

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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An Ancient Prayer to Our Lady

O Mother of God, we take refuge in
your loving care.

Let not our plea to you pass
unheeded in the trials that beset
us, but deliver us from danger, for
you alone are truly pure, you alone
are truly Blessed.

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Our Poets, Past and Present

My Refuge

Brother Chayan Victor Corraya, CSC

Lord, my God, you're my strength, my rock, my guide,
In trials and fears, you're ever by my side.
With my community, my brothers, true,
Your presence fills my heart, like morning dew.

When I am lost, unsure of what to do,
You light the path—your love shines through.
Stressed and burdened with my studies' weight,
You fill me with wisdom and hope.

Your knowledge, like a guiding light, leads my way.
Through darkest nights, you turn night to day.
With a grateful heart, I lift my voice to praise.
Your boundless love, my soul does amaze.

In every moment, you're always there,
My refuge, my comfort, my constant care.
Lord, my God, I humbly bow to you,
With gratitude, love, forever true.



Victor has been living with us for two years here at Columba Hall while he studies for his degree at IUSB. Saint Joseph Province, Bangladesh, is his home. He is also sharing his talents working at Holy Cross College.

First Vows

TV screens at Columba Hall were lit up with the recent streaming of Holy Cross ceremonies of the perpetual professions in São Paulo/SP and of the taking of first vows in Colorado/US Province of Priests and Brothers.



Here are a few random TV shots of the Colorado ceremonies.



**Brother Carl Sternberg, CSC,
viewing the streaming of the
ceremonies in Colorado.**



Pictures taken by Brother George Klawitter, CSC.

Guest for Mass, Social and Dinner
Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Wed. July 26, 2023



Pictured: Montel Menting with Brothers Ken Haders, Roy Smith, Dough Roach, and John McMuldren



Montel Menting was with us at dinner. Montel is a long time resident of Andre Place at Holy Cross Village. She has been a "doer and a shaker" in many ways. Her escort was Brother John McMuldren. Montel is moving out of State.

Above photos by Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C.





View a past *Midwest-Midweek* to see a Montel Menting contribution:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/bhc/wp-content/uploads/MidMid15Nov2017.pdf>

Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.
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around Columba Hall,
Notre Dame, Indiana



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Writings for the Journey

Bird Song

When you hear the birds beginning to sing early in the morning just before dawn, do you ever wonder what they are singing about? Do you think they realize that they have just come out of the darkness of night and with their unique song want to praise the Creator that is giving them life for a new day.

Do we have a song to sing when a new day shows itself? We turn on the news and discover that there has been a new shooting, and the many wars continue to drain us of the joy of the song birds.

There is an answer, you know. Why not begin with thoughts of gratitude. We too can be grateful by being thankful for what God has given us in the past, for all of the basics that keep us alive – water, food, shelter. With the hope that God will always be with us in the future, we will be able to joyfully sing praise to our God in the present. Gratitude + hope = joy.

- Does being grateful come easy to you?
- Does your hope in God's steadfast love help calm your worries?
- What is your recipe for joy?

O God, help me be grateful and trust in you so that I can too experience joy.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Bible Bites by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.

The Bible and the "Grateful Dead" — No, the "Grateful Dead" here does not refer to the well-known rock band begun in the Sixties. Instead it is used here as the title of an ancient folk tale used by the biblical writer as the source for developing the character of Tobit in the story in the Old Testament biblical Book of Tobit.

Biblical writers' use of folklore was not uncommon. But care was always taken to remove any pagan or erroneous references.

Unlike some others of his time, Tobit was a righteous Jew. Strong in faith and habitual in the practice of virtue, he had a reputation for his generous support of the poor and alms giving. His compassionate respect of others was demonstrated in his assuming responsibility for seeing to the burial of the dead. It was this latter quality of his character that the writer drew from the source "Grateful Dead," a brief synopsis which follows:

A young man, who, while on his way, finds an unburied corpse of a man (perhaps waylaid by robbers). He assumes the responsibility of giving the stranger a suitable burial. Sometime later, a stranger joins the same young man and offers him assistance to help. What the young man fails to realize is that the stranger is a thankful ghost repaying a kindness.

In creating Sarah, another character in Tobit, the writer used an ancient Middle East and East European folktale with a varied title of the "Monster's Bride," all of which will be reported in the next *Midwest*.





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



*To get joy, we must give it
And to keep joy, we must scatter it.*

John Templeton

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For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it.
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~ Amanda Gorman, *The Hill We Climb*

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A Columba Hall
Sun Flower

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