

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Our Poets, Past and Present

Fall Colors

The colors of the autumn now begin
to be revealed in bushes, trees, and sky;
a fiery orange will prevail where green has been,
and skies of blue suggest gray clouds are nigh.

A normal fall would see us welcome change,
the change of colors, change of warm to cold,
but autumn this year highlights colors strange
in acts as strange as any ever told.

The brilliant orange flashes, balls of flame,
as jets crash into non-resisting towers;
collapsing concrete, ashen dust proclaim
a graying mood that clouds what blue was ours.

So, Nature's pleasing colors have to share
their place this year with urgent need for prayer.

**--Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC
September 30, 2001**



**Watercolor by
Brother Richard
Johnson, C.S.C.**



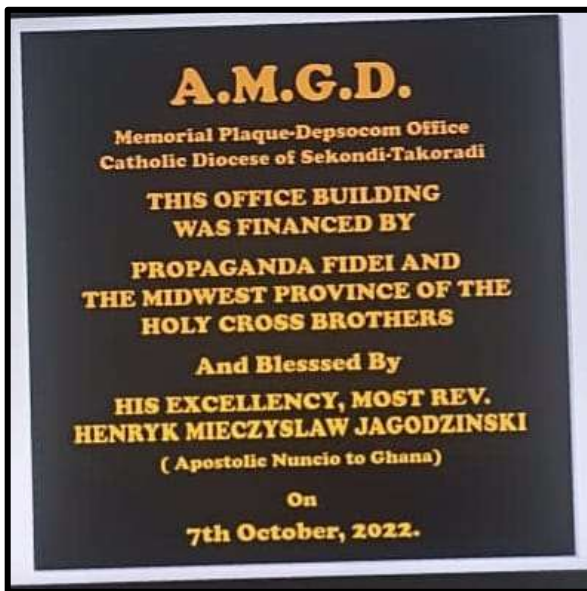
News from Ghana

Letter to Brother Kenneth Haders:

Dear Br. Kenneth,

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

I am full of joy as I write you. Permit me on behalf of the Diocese, the priests, the religious, and the laity to thank you very much for what your gift on behalf of the Midwest Province of the Holy Cross Brothers has achieved for the Diocese. I am particularly excited because thanks to the gift the Diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi is the first diocese in Ghana to put up a building for her communications ministry. The building, which has been completed, will house two studios for radio and television, two offices, a reception area, a transmission room, and a conference room.



The next target of the Department of Social Communications will be to get the needed equipment for effective ministry of communications in the Diocese.

The new office for communications will be dedicated and commissioned on Friday, October 7, 2022, by the Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana who is on a 5-day pastoral visit to the Diocese.

How I wish to have you around for this important program. I wish to assure you that your generosity, because of my special friendship with you, will never be forgotten. And I will hang the picture we took during your last visit in the reception area of this new building. Please, note that I have attached pictures of the new building.



Once again, Br. Kenneth, I say thank you very much and may God richly bless you.

Thank you.

From

Rev. Emmanuel Dolphine
Diocese of Secondi Takoradi

Florida Storm News

Trip by John Guttman, Midwest Provincial Business Office:

I went to Florida on Wednesday to help Br. William Dygert and Br. Peter Nault with any type of storm damage they received from hurricane Ian. Sarasota was lucky and escaped any major damage. Venice was a different story. Br. Peter is taking care of his house as well as the house that Br. James Bagans lived in (which is next door). Br. Peter removed a lot of limbs and yard debris before I arrived, which I've tried to show in the pictures where he's standing by himself. Both



Br. Peter



of us had to clean out the pool which had limbs and part of the pool cage (Lanai)

in it and continued to clean up the yards. Both houses had roof damage and I had to put tarps over the peaks of the houses to prevent potential leaking. One picture is taken from the top of Br. Peter's house towards Br. Jame's house showing the roofs and the pool area.



A Gala Event Luvability Ministries

Fund raising for children with special care needs was held October 7 at the *Gillespie Center*, South Bend, Indiana. The Midwest Province sponsored a table of brothers. Brother Raymond

Papenfuss is a *Luvability* board member and long time caregiver to one of the children.

Silent auction items were created by Brothers Philip Smith and Raymond Papenfuss. Dinner followed with the event ending with open bidding on a number of higher valued items.



**Raymond
Papenfuss**

Watercolor

**Philip with crocheted
laprobes.**

Don

Richard

Joseph

James

Carl

Walt

Roy

George

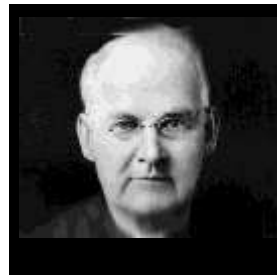
John

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Servant of God



Website

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

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Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Saving Faith

Jesus cured many people in his three years of ministry. Many times he linked these cures with the faith he found in the people he cured. Remember the faith he found in the centurian who said, “Only say the word and my servant will be healed.” What is there about the faith that leads to new life? Many in the medical profession have concluded the relationship between a person’s beliefs and physical healing. Most are familiar with the placebo effect.

If a person is constantly consumed with negative thinking such as resentment or lack of forgiveness, it can affect a person’s health. Faith in Jesus, who was crucified but rose to new life, gives a person hope. Whatever the circumstances that a person has to go through, in the end there can be new life. The motto for our Holy Cross Community is “The Cross, our only hope.” The life, death, and resurrection of Christ become the pattern for Christ’s disciples. Jesus says, “Take up your cross and follow me.” It is in our suffering that we can identify with the countless number of people in the world who have crosses to bear much greater than our own. In relying on God’s love for us we can become a witness to God’s healing power. Our faith can save us.

- What helps you have a positive attitude toward life?
- How does faith in Jesus help you to deal with suffering?
- Are you spreading Christian hope in your world?

O God, give me the faith I need to bring hope to a hurting world.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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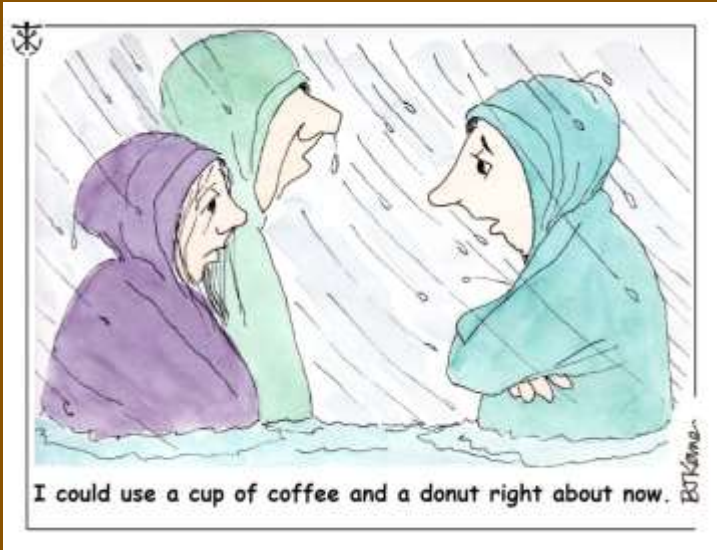
Reflection
Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



The greatest gift
One can give is *Thanksgiving*.
In giving gifts,
We give what we can spare,
But in giving thanks
We give *ourselves*.
David Steindl-Rast

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Brother
James
Kane,
CSC



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