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Eulogy for Br. Walter Bernard Glum, C.S.C.

On behalf of the Congregation of Holy Cross we offer our condolences to the Gluhm family and especially his relatives who are here today. Thank you for sharing Brother Walter with us for 65 years as a member of the Brothers of Holy Cross.

My first meeting of Bro. Walter was in Milwaukee when I was assigned to St. Charles Boys Home as program director of activities. He was one of the dorm counselors. Brothers Gregoire, Warren Shea and William Wickham were the other three. Led by Brother Gregoire, all four were quick to instruct me that they would

let me know how to run the program, so that I don't get confused by some of the memos that came from the front office.

It was clear from my early days there that Bro. Walter, as was each counselor, the ruler in his dorm. Being the quick study that I am, I caught on real quick.

Walt and I hit it off pretty good and certainly our love of sports was an area we both enjoyed. Walt was fun to be with, and I learned a lot from him of how to relate to the young residents of St. Charles. Sometimes we'd hop on the bus and go see the Milwaukee Bucks play or see Marquette basketball.

We met in Cincinnati a few times, and Walt was able to brag about the famous Skyline Chili and from days of old Hudepohl Beer. Walt shared his stories about having taught Johnny Bench how to catch, and of course he tossed in a story about his days with Fuzzy Thurston and the Green Bay Packers. Walt would get that smile on his face and keep right on going knowing that some of his students would believe him.

Whether he was at St. Charles Boys Home, Boysville, Gibault, St. Joe Grade School on the hill, St. Mary's Grade School in Austin, Sacred Heart in New Orleans, St. John's in Valdosta, Bro. Walter was a strong believer in program,



activities, learn through doing, learn while doing. Walt was always and in all ways the teacher, instructing and encouraging students to learn, learn, learn. He was strong on attending activities of students beyond the school day. He would often say “If students don’t see any brothers, they will not know who brothers are nor have any idea of what brothers do.”

Several brothers were eager and quick to share their thoughts and experiences of working and living with Walt.

Brother Douglas Roach said Walter was friendly and open to all. Gave 100% with whatever he was involved with. A man with a smile.

Brother Richard Critz offered these thoughts about Walt. Walter was one of the four brothers who initiated our ministry in Adel, Georgia. In a population that was less than 2% Catholic, Walt, a naturally warm, engaging person, easily built relationships with the local people. He played a major role in getting us established, generously supported each of us in our various projects, and was an essential part of our success in mission and as a community.

Walt was always interested in seeing what the area had to offer and organized memorable trips to Okefenokee Swamp, Cape Canaveral, and Cocoa Beach among other places. On football weekends he strongly directed pertinent coaching tips to Lou Holtz who may have heard him through the television set. That same generous, good humored Walter graced our communities and ministries in New Orleans and Austin.”

Bro. Ken Haders shared with me his view that “Walter was a wise, no nonsense brother who was not taken in by new fads — he was a straight forward, “deal with it” kind of guy. At the same time, he was a loyal company man and would do his best to make things work the way they were supposed to.

Brother Richard Kelly worked with Walter in Georgia in the 1990’s and from 2001 to 2005 in New Orleans in Sacred Heart Parish. Both he and Richard Kelly survived Hurricane Katrina. Brothers Richard and Walter worked in the food pantry and taught CCD to nearly all grade levels. Brother Richard said, “It was a blessing for me to work with Walt for those years”.

Brother Paul Bednarczyk in a note of condolence said, “I am truly sad to hear this news. I loved Walter, his humor, his generosity, and commitment to ministry.”

Further Bro. Ken shared about Bro. Walter and community life that Walter wanted what was best for the brothers, even though he could be tight with the funds. He was organized, dedicated, transparent, and practical.

I heard many stories of how he kept trying new things to make sure his lessons for the students were interesting and meaningful. He wanted the students to know and learn about a God who loved them unconditionally.

Bro. Jonathan Beebe wrote briefly, “I will miss Walter, but I am grateful for the years that we lived together in Georgia. He taught many life lesson. May his memory be a blessing for all of us who knew him.”

I was able to get a former student to share some thoughts and praises of Brother Walter. Mr. Dennis O’Boyle from Walter’s days at St. Charles offered these thoughts.

I was thoroughly blessed to be a resident at St. Charles Boys Home ...and after spending two years and nine months there, I returned 18 months later as a college freshman and psychology major to work at St. Charles for seven years and two months.

Today I’m honored to share some brief remembrances of Brother Walter Gluhm, CSC, and give thanks and glory to our Lord Jesus for His blessings to us, and those that came from God to us in the life of Brother Walter.

His personality, caring concern for students and all people, and mainly his commitment to helping others, with humble Christ-like leadership made a deep and lasting impression.

Some of the other lads that were in St. Charles with me—well, for various reasons—did not always speak favorably or highly of anyone, let alone an authority figure, if you know what I mean: getting any respect, positive acknowledgement, or praise at all from this assortment of juveniles occurred rarely, if ever. But for Brother Walter, the other guys had more than a few kind words. He had somehow earned their respect.

Brother Walter will be missed. He will be cherished most of all—and counted highly among our many rich blessings, honoring the fact that all blessings come from God and flow from God and flow from His almighty hands and providence in our lives. Brother Walter Gluhm now joins THE BROTHERS HALL OF FAME with the good and gracious company of others that I knew from the boys home life, including Brother-and later- Father William Wickham, Brothers Gregoire Bleau, Warren Shea, Arthur Gohl, and Peter Graham.

I did finally, a few years later get to meet Brother Walter when he stopped in town and came over to St. Charles from the St. Jude parish where the brothers moved to when they moved off campus. “We sipped hot coffee, swilling quietly to avoid burning our lips. To mark his life, and his years, along with his partners in THE BROTHERS HALL OF FAME, and all of the Brothers, and all here today who witness my words:

- Your sacrifices didn’t go unnoticed.
- We appreciate you and all you did on our behalf.
- You truly cared about us.
- You humbly, quietly and faithfully served God, and the Brothers of Holy Cross, and all of us.

On the Saturday before Walt’s death, I stopped by Walt’s room. He was still breathing. However I’m not sure he was aware of me in the room, or heard me say thank you, Walt, I’m praying for you as you journey home.

Yes you humbly, quietly and faithfully served God, and the Brothers of Holy Cross, all of us. Amen.

Brother Roy Smith, C.S.C.



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As the Sower Sows

It has often been said,
as the sower sows,
so shall the harvest be reaped.

And while the sower may think
the weeds he can easily quell,

in truth it's not that easy,
as in life we know quite well.

One might truthfully say,
a weed is but a plant out of place,
and, as sin is in life, we surely must pray
it be thus quelled in our human race.

Many planters and sowers, even centuries ago,
thought good seed was their duty to sow.
But alas, if the seed we now plant, good it is not,
the fruit it produces begins to decay
and surely will rot.

So it is as in our garden of life.
The seed we now sow—may it be clean and pure
that no weeds grow in our garden, let us be sure,
for life is so short and we've no time to replant.

And the crops that we plant
for future's people to harvest,
on them the Lord's blessings
we pray he may grant.

Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC



Spring Break



From Br. Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C.
Friday, March 24, 3.47 PM

During their spring break from Notre Dame, four Holy Cross seminarians spent March 14 and 15 visiting Archbishop Hoban H. S. Andrew Copp, C.S.C., Ethan Kelley, C.S.C., Chris Mulholland, C.S.C., and Tim Wymore, C.S.C. spoke to sophomores and juniors in their theology classes, They helped to prepare meals for Hoban's Project HOPE service program, met with Hoban's Discernment Group, and participated in the St. Joseph's Day school. liturgy.



Andrew Copp, C.S.C. demonstrates his basketball skills by shooting a small ball into the recycle basket. Mr. Kappel promised his students that if he made the basket, each student would earn extra credit. Andrew made the basket.



Holy Cross seminarians Chris Mulholland, C.S.C., Tim Wymore, C.S.C., Andrew Copp, C.S.C., and Ethan Kelley, C.S.C. with Hoban sophomores in their Theology classes.



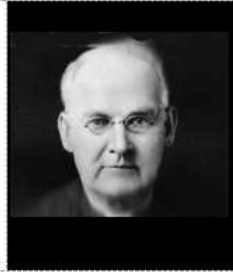
Chris Mulholland, C.S.C. answers a question during a panel discussion in a sophomore Theology class.

Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.

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Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Walking on Water

We would like to think that eventually we will have things under control, that through reasonable planning we can achieve our goals. Applying this principle to our spiritual life, if we take one virtue at a time and work on it, eventually over the years we will arrive at some degree of perfection. But does it always work that way?

For example, if our personality has a certain temperament of being irascible at times, will we ever achieve perfect patience through our own efforts? Probably not. One of the key elements of growing spiritually is self-knowledge. This can be translated into the virtue of humility. With it, comes the realization that we will need to call on God's spiritual gifts. I believe that Jesus invites us to get out of the boat of our own devices and walk on water depending on him to keep us from going under. In other words, when we build ourselves up with all of our accomplishments, it will be more difficult for us to discover our true selves which need to rely on the goodness of God and the many blessings God has given us. When we can come to the revelation that all of our life is a gift, then God can begin to do great things in and through us. "He who loses his life will find it."

- Do you spend much time in planning for the future?
- Do you find it disturbing or refreshing when the unexpected happens that could be beneficial?
- What helps you to put your trust in God?

O God, help me to put my trust in you when making future plans.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

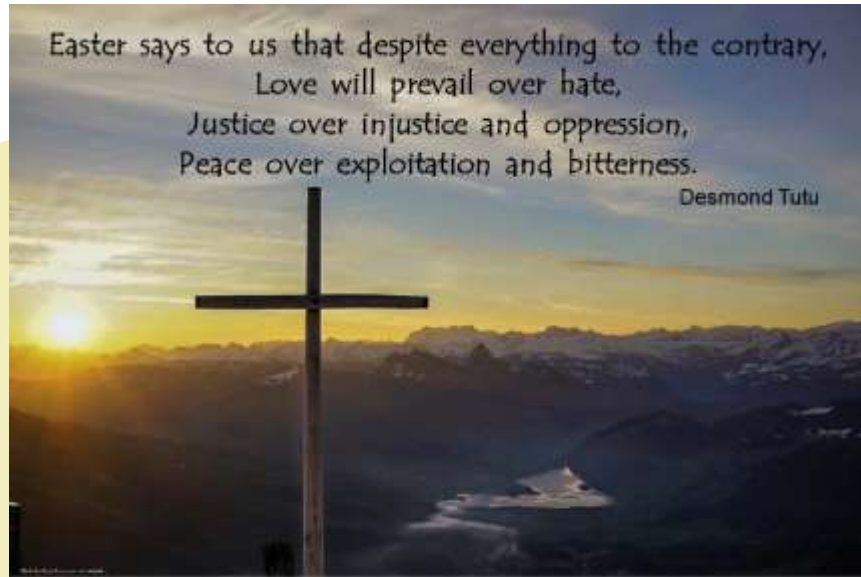


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Reflection

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





Brother
James
Kane,
CSC



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