

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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February 8, 2023

## Our Poets, Past and Present

### Musings

Twenty Canadian geese  
now full grown  
let one know  
who is on the throne!

Baby birds  
with stern mother,  
now are adults  
with other interests!

Long-necked birds  
with typical white band  
under black piercing eyes  
fully grown.

Hedgehog turning gray too,  
pregnant and waiting for love  
in the wake of terrorist attacks  
and the threat of war.



—**Brother Remigius  
Bullinger, CSC**



## Notre Dame joins with Habitat for Humanity



Sent in by **Bother Chris Dreyer, C.S.C.** , board member and volunteer for *Habitat for Humanity*.

Click link for Habitat information:



[Notre Dame joins with Habitat for Humanity to increase access to affordable housing close to campus | News | Notre Dame News | University of Notre Dame \(nd.edu\)](#)



**Brother George Klawitter, C.S.C.,  
Aubrey Breen**

## Cellist Aubrey Breen

ND student, Aubrey, provided cello music for our Holy Cross Community at Columba Hall. The session was held in Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel, 4:45 PM, this past Friday, February 3, 2023.

Thank you, Aubrey, for setting up this musical presentation.





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

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<https://brothercolumba.com/>



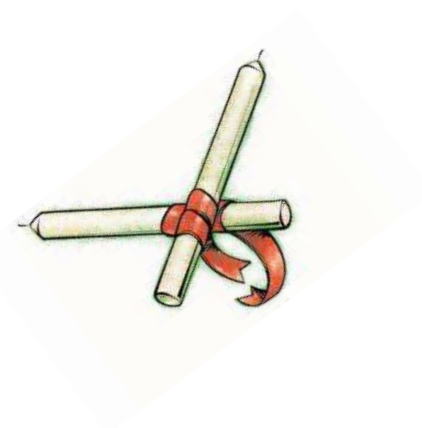
Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.  
Postulator of the cause for Brother Columba



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## Feast of Saint Blaise

Blessing of throats at Columba Hall was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. Since members lived together we individually received the blessing where as, because of the virus around, it was a group blessing at other places.



## Pictures from Ghana

Brothers visiting Ghana, celebrating the District becoming the Province of West Arica, have sent back some pictures -- enjoy. These were taken by Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C.



Banners in Saint Brother André Chapel at the Center.

A hearing-impaired sculpture artist created the statue. Brother Vincent Gross painted the cross.



## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### Choose Joy

What is your experience of God? If it has put to rest the fear of not having a perfect life and you no longer see God as a taskmaster counting only the mistakes that you make, maybe you are being called to share a vision of God that is merciful and loving. God has loved us from the very beginning and like a shepherd who watches over the flocks is aware of all of the events that shape our lives. God's merciful love is always there to be called upon.

When we experience God's unconditional love and that love remains with us throughout our day, what is the outcome? Is it not the joy that the Holy Spirit wants to give us? This spiritual joy is very contagious and is the new evangelization Pope Francis promotes in his apostolic letters. Rather than count on doctrinal definitions, people today will be more responsive to a genuine joy that flows from an authentic living of a Christian life which takes God's love and gives it away with a joyful heart. Choose joy!

- What is your experience of God?
- Do you experience God's unconditional love for you?
- Are you able to feel and express joy at having received God's love?

**O God, give me an experience of Christian joy in my everyday life.**

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



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# Reflection

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




**Providence Health Care**  
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"Kindness in words creates confidence.  
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.  
Kindness in giving creates love."  
- Lao Tzu



Providence Health Care February 3, 2018

One kind word can warm  
Three winter months.  
- Japanese Proverb



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