

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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*A Blessed Easter*

## Our Poets, Past and Present

### Easter

Easter! Amazing!  
Celebrating God's love emblazing.

What an Easter gift: redemption.  
Gratuitousness Incarnate  
after degradation entered into,  
rising clean and baby-sweet today  
just for me, each one can say.

Alleluia, alleluia,  
heavenly charms,  
God enfolds me  
in His arms!

Restored by His death,  
the ancient covenant  
God made at Sinai  
now is fulfilled:

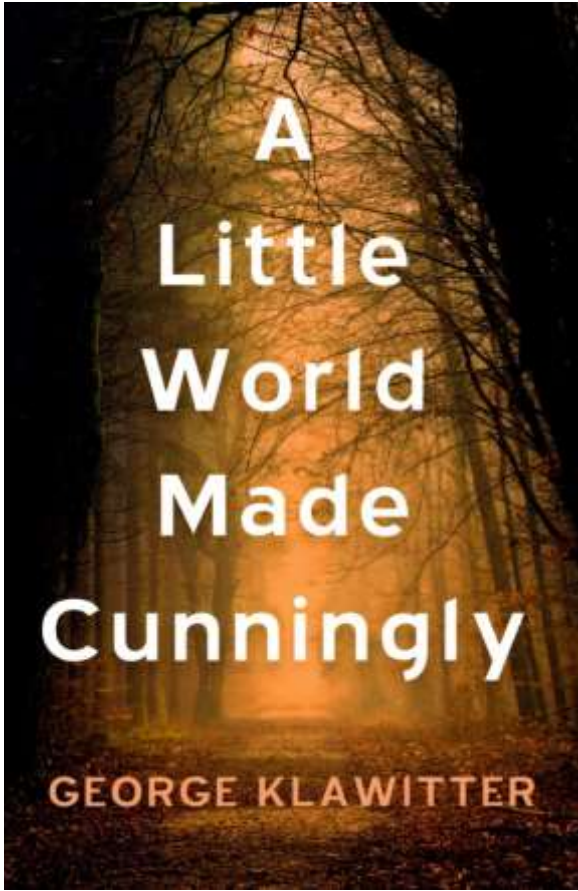
All can partake  
of His gift of love  
redounding.

The victory of Salvation  
to each in every nation sounding.

Thus the story of God's love,  
soon to culminate  
in the Pentecostal descending  
of the Dove of Love,  
extending life forevermore.  
This each Easter we commemorate.

—**Brother Remigius, CSC (1987)**





## Poems by Brother George Klawitter, C.S.C.

*A Little World Made Cunningly* brings together the author's best poems written over the past ten years in free-form verse and traditional forms, including the sonnet. Many of the poems rely on classroom experiences garnered from a teaching career of fifty-seven years. Family memories account for other poems, and the author's reactions to artistic creations, especially paintings and ceramics, inspired many of the pieces. An undercurrent of religious sensibility is rarely far from the poems, but creed and doctrine never comprise subject matter. This is a collection for multiple readers, an audience not far from ordinary experience.

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George Klawitter, professor of English literature, St. Edward's University, has published books of poetry throughout his teaching career. *Country Matters* appeared in 2001, and his book *Let Orpheus Take Your Hand* won the Gival Press Poetry Prize in 2002. His collection *Gareth* appeared in 2014, and *The Priest* appeared in 2020. He lives in retirement at Notre Dame, Indiana.

"The poet John Donne would give George Klawitter a big hug if he were to read this book. Not only is the title borrowed from the lines of one of Donne's sonnets, but the overall theme is consistent with Donne's too. More importantly, Klawitter is also a master of the sonnet form. There are odes and elegies as well as love poems thinly veiled in religious imagery. Donne and Klawitter should both be proud." —Donald Cellini (author of *Outside the Garden*)

"George Klawitter's latest collection of elegant formal poems puts to the test a lifetime's worth of the emotional, spiritual, and erotic ties that bind him to poets of the past—like John Donne and Gerard Manley Hopkins—to the students, family, and loved ones of his American heartland and to God. With impish wit and enticing imagery, Klawitter engages us in conversations we will return to again and again." —Alan Altimont (associate professor of English literature and creative writing, St. Edward's University)

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## A Break from Classes

**(Left in photo)**

Brother Vicyor Corraya, C.S.C., (SJP) makes a stop from school and work to visit with Holy Cross communities in Ohio, on his trip East.

**(Front row) Victor Corraya, Kenneth Kane, Charles Smith, Alexander Susai, Maurice D'Souza**

**(Back row) Robrert Lavelle, Dennis Bdenarrz, John Blaszek**

## Easter at Columba Hall

### **Morning Mass**

**Reflection by Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.**

Any reflection offered for Easter Sunday liturgy should begin with reference to Resurrection. I choose to begin with the Incarnation.

The biblical Israelites continually believed in and worshipped a God whom they regarded as dwelling in a place they called heaven. Their Ark of the Covenant, tents, tabernacles, and temples were merely replicas of the real thing. Even the smoke of their sacrifices had to rise upward for God was there.

Then God in his providence planned the day: God was coming to earth – the Incarnation. The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity not only occupied earth but became a human without losing or diminishing His Divinity.

Now Jesus fully confirmed possible our original creation-right; made in the image and likeness of God through being able to participate in His life. Sharing in his act of redemption – on the cross with him, dying with him, and, because of him, rising again.

We are aware that Jesus eventually ascended to heaven after His resurrection. But He also always remains with us here on earth. Our smoke needs not go upward anymore now that the risen Jesus is with and within us.

And all this is so because God wants nothing more than a relationship with Him.





**Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel**



**Brother Douglas**



**Father William**



**Brother Robert**



Community Dinner



Alleluia



## Rosary Walk Construction

This project can be viewed directly across the lawn in front of Columba Hall close to the shore of "Saint Mary's Lake.

Three photos are shown below of two of the six "Rosary Walk" monuments under construction .

More information on this event hopefully will be gathered from Brother James Kane as he takes more walks to this area at Notre Dame.







Holy Week  
Saint Brother André Senior High School  
Kasowa, Ghana, West Africa



This year stations of the cross featured singing of hymns, prayers and the Drama Club who dramatized the Crucifixion.



Dramatization of Crucifixion  
and Station of The Cross







**Richard Sewu**  
**IT Director**  
**St. Brother Andre Senior High School, Ghana**





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

### **Biblically Named Places in the United States**

There are numerous places throughout the United States with names taken from the Bible. One example is a nearby neighbor of Notre Dame, Indiana; that is, Goshen, Indiana.


In Genesis 45:10 the ancient Egyptian city of Goshen is cited as the dwelling place of the Israelites before the time of the Exodus and during the plagues.


For a more complete list of biblically name places in Indiana and elsewhere in the United States, search online *Google/Wikipedia* (ex. “places in the United States named after places in the Bible”).

**Goshen Bethel Shiloh Canaan Salem**  
**Zion Eden Moriah Sharon Epphraim**

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

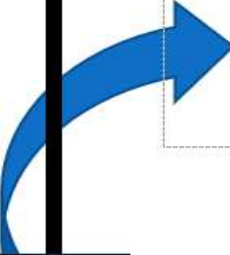
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## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Pope Francis has written two important Apostolic Letters on “Mother Earth: Our Common Home.” In them he wants us to see ourselves as creatures on the earth joined together in a common bond. He is asking each of us to expand our vision. It is similar to what the early Church needed to do when asked the question: “Who is my neighbor?” In the beginning Christians were only Jews. It was St. Paul who began preaching to the Gentiles, and the early followers of Jesus were called to expand their vision to include all peoples. In fact, later, the word “catholic” with a small “c” meaning universal became “Catholic” with a capital “C.”

Pope Francis goes beyond referring only to humans. His letters include all creatures and the earth itself. We walk on common ground. We all look up to see the same sky. That picture of the earth taken from the moon is imbedded in our memories. What is our response? As Christians and as humans we are called to take care of Mother Earth. This mandate can take many forms, but the main purpose is to leave this planet beautiful and sustainable for our children and our children’s children.

- What does care for the earth mean to you?
- Does this involve a change in your thinking and/or behavior?
- Do you feel a responsibility to join others to make necessary changes?

**O God, help me not to take this earth for granted but to respond to her needs.**

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



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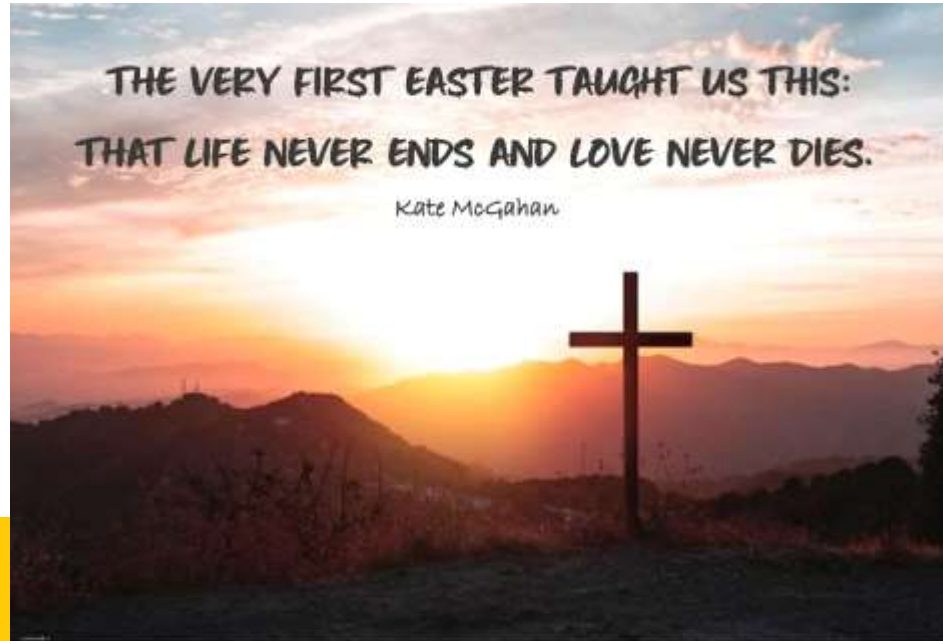


**Reflection** sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.


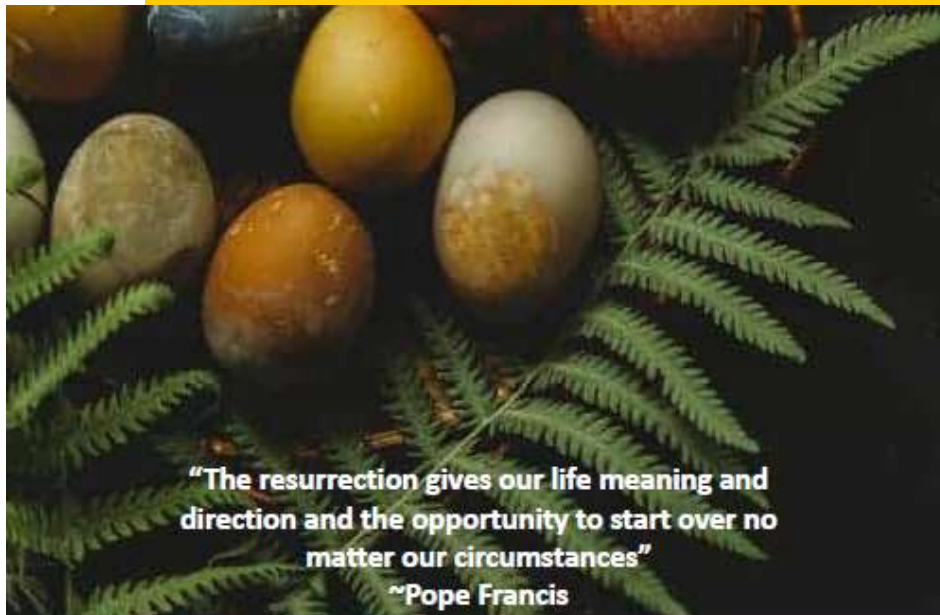


THE VERY FIRST EASTER TAUGHT US THIS:  
 THAT LIFE NEVER ENDS AND LOVE NEVER DIES.

Kate McGahan



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**"The resurrection gives our life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter our circumstances"**  
**~Pope Francis**

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