

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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May
Week 1

Weekly Spiritual Reflection from the Early Brothers of St. Joseph

All my adventures end up teaching me something. I realize now that my mood and a certain depth of vanity, which I've let myself carry along, without pretext of zeal, have permeated all my ways. I have come back, thanks be to God. (Brother Andre Mottais 12/1/1841)

Honey of a Job!

Fr. Tim blessing the bees at Holy Cross Village as he encourages everyone gathered to **bee** a blessing to everyone and everything!



MEMORIAL DAY

St. Andre Community Sarasota, Florida

The St, Andre Community of Sarasota hosted Brother Carlos Parrilla and his friend Father Michael Ausperk for a special Memorial Day bunch. Our two guest were in Florida to enjoy a mask-free post-Covid vacation.

(Info and photos from Brother Michael Brickman.)



Brothers Larry, William, Francis entertain their Memorial Day guest Father Michael Ausperk and



Father Michael Ausperk offers our Memorial Day liturgy

Brothers Larry Skitzki, William Dygert, Francis Boylan & Michel Brickman hosted their visitors for a relaxing bunch in the community room before the travelers continued their Florida excursion to Siesta Key.



Memorial Day at Columba Hall

It was still cool when we rose from sleep. By noon when our picnic on the patio was to start, the weather had warmed a little so we went ahead with outdoor dining. Some had to bundle a bit. There were also those who elected to eat inside. Thanks to the kitchen crew the Memorial meal was a success.

We always have a fine get together with a meal. It is nice when all display their thoughts and prayers on Memorial Day.



Holy Trinity Visual Arts Show online

**Click link below to view Holy Trinity
visual arts video celebrating this year's
learning:**

<https://youtu.be/M2f6QacW92o>

**A BEAUTIFUL
TREAT**

***Archbishop Hoban High School Baccalaureate Mass Homily
Sunday, May 23, 2021 - The Solemnity of Pentecost***

My dear graduates...you may remember in your Freshman Religion Class learning about the founding of the Brothers of Saint Joseph by Fr. James Dujarie in France. As you and many others here know, this year we are celebrating the 200th anniversary of that beginning. The Brothers of Saint Joseph would later become part of the Holy Cross Congregation Family founded by Blessed Father Basil Moreau. You learned back then that Fr. Dujarie, Father Moreau and the Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters had to overcome many obstacles as they tried to carry out the mission of educating hearts and minds in France and beyond after the French Revolution...obstacles that included political unrest, class conflict and even divisions within the Holy Cross family. At many points in its early history, the Holy Cross order could have collapsed or disbanded...but it didn't.

Today we celebrate the Church's feast for why and how the Church has not just persevered and survived but thrived and grown and served and celebrated over 2,000 years. Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church when the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the Apostles so they could go forth and proclaim Christ crucified and risen from the dead. We celebrate the Holy Spirit who guided Fr. Dujarie, Fr. Moreau and the Holy Cross family during the trials and challenges in its early years and guides us as the Holy Cross Family today. We give thanks for the Holy Cross Brothers who have served at Archbishop Hoban through the years especially for those who have served you our graduates: Brother James Spooner, Brother Joe LeBon, Brother Bob Livernois, Brother Phil Smith and one of your Religion teachers who became a brother last year, Brother Benjamin Rossi.

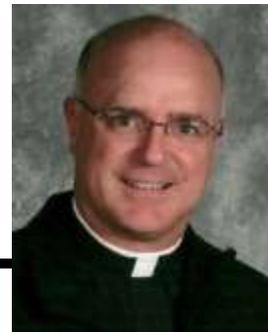
Just as the Holy Spirit guided the Holy Cross founders with wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord, we believe God has given these same gifts that we call the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to the Church. These gifts are given to us so that we can do the Lord's work of building the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in Heaven, sharing in his ministry of service for others and proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Like the early founders of Holy Cross, you my graduates have overcome many obstacles especially of a pandemic that hit midway thru your Junior

year and changed your way of learning, competing and even being with each other. You not only overcame adversity, you excelled even beyond your own expectations. Whether it was scoring high on a National Latin or Spanish Exam, becoming a National Merit finalist or commended student, a Chivalrous or Academic Knight, a double champion dance team member, champion golfer or football player, a Dr. Martin Luther King 'I Have A Dream' featured student on Fox 8, an award winning artist, a state competing Academic Challenge or Science Olympiad team member, a Project Hope volunteer, champion mock trial team member, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Model UN team member or an AP Scholar...you have succeeded and excelled. You have allowed the Holy Spirit to guide you, push you and strengthen you. The Holy Spirit is also who will continue to be with you so you can accomplish great and marvelous things in the future. Focus on what you can do and how you can excel, not on what holds you back or slows you down. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue being that power and fire within you to live the life God intended for you to live and to use the Holy Cross core values to make our world better.

This is our hope and our prayer for you as you transition from Archbishop Hoban High School to the next chapter of wherever God leads you. Today we celebrate your accomplishments in so many ways and we thank you for being resilient and tough for these will be qualities you will use through life. Be grateful for all those who have helped you along the way specially your parents, teachers and coaches. Remember the power of the Holy Cross story and with the gifts of the Holy Spirit light the world on fire with who you are until we gather as God's people for eternity at the Supper of the Lamb.

Fr. Mike Ausperk
School Chaplin



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

It is All Going Somewhere

Dear Associates and Friends,

One of the characteristics of growing spiritually is the acceptance that all of our knowing is partial. None of us have the complete answer to any issue or problem.

I love the story of the three blind persons and an elephant. One feels the elephant's trunk and says the elephant is a hose. One feels the elephant's leg and says the elephant is a tree. The last blind person feels the elephant's side and says the elephant is a wall. Each person had only a partial understanding of the elephant and yet claimed to have the complete answer.

Most scientists recognize the fact that there is always something more to learn about the part of reality that they are examining. When we say that we want to grow spiritually, we need to say that there is always more that God wants to show us and teach us and that this could have great consequences for our view of things and how we live our lives. It is part of being human with humility to accept the fact that we do not know completely what God has in store for us and for our world. By faith we do know that our God in Christ will always be with us with whatever lies ahead. We are on the move. Let's enjoy the ride!

- What does "being more Christ like" mean to you?
- How have you grown in being more Christ like?
- In what areas is Christ calling you to grow?

O God, help me with your grace to become more like Christ.



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

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



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



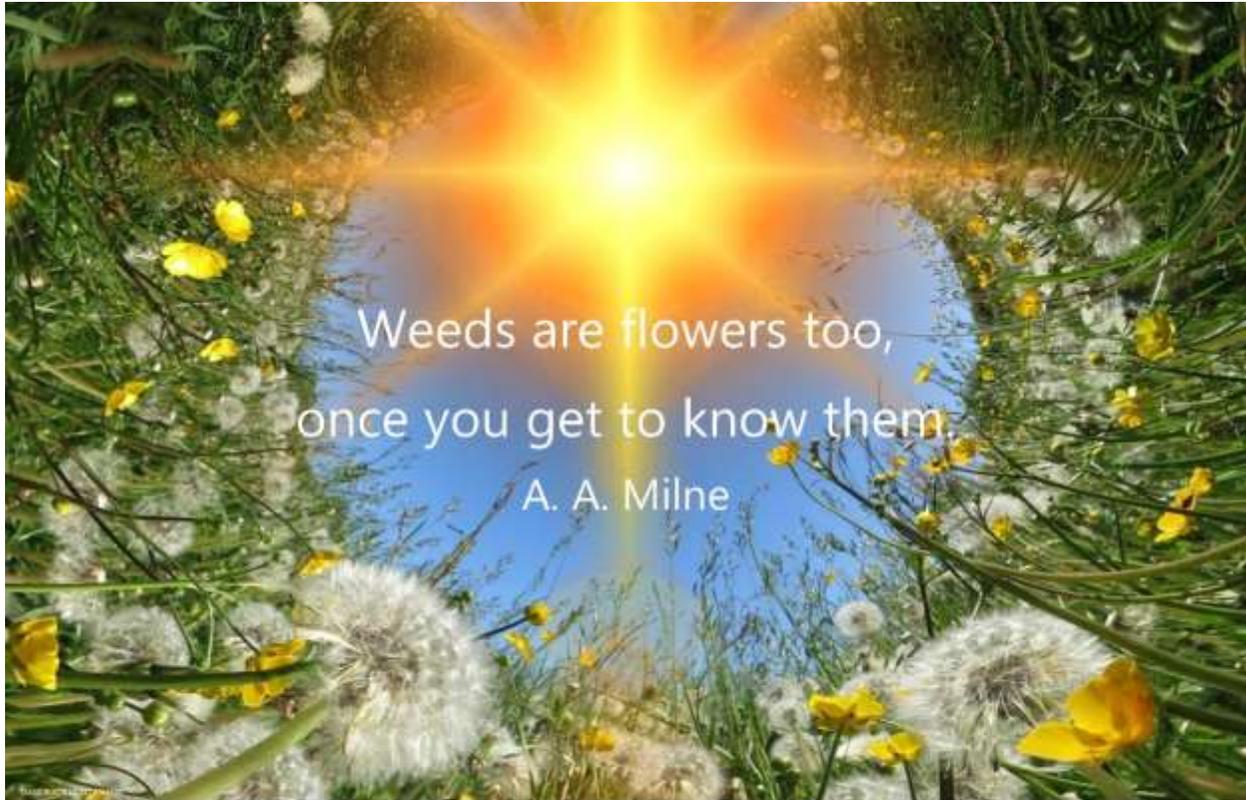
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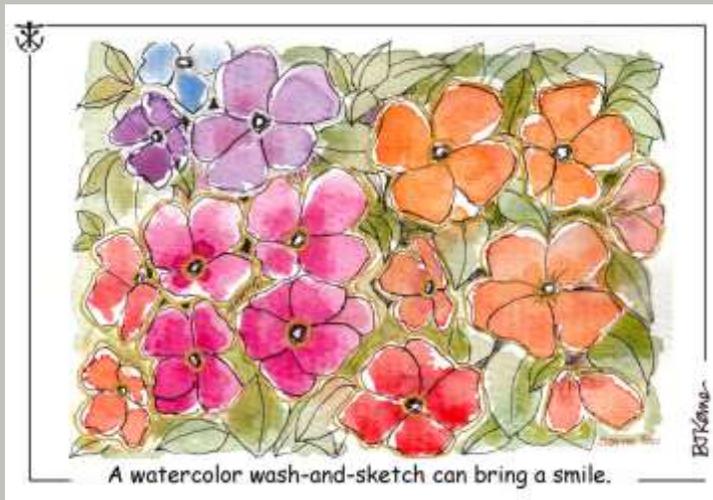


Weeds are flowers too,
once you get to know them.
A. A. Milne

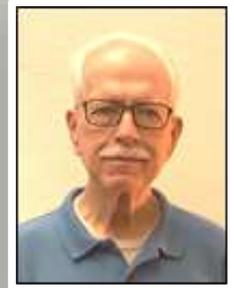
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