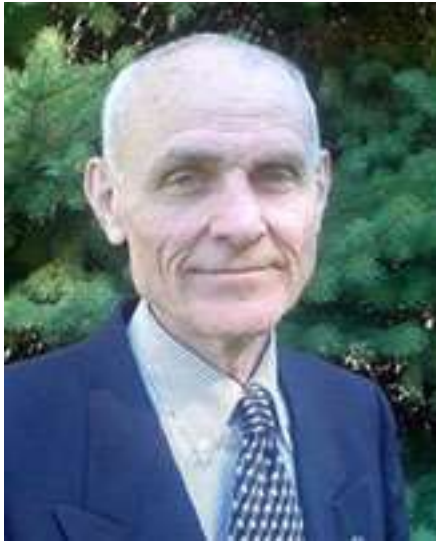


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Brother Paul Houston Kelly, C.S.C. Eulogy



My name is Brother William Dygert. Brother Paul and I have been friends for just about 50 years. I have lived with him in several community houses, served with him in several ministries of the Province, and often travelled with him.

Sincere condolences to his family, especially his brother, John, and his sisters, Margaret and Sue, and also to his many friends. Thanks to all of you for being with us today to pray for and remember him and to celebrate his life.

Brother Paul Kelly was a man who loved God, who loved his family, and who loved the Congregation of Holy Cross, and who throughout his life was remarkably faithful to all three.

He entered Holy Cross as a novice in January of 1958, and took first vows as a Brother of Holy Cross in January of 1959. He lived the life of a professed religious for 63 years. His commitment to religious life in Holy Cross was total. He was a man of prayer, and most notably he demonstrated his love of God by his concern for others.

Brother Paul was a person of remarkable energy, and he was almost always focused on serving the good of the many, many people he came to know, serve, work with, and work for. He knew no stranger. He was a man of hope. He had a sunny disposition, was very good at making people feel comfortable, and was a bright light in the lives of those he associated with. If you ever visited a place where he had served and people there knew you were a Holy Cross religious, they would inevitably ask about him. I have always been amazed at the broad network of good will that he had built, and the number of people he knew and kept in contact with. Every time I travelled with him, he bought a stack of postcards to send to family,

friends, and associates.

Brother Paul was also a person devoted to his family. He was one of six children with three brothers and two sisters. He loved visiting with his siblings, nephews, nieces and extended family members. His was a card playing family—mostly bridge. I was convinced that there was a perpetual bridge game going on in his family home. Once I dropped him off at his parents' house on a Sunday morning, and found a bridge game already in progress, and when I returned to pick him up in the early evening, the bridge game was still going on.

He played bridge every chance he had, and he regularly held bridge parties wherever he lived. I was never sure whether or not those who came to play cards with him enjoyed the card game more or the great food he served at these gatherings.

And his love of games did not include only cards. He tried a lot of others games, most recently Farkel, a dice game. If you had dinner with him at your place of residence or his, afterwards he was always up for a game of Farkel.

He was born and raised on a farm, and when he left home to enter Holy Cross, he may have left the farm, but the farm never really left him. He was an early retiree in order to be an early riser. I was convinced that he never got over having to get up early to milk the cows. In addition, in many of the places he lived, he managed to keep chickens and be in the egg business. Being a good business man, however, he would get rid of the chickens as soon as the cost of the feed exceeded the profit from selling the eggs.

He also enjoyed state fairs, and we visited many together. I learned a lot about farm animals from him since we visited every barn on the fair grounds. I was amazed at how many different kinds of chickens and rabbits there are. We also checked out all the displays of food, flowers, and farm machinery.

Brother Paul was very good at whatever he did, and people who associated with him knew from experience what a gifted cook he was. He was generous in his willingness to cook for others and to teach others how to cook and bake. At Holy Cross High School in River Grove, he regularly gave baking demonstrations at Mothers Club meetings. The Mothers Club officers loved to have him on the program because his demonstrations were very popular and assured a good attendance at the meeting.

He even dressed appropriately for the occasion with a big white puffy chef's hat and a starched white apron. He also had other accoutrements for his favorite activity, such as fine china, crystal glassware, and good silverware. He valued hospitality and wanted the quality of the table he set to match the quality of the food he served.

I remember going with him once to Williams Sonoma, a high-end store that featured everything for the kitchen and the dining room. He paid a hundred dollars for a frying pan. I was amazed. I could not imagine anyone paying that much for a skillet and mentioned that to him. He just smiled. To him a good frying pan was a necessary tool of the trade.

Not only did Brother Paul appreciate cooking good meals, he also appreciated eating good food, and took his time in doing so. He was never the first to finish eating a meal, but almost always the last. He even bragged about using butter and cream in almost everything he baked and ate, but never seemed to gain an extra pound. And, if you offered to take him out to dinner, he knew which restaurants in town had the best food.

Given the many people he had to deal with and sometimes put up with, including me, he almost always remained calm and collected. I can only remember one instance where he was really flustered and showed it, much to my amusement. At Holy Cross High School, where he served as the business manager, we needed cookies for an evening reception after an honors convocation, so he asked the Brother who did the buying to get twenty pounds of Maurice Lenell cookies. The cookies came in five pound boxes, so he just needed four boxes. However, the Brother who went to the bakery misheard him and returned with twenty boxes of cookies, a hundred pounds of those sweat treats. Brother Paul was stunned and immediately called the bakery to ask to return them. The clerk told him in no uncertain terms that once cookies left the store, they could not be brought back. He tried every argument he could think of to convince the clerk otherwise, but had no luck. Needless to say, Brother Paul was frustrated, and we all ate Maurice Lenell cookies for months.

Brother Paul was dedicated to the Congregation of Holy Cross and faithfully served its mission: in the classroom, in the office, and in many leadership positions. He was a local superior in Akron and River Grove, at Columba Hall and at Dujarie. He served as the business manager at Hoban, St. Eds, Holy Cross, Holy Trinity, and LeMans Academy. And he served as the assistant to the Provincial Steward, as Assistant Provincial, as the President at Archbishop Hoban High School, and most recently as Provincial Steward. And this list is far from comprehensive. He was willing to go wherever he was needed and to serve in whatever capacity he was asked. And he always gave his best.

Brother Paul was a talented, kind, and pleasant person. Most importantly, however, he was a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ: he proclaimed the Gospel by who he was and by the way he lived, and sometimes he even used words. He persevered as a Holy Cross religious by listening to and answering God's call, and by God's grace

focused his life around the motto of the Congregation of Holy Cross: Ave Crux, Spes Unica: Hail the Cross, Our only Hope. And now his soul rests with Saint Joseph, Saint Brother Andre, and Blessed Basil Moreau in the peace of the Lord. We are better for having known him and will miss him greatly. AMEN



Brother William Dygert



Click here to review the funeral Mass for Brother Paul:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRBMuT9d1FA>



Covid - 19 Testing



Brother Richard Johnson and Columba Hall Nurse Bethany Heather.

February 1st, was testing day for Columba Hall. I stopped with my camera and asked if I could get a picture of someone being tested. Since I had just received my test minutes earlier, our Columba Hall nurse suggest that I sit down and pose for a shot.

Two house members proved positive and are presently in room confinement. All others showed a negative result.

We had our 2nd test shot on Friday, February 4th.

Brother Richard Johnson



CNA Kristy Wolkiewicz snapped the photo.

**Columba Hall - Winter
February 6, 2022**



Left:

**"Table for three, with a view
of the lake"**

by Brother James Kane



Right:

by Brother Richard Johnson

Loves Baking Cookies

After fifty-seven years of teaching, **Brother George Klawitter** has retired from the classroom to the Bessette House kitchen at Columba Hall where he bakes cookies several times a week for the Brothers. He has tried exotic kinds like bacon cookies and nut-filled butter horns, but the men in Columba Hall like the tried and true: peanut butter cookies, plain chocolate chip cookies, and pecan turtles. At Christmas time they will accept springerle and pfeffernusse, but that's a stretch. Recently Brother George got a recipe for Sicilian fig cookies—he's dying to try making them, but will the men of Columba Hall accept them? Stay tuned. Meanwhile, if you want any of his cookie or candy recipes, just give a shout:



Cookies:

Pumpkin Delight
Chocolate Chip
Peanut Butter
Springerle
Bacon
Nut-filled Butter
Horns
Cake Mix
Carrot

Anise

Chocolate Chunk
Oatmeal Coconut
Chocolate Cherry
Delight
Chocolate Drop
Coconut Macaroons
Gingerbread
Sicilian Fig
Pecan Crescent

Pfeffernusse

Or candies:

Chocolate Covered
Almonds
Fudge Bette Nelson
Pecan Turtles
White Chocolate
Nougat



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

A Channel for Peace

Dear Associates and Friends,

St. Francis of Assisi in his beautiful hymn asks God that he not be a creator of peace, but that he be a channel. We grow in our spiritual life when we realize that by ourselves we can accomplish little with what will truly last without God's intervention. This is especially true with the huge problems that we face in the world today. But we can be a channel of what God can accomplish through us. Many creative people have recognized that the inspiration that they receive did not originate from them. It was as if it flowed from a source over which they had little control.

While we are not likely to achieve world peace solely through our efforts, we can be a channel for God working through us. First God will bring peace into our own hearts and then we will be able to share God's peace with the people we meet in our everyday lives. Living in a world of mass communication, who knows where this could lead? One small flame from the Holy Spirit has the power to light up the darkness and the hopelessness that many are experiencing today. With God as its source, great things can happen.

- Have you experienced an inspiration that flowed beyond what you have originally planned?
- Have you experienced an incident in which you felt that God was working through you in what you said or what you did?
- With God's help are you called to be more active in the solution to the problems we face?

**O God help me be a channel for what you want to accomplish
in my time and place.**



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

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spiritually please visit our new blog
<https://weeklspiritualinsights.org/>

From the *Voice of Moreau Website*

The website features a Holy Cross sister, a brother, or a priest, with a weekly story on the blog. Check the following link below.



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**Brother
Philip Smith**

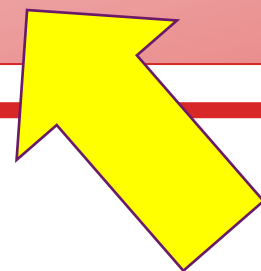


**Brother
Ben Rossi**

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Reflection

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



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Memories of our lives,
of our works, and our deeds
will continue in others.

~Rosa Parks



*This week we recognize the life and legacy of
Venerable Délia Tétreault - also known by all as Mother Marie-du-St-Esprit -
foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception,
who founded PHC's Mount St. Joseph (MSJ) Hospital which opened in 1946.*

*Mother Marie was especially known for her caring, leadership and missionary work that led
to the opening of retreat houses for women, schools, and shelters for immigrants to
Vancouver at the turn of the last century.*

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