

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Notre Dame College Prep Celebrates Holy Cross Affiliation

Niles, Illinois

By Teresa Connelly

On January 20, 2016, the feast day of Blessed Basil Moreau, the Founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, a special liturgy was held at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles, Illinois, to celebrate NDCP's affiliation with the Brothers of Holy Cross, an affiliation which officially began on August 31, 2016. NDCP is now part of a Holy Cross network of 17 high schools and two institutions of higher learning throughout the United States.



**Provincial Superior Brother  
Chester Freel, C.S.C. and Notre  
Dame College Prep President  
Ralph Elwart**

The main celebrant was Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Francis Kane who is the Episcopal Vicar of the Vicariate that contains NDCP. He was joined on the altar by NDCP teacher and chaplain Rev. Richard Conyers, C.S.C., former NDCP President Rev. Michael DeLaney, C.S.C., NDCP chaplain Rev. Daniel McCarthy, Rev. Michael Meany, pastor of St. John Brebeuf Parish in Niles, Illinois, and Rev. Dan Smilanik, the Archdiocese's Vicar of Canonical Services. Class of 1967 alumnus Jim Ernst served as deacon at the Mass.

The Provincial of the Brothers of Holy Cross, Brother Chester Freel, C.S.C., and the Assistant Provincial, Brother Kenneth Haders, C.S.C. attended along with guests from some of the 16 other Holy Cross schools including President Tim

Bopp and Marianne Lynch from Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, Mary Anne Beiting from Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, Brother Robert Lavelle, C.S.C. from Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio, and Brother John Paige, C.S.C., President of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, Indiana, and Brother Francis Boylan, C.S.C., along with former NDCP faculty members Brother Patrick Lynch, C.S.C., Rev. Chris Kuhn, C.S.C., Rev. Robert Moss, C.S.C. and Rev. Jerry Esper, C.S.C. The guests and NDCP students, faculty, staff, parents and alumni filled the school's gymnasium.

Following Mass, Brother Chester Freel addressed the crowd. He recalled how in 1955, 16 priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province, began their ministry at NDCP and that relationship continued until 2006 when they left the high school due to personnel constraints.

“These men and other Holy Cross priests and Brothers were widely recognized as outstanding teachers and administrators. In addition to possessing expertise in their respective area of ministry, collectively they brought something more important to the early accomplishments and the on-going success of Notre Dame,” said Br. Freel. Holy Cross schools throughout the United States and the world share much in common and these shared understandings come from what Fr. Moreau believed is the purpose of education, Br. Freel said.

“Education must be faith and value based. A school must educate both the student's mind and the heart. Education must prepare the world for better times,” said Br. Freel.

“These three principles of a Holy Cross education exist at all sponsored schools of the Congregation, and this is the foundation from which the Brothers of Holy Cross now sponsor Notre Dame College Prep. On this feast of Blessed Basil Moreau, it is this man and his educational philosophy that we recognize and celebrate today,” Br. Freel said.

“It is my prayer that Notre Dame College Prep greatly benefits from its renewed sponsorship with the Congregation of Holy Cross. The philosophy and values of a Holy Cross education are meant to influence how students learn, think, and make

decisions. Dons of Notre Dame: may you become Holy Cross gentlemen of faith, scholarship, and service,” said Br. Freel.

NDCP President Ralph Elwart acknowledged the support that many people have given to the school over the years and encouraged the students to be thankful.

“Gentlemen, when you look at the complete picture of our history, there are literally thousands of people we should recognize and thank today, but that is just not possible. What you can do is to demonstrate your gratitude to all those people who made it possible for you to be a Don (Gentleman of Mary). You can do that by being a Don - by being an example to those who follow you, to those who will be sitting years from now where you are sitting today,” said Elwart.



**(Left to Right) Rev. Michael DeLaney, C.S.C., Rev. Dan Smilanik, Deacon Jim Ernst, Bishop Francis Kane, Rev. Richard Conyers, C.S.C., Rev. Daniel McCarthy and Rev. Michael Meany.**

## During Catholic School Week

In honor of Catholic School Week, the Holy Cross Council at Cathedral High School created large posters to hang in the student entrance--a new one has been hanged each day with one or two of our Holy Cross Values being displayed. In addition, Holy Cross Council members offered morning prayer and a Holy Cross/Cathedral trivia question for students.

As part of living out the Holy Cross value, "Option for the Poor," students and faculty participated in the following projects:

- Cereal Collection to benefit Dayspring Center.
- Bottled Water Collection to benefit the community of Flint, Michigan.
- Penny War to benefit Champions Together.

Another part of the celebration of Catholic Schools Week focused on illustrating the Holy Cross value of "Educating Hearts and Minds." Holy Cross Council students invited all Cathedral academic departments to participate in a friendly door-decorating competition by students! Each department chose a Holy Cross value and doors were decorated to celebrate the chosen value. View pictures at the following link.



Door Decorating Photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsktKGY2R>

## **HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

A Chinese proverb states that all creations are reborn on New Year's Day. The Chinese New Year is a celebration of change ... out with the old and in with the new!

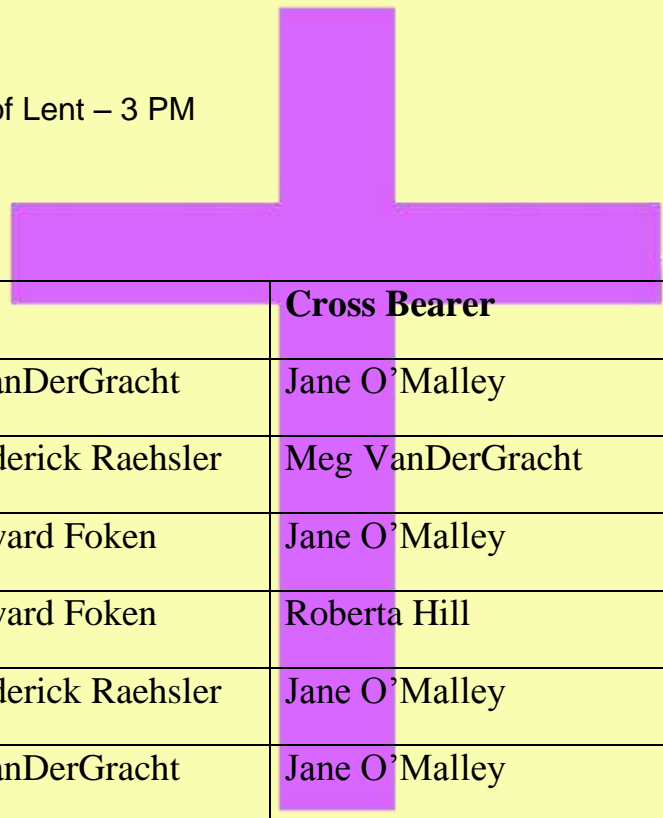


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# Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent – 3 PM

Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel  
Holy Cross Village



Date	Leader	Cross Bearer
February 12	Meg VanDerGracht	Jane O'Malley
February 19	Br. Frederick Raehsler	Meg VanDerGracht
February 26	Br. Edward Foken	Jane O'Malley
March 4	Br. Edward Foken	Roberta Hill
March 11	Br. Frederick Raehsler	Jane O'Malley
March 18	Meg VanDerGracht	Jane O'Malley

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## Columba Hall Retreat



The annual Columba Hall Retreat will begin Sunday evening, March 13 and end Friday morning March 17. Fr. Jack



Keefe will be retreat master. All are welcome. Contact Brother Frank Ellis at 574-631-2187, if accommodations are needed.

## Lenten Lecture Series – 2016

**Wednesday Evenings: 7-8 PM  
Geenan Hall**

February 10                      Brother Raymond Papenfuss CSC

“Living a Life of Love as Jesus Did  
—A very Practical Approach”

Brother Raymond spent 28 years in Ghana. He teaches Tai Chi at Notre Dame, Holy Cross College, and Holy Cross Village. He enjoys reading and painting.



February 17                      Father Brian Grantz

"Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs"

Brian Grantz first moved to Michiana nearly thirty years ago. He has served as Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint James in downtown South Bend since 2008. He and his wife, Tamisyn, have four children, a cat, and two very large dogs.



February 24                      Margie Pfeil and Bill Weidman

“Conscious Aging and Simplicity ”

Margie Pfeil and Biff Weidman are both part of the local Catholic Worker community. Biff works part-time in library conservation at Notre Dame and has served as a minister in the Mennonite tradition. Margie teaches theological ethics at Notre Dame.



**March 2-TBD**

**March 9**

**Brother John Paige, CSC**

“Eleazar: Martyr and Model in the Battle with Subtle Temptation” (2 Maccabees 6: 18-31)

Brother John Paige, CSC, a native of Albany, NY, is currently in his fourth year of service as President of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, Indiana. Brother John has worked with youth and young adults as a teacher, coach and administrator in secondary schools; as a college professor and administrator in higher education institutions in the USA and East Africa; as a formator of young religious in the Congregation of Holy Cross, and as a member of the General Administration of the Congregation. He resides at the St. Joseph House Formation Community on the Holy Cross College campus.

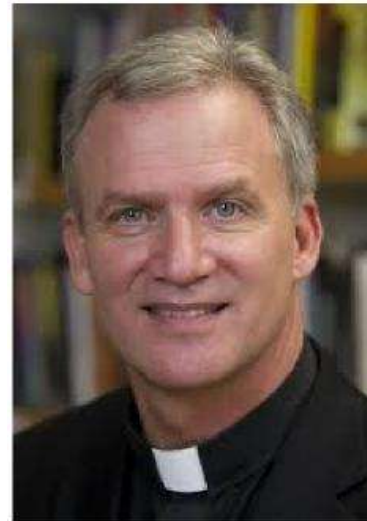


**March 16**

**Father Dan Groody, CSC**

“Migration Year of Mercy and Pope Francis”

Daniel Groody has built his reputation in the area of immigration and international migration over the past 20 years. In doing so, he has had to opportunity to speak at universities around the world while still teaching courses in theology at the University of Notre Dame. He has also been recognized for his professional experience and fellowships and is an award winning author and film producer.





# Hello Dolly

St. Joseph High School Presentation

Venue: Bethel College  
Date: Saturday, Feb 20, 2016  
Cost: \$5.00  
Departure: Bus leaves at 1:30 PM from  
Andre Place, Holy Cross  
Village  
Play Time: 2:00 PM  
Return: 4:30 PM

All are Invited

Call  
Heather Guzman

574-472-1948  
Monday-Thursday  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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## Holy Cross Village Series

A periodic opportunity to share with others  
the gifts and talents we bring with us to the  
Village

### **Presents:**

Rosalie Campanale "The Civil War, The Sisters  
of the Holy Cross, and the Founding of the First  
Nursing School in South Bend"



*Friday, February 19th, 1:30 P.M.  
Br. William Geenen Hall, Andre Place*

For more information on Rosalie and her book, go to page four (4) in the following  
Midwest-Midweek edition:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/bhc/wp-content/uploads/MidMid19Aug2015.pdf>

## *Brother Francis Kjelgaard, CSC*



*This past week, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Brother Francis Kjelgaard, CSC, of the Moreau Province died in Austin. He was a member of our January 1956 profession group along with Michael Becker, Gerald Nettesheim, William Mewes, and me. He had worked in only two apostolates during his years in the South-West Province, 27 years serving the troubled youth at Rancho San Antonio in Chatsworth, CA, and 23 years working at the Holy Cross Center's Food Bank for the needy in Casper, Wyoming.*

One of his former Rancho students sent a message to Br John Crowe, the present head of Rancho, in praise of Brother Francis. The student asked that his letter be sent to other Brothers of Holy Cross and to others who "knew" him. Brother Michael Brickman gave me a copy.

*[The student's message was hand-printed and is reproduced exactly the way the student wrote it.]*

Bro John,

I was stunned and sadden to hear of the death of Bro Francis. At the time all my thoughts and prayers, were focused on this saint of a man, who had such an impact on my life and my faith. He was the finist example my peers and I could ever have.

My memories are count less and induring. God chosed Bro Franis to direct us, confused, hurt and angry teenagers to the magistry of our Loard and his Kingdom.

By Brother's humble example, of kindness, charity and service to us, he gave us the straighnth to reevaluate and redirect our lives. He would always seek, to serve others first, and humbaly seek, to be served last.

Bro, neve had a harshword for anyone, and he could always see the good, in those of us, dispite our falts.

I know, if he was here with me know, Bro Francis would tell me not to cry for him, for when, I am sadden, he is sadden to, but when I smile, at my memmorise of him, he smiles, as well, because that has been the porpose of his service; to make us feel better, about our lives.

As Rancho boys, we would say, when I die and meet St. Peter, I would use Bro Francis, as a rafferance, and one way or another, St. Peter would sneak us into haven.

I and all my peers, will always be proud and honored to say, we were given a wounderful gift, in Brother Franise, from God, and now God has received, Bro. Franiss in his imbrace.

Bro John, if there are others, family, other Brothers of Holy Cross, or others who knew him, please feel free to send them copys, if you wish.

Thank you very much, Bro John.

Sincerely,

Ruben Agoisre

**Brother Lawrence Stewart**

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