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Eulogy for Brother John F. Tryon, CSC

How does one capture a fifty-year friendship in a ten-minute eulogy? I could easily sit you down in front of a fireplace (John often said that he would trade his TV for a fireplace any day) and talk for hours relating funny incidents and experiences about John “Jack” Tryon. But we don’t have a fireplace here so I will do my best to highlight briefly this special Brother of Holy Cross.

Born on June 26, 1948, John Frederick Tryon was the fourteenth of sixteen children of Willis and Helen Tryon. Growing up in Perrysville, Ohio, John graduated from Lucas High School in 1966 and entered the Brothers of Holy Cross professing first vows in 1967 and final vows in 1975.



John and I became close friends when we lived together in South Bend and ministered at LeMans Academy in Rolling Prairie, Indiana. The thirty-minute trip to the academy was often done in silence. John was not a “morning person.” He did not want to communicate until he had at least three cigarettes and two cups of coffee. But the ride home was wild. Be it sharing events of the day, making jokes about the kids and faculty, or singing loudly to songs on the radio, we laughed and sang and became best friends. In fact, just last August, when I was driving him to the airport, John thanked me for being his “best friend still left in community.”

John and I lived under the same roof three times during those 50 years. We probably got along so well because we were very different. For example, being an extreme extrovert, I was always looking for something to do on the weekends. John, on the other hand, was an introvert. Perhaps as a result of coming from a large family, John would so often say in typical Marlena Dietrich dramatic style, “I want to be alone.”

So off I would go to a movie or a high school football or basketball game, and John would settle in with a good novel, a glass of scotch and a pack of cigarettes: he was good for the night.

John loved to travel. He wanted to see the world, and he grabbed every opportunity to do just that. Whether it be traveling throughout Europe or going on cruises with brothers or accompanying Holy Cross College students to South America or India, John saw the world. He even visited China by himself saying it was one of his best travel experiences.

John had a great passion for learning. I used to tease him saying, “When it comes to Tyron, when in doubt about what to do next year, enroll in another graduate program.” John earned three master’s degrees. He grew spiritually during his master’s degree at Mundelein and shared his spirituality as assistant novice master in Peru. He used the skills learned in the MSA program at Notre Dame during his time working in development. His degree from DePaul was put to great use teaching writing and opening the writing center at Holy Cross College.

A life-long goal was to learn to speak and write in Spanish. While John often said his Spanish was still “not very good,” he was well on his way to accomplishing that goal. In fact, at the request of Brother Philip Smith, he had just completed writing a Spanish translation of the life of Brother Columba O’Neill, CSC.

From his earliest days teaching middle school students, John was a demanding teacher. But that did not stop students from taking his classes. Well prepared, he always encouraged students to explore the written word and put their own words down on paper. Students loved his choice of novels and appreciated his wit during class discussions. Surprisingly, John always saw himself as a very average teacher. Unlike many brothers, John never defined himself by his work. While he could have said, “I am a teacher or I am a program director,” if pressed to do so, John would always define himself as a Brother of Holy Cross.

When it came to the Holy Cross community, John had plenty to say and he was not shy about sharing his opinions at Midwest and General Chapters, even, at times, at the detriment of the feelings of others. He entered most situations with his mind made up and there was no changing it. A very good trait, however, is that John could argue vehemently about an issue and then have lunch with his adversary twenty-minutes later.

In 1987 Brother Chris Dreyer and I invited John and Brother Frank Rotsaert for Thanksgiving dinner at our home on Allen Street here in South Bend. On Thanksgiving morning, it was announced that Harold Washington, Mayor of Chicago, had died. As John did so very often, he latched on to this topic like a dog

with a bone. Whenever there was a gap in the conversation, John said, “I can’t believe that Harold Washington is dead.” Having said this a good half dozen times, Frank finally announced, “If you say that one more time, I am going to scream.” Well sure enough, about twenty minutes later, Chris and I heard Frank let out a gut-wrenching scream as John said the forbidden words. For thirty-five years, John and I have continued this tradition. In fact, earlier this month, in an email John wrote to me, “I can’t believe that Betty White is dead.”

John wrote and delivered the homily when I made my perpetual vows. In that homily he did not promise a life of only good things, but he did promise that he would be there to support me through the good and bad times. So as I stand here today in my disbelief and sadness at your passing, John, I know that in your heavenly home you will continue to watch over me, your family, the Congregation of Holy Cross, and all of your many friends who fondly remember you as a brother, a teacher, and a friend.



Written and delivered by
Brother Robert Livernois, CSC
January 31, 2022

[Preview YouTube video Funeral for Brother John Frederick Tryon, C.S.C.](#)

Invitation to Piano Recital
by Brother Daniel Kane, csc

Sunday, 1:30pm
[Approximately one hour long]
[No attendance charge]

Sunday, **April 10**
Gilmour Academy
Fine Arts Center
Gates Mills, Ohio

Sunday, **April 24**
St. Joseph Chapel
Holy Cross Village
Notre Dame, Indiana



Air on the G String J. Bach
Nocturne in Eb F. Chopin
Sonata No. 15 W. A. Mozart
Clair de Lune C. Debussy

Brief Intermission

Scherzo in D flat F. Chopin

Dedication of the Academic Hall of Honor March 19

Archbishop Hoban's *Knights News*, excerpt from the January 2022 edition:

In recognition of their unyielding faith and service, Hoban will dedicate the second-floor hallway in honor of Brothers Joe LeBon and Ed Libbers. Together, they have served Hoban for nearly 90 years, making them the longest-serving Brothers in Hoban history. We will also celebrate Brother James Spooner in his final year at Hoban.



**Brother
Joseph,
C.S.C.**

The hallway, which was previously the Brothers residence at Hoban, will honor the history and legacy of the Congregation of Holy Cross and will also recognize members of the Academic Hall of Honor.



**Brother
Edward,
C.S.C.**

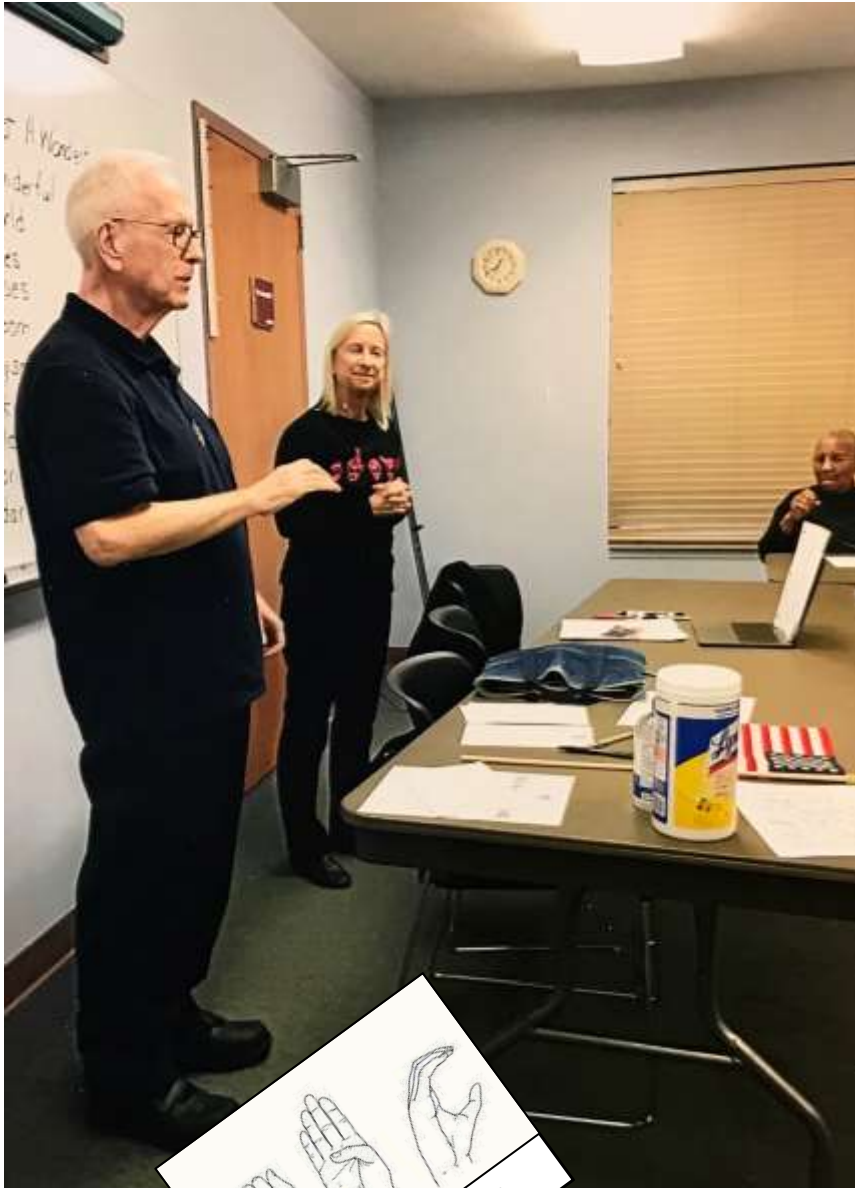
A blessing and dedication will be held on Saturday, March 19, beginning with Mass at 3 p.m. and a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend, but reservations are mandatory for planning purposes. In addition, Hoban is accepting donations towards the Holy Cross Legends Scholarship, in honor of Brother Ed, Brother Joe, Brother James Spooner, and all the Holy Cross Brothers.



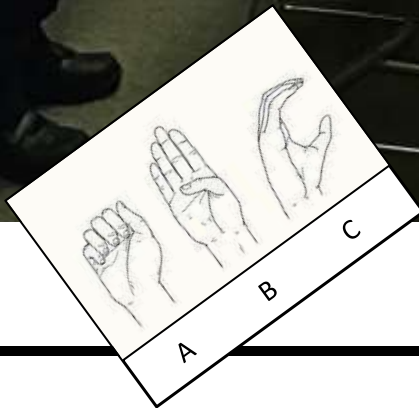
**Brother
James,
C.S.C.**

[Reservations and
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Forever Learning class



Attached is a photo taken in November 2021 by Forever Learning class ASL instructor, Marcia Haslett. The photo shows Brother James Kane and Mrs. Elsie Nemeth from the advanced American Sign Language class demonstrating several sign-routines to a beginner's class in ASL.



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From our *Directory of Devotional Prayer*, page 65.

Prayer After Death (II)

Loving and merciful God,
 we entrust our brothers to your mercy.
 You loved them greatly in this life:
 now that they are freed from all its cares,
 give them happiness and peace forever.
 The old order has passed away –
 welcome them now into paradise
 where there will be no more sorrow,
 no more weeping or pain,
 but only peace and joy
 with Jesus, your Son,
 and the Holy Spirit
 forever and ever.
 Amen.



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Who Are Your Heroes?

Dear Associates and Friends,

When we think of our heroes, we usually think of areas which peak our interest like war heroes or sports heroes. One of the benefits we Catholics have as we travel the road on our spiritual journey is discovering our spiritual heroes. We call them saints. These are men and women who have surrendered to the Christ within and have allowed the love and power of God to work through them. They come from all walks of life, all cultures, and all ethnic backgrounds. They have risen above the obstacles that they faced in their time, place, and circumstances. Therefore, they become models for us to emulate and imitate.

When we pray and experience daily Mass, we are introduced to the saints throughout the liturgical year. They can become for us a beacon of light that shines and assures us that we are headed in the right direction. This is especially helpful if the saint has a personality similar to our own or is faced with similar circumstances. As we pray for their intercession as part of the communion of saints; we receive encouragement and even healing to continue in making Christ the center of our life.

- What saint is especially helpful to you in growing in your spiritual life?
- What is it about the saint(s) that inspires you?
- Can you recognize these virtues blossoming in your own life?

O God, we thank you for the saints that witness to your love and mercy.



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

For more reflections to grow
spiritually please visit our new blog
<https://weeklyspiritualinsights.org/>

From the *Voice of Moreau Website*

The website features a Holy Cross sister, a brother, or a priest, with a weekly story on the blog. Check the following link below.



Website: <http://www.voiceofmoreau.org/>



**Brother
Philip Smith**

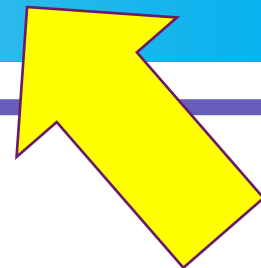


**Brother
Ben Rossi**

The Holy Cross Institute

Convocation 2022, March 24-26th, St. Edward's University

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Reflection

Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



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CSC



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