

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Weekly Spiritual Reflections from the Early Brothers of St. Joseph

### Week 2

However, my reverend Father, the more I find myself far away from you, the more I sense in my soul the filial emotions which I felt on the first days of my novitiate. Regret, love, memory say to me aloud: “What are my obligations?” Faith and religion will always fulfill me. I know too well that I’m not capable of a single worthy act, so I put all my confidence in Him who knows all, can do all, who gives to him who asks and opens to him who knocks. Assuredly, it’s not necessary that the first day of the year arrive before, in spite of my unworthiness, I pray to God for my reverend Father. No, it’s a daily duty to which I’m faithful and in union with the large family of Notre Dame de Sainte-Croix. I heard Holy Mass and received Communion on January 2 in honor of St. Basil, and I prayed to the great doctor of the Church to ask God to continue even more to multiply in you His favors, persuaded that from them will come a source of grace which will make us happy ourselves. ([Brother Hilarion Ferton 1/8/1845](#))



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## Remember in Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers Brother John Schuszler and Brother Edward Foken, who have recently died. Further information concerning funerals will be posted as available. May they rest in peace.



## Virtual Birthday Party

Saturday, Jan 9, a fun birthday party was held for a staff member of the Brothers' administration team, Sharan. Because of the corona virus we could not all get together. We held a Zoom party, ate our cake, and bantered around.

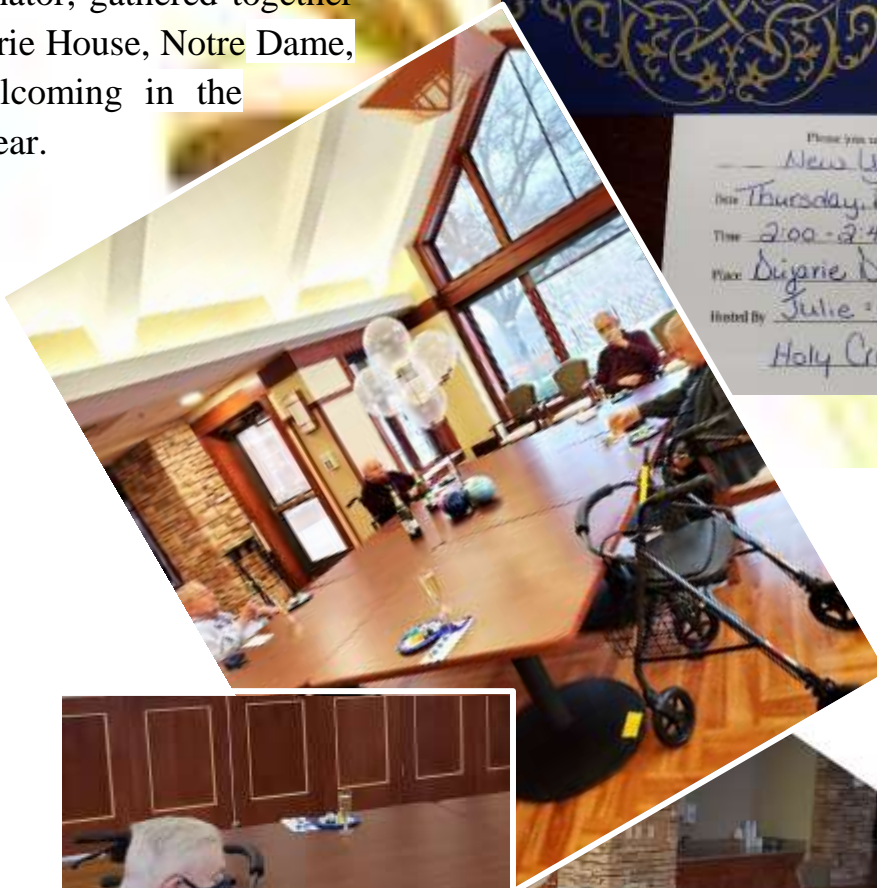




# Dujarie Celebrates the New Year

Email from Brother Christopher Torrijas:

Pictures Jodi Meyer, Life Enrichment Coordinator, gathered together at Dujarie House, Notre Dame, IN, welcoming in the New Year.



## Riverside Residents at Holy Cross Village Honor a Brother

An article by Joseph Tobin – A resident of Holy Cross Village

December 28, 2020



Brother Thomas Rock, CSC, a resident of Riverside Place in Holy Cross Village at 87 years old is a tireless worker around the building year round. In the summer months Br. Tom plants and cares for an enormous flower garden on the west side of the 26 apartment building. Five Brothers live among the lay people who enjoy living in this independent living situation. Day after day, heat or not, Br. Tom replants bulbs, cares for the annuals, and plants by hand hundreds of perennial flowers. The land is on a slant going down to the St. Joe River, and the amazing plan in that every plant goes into the ground lands itself to blooms throughout the sunny days of summer and early autumn. In addition, wild grass grows on the hillside, and Br. Tom goes about hand mowing it down hour after hour using an electric, circular trimming tool.

When the winter holiday season begins and the flower garden has been put to rest, Br. Tom's design sense comes alive again decorating all three floors of Riverside. A beautiful creche in the lobby reminds the residents of the true meaning of Christmas. Brother brings up from the garage many, large, plastic tubs in which he stores all the floral and sparkling decorations. This year residents decided to secretly collect Christmas cards to let him know of their appreciation for all the work he does around Riverside Place. All cards were deposited in a box outside apartment #106. Sally and Joe Tobin delivered the 22 cards to Br. Tom in a decorated basket on Christmas Eve.

Brother was happily surprised and grateful for the residents' thoughtfulness.

Click to view [Tom's gardens](#) featured in a summer edition of *Midwest-Midweek* (July 26, 2020, pg 8).

## Office in Private

### Brother Richard Johnson, C.S.C.

When praying my office in private, I often use my desktop computer, iPad, or smart phone for the text. Some advantages for me are:

1. It is up to date with the saints
2. No page turning
3. All prayers are written out (e.g. The *Glory Be* used at the end of the psalms shows complete text. (Note: there is no **Be** in the *Glory Be*.)
4. Text size can be changed using (CTRL with the + or - sign)



#### To create a shortcut on your desktop

On a blank spot on your desktop:

1. Right click the mouse
2. From the menu that pops up, click on the word NEW.
3. A second menu will appear; click on SHORTCUT.
4. The SHORTCUT window will show a blank, fill-in in the blank with the URL listed below
5. Press NEXT to go to the second page of the Shortcut window. Type in the description shown below.
6. Click on finish – An icon will appear on your desktop. Drag it to a position you would like. Test it out.

#### DESKTOP SHORTCUT

URL:

<http://www.ibreviary.com/m2/breviario.php?lang=en>

Description:

Office-Christian Prayer

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To pray the Office using an iPad or smart phone, down load the App IBreviary to that device. It is a free App.

## Holy Cross Roads

Writings for the Journey

### Those Not-So-Great Moments

Dear Associates and Friends,

Yes, we are children of God. Yes, God loves us unconditionally. Yes, in the perspective of our whole life, this moment may not be so life changing. But we do have moments in which we slip back into former ways of thinking or moments of behavior out of habit that we regret. So, what do we do or more importantly how do we deal with these not-so-great moments?

God became man to remind us that it is OK to be human. It is OK not to have it all together. For the Christian, we can say a prayer expressing our sorrow. For the Catholic, there is also the sacrament of reconciliation. This is what Jesus came for, to be with us and forgive us when we fail. During these times we rely on him to not only understand us but to forgive us and help us get back on track to being the person we want to be because of our relationship with him. Often it is through our failures we gain insight into who we are and who God is. What a great God we have!

- Do you believe that you are to be perfect in everything you do?
- Is it easy for you to accept God's forgiveness and move on with your life?
- Can you still love yourself even when you sin or make mistakes?

**O God, help me turn to you when things get messy and out of control.**

**Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.**



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## From the *Voice of Moreau Website*

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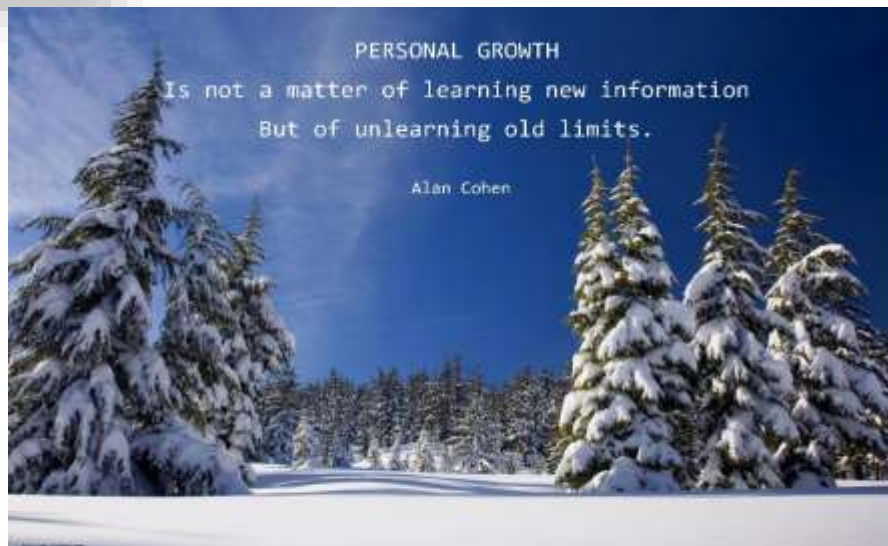


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Ben  
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## Reflection

Reflection(s) sent in by  
**Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.**



Emmanuel Care...With you on your journey toward health, healing and a better quality of life.  
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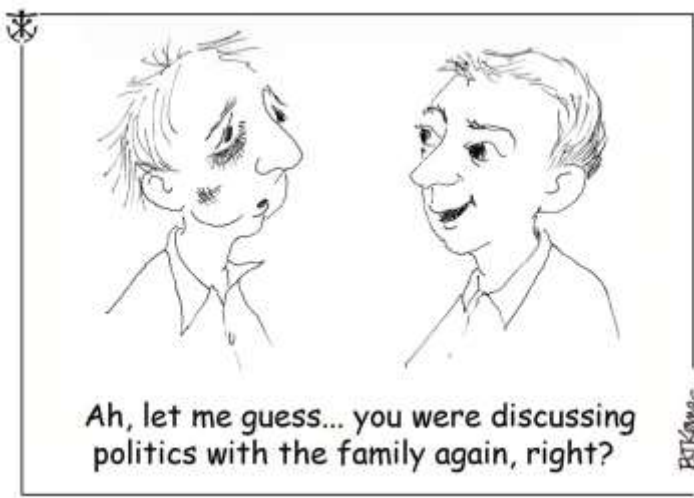
“Let there be spaces in your togetherness,  
And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.  
Love one another but make not a bond of love:  
Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your  
souls.”

— KHALIL GIBRAN

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