends,  
 To get to know their inner selves more fully,  
 And even to dare to be silent with you.

*Henri Nouwen*




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Lord, make me an instrument of  
 your peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let me  
 bring love;  
 Where there is injury, pardon;  
 Where there is doubt, faith;  
 Where there is despair, hope;  
 Where there is darkness, light;  
 and where there is sadness, joy.

~ Peace Prayer  
 St. Francis Of Assisi



**Providence Health Care**  
 How you want to be treated.

If we have no peace, it is because we have  
 forgotten that we belong to each other.  
 ~ Mother Teresa





Brother  
James  
Kane,  
CSC



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