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Do We Have Another Saint?
Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.
(1848-1923)



In January of 1918, Brother Columba spent twenty-four days in Joliet, Illinois. His days were spent seeing the sick and he “effected about seventy or eighty wonderful cures that we know about.” The following four handwritten pages were found among the artifacts of Brother Ernest Ryan, CSC, the author of the lone biography of Brother Columba, *These Two Hearts*, 1948. They are in his very legible handwriting. You will also read in the newspaper article by Rev. Carl Bruhn, a minister, in the *Joliet Evening Herald* and reprinted in the *South Bend Tribune* (Feb. 13, 1918) his “take” on Brother Columba.

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articles to access:

HUNDREDS GO TO MONK TO LEARN OF FAITH CURES.
BROTHER COLUMBA REPORTED TO BE MAKING PROGRESS;
NO RELIGIOUS IMPOSTER. ---BRUHN ASSERTS.
(No Religious Imposter)

From South Bend Tribune,
Wed. Feb. 13, 1918.
Hundreds go to Monk to
learn faith cures. Brother
Columba of Notre Dame
visits Joliet, Ill.
Minister writes report.

The following are a few of the
cures wrought through the agency of
Brother Columba, using a Sacred Heart
badge. These were never recorded in

Ghana Celebrates Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Commissions New Missions, and Welcomes First Holy Cross Priest from East Africa

The family of Holy Cross in Ghana gathered to celebrate our Congregational Feast Day and used the occasion to commission four (4) of our Brothers who are ready to take up new ministries in the District of West Africa and also formally welcome into the District Fr. Agapetus from the District of East Africa on mission to Ghana.

Holy Cross in Ghana has responded positively and accepted the invitation from two Arch/Bishops to begin separate ministries in their Dioceses.

The District took advantage of the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, which falls on the 15th of September on the Church's Calendar, to commission our four (4) Holy Cross Brothers about to embark on this mission.

As has been the practice each year, the membership of the District gathers to celebrate our Congregational feast day, but this year was different as it was marked by the District meeting, which because of the pandemic could not meet over the period but by the grace of God were able to gather this time, celebrate the Eucharist, and commission our four Brothers going on missions.

As already stated in the introduction, equally exciting news is the fact the District of West Africa has deepened its collaborative efforts with Holy Cross in East Africa. For the first time in the history of the District of West Africa, we have officially welcomed a Holy Cross priest from the District of East Africa to work in Ghana. He is Fr. Agapetus, who will be working at St. Brother Andre Senior High School as a chaplain and teach religious subjects as well. Fr. Agapetus is young and comes to Ghana with much passion for ministry. We wish him a wonderful stay and experience while in Ghana.

It was indeed a joyous and memorable occasion to have the Brothers of Holy Cross, our Holy Cross Sisters and, since Fr. Bob Gilmour left for the US, we were glad to have a Holy Cross priest in our midst. Find below pictures to spice up your read.



Brothers and sisters after mass in a group photo with the longest serving missionary in the district



Brothers commissioned for new missions by Br. John Affum Badu C.S.C.

Br. John, Br. Ken Kundutani, Br. Nicholas Arthur, Br. Gabriel Koi



**Brothers commissioned for new missions
Br. John, Br. Ken Kundutani, Br. Nicholas Arthur, Br. Gabriel Koi from left to right**



Br. Nicholas, Fr. Agapetus and Br. Kenneth Goode C.S.C

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Fear Not

Dear Associates and Friends,

Many times Jesus tells us to fear not in Scripture. What he is saying is that the God whom we proclaim to be the source and protector of our lives, will not leave us. God has our backs when we want to follow the will of God in our lives. Does this mean that there will be no troubles, no rejections, no pain, or no failures? We only have to look at Jesus' life to realize that cannot be true. He experienced many of these things. What it does mean is that the God who created us will guide us and lead us to the fulfillment of our true selves even with all of the crosses that may come our way. When we experience the storms of life, we need to go above the storm like those in an airplane who see the sun that is shining above the clouds. Through our prayer we are able to reach the heights and trust that eventually "all will be well."

- Has fear ever overwhelmed you at certain times in your life?
- What helps you to get beyond fear and listen to Jesus' words, "Fear not"?
- Scripture says, "Perfect love casts out fear." Can you see why this true?

O God, help me put my life into your hands so that my trust in your love takes away paralyzing fear.



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

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From the *Voice of Moreau Website*

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



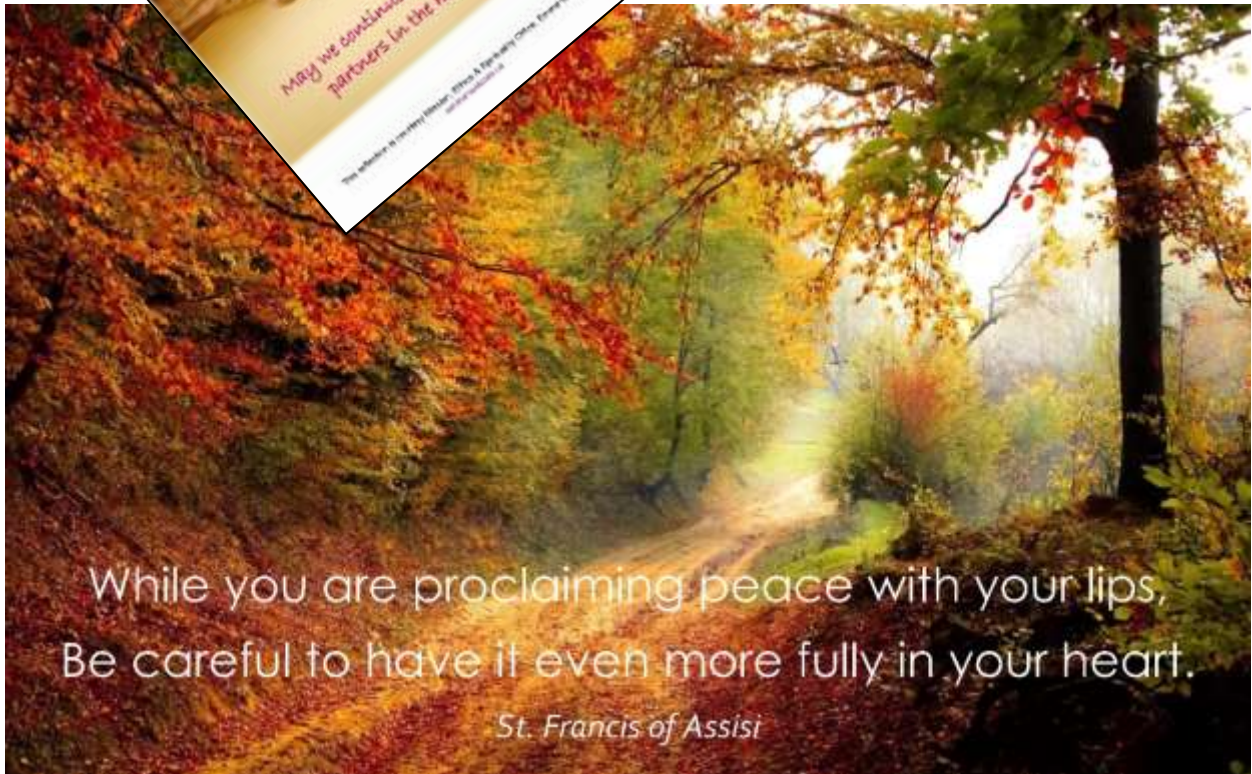
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Ben Rossi**

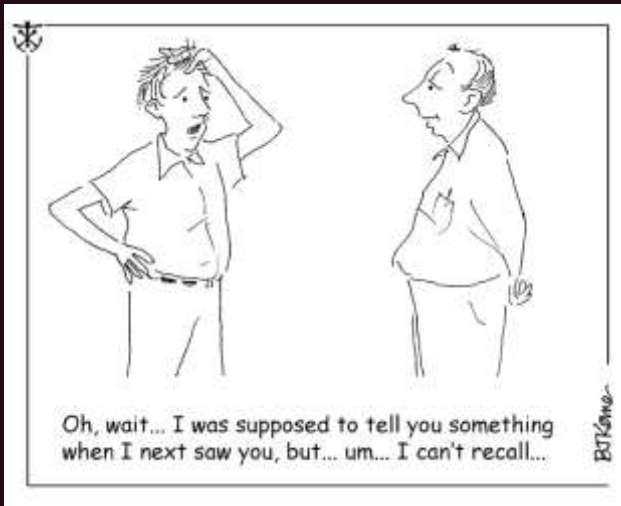


Reflection
sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C



While you are proclaiming peace with your lips,
Be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.

St. Francis of Assisi



Brother
James
Kane,
CSC



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