

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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November 9, 2022

Our Poets, Past and Present

A Day of Rain

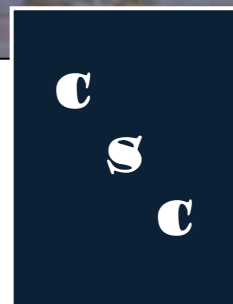
The first full day of rain in early fall tends normally to be depressing, but without such weather casting its gray pall, the door to color would stay tightly shut.

The crystal skies that autumn always brings to showcase puffy clouds of brilliant white could never dominate, for color springs from moisture, cold, and days of little light.

It is a simple fact of nature's way that what we value at this time of year depends upon the odd, unpleasant day to usher in conditions we hold dear.

The first full day of rain may make us sad, and yet it brings those gifts that make us glad.

—Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC (October 2001)



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



Website

<https://brothercolumba.com/>



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

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by Brother Lawrence Stewart, C.S.C.

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- Jan 23 [Br. John Frederick Tryon \[73\]](#)
- Jan 28 [Br. Paul Houston Kelly \[86\]](#)
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- Jun 09 [Br. Donald Charles Morgan \[88\]](#)
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- Sep 17 [Br. Donald James Allen \[96\]](#)

Day of Remembrance

On All Soul's Day, Columba Hall remembered all who have died, with special mention of Midwest Province members who have died from the beginning of this year, in our prayers.





All Soul's Day

A graveyard in Wari, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Brothers have an area in the graveyard for burials of the Brothers.

Photo sent to Brother Nicholas Thielman.

Hot Wires

Winter's heaters help in removing gigantic icicles hanging down from Columba Hall.

Long wires inside the down spouts heat up when the temperature is below freezing. This keeps ice buildup from forming, thus protecting man and his cars.

Some of these long stalactites go from roof to ground level. Because of their length and weight, they present a high degree of danger.

Photo by Br. George Klawitter



An Ohio Halloween Scary Dinner



Seated: Br. Ken Haders, Br. Dennis Bednarz, Fr. John Blazek, Fr. Maurice D'Souza, Br. Ed Libbers, Br. James Spooner
Standing: Br. Charles Smith, Br. Robert Lavelle, Br. Ken Kane

On Sunday, October 30, either “Jupiter aligned with Mars” or the Northeast Ohio CSCs received several remarkable blessings. The area Holy Cross Brothers and Priests were joined by province leadership as Br. Dennis Bednarz provided dinner at Gilmour’s Holy Cross House.

Themed offerings on the Halloween menu included Beetlejuice eyeball snacks (if you dare, contact Dennis for his very effective recipe), sauerkraut balls, bratwurst, deep dish pizza, German potato salad, butternut squash and bourbon-apple cake.

Halloween news sent in by:

Brother Kenneth Kane

Academy Archivist; Instructional Support
Gilmour Academy





Halloween Eve Columba Hall

Brother Walter Gluhm, in this photo, is being confronted by an alien entity at supper. I believe the creature is after money, not sweets.

A clue to the creature's identity is a pair of bright orange shoes it was wearing.



BOO



Newest Member Columba Hall Community

Brother Chayan Victor Corraya has arrived at Columba Hall coming from Bangladesh. He will be working at Holy Cross College as well as completing a master's degree at IUSB.

Welcome

MWHCA Zoom Conference 2023

Midwest Holy Cross Associates
and the Midwest Province

Present



SEEING WITH NEW EYES

Holy Cross Challenge to “Cross Borders of Every Sort” Constitution 2:17

The rabbi asked his students: “How can we determine the hour of dawn, when the night ends and the day begins?” One student says: “When from a distance you can distinguish between a dog and a sheep?” “No” says the rabbi. “Is it when one can distinguish between a fig tree and a grapevine?” “No” says the rabbi. “Please tell us the answer, then,” say the students. The wise teacher says, “when you can look into the face of another human being, and you have enough light in you to recognize your brother or your sister. Until then it is night, and darkness is still with us.”

To be Catholic also is to be catholic, meaning universal. From the time when the first Christians were challenged to accept gentiles into the fold, our Church has known that since Christ became human in a cosmos created by God, all peoples and all creation have the spark of God within them.

Our Conference’s goal is to expand our vision with new eyes to grasp this truth in such a way that transcends all divisions and leads us to ask the question anew, “Who is our neighbor?” Then we will be able to live out the essence of what God wants of us. “Love your neighbor as yourself.”



Holy Cross Associates
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ZOOM CONFERENCE,
SATURDAY,
JANUARY 28, 2023,
EST USA

Schedule

- 10:00 AM Opening Prayer
- 10:15 AM Presentation: “**Prayer Beyond Borders**”
- 11:00 AM Stand up Break
- 11:10 AM Practice in Contemplative Prayer
- 11:30 PM Contest Winners
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 01:00 PM Presentation: “**Holy Cross: A Gift to the Church – Past, Present, and Future**”
- 01:45 PM Panel: “Four Cultures’ Gifts to Holy Cross”
- 02:20 PM Closing



Please register at our website:

<https://holycrossassociates.org/chapters/national-and-regional-conferences/>



Biography

Sister M. Veronique (Wiedower), C.S.C.

In her second term as President of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Sister M. Veronique is privileged to work with religious and other lay collaborators around the world. She participates in the meetings of the Four Councils of Holy Cross to assess and plan for ways to continue strengthening the strong ties that are part of the Holy Cross Family. Veronique also sits on the boards of Saint Mary's College, Trinity Health, Catholic Health Ministries, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious Audit and Finance Committee, and VIVAT International, an international justice group working with the United Nations. This work allows a rich cross-fertilization of ideas and ministries which seek to incarnate God's mission in today's world.

"Holy Cross: A Gift to the Church – Past, Present, and Future"

How has the vision of Blessed Basil Moreau and other early religious of Holy Cross influenced our charism for the Church of today? What gifts are being called forth from the Family of Holy Cross in the care of our common home today? During this Session, we will tap into how the congregations of Holy Cross and their Associates continue the foundational inspiration of Blessed Basil Moreau to revitalize the Church. Today, "our common home" is deeply divided. Violence and natural disasters exacerbate conditions that alienate people from each other and from their natural environments. Johannes Metz' concept of "being a dangerous memory in the Church" will give focus to the prophetic ministry which our baptism impels us to exercise in Church and society.

Biography

Brother Raymond Papenfuss, C.S.C.

Brother Raymond has been a Holy Cross Brother for 67 years. He taught first at Holy Trinity High in Chicago then spent 28 years in Ghana until cerebral malaria brought him back to the States. He taught at Holy Cross and St. Mary's colleges, spent a number of years as vocation director, and then was assistant Provincial for 12 years. Over the years he has given a number of retreats and conferences and is also a spiritual director. Brother Raymond is thankful for his mentors -Thomas Merton, Keating, Rolheiser, and Rohr, for providing excellent advice through their books and lives.

"Prayer Beyond Borders"

To live a life of love as Jesus did

This presentation will focus on very practical ways to grow into universal brotherhood and sisterhood, to be at one with all of creation. This is the life that Jesus lived and one to which we are called. It is through our prayer that we come to know this Christ. As we recognize God's presence in our own hearts, we can also recognize that presence in the hearts of others, because the God who has chosen us as a dwelling place, gives us the eyes to see the God who dwells in others.



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Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Projections

When I understood the theory of projections, it was like a new light shown on the shadow side of life. The things or persons that I had antipathy for were the very things or character traits that I had not recognized in myself. Examples would be: not wanting to conform to “micky mouse” rules or not liking people who were constantly wrapped up in thinking and expressing characteristics about themselves. Gradually recognizing these same tendencies in myself at times, I could begin to own them. This required a process that was not easy and could take a good amount of time. With God’s compassion I would be able to forgive myself and that could lead to an understanding and empathy for others who were working through the same issues. These feelings were not to excuse myself or others’ behavior, but they could bring me to a new awareness.

Now living in a time of division of “us” and “them,” maybe this insight could act as a bridge for coming together. Scapegoating and fear of the other could possibly give way to some common ground from which we might proceed. Would that it could propel us to some new approaches in our families, communities and in our concern for the planet, our common home!

- **Does the theory of “projection” ring true to your experience?**
- **Have you been able to find common ground with “the others” in your life?**
- **How has Jesus’ acceptance of the marginalized influenced your behavior?**

O God, help me see your presence in those who annoy me.


Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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




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

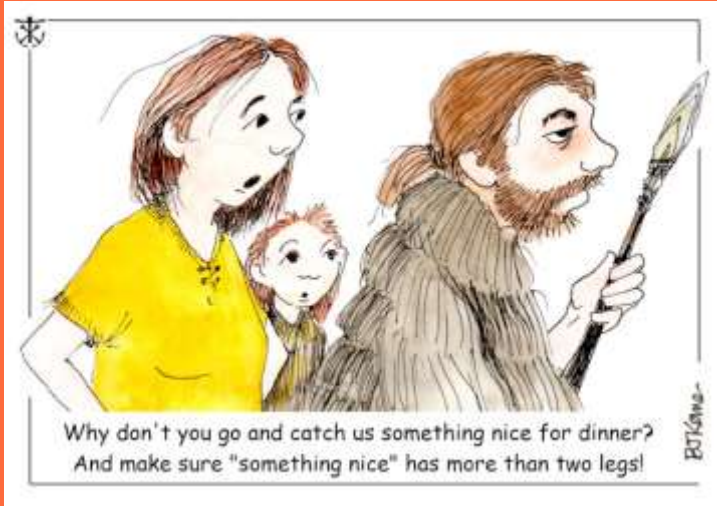


**The planet does not need more
successful people.
The planet desperately needs more
*peacemakers, healers,
restorers, storytellers,
and lovers of all kinds.***

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