

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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July 17, 2024



Columba Hall Garden

The harvest is showing how plentiful and large in size is the produce.

Gail Pursell, our chef, sent in this picture. Note the extra high fence to keep out the deer.

Gabby, at left, is one of our staff who is working on grounds.

“God of the heavens and earth we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for food. May the fruitfulness of this time make us thankful for your constant love and care for us.”

Above line from the opening prayer: [PRAYER SERVICE IN THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST](#)

Our Poets, Past and Present

Tobit, Judith, Esther, Ruth

In *Tobit, Judith, Esther, Ruth*
I learn a quintessential truth
about the ways of God and our
response in sharing Godlike power.

Apocrypha, these books are called.
Their absence from the *canon* galled
the R.C. scripture exegetes
as robbing readers of true feats,

prodigious-humans and their God,
together fighting those who've trod
on godly ways and righting ills—
though clothed in literary frills.

These tales are means for us to note.
They move us both as anecdote
and antidote: as story and
as cure for evils in our land.

These stories may offend our taste,
the content we encounter based
on wily plots and cleverness
exalting humans more, God less.

All this suggests God's people knew
how they could co-opt God to do
the works of justice on this earth—
then peace would follow as new birth.

I can, at least, hope much the same
when I read of these people's fame.
I can be moved by them somehow
to beg God's help for here and now.

But as I do, I keep in mind
that though my role is quite refined,
results will never come to be
without God's strength at work in me.

—**Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC**
(November 27, 2001)



Art Work
By
Br. Philip

Picture
of Phil

Ghana
West
Africa



The *Legacy Project* has been updated with an article written by
Brother Robert Livernois, C.S.C. on [Brother Richard Armstrong,
C.S.C.](#)



Former Brothers Gather Notre Dame, Indiana

Mid June, 2024 -- Some former and current Midwest Province Brothers hosted by Bob Livernois at Riverside Place.



**Row 3, Back: Tim Seaman, Bob Dailey, Ken Gill, Br. Chet Freel
Row 2, Middle: Br. Ken Haders, Br. Bob Livernois, Don Cellini, Bob Vaughn,
Michael Dimengo, Tom Kavanagh
Row 1, Front: Paul Brown, Eugene Hausman, Nancy Jo Vaughn, Joe Thilman**



June 19,2024 – Gathering of some present/former Brothers coordinated by Brother Chet Freel.



Row 3, Back: Jim Seaman, Ken Gill, Michael Walsh, Bob Daily, Charles Lippert, Br. Ken Haders, Br. Roy Smith
Row 2, Middle: Br. Doug Roach, Don Cellini, Robert Vaughn, Tom Kavanagh, Eugene Hausman, Br. Chester Freel, Fr. Bill Faiella
Row 1, Front: Br. Joe Maggart, Chris Gill, Nancy Jo Vaughn, Anne, Joe Thilman
(absent from picture: Paul Brown)



Province of West Africa Ghana

Back in the 70s Christmas cards often arrived in June. Today I discovered a Christmas Greeting, six months late – a video produced by Brother Godfred Kyeremeh, C.S.C. To view, click the link below:

Turn sound up.

Christmas greetings from Brother Rex Hennel House of Formation
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cffDQXP1Kso>

Long video, watch what you want, exit with the Esc-Key.
Christmas shopping in Sekondi-Takoradi:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dwl05YkT9EA>

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

Website
<https://brothercolumba.com/>

Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.
Postulator of the cause for Brother Columba

Click Link

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

From Darkness to Light

There are many times in life when we experience the darkness of not knowing why things happen, shattering our future plans. These events are beyond our control. They put us in touch with our vulnerability. We can feel helpless. These events can involve a sudden death of a loved one, a diagnosis of an illness such as cancer, the termination of work that we thought would go on as usual. The lists can go on. We can ask where was God in all of this? It seems that God was absent when we need God the most. There seems to be no immediate answer. We experience what many others have experienced. Some spiritual writers have called it the “dark night of the soul.” Jesus on the cross has been remembered as saying, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

What we do know because of our Christian faith is that this “dark night” is not the final outcome. Even death on a cross was only a moment in history which ultimately led to resurrection. On Easter morning with the rising of the sun, came new light. The light of Christ brings about a new day. From that light comes growth and new beginnings.

- Have you experienced a “dark night of the soul?”
- Did this dark period lead you to a new beginning?
- Has your relationship with Christ helped you through this growing process?

O God, thank you for the grace to trust in you throughout my spiritual journey.

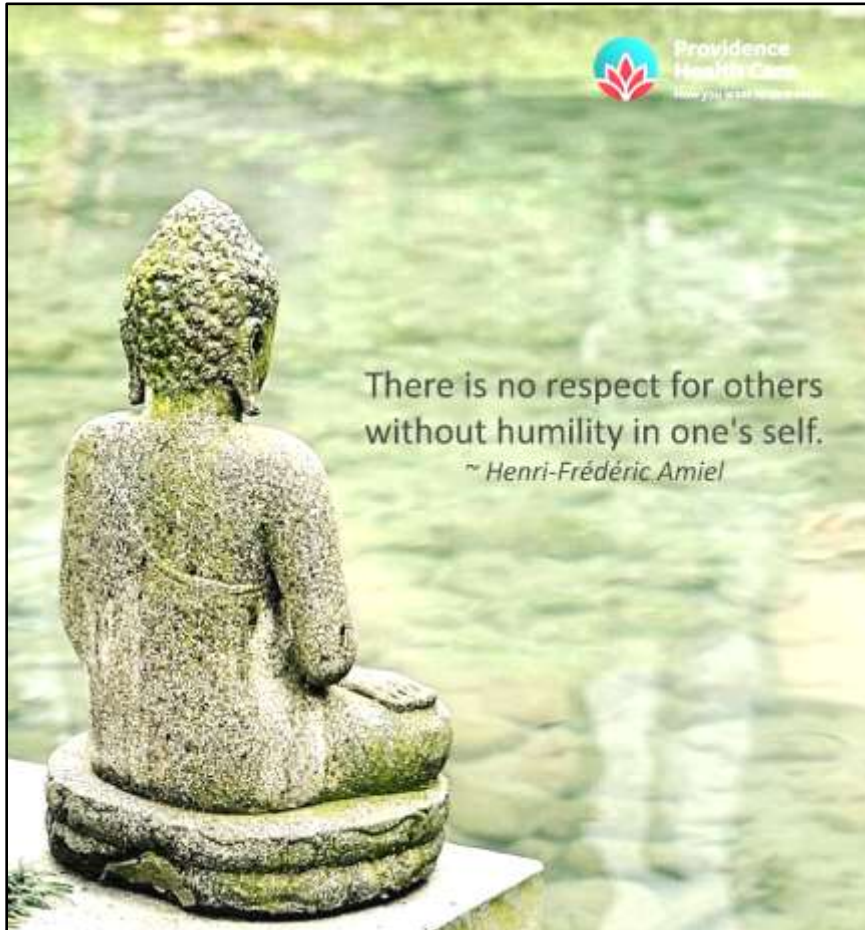
Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



For more reflections to grow spiritually
please visit our new blog
<https://weeklspiritualinsights.org/>



Reflection



I can't tell if I *need* a nap... or if I just *woke up* from a nap. *BTKane*

Brother James Kane, CSC

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