

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Our Poets, Past and Present

### Experiments in the Tanka

1.

It was seventeen  
syllables in three lines that  
limited haiku.

But tanka have fourteen more  
to bail me out of trouble.

2.

This tanka form is  
so far above the pure haiku  
that I can't go back.

I've crossed the literary  
Rubicon and now I'm home.

3. The mockingbird sings  
whatever song he chooses  
for he can do so.

My voice, though, is limited  
to that of one bird: myself.

—**Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC**



**Mockingbird**



### Tanka

Structure – 5 lines/31 syllables

3 lines – 7 syllables each

2 lines – 5 syllables each

condensed language, strong imagery

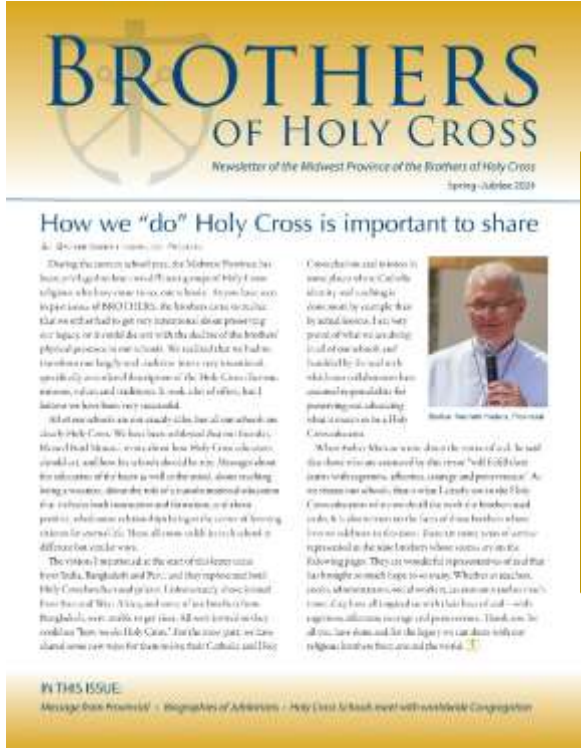
"What the poet *does not* say is as  
important as what he or she *does* say."

## Saint Joseph County President of Habitat receives Award



**(Left) Brothers Roy Smith** and **(Right) Chris Dreyer** recently attended an award ceremony for Jim Williams, CEO and President of Habitat for Humanity of Saint Joseph County, IN. Jim received the State of Indiana’s Sagamore of the Wabash, one of the highest awards that the governor can bestow on a citizen, for his fifteen years of service to Habitat for Humanity. Roy was a past board member; Chris currently serves as the secretary for the board.





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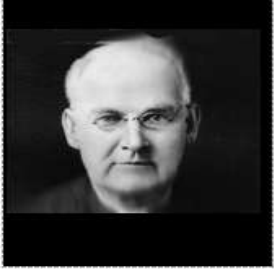
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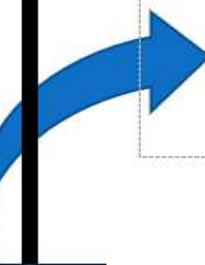
**Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.**  
Servant of God

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**Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.**  
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# Gilmour Academy Dining Update – Nearing Completion



**Tower Entrance**



**Seating Area,**



**Salad Bar area**



**Main Entry Serving area**



**Kitchen Equipment**



**Kitchen Equipment**



## On The Road to Jericho

Those who have read or heard the New Testament are aware of the details. In the *Parable of the Good Samaritan*: Luke 10:29-31 three men – a Priest, Levite, and Samaritan traveling the road to Jericho encounter as each passes by a sorely beaten man. Only one stops to render the victim of an obvious robbery any help – the Samaritan.

To the Jewish audience listening to Jesus tell this story, the revelation that the Samaritan was the one who stopped would have come as a complete surprise. The centuries old rift between Jews and Samaritans resulting in hatred and ostracization was well known.

Their judgement of the two religious men might have been less negative. The priest's and Levite's choice not to stop and provide aid might have been motivated by, the audience may have speculated, at least an understandable excuse if not the apparent reason of deliberate indifference or callousness. Both were strictly bound by the Torah's penalties for violation of its laws regulating purification; any physical contact with blood or dead body would render them defiled and unable to perform their religious functions until ritually cleansed. Ultimately there would be always, of course, the appeal to the higher law of Charity

Parables, especially those of Jesus are designed to influence and/or change our attitudes and values. Specifically, here in the *Samaritan*: Who is my neighbor (person[s] to whom I owe Charity).



## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### The Resurrected Life

If we have experienced what St. Paul experienced when he says, “It is not I that lives but Christ who lives in me,” the resurrected Christ is already living in our hearts. If we have surrendered our life to God, then Christ is continuing his ministry through us. We are now living the resurrected life. It means that we have come through “a death” and can now experience the new life of resurrection.

We now have the ability to bring this new life with hope and zeal to others. Using our God given gifts, we are able to share with all of creation as it moves to the Omega point, which is Christ. Using our gift of Christian leadership, we become able to break through this age of polarization and be an example of reaching common ground amidst diversity. Look to the example of religious leaders who meet in interfaith groups to come to consensus on important issues. Using the God given scientific know how, the resurrected life leads us to help meet the climate crises to save our common home, mother earth. The resurrected life will enable us to reach out to the poor and suffering. Through contemplation the resurrected life will allow an inner peace to be extended to our communities and world. “All that rises will converge.”

- What does Christ’s resurrection mean to you?
- Do you think of yourself as having a resurrected life?
- How is Christ calling you to share your God given gifts?

**O God, help me make Christ’s resurrection come alive in my life.**

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



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



The only way to have a friend is to be one.

*Robert Waldo Emerson*



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"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world"  
~Archbishop Desmond Tutu

This fall we will be working on Mission, Vision & Sustainability & celebrating 100th Anniversary. Providence Health Care. Fall 2016

Find the thing that stirs your heart and make room for it.

*John C. Maxwell*



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