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Blessed Basile Antoine-Marie Moreau

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Our Poets, Past and Present

The American Southwest

The desert speaks to me. In sand, in sun
I find the perfect metaphor: my soul,
desiccated, cactus-torn, lacking
food and water, clammers over rock,

avoiding lizards and the things that mock
my emptiness. I'm the only one
who wanders lost here, scratching hole to hole,
searching meaning while my brain, racking

possibilities, follows, tracking
leads, cresting dunes, taking stock
of shadows, danger. As I watch or run
from shade to shade, I sense my shifting goal

parches in the heat of day, my role
at night fighting cold. Then my lacking
meaning spindles into dust—I knock
into the God my pain and joy has won.

Brother George Klawitter, CSC



Saint John's 70th Anniversary
Saint John's Secondary School
Province of West Africa
Skondi, Ghana

St. John's School is 70 years old, Hurray!!!!

The invitation of the Brothers to the shore of the Ghanaian soil to run a Catholic school for boys has yielded much fruit for the Sekondi-Takoradi Diocese, the western region and the country as a whole. St. John's School, which was started with just forty-seven students in 1952, has taught thousands. St. John's School saw much significant change when the Congregation of Holy



Cross took over the administration of the school. We celebrate the achievement of those Brothers who contributed to the success of St. John's School.



The anniversary started on 17th July through to 23rd July, 2023, on the theme; Celebrating 70 Years of Impactful Catholic Training on the Boy Child; the Saint John's Experience. The week was power packed with lots of activities to mark the anniversary.



A memorial Mass was held at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral to remember all those who have gone before us, most importantly, the Brothers of Holy Cross, the old students, teachers and non-teaching staffs and all those who in one way or the other have contributed to the growth of St. John's School. A clean-up exercise was organized in the Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolis. Some students were led by teachers to the Effiankwanta regional hospital to clean, some students were led by other teachers to Sekondi township, and others went to the nearby communities to clean up the streets and areas that needed attention. In the course of the week, a pavilion



was set up and dedicated to Matthew Chapter Five Band. This is where students who are interested in music could go for rehearsals to polish their God given talents in music and playing of the musical instruments. Recognition was given to Brother Raymond Papenfuss who spearheaded the Matthew Chapter Five (MCF) from the beginning. There were sporting activities between the Old Saints and the students, and between a few selected schools in the metropolis.



On Saturday, 22nd July, the Bishop of the Sekondi-Takoradi diocese, Most Rev. John Baptist Attakruh, the Regional Minister representing the President of the Republic of Ghana, the Regional Director of Education, Heads of Assisted Senior High Schools, the PTA, the Provincial Superior of the Province of West Africa, Brother John Badu Affum, CSC, and the Congregation of Holy Cross, the teaching and non-teaching staffs, the alumni and the students gathered for the grand durbar. The school choir in collaboration with the

Archbishop Porter Girls' School choir sang with angelic voices to usher the dignitaries and to grace the occasion. The regimental band and the Matthew Chapter Five Band displayed melodiously to give thanks to God for all these years of existence. Goodwill messages were delivered from all invited guests. Poetry recitation and drama were not left out.



Some teaching and non-teaching staff, students, old students and former staffs on retirement received awards for their services to St. John's School. Brother Paul Bukari, CSC, received an award for best housemaster while Brother Stephen Aidoo, CSC and Brother Anthony Dadzie, CSC, received citations each for their tremendous contributions towards the school. The provincial of West Africa, Brother John Affum, gave the concluding prayer for this memorable occasion.

A Mass of thanksgiving on Sunday morning was offered and presided over by the Bishop of Sekondi-Takoradi, Most Rev John Baptist Attakruh. In his homily, he thanked the Brothers for their great contribution to the school.



This article was put together by Brothers (Left) Evans Mensah and (Right) Godfred Kyeremeh.





Vivid Memories Jerome (Jerry) Ziliak

"Manual Labor School taught boys trades to earn a living."

How appropriate Marion Casey's work on the Holy Cross Brothers and their work with the Manual Labor School at Notre Dame in the 19th century! It is very timely because the Brothers recently celebrated over 200 years since their founding as the Brothers of St. Joseph by Rev. Jacques Dujarie in 1820. In 1837, they joined with the Auxiliary Priests of Le Mans established by Rev. Basile Moreau to become the Congregation of Holy Cross. Just as the Brothers' work at the Manual Labor School left few records, also their quiet work in their high schools over the years has not always been known or appreciated.

As a graduate of one of their high schools, I have vivid memories of many of the Brothers: Joel, rubbing his hands together and smiling, "today we're going to talk about mummies"; Leonardo's quoting the *New York Times* drama section and his spontaneous detour into aesthetics as he described his first view of Lake Michigan; Thomas' sardonic aside in his American History class about our attending school in "pig pants" (blue jeans); Jeffrey, English teacher, memorable class sponsor, who mopped the cafeteria floor for the evening Homecoming Dance as the students attended an afternoon football game; biology teacher Ambrose who at quiz time always sent the least academic to the library with their text books and would often end his lesson saying, "What do you guys want to talk about now?"

The high school, which always seemed to be "open" and the Brothers ever present, was central to our adolescent years academically, socially, and geographically. My morning newspaper route was adjacent to the school so it was convenient to stop there on Saturday "collection" days. I would take a "break," buy a coke from the always open cafeteria machine, and "catch" a pick-up basketball game in the gym—always with a Brother participant. After evening sports events, the cafeteria opened for "Howdy Hours" — i.e., dancing and socializing. The presence of the Brothers was always a part of evening musical practices. Campus side lawns were often occupied with students involved in "pick up" games in the fall. My brother and I each paid high school tuition of \$40 a year, tuition that included all these "freebies"!

Because of the ever present Brothers and their "neighborhood" school, we were involved in sports and music and always "on call" if an usher, singer, or dancer were needed. Many of us, just like the orphans at the old Notre Dame Trade School, were beneficiaries of the quiet and seldom publicized work of the Holy Cross Brothers.



Paulownia Tree
Tree planted in front of school

Some notable graduates of our Evansville Reitz Memorial High School: Holy Cross priests John Waldschmit, President of the University of Portland and later Bishop of Portland; Fathers Henry Geuss and Charles Van Winkle. Some notable Brother graduates: John Baptist Titzer, first Provincial of Brothers' Southwest Province; Pedro Haering, Principal of Indianapolis Cathedral High School; Romard Barthel, professor of physics at St. Edward's University; John Kuhn, principal at Reitz Memorial; Notre Dame post office clerk Donald Schapker.



Reitz Memorial High School

These are some of the alums I've also heard about and maybe you have too: Joe Eger '48, oil magnate; Joel Wells '48, Thomas Moore Book editor; Judges Terry Dietsch, Wayne Kent, Robert Lensing; Doctors Joe Rusche, Robert McDonald, James Broerman; city attorney Ted Ziemer; Scripps-Howard CEO Bill Burleigh. These men were all products of the Brother-teachers at the Evansville high school.



<https://www.reitzmemorial.org/>

Midwest Province on Rt 933

Columba Hall maintenance department refreshes the *Cross and Anchors* at the entrance to Midwest Province grounds bordering route 933 North.

Since men paint with different pressures, the same paint appears in a variety of shades. The problem is solved by men painting a random number of bricks. The effect is attractive and unifying.



Before being painted



Rick Forsythe



Top-left and left photos show empty blocks that will be painted by a different worker. The different shades will reflect a unified color pattern.



Ray Pendl

Photos e-mailed in by Ray Pendl, maintenance

Holy Cross Roads

Writings for the Journey

Into Our Freedom

Jesus did not only cure people in their bodies, he also freed people of their inner demons. What are some of the inner demons that hold us back from being free children of God? Sometimes depression that comes from not having experienced unconditional love can cause a blockage. Maybe we were not loved unless we lived up to the expectations of others. Maybe the fear of rejection keeps us in “bondage.” Maybe the fear of failing keeps us from developing our gifts. There are many reasons for not coming into our own freedom.

Whatever it is, Jesus can cure us. We only have to remember how the disciples of Jesus were frightened and huddled in the upper room after his death. Gradually they were cured when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in them and gave them the power to become what God had intended them to be.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and help us experience that unconditional love which invites us to step out in faith and trust by the power of your grace and renew the face of the earth.

- What is holding you back from being free?
- Have you invited the Holy Spirit to heal you of the blockages to your freedom?
- What has helped you to arrive at an inner freedom?

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart allowing me to be truly free.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Be Careful Whom You Call "Baldy."


The Second Book of Kings in the Old Testament, Chapter 2 verses 24—25, reports that the prophet Elisha once encountered on his way to Bethel from Jericho "some forty-two little boys [who] came out of the city and jeered at him, 'Go away baldy, go away baldy!'" (v. 24 NAB) No sooner had Elisha seen and heard the boys that he wished them cursed, and it seems all forty-two were cursed. Soon thereafter two female bears emerged from the nearby woods and ...(see v. 24).

Thereafter Elisha journeyed to Sumaria.

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



**Realize that from the start,
Every activity that comprises the journey has value
And the ability to teach you something.**

Bill Toomey



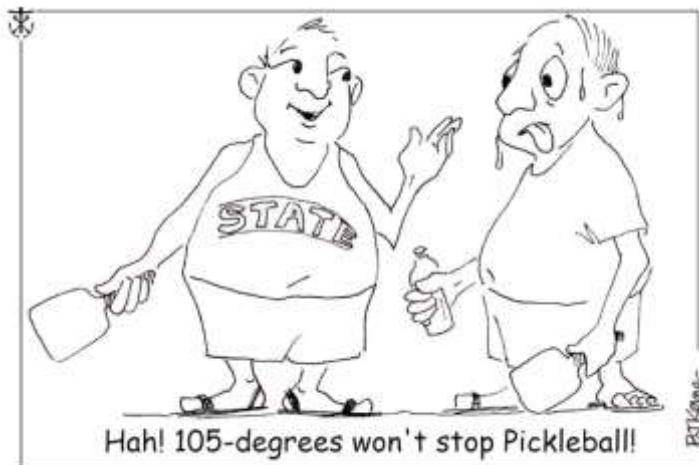
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There are years that ask questions and years that answer.
~ Zora Neale Hurston, Their Eyes Were Watching God

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