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The Cross, Our Only Hope



Prayer consists less of words than of desires and aspirations of the heart that need no long formulas nor abundance of word. Prayer is a fervent and continuous desire.

--Blessed Basil Moreau (Exercises of 1858)

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[Swift Thesis Completed](#)



Email from Charlotte:



I want to let the Brothers know that I have completed my thesis on **the swifts at Columba Hall**. As part of my project, I compared the counts I took at Columba Hall with other counts from roosts across the country. Columba Hall is regularly near the top--it had the 2nd largest number of birds out of 287 roosts I analyzed in the spring, and 32nd out of 1173 in the fall. I attached a pdf of my thesis to this email, and I've also printed a hard copy that I'd like to give to Columba Hall as a small way to say thank you and recognize the help and support that you all have given me during this process.

Charlotte Probst

University of Notre Dame '22

Biological Sciences and Philosophy



Brother Douglas Roach Special Birthday Party



Lobster
and
Steak

Thanks
Kitchen
Staff



**Secret Setup
Crew: Zack,
Ray, and Chris**



For Douglas on His 90th

Bring out the special wine and ring the
chimes!

Let Gail shout

“The news is out:
our wondrous man jumps into wondrous
times!”

Then Robert comes to offer Doug a
crutch,

but Bethany scolds,

“Our man’s not old—
he lives on berries, yogurt, beans, and
such.”

So Robert drags a tub of ice cream in.

He splashes it

with chocolate bits
and claims to celebrate without is sin!

But Gail then with a swipe gives it a spin:

“No carbs for Doug!

No sweets to chug!

He’s healthy as a horse gone out to win.”

So Robert lugs an armchair fireside:

“Snooze here in peace.

Your awesome feast

will drip with honeyed things. Surprise!”

But mighty Doug will brook no sweets
from him!

Poor Robert cries

with swollen eyes

that sugar is the secret to stay slim.

Our Robert spoons more syrup on Doug’s
plate

and watches firm

for Doug to squirm

from gooey, chewy, sweetie
carbohydrates.

But Douglas pushes Robert out the door:

“You’ve had your turn,

you little worm—

today’s my day so let the protein soar!”

Brother George Klawitter

Reader: Brother Chris Dreyer

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Happy Easter

Dear Associates and Friends,

As Christians we have a story to tell. It is an ancient story which is in line with archetypes found in religions around the world. It is the story that out of death new life can come. We see it in nature. From the death of winter emerges new life with the coming of spring.

Our story is told so well by the disciples on the way to Emmaus. How Jesus was found guilty and had to undergo a horrible death on the cross; but they recognized him in a new way in the breaking of the bread in the meal they had together.

What is our resurrection story? We have undergone two years with the pandemic. Many people died, and all of us have experienced our own kind of death to the things that were taken for granted in the past. Christ's resurrection, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday, can bring us hope for new life. It requires faith. It requires a willingness to be open to receive the sacrificial love that God wants to pour into our hearts. In other words, we need to lose control of our tendency to want to figure it out in our own minds. Only then can we be ready to take part in the Easter mystery like the new catechumens' experience when they emerge from the baptismal waters as new men and women. Let us renew that experience for ourselves and receive the miracle of new life that God wants for each of us.

- What traditions do you have in your family at Easter time?
- What has the Christian story of death and resurrection meant for you?
- Are you open to experience the miracle of new life this Easter?

O God, help me to be open to receive new life this Easter.



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

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**Brother
Philip Smith**



**Brother
Ben Rossi**



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



Remember that when you leave this earth,
You can take with you
Nothing that you have received -
Only what you have given:
A full heart, enriched by honest service,
Love, sacrifice and courage.

-St. Francis of Assisi

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Palm Sunday (April 10, 2022)
Is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of the Holy Week,
and commemorates the arrival of Christ in Jerusalem.

The things that we love
tell us what we are.

- Thomas Aquinas

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