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Our Poets, Past and Present

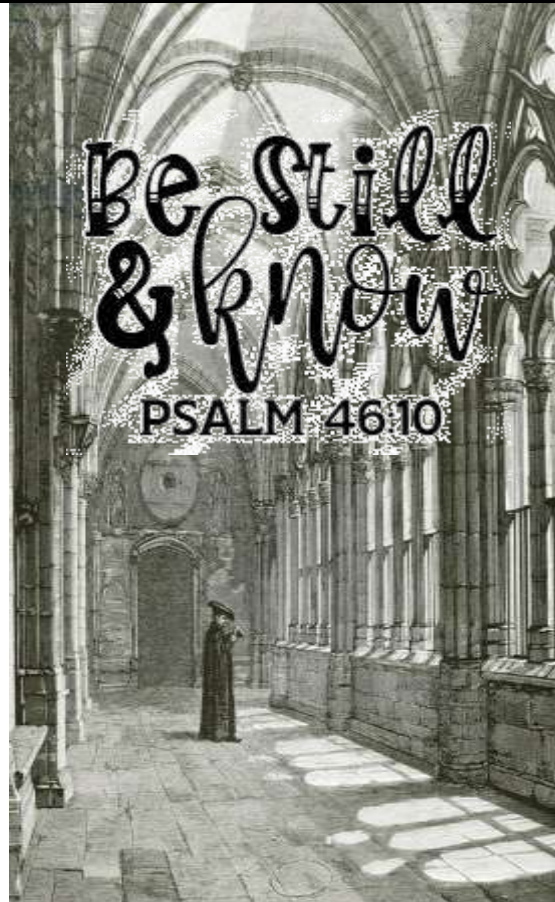
A Certain Power

A certain power do the *Psalms* possess that helps them transfer by analogy their awesome wealth that I may then express the prayer that stirs deep down inside of me.

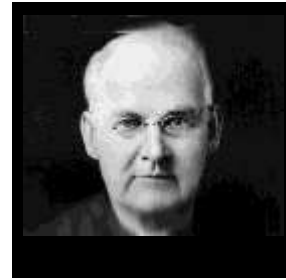
My spirit urges that I be at peace if I would make the *Psalms* my prayer, and all undue anxiety must cease that I, with others who would dare, can vouch that David's God is our God now, not hid in *Psalms* or us, here alive.

Then God, we're sure, will readily allow themes multiple in prayer that don't deprive us of the *Psalms* as filling our desires and leading us in songs that God inspires.

—Brother Philip Armstrong (October 2001)



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



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Saint (Brother) Nicholas
Paid a visit to Columba Hall

December 6th



Br. Dennis Bednarz

Last month, Dennis attended the 27th annual Lincoln Forum in Gettysburg. This is a four-day symposium that investigates recent scholarship about Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era.

President Lincoln made an appearance at our gathering.

General U. S. Grant also attended along with former St. Edward Advancement Director Karen Hanrahan.



Christmas Prep at Columba Hall



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Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

You Are My Beloved

Henri Nouwen's mission to us who find his writings so meaningful for our lives was to help us be convinced that we, like Jesus, are the beloved of God. If Jesus discovered his own belovedness in the hearing of his father's words, "You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased," then we too who possess the Christ life within us are also the beloved sons and daughters of God.

Why is it so hard for us to grasp the full implication of this belief? Our belovedness does not rest in an inflated ego. Our belovedness does not depend on our being perfect. Our belovedness comes to us by being open to receive this blessing from the beneficent God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctifies us.

The implications of this awareness are enormous. We no longer need to be slaves to acquiring wealth, power, or seeking pleasure to be fulfilled. We do not need to do good things to receive God's love. We receive and know God's love which enables us to do good things. Nouwen helps us realize that our mission is to help others come to the same realization that God's love is the source of their belovedness and freedom in Christ.

- How would you describe the "real you?"
- Do you ever think of yourself as the beloved of God in whom God is well pleased?
- If so, how would this realization change the way you minister to others?

O God, help me experience the freedom I have as your son or daughter.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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



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"I think the biggest disease the world suffers from in this day and age is the disease of people feeling unloved.

I know that I can give love for a minute, for half an hour, for a day, for a month, but I can give. I am very happy to do that, I want to do that."

—Diana, Princess of Wales

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Peace is not something you wish for,
It's something you make

Robert Fulghum

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