

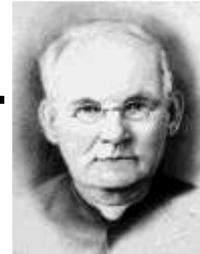
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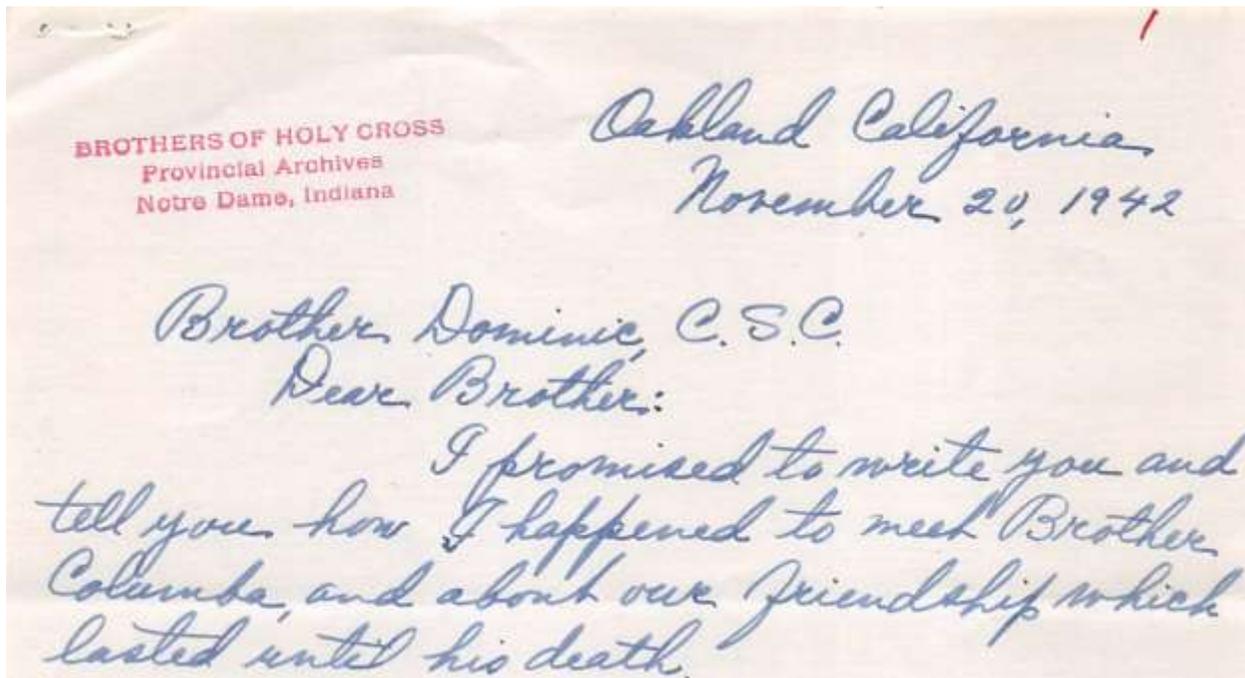
Do We Have *Another Saint?*
Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.
(1848-1923)



The letter from Mrs. Lex W. Byrne is addressed to Brother Dominic [perhaps Elder] regarding her twin sons, Thomas and Lex, who became Jesuits. She begins her letter with, "...how I happened to meet Brother Columba..."

I have attached two photos.

An interesting side note about the Jesuits is that they both died on the same day in 2002.



To read entire letter, click on the following link:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/bhc/wp-content/uploads/November-20-1942-to-Brother-Dominic-Edler-9-pages-history-of-her-relationship-to-Columba.pdf>

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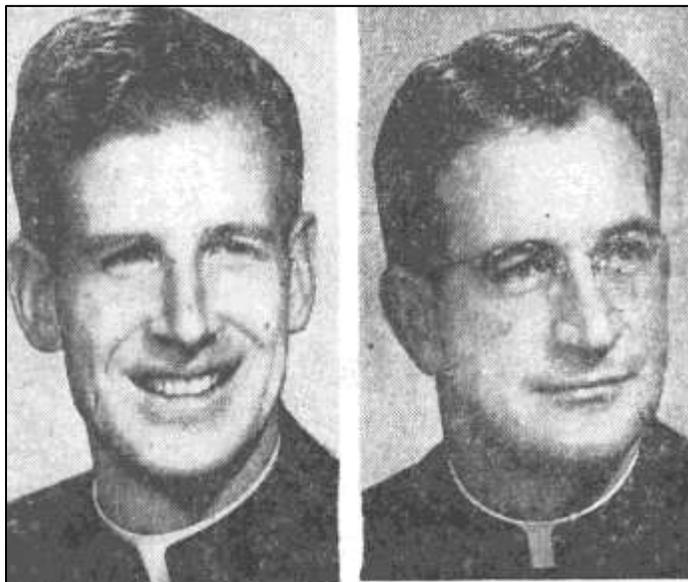
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Twins Ordained The Rev. Lex W. Byrne, S.J. (left), and the Rev. Thomas H. Byrne, S.J., twins both members of the California province of the Society of Jesus, were ordained together in St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, by Archbishop John J. Mitty June 12 with 13 other Jesuits and two Dominicans.

Their First Solemn Masses were in Oakland, Calif., their parents' home. The brothers will take their final year of theology at Alma college, Los Gatos, Calif., and their tertianship at Port Townsend, Wash. They were born in Salt Lake City.



Taken in 1917, Br. Columba with Mrs. Byrne and her sisters
Peru, IN – Parents' Home

Twin Brothers To Be Ordained

The Rev. Thomas H. Byrne and the Rev. Lex W. Byrne, 32-year-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lex W. Byrne of 4600 Meldon Avenue, will be ordained Jesuit priests by Archbishop John J. Mitty in a ceremony at 9 a.m. Friday in St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco.

They are the brothers of Sister Antonia Marie, treasurer of the College of the Holy Names; Sister Margheretta Marie of the Archdiocesan Department of Education, Miss Marjorie Louise Byrne of Oakland and Hugh Byrne of Oakland.

Another brother, Joseph, was killed in action at Guadalcanal in World War II while serving with the U.S. Navy.

Born in Salt Lake City, the twins were graduated from St. Mary's High School, Berkeley, and completed their studies for the Society of Jesus at Alma College, Los Gatos. Lex Byrne also attended the University of California for three years.

The two will offer their first public masses June 28 in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2808 Lakeshore Avenue — Lex Byrne at 9 a.m. and Thomas Byrne at 9:45 a.m.

The Rev. Bartholomew J. Ke-vany, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, will preach and assist the new priests at both masses.



Escaping the Pandemic's Deepest Cut, So What Remains?

by

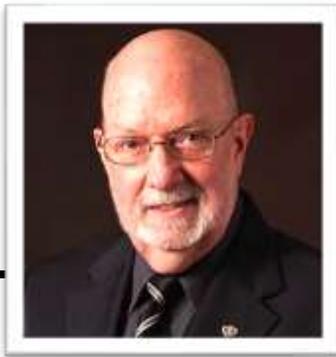
Joe McTaggart, csc

“The pandemic has made all too clear that both liberal and conservative visions of American life, based on self-fulfillment via liberation to pursue one’s desires is not enough. It turns out we need each other, and need each other dearly.”

“What Christianity offers is a version of our common life more robust than individual pursuit of desire-fulfillment or profit. In the light of that vision, the current pandemic can be both a cross to bear and an opportunity to reflect the love that was first shown us in Christ.” ...

Due to space restrictions, the remainder of this reflection can be accessed through the following link:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/bhc/wp-content/uploads/Pandemic-Reflection-Midwest-Midweek.pdf>



Day of the Dead

Emailed in by Brother Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C.

HOLY CROSS VALUES

ST. ED'S COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTS DECORATED OFRENDA TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



St. Ed's SALSA Club (Spanish and Latino Student Association) constructed a tiered altar called an ofrenda in honor of those who have passed away in our community to commemorate Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead. This Mexican tradition to honor the dead and inviting them to their earthly home reminds us that they are always welcome and loved. Customarily, ofrendas, meaning offerings, include decorations representing the four elements (water, wind, earth and fire), papel picado, which are traditional, colorful paper banners, and are built in levels to represent heaven, earth, and the underworld. Candles and incense are also added to help guide the spirits of difuntos (the deceased) home for a visit with their loved ones. Pan de muerto, Day of the Dead bread, is baked in a circular shape and offered

on the ofrenda to represent the cycle of life and death. St. Ed's ofrenda, decorated with skulls and skeletons, flags, marigolds, notes and personal items, is the focal point of the main hallway, welcoming our community to stop and say prayers for those who have gone before us. Additionally, a guest book has been placed in front of the altar for students, faculty, and staff to add names of family and friends they've lost to be prayed for by the community.

"It's important to note that Dia de Los Muertos is not a sad holiday. The living view it as a chance to remember those who have passed, share stories and celebrate their life," says Spanish teacher Sherie Quinn. In preparation for All Saints Day and All Souls Day, St. Ed's ofrenda invited our community to remember those who have greatly impacted St. Ed's and to celebrate and honor cultural traditions together.





Saint Augustine statue by Hank Mascot.

**Story sent in by Brother Roy Smith
A Saint Augustine parishioner**

Hank Mascotte is viewing his work with Sister Elizabeth Smoyer S.N.D de N. The dedication was Sunday, 7 Nov 2021, at St. Augustine Parish, South Bend, IN. Many present and former parishioners came to the dedication.

About the making of the statue – click link below:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMdS-ddEIIM>



The Next Step

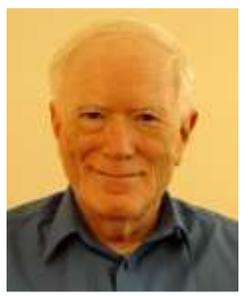
Dear Associates and Friends,

“When I am weak, I am strong.” Somehow St. Paul knew that his power and his influence with the people he recruited to be leaders in the places in which he preached, did not depend on over powering them with his abilities. Rather he shared his limitations and modeled for them his reliance on God to make things happen. This gave them confidence to accept responsibility for their calling and the help they would receive when they too relied on God.

The road we take on our spiritual journey begins with humility. We discover many landscapes and are faced with many obstacles. But God is with us and urges us to take the next step. This means we need to step out in faith trusting that God will not lead us astray. With this faith and trust in God we will receive new insights and our way will become clearer and the purpose of our journey will be made known. We can accomplish great things with God’s call and help.

- Do you ever share your weaknesses with others?
- Why is humility so essential in the quest to grow spiritually?
- Is Christ calling you to assume more responsibility in ministry by urging you to take one step at a time relying on God’s help?

**O God, allow me to see that my weaknesses
can be stepping stones to relying more on you.**



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

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



**Brother
Philip Smith**



**Brother
Ben Rossi**



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



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