

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## 2022 Holy Cross History Conference



**Father Thomas Looney, C.S.C.**

The Holy Cross History Conference met this year on June 3 and 4 for its annual gathering. This year the conference was done totally on ZOOM with six papers given over two days. The conference host was Father Thomas Looney, CSC, the president of King's College, who shepherded the conference long-distance from Willes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

On Friday morning the first paper was given by Thomas Mackaman, a history teacher at King's. He traced the history of the college over its first 75 years. He was followed by

Brother William Dygert, who spoke on Orestes Brownson. Brother's paper traced the development of Brownson's theories of Catholic education in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The morning session ended with two papers on Brother Columba O'Neill. Brother Philip Smith spoke first on the work developing in the Midwest Province Archives to advance Brother Columba toward sainthood because of Columba's holy life and outreach to suffering people. The second paper



**Thomas Mackaman**



**Brother William Dygert, C.S.C.**



**Seminarian Edwin Donnelly**

on Brother Columba was given by, a Moreau seminarian, who spoke on one specific set of letters exchanged between Brother Columba and a Pennsylvania priest. Participants at the conference was amazed at the numbers of cures that are documented in the letters.

On Friday afternoon the conference heard from Father James Connelly, the guardian angel of the Holy Cross History Conference who was an originating member of the conference 41 years ago. Father Connelly has never missed the annual conference and has served as president multiple times. This year he spoke on the genesis of his monumental history of the Holy Cross Congregation, a book that appeared from Notre Dame Press last year.



**Father James Connelly, C.S.C.**

On Saturday morning the conference heard from Brother George Klawitter, who spoke on the pedagogical text that St. John Baptist de La Salle wrote for the Christian Brothers, a text that the early Holy Cross Brothers undoubtedly used in their own training.



**Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.**

The ZOOM conference ended with the announcement that Brother Philip Smith will serve as the next president. Many members thanked Father Looney for the very smooth running of this year's conference as he had to navigate the ins and outs of on-site and ZOOM presentations.



**Brother George Klawitter, C.S.C.**



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## Turtle Nursery

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**Above Photos by Ray**

Ray and Zack spotted a large turtle between the parking lot and the sidewalk on the north-east side of Columba Hall. "Linda", as they call her, apparently has laid and covered eggs in the area, so Zack and Ray erected a fence around the area to keep other animals (or man) from stealing the eggs once they hatch. The fence has been removed so young turtles can easily navigate to St. Joseph Lake.

Click: [recipe for turtle soup - Google Search](#)

**Eastside of Columba Hall, bottom of Besette House steps:**

Here are two photos of a snapping turtle laying her eggs by Besette House. That's Shirley from the kitchen in one photo looking at the turtle.



**Bottom two Photos by Br. George Klawitter**



## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### A Helping Hand

One of the most effective ways of praying when we are faced with situations which are beyond our control is to pray with the word, "HELP." This becomes a prayer to God that admits we are not in control and that we are putting our complete trust in God. This can be beyond rational thought. What comes to mind is the image of Peter walking on water. The result of this prayer is to feel relief because we have put ourselves in God's hands. God will take away our burden and allow our racing mind to stop so that we can come to an inner peace.

What is the best way to help others come to an inner peace? It is not something that can be taught; it is something that can be caught. The peace within you will reach out to the other. It might be in a gesture such as a hug or the way you are looking at your friend. I remember I received a long hug from a family member allowing me to cry at the sudden death of my mother. It was so powerful that I will never forget the healing effect it had on me.

We can lend a hand in many ways. We only have to look at the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. But it is only through prayer that God will lead us in the most appropriate way given our gifts, circumstances and the urgency of the need.

- How do you respond to a situation in which you feel you have little or no control?
- Does your prayer help you at these times?
- Does your prayer life motivate you in extending a helping hand to others?

**O God, help me to rely on your inspiration as  
I extend my hand in helping others.**



**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.



Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water,  
The actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects.  
Dalai Lama

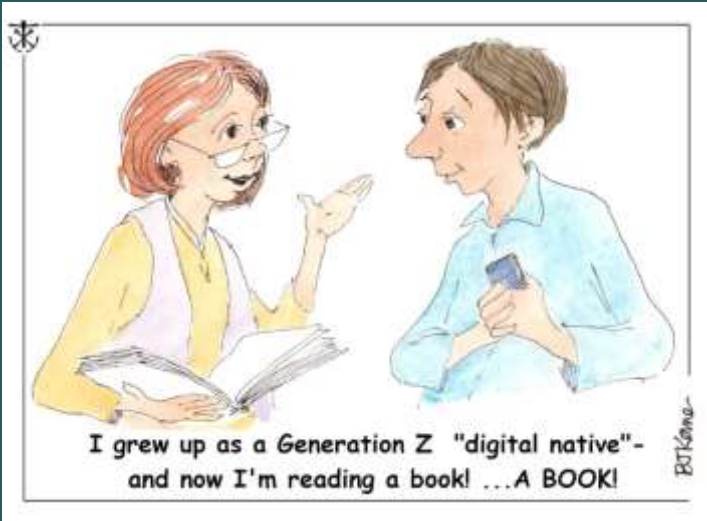
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"It is the sweet, simple things of life  
which are the real ones after all."

- Laura Ingalls Wilder

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