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Blessed Father Basil
Anthony Mary Moreau

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Moreau .

<https://holycrosscongregation.org/spirituality/>

https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_20070915_moreau_en.html



A Welcoming Brother André

Entrance to Holy Cross property off route
993, Notre Dame, Indiana

Jumping for Joy

Today I feel like jumping for joy,
for despite my age,
I don't feel I'm writing my last page,
though I can't do the things I did as a boy.



As I now jump for joy,
it's by raising one leg at a time,
because no matter the weather,
I can't jump with both feet together,
and no longer can I land on a dime.



As a boy, little did I know,
that for just one misplay in a game,
much later in life
I'd find myself limping with pain.

But be that as it may,
although my waist is a little bulky,
and my walk betrays a slight sway,
for others' sake, I try not to be sulky.

As for the years I may have left,
I'm happy with my fortune in life,
no reason to feel sad or bereft,
for the Lord has calmed all my strife.

—**Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC**



NE Ohio CSC Gathering

On Sunday, January 7, Holy Cross religious living in NE Ohio gathered at Archbishop Hoban H.S. to celebrate the Feast of St. Andre Bessette. Father John Blazek, C.S.C. celebrated the liturgy in the school's Holy Cross Chapel.

Afterward, the community had dinner in the Holy Cross Room surrounded by pictures of the Holy Cross legacy in Akron. They also reminisced about Brothers who had served at Hoban over the years.



Br. Charles Smith, C.S.C., Fr. Maurice D'Souza, C.S.C., and Br. Edward Libbers, C.S.C. enjoy dinner in Hoban's Holy Cross Room.



Br. Robert Lavelle, C.S.C. views major Hoban events depicted in the timeline posted in the Holy Cross Room. Br. Robert taught at Hoban from 1965-1976.



Fr. John Blazek, C.S.C. celebrating Mass in the Holy Cross Chapel. Fr. Alex Susai, C.S.C. and Br. Robert Lavelle, C.S.C. are pictured on the left



Photos and event story sent in by Brother Dennis Bednars, C.S.C..

Moreau Seminary Social

The Brothers in Holy Cross Village and Columba Hall have been invited to attend the Thursday evening LUCEREUM at Moreau Seminary on the Notre Dame campus.



Midwest Holy Cross Associates **Present**
And the Midwest Province



Resiliency

Reclaiming the Legacy of Blessed Basil Moreau For Our Times

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Father Moreau's death, we recall and reclaim how much Father Moreau has given the family of Holy Cross women, men, sisters, brothers and priests. Some of his most far reaching gifts for our times include his promotion of a family spirit among all who call themselves Holy Cross, his dedication to a missionary call to send his religious to all parts of the world with many cultures making Holy Cross an international community beyond his local diocese, his vision of co-equality between lay and clerical members and through accepting the crosses in life, its members will grow stronger and bring new hope to the world.

These gifts are influencing the whole Church today in its vision of synodality in which all its members have a part to play. Bringing people together from many cultures and many life experiences can only lead to a richness in its response to present day realities. With the ability of listening to the other, the Church will become closer to its people. Yes, the cross will be a part of its awakening, but with the resilience that comes with God's grace, all things become possible.

Who better to lead the way but Holy Cross whose legacy is planted in its foundation by Blessed Basil Moreau.

Schedule for Conference 24

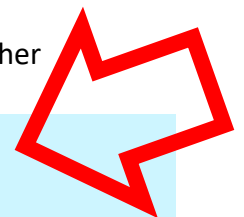
**ZOOM
CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY
January 27,
2024
EST USA**

- 10:00 Welcome and opening prayer
- 10:15 Moreau's legacy in spirituality and theology
Father Karl Romkema, CSC
- 10:50 Break
- 11:00 Breakout Session
- 11:20 "Personal Reflections on Moreau's Legacy for Educators"
Mr. Richard Bautch – President of the Holy Cross Institute
- 11:50 Presentations of contest winners
- 12:10 Lunch Break – with optional presentation on Holy Cross Associates
- 1:00 "Practical Applications of Moreau's Legacy in Other Ministries"

Please register at our website:

<https://holycrossassociates.org/chapters/national-and-regional-conferences/>



Biography

Rev. Karl Romkema, CSC

Rev. Karl Romkema, C.S.C., is from Clarkston, Michigan. After graduating from Our Lady of the Lakes High School, he entered the Old College Undergraduate Seminary in 2009. He graduated from Notre Dame in 2013 and received his Master of Divinity degree in 2018. He then professed Final Vows in 2018 and was ordained a priest in 2019. He served as a Deacon and Associate Pastor at St. Ignatius Catholic Church and School in Austin, Texas. In 2021 he began as the Director of the Old College Undergraduate Seminary where he continues to serve.



“Moreau’s Spiritual and Theological Legacy”

Biography

Mr. Richard Bautch



A tenured full professor, my leadership skills in higher education have been honed as a department chair and then as a dean at St. Edward’s University - Austin. I am currently the executive director of the Holy Cross Institute, which serves the network of Holy Cross schools, colleges and universities by delivering innovative programming to educators, administrators, and board members. Under my direction, the Institute has become a catalyst for mission integration on campuses nationally and internationally; with our support and consulting services, dedicated professionals transform their pedagogy with the vision and values of the Holy Cross mission.

“Personal Reflections on Moreau’s Legacy for Educators”

Biography

Sister Maryanne O’Neill, CSC

Sister Mary Anne has been a vowed religious for many years. She has taught in elementary schools in Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois, and taught high school Spanish at St. Joseph High School in South Bend. She has served in congregational leadership at the regional and general levels as well as in formation of young religious and has done spiritual direction. Sister Maryanne has served in El Salvador and Peru in a variety of ministry settings. Her last ministry before retirement was as director of the Brother Andre Outreach Center at St. Agnes Parish in Los Angeles for 20 years. At present Sister Maryanne resides at Saint Mary’s.



“Practical Applications of Moreau’s Legacy in Other Forms of Ministry”



Sources for the Magi

World history and culture have devised the appellations – kings. Wise Men are cited in the Nativity Gospel of St. Matthew (Chapter 2). Actually scholarly speculation identifies them, if factually authentic, as more likely Persian Priests reputed to have delved into the occult aspects of Astrology. In view of the fact that they would have had knowledge of or access to Old Testament prophetic records still available from the time of the Persian occupation of Israel, their expedition in search of a star supposedly signifying the promised birth of a savior King in Bethlehem would seem plausible.

In his effort in establishing a convincing connection between Jesus as absolute heir of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, Matthew tailored his writings with quotes and allusions from the Old Testament. So he did in composing the story of the Magi, referencing from each of the following:

Isaiah 60: “Nation shall walk by your light.” “Kings by the radiance of your dawning.” (v. 2) “Your sons from afar the wealth of nations shall come to you.” (5) “Caravans of camels shall come to you. Dromedaries of Media and Ephah.” “All from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense.” (v. 6)

As well as Psalm 72: 11: “May all the kings bow down before him.”

Notwithstanding possible apocryphal elements, the story remains an enduring component of the Christian celebration of Christmas. And as a part of scripture, a revelation.



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

The Fire of Grace

Sometimes we can achieve our goals by will power alone. The pianist practices a run of notes over and over again until he or she has mastered them. A football player along with his team executes a play in practice until it becomes second nature. These examples take will power sometimes going beyond normal effort. Body and spirit keep saying enough is enough, but we press on.

Is there another motivation that God invites us to consider? Jesus seemed to have it in for some who practiced the letter of the exterior law and put down those who could not do likewise. Maybe these people lacked the means to follow all of the details involved in dietary requirements, for example.

What is the motivation that God appreciates? Maybe it begins with a recognition of one's own limitations. Surrendering to a higher source of God's energy and love may result in a fire from within. St. Paul can say, "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." The fire of God's grace which is love can motivate us to accomplish what God calls us to be and do. We only have to recognize and accept this gift of God's grace.

- Do you act on will power alone at times?
- Do you experience God's grace to help you in difficult times?
- Is prayer a means to activate God's fire within you?

O God, send forth within me the fire of your love.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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please visit our new blog
<https://weekllyspiritualinsights.org/>



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



The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Providence Health Care
How you want to be treated.

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