

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Brother Roland (John) Driscoll, C.S.C. *February 8, 1918 – October 28, 2016*

Brother Roland (John) Driscoll, C.S.C., age 98, died on October 28, 2016, at Dujarie House, in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, Indiana. He was born in Knoxville, TN, the son of Bernard and Nell (Brennan) Driscoll. He attended St. Mary's Elementary School and, from 1933 to 1936, Knoxville Catholic High. His parish priest, a former Holy Cross Brother, convinced Roland to enter the Congregation so Roland traveled to Watertown, WI, to enter Sacred Heart Juniorate where he completed his senior year of high school in June 1937. He began his novitiate training at St. Joseph's Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, IN, pronouncing his first vows in August 1938. Roland started his college studies at the University of Notre Dame and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1942. He also earned a master's degree at Notre Dame in 1948 from studies during summer sessions.



Brother Roland's first assignment was to teach at Monsignor Coyle High School in Taunton, MA, for eight years, and then in 1950 he served on the faculty of Central Catholic High in South Bend for a year. He joined the faculty of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis for three years and in 1954 he became the principal of Notre Dame High School in Biloxi, MS, for three years. In 1957 he returned to Cathedral High and served the next sixteen years as teacher, principal, and athletic director until 1973. During part of that time he was the dynamic director of Notre Dame Summer Camp at Bankson Lake near Lawton, MI. In 1973 he joined the faculty of Bishop David High School in Louisville, KY, where he taught his favorite government and civics courses for 7 years. Beginning in 1980 he undertook family ministry in his hometown of Knoxville to care for his aging mother and remained there to help with other family members and was very active in a local parish for

the next twenty-six years. He loved the Smoky Mountains and his vegetable garden that he tenderly cared for.

Brother Roland was ever a “Southern gentleman” with a courteous and inquiring mind and was a strong and stimulating conversationalist. He was a rabid University of Tennessee fan and proudly wore his orange jersey and sweat shirt whenever his Volunteers played, especially the women’s basketball team and its coach, Pat Summit. He moved back north to take up residence at Columba Hall in 2006. His cheery “wah-kum” was his greeting to all who joined the table in the dining room where his voice could be heard and enjoyed by almost everyone in the whole room.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 2, at Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel in Dujarie/Schubert from 9:30 to 11:00 AM on the grounds of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The Mass of Resurrection will then follow with interment afterward in St. Joseph’s Cemetery at the Village. Kaniewski Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorial contributions, in honor of Brother Roland Driscoll, C.S.C., to support the mission and ministries of the Brothers may be sent to: Brothers of Holy Cross, Office of Development, P.O. Box 460, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

**Brother Lawrence Stewart**  
Midwest Province Archivist

# GILMOUR ACADEMY

## Seniors Spend Day Volunteering Throughout Greater Cleveland

Our seniors spent Wednesday, October 19, completing service projects throughout the Greater Cleveland community. The projects varied from gardening and landscaping to serving food and caring for others.



## Arkansas Poet Reads at Andre Place



**Bryan Borland**

On Thursday, October 27, poet and publisher Bryan Borland came from Conway, Arkansas, to read his poetry to residents of Holy Cross Village. Borland has published three books of poetry and was recently elected to the American Academy of Poets. His quarterly journal of poetry (*Assaracus*) was named “best new literary journal” in 2012 by the American Association of Librarians, and he was nominated and elected to a fellowship by the Lambda Literary Society. The reading at 3 o’clock attracted sixty poets and non-poets from both Holy Cross Village and Columba Hall.



**Sister Marilyn and Brother Joseph Fox at the reading with Villagers Soni Smith and Peg Claeys.**

**Article and Pictures by Brother George Klawitter**



**Brother Robert Mosher arrives early to get a good seat.**



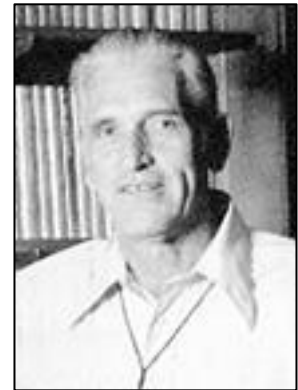
**Brother Joseph Fox chats with Don Cellini, who came from Toledo for the reading.**

## American Brothers in Bengal, 1853-2003 By Br Larry Stewart



Recently Br Larry Stewart gave a repeat performance (to the Columba Hall community) of the presentation he gave in June at the Conference of the Holy Cross History Association. It was entitled “American Brothers in Bengal, 1853-2003.”

The title is actually a chapter which **Br Thomas More Beere** contributed to a book commemorating the 150 years that Holy Cross missionaries served in Bengal (the region of India and Bangladesh). Br Larry expanded on Br Tom’s treatise with additional information on the history, geography, climate, and hardships which the American Brother missionaries encountered.



Brother Tom More graduated *magna cum laude* from Notre Dame in 1947, taught just one year at Vincentian Institute in Albany, NY, and then was sent to Bengal where he served for 54 years until he retired at Columba Hall in 2003.

Bengal was a rich but unknown kingdom for 2000 years before the explorer Marco Polo journeyed to China in 1271. The India subcontinent was then opened by European explorers when Portuguese, Dutch, French, Danish and British traders worked for silk, spices and precious metals. The British dominated and suppressed the Bengali people for years. After World War II, the British yielded and divided Bengal into India (primarily Hindu peoples) and East and West Pakistan (primarily Muslim/Islam peoples) with the two Pakistan countries separated by 1000 miles on either side of India. Mahatma Ghandi was the leader of the independence movement in 1947 when Britain left the area.

The country is sub-tropical with monsoons, typhoons, and occasional severe floods. 90% of the people are Muslims, about 8% are Hindus and the remaining 1% are Buddhists and Christians.

Holy Cross became involved in Bengal when Father Moreau visited Pope Pius IX in Rome in 1850. Holy Cross missionaries were already in Algeria (1840), Indiana

(1841), Canada (1847), Louisiana (1848) and Italy (1850). The Pope wanted Holy Cross to work in Bengal. Father Moreau received a letter from the Propaganda Fidei in 1851 with the subtle suggestion that official approval of the Congregation's Constitutions would be speeded up by accepting the East Bengal mission. Moreau sent Sisters, Brothers, and priests there in 1852, but still it took Rome five more years to give official approval to the Constitutions.

The first missionaries were unprepared for the difficult life and work in the severe tropical heat and humidity of Bengal. In those days, they received very little education or preparation before being assigned to teach and work in Bengal. Brother Tom More wrote that the first Holy Cross missionaries should have accepted the offer of hospitality by the Jesuits in Calcutta to acclimate gradually to the local conditions and culture and learn the Bengali language of the people. The practice though was to "learn on the job."

Br. Tom More contributed condensed biographies of all 79 American Holy Cross Brothers who served in Bengal those 150 years. Eight died and are buried in the country, 2 left Holy Cross to become secular priests, and 17 left Holy Cross and returned home.

They all served primarily as teachers at the high school and college level, 9 served as rotating headmasters in 6 different schools, 5 were outstanding maintenance and skills teachers at the St. Joseph School of Industrial Trades they founded, 3 were noted for their love of landscaping around the schools, 2 were outstanding authors who translated books, 5 have served as "apostles to the needy" and 3 were involved as formation directors of the Bengali or Bangladeshi Holy Cross Brothers.

With regard to the number of years these 79 American Holy Cross Brothers have served.... 37 were there for fewer than 10 years, 18 for 10-19 years, 8 for 20-29 years, 4 for 30-39 years, 8 for 40-49 years and 5 were there for 50 or more years. Brother Ronald Drahozal recently returned for his 56<sup>th</sup> year and he may break Brother Donald Becker's longest duration of 58 years. Brother Edward Dailey is hoping to begin his first year in Bangladesh in January.

## Sustainability

**Email: Br. William Mewes, CSC**

I was invited to attend some college class discussions on sustainability. In Friday's class part of the discussion was on the Family of Holy Cross Statement on Climate Change. This might be a basis for discussion in all Holy Cross schools or those connected to Holy Cross.

### Statement:

Earth and the life it sustains are precious gifts of God, now radically threatened by climate change and ecological exploitation. Safeguarding these sacred gifts for future generations is a moral responsibility integral to the mission of the family of Holy Cross.

Climate change is already destroying Earth's life-support systems and endangering human health and security. Those least responsible and most affected are poor people and nations. For people of faith, response to this crisis is not an "option"—it is a matter of justice and solidarity.

Therefore, we

Marianites of Holy Cross,  
Priests and Brothers of Holy Cross,  
Sisters of Holy Cross, and  
Sisters of the Holy Cross

will work together to:

\* Foster an ethos of care for God's creation in our members, colleagues, institutions, and those we serve.

\* Resist the culture of consumerism and foster models of development that respect the rights of the whole Earth community.

\* Reduce energy consumption, increase efficiency, and employ renewable technologies to achieve carbon neutrality in our congregations by 2050.

\* Ensure that ecological sustainability is integral to our congregational planning, decision-making, and practices.

\* Utilize our financial and human resources to support the development of an ecological economy.

\* Urge governments and industries to adopt policies that successfully mitigate climate change and reduce its impacts on those most vulnerable.

\* Promote interdependence, right relationship with and commitment to the common good, countering a culture of individualism, greed, exclusion and exploitation.

A subsequent discussion brought out that students want to move the date for implementation up 20 years or so. It was pointed out that this statement should be revisited again in light of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment. It is estimated that rising sea water will flood many parts of Florida as well as large parts of Bangladesh causing much hardship and even death.



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**Email from: Br. Ronald Drahozal, CSC**

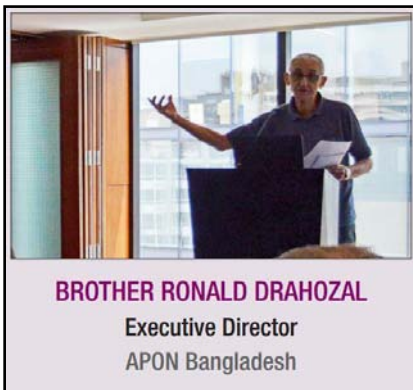
We are involved in serving addicts of all ages, genders, all religious, social-economic classes but mainly the poor, marginalized children and adolescents. Our services are provided at APONGAON (Singair Upazila) and APON ODIC (Outreach Drop In Centre) and MARA (Most At Risk Adolescents) in the Mirpur Mazar area where there are children from ages 4-5 to adolescents up to 19.



The ODIC in Mirpur has two programs: one for young children at present funded by APON but started with the Colombo Plan funds for three years and again to be funded in 2017, and MARA program for children/adolescents ages 10 to 19 funded by UNICEF, which is now encouraging us to start a similar MARA program for females. Sister Monju Corrya, CSC is directing this program with the help of recovering addicts and other staff plus some

assistance from the APON Executive Director.

In July our Executive Director, Bro. Ronald Drahozal, CSC, was invited to attend the “Children Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program Development Meeting” in Washington D.C., USA. He was the sole National Trainer representative of Bangladesh along with one from India and Pakistan. Each gave a presentation on the services they provide. APON was highly praised by the INL officials.

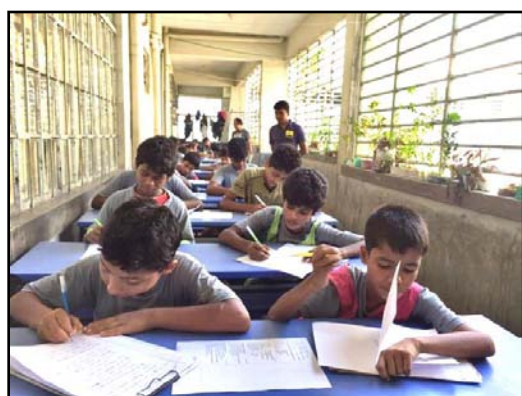


This meeting hosted by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) and facilitated by the Drug Advisory Program (DAP) of

the Colombo Plan, represents the first gathering of global participants engaged in addressing child substance use disorders (SUDs) from the wider global region. The meeting was attended by participants from various treatment programs and health ministries in South America and South Asia as well as by representatives of international organizations and US government agencies.



Our “wing beans” are growing and blooming. This year we have a much larger area used. As some may recall in the 1970’s Bro. Gerald Kraeger started to grow these in various parts of Bangladesh. It seems that in most places they got dropped, but we have been planting these for years. A few years ago residents picked the beans too early so we also lost the seeds. By chance my sister Lori found some in a library in a small town in Iowa and got 15 seeds---these have increase a thousand times plus. (If anybody wants any seeds let us know.)



These days our Children Program “Bahinis” (ages 5 to 14) are finishing their fourth term exams. (We have five terms.) Many of these boys ran away from home because either the teachers were beating and harassing them or they wanted to study and the parents did not or could not afford to send them to school. Most are now doing very well and two will give the government exam for Class Five this year. They usually do among the best in the area.

Recently a teenage boy brought a relative to APONGAON for admission. He had been a "bahini" here two years ago. He proudly said he was working in Mohammadpur and using the vocational skills, especially welding, he learned in our technical skill training classes.



APON 22<sup>nd</sup> Founding Day. Although the original date is October 1, 1994, we delayed for various reasons. The Chief Guest was the Director General, Department of Narcotics Control, of the Home Ministry, and a Special Guest, the local Manikganj District DNC in charge. Some recovering addicts and guardians were also present.

**Brother Ronald Drahozal**

**Head Office mailing address**

**Street Children drug users, pre and post groups, ages 4-14**

APON ODIC

137/12, A-23, Priyangan Housing Society,

Mazar Road, 2nd Colony, Mirpur-1,

Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh

APON MARA

In the same area---a few doors down from the APON-ODIC.

MARA stands for **Most At Risk Adolescents**. Basically those adolescents under 18 whose human right to good health was restricted by the vast gap in assisting them for both drug addiction and HIV/AIDS.

## Orchids Brighten Holy Cross College



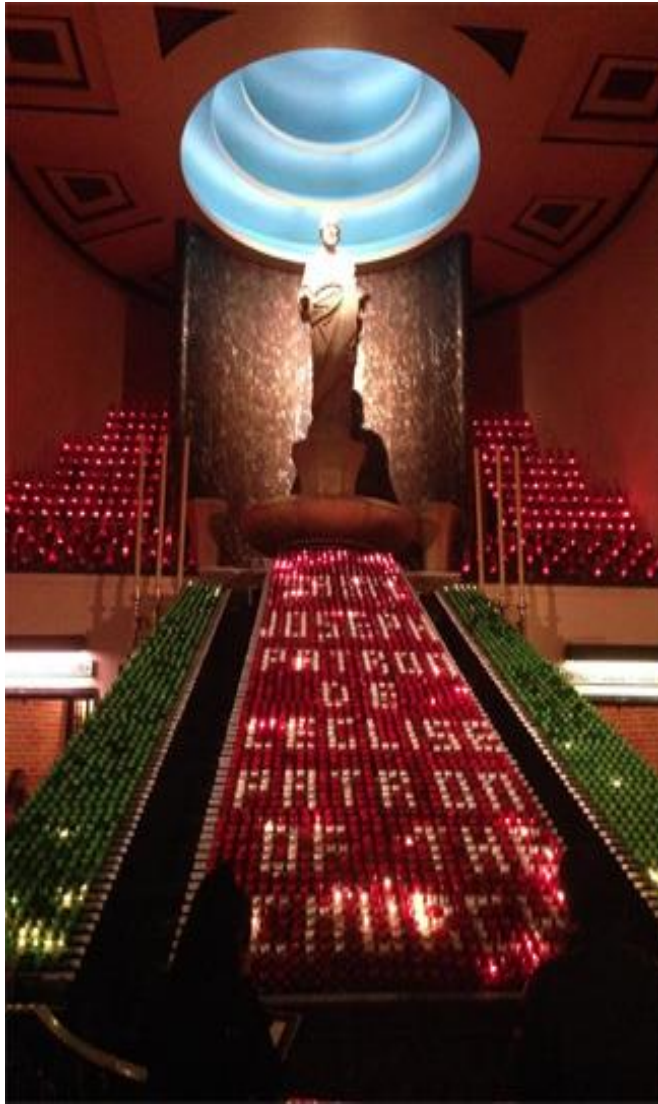
**NOTRE DAME, IN (November 3, 2016)** — The Michiana Orchid Society will hold its annual fall orchid show at Holy Cross **College Saturday and Sunday, November 5-6**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Parking and admission to the show and workshops are free and open to the public.

There will be a colorful variety of exhibits by orchid societies and vendors from Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois. Tropical orchids in fantastic colors and forms will be featured in the Vincent Hall atrium, and photographs are encouraged. Members of the Michiana Orchid Society will be present both days to answer questions. Orchids will be available for purchase in the Vincent Hall student lounge.

Prize ribbons will be awarded by local judges Saturday morning followed by the American Orchid Society's national judging. Crafts and activities for children are planned. Workshops on growing and caring for orchids are scheduled for 1:30 on both Saturday and Sunday, and a free raffle for orchids will also be held each day.

For more information, please visit [www.michianaorchidsociety.org](http://www.michianaorchidsociety.org).

## Go to Joseph



Perhaps the most moving experience I had in Montreal was going to the votive chapel at St. Joseph's Oratory and gazing upon the 10,000 candles that fill this quiet, holy space. Brother Andre was known to say, "go to Joseph," and so as we prayed at the tomb of St. Andre, we were gently brought under the patronage of St. Joseph. There, amid all the crutches suspended between the pillars- those symbols of healing - we experienced God's grace. It was a privilege to pray with other pilgrims who have come from all over the world to light candles in front of the statue of St. Joseph, Patron of the Church.

**(Picture at left)  
Reflection & Picture by  
postulant Dustin Nelson on his  
Fall Break trip to St. Joseph  
Oratory in Montreal**



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