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A Blessed New Year
2023

Saint Brother André

January 6



New Year's Meal Blessing: 2023

Lord, you make all things new, bring hope alive in our hearts, and cause our spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this New Year, for all the potential it holds come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your glorious name.

Bless, O Lord, our New Year's Day food. Bless us all and keep us from harm; make us ever mindful of the needs of others in the year ahead. We ask all of this in your name. Amen.

Brother Thomas Moser, C.S.C. An Inspiration and Influence



From 1963 to 1967, I was a student at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, IL. I have many memories of the Brothers of Holy Cross from that time. Among my strongest memories have been those of **Brother Thomas Moser**. He taught biology to sophomores, and I was in his class. Since I was drawn to STEM before that was a thing, I enjoyed his class. (I also enjoyed **Bro. Edward Libbers'** chemistry class). Back in those days, our biology textbook and

lesson plan included the discussion of evolution, and Bro. Tom mentioned the work of the Jesuit philosopher and theologian, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. I was intrigued. On a number of occasions, I would hang around school when the school day was over, and I would stop by his classroom as he was straightening up, and we talked. I asked questions, and he explained things. I started getting interested in philosophy. As I think about those times, I realize that what we talked about was less important than the fact that he took the time to talk to me.

When I graduated from eighth grade, I entered high school with plans for a career in electronics. When I graduated from Holy Cross, I entered the college seminary with the thought of considering priesthood. My experiences at Holy Cross High School and the ministry of the Brothers of Holy Cross, especially men like Brother Thomas Moser, changed the course of my life. In very subtle ways, those extracurricular talks with Bro. Tom helped awaken a vocation I didn't know I had. I was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in May of 1975, and for the next forty-four years served the parishes of the Archdiocese. I "retired" in June of 2019 and continue to assist at parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet (where I now live). It may not always be obvious, but Brother Thomas Moser, CSC, has been an inspiration and influence for that ministry. My prayers for him and the continued ministry of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Please feel free to share my thoughts and prayers as you see fit.

Rev. Michael J. Furlan
Holy Cross High School, Class of '67

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[Funeral for Bro. Thomas
Moser, C.S.C.](#)

May They Rest in Peace

Legacy page Link - **Brother Thomas Moser, C.S.C.**

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

Brother James Newberry, C.S.C. – Legacy page will be posted soon.

Legacy page links - **all** Midwest Provence Brothers:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/legacy-project/>

In Memory of Brother John Tryon, C.S.C.

**An email from Brother
Jonathan Beebe, CSC**

The class of 2022 at our school, Colegio Fe y Alegría 25, in Huáscar chose John posthumously to be their class sponsor. The photo is of the banner that hangs outside the front entrance of the building.

I thought that the MWB would like to know that John's memory as a Holy Cross Brother lives on, especially as we prepare to observe this month the first anniversary of his passing.



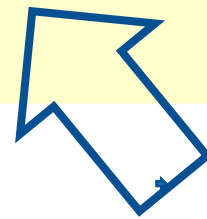
The Province of West Africa

Congratulations to all who contributed to the establishment of a new growth in the Congregation of Holy Cross.

May your chosen Patron Saint Brother André continue to guide you on your new path.



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



Our Poets, Past and Present

I'll Never Learn

I ought to know by now that saying yes to some requests is going to demand much more of me than I—let me confess—have time or skill to try the task at hand.

When such requests involve creative art, I nearly always spend far too much time and effort planning, working from the start, and facing self-made mountains I must climb.

But in the end I've always done my best, and, generally speaking, I succeed in bringing off the heart of the request and feel good will has far outstripped the deed.

Yet, asked again, a yes will fast return to my reluctant lips: I'll never learn!

—**Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC** (October 16, 2001)



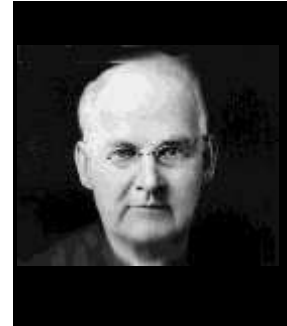
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Your best work!!!

GOOD JOB!

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



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New Year's Day at Columba





Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Losses

When we plan our lives with certain goals in mind, we find that things often do not go our way. There are going to be losses. These could be a change in our health or the health of the people that we have counted on, or there could be changes in situations in “our world” over which we lack control. In any case these losses may cause grief, and can lead to a form of depression, especially if we think they are all about us.

As Christians we need to look at what Jesus went through even before his death on a cross. Even the people that were closest to him did not really understand his message about the kingdom of God. They were men who were wrapped up in their own ideas of who Jesus was and what he should be accomplishing.

When we are ready to accept the new reality of doors closing, we know in faith that we can be assured that new doors will open for us. With God’s help and in God’s time we will become aware of possibilities that lead to new life. Our losses will become that source of what God has in store for us – new stepping stones to fulfilling our destiny.

- Do you think often about the losses in your life?
- Have you experienced a way forward once you have accepted your losses?
- Does your faith help you in making this transition?

O God, give me the wisdom to see your hand in what I experience in life.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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




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

A large graphic for a New Year reflection. The background is a scenic view of a mountain range with a valley filled with mist or low clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The text is centered over the image.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
+ 2023 +

And now we welcome the
new year. Full of things
that have never been.

-Rainer Maria Rilke

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