

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

Brothers of Holy Cross – Midwest Province - P.O. Box 460 – Notre Dame, Indiana 46556-0460

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## Our Poets, Past and Present



### More Dandelions

“Come along, come along,  
be golden, be strong,  
reflect like me  
God’s presence everywhere.”

“Come alive, stay alive.  
They will cut you, but survive,  
spread May colors, gold and green,  
that Lady Month supreme  
may offer millions of golden coins  
as prayers.

Debased like me,  
you too may be,  
but sparkle, debonair.”

Then early seed-time  
ends this beauty  
in a puff of fluff.

Persistence pays  
for the dandelion  
reappears again  
next year  
in Mary days.

Wordsworth had his daffodils,  
but we have golden coins to spill.

—**Brother Remigius Bullinger, CSC**



Jubilee Mass Homily  
By Father Paul Doyle. C.S.C.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
Notre Dame, Indiana  
29 APRIL 2023; 10:30 AM



When you have met one Holy Cross Brother, you have not met them all.

Think of some of the Holy Cross Brothers whom you have known. For example, think of Midwest Province Provincials whom we have known: Brothers Kenneth Haders, Chester Freel, Robert Filmore, William Geenen, and Tom Moser. These men are quite different from one another.

So it is with our jubilarians. When you have met one, you have not met them all.



**Brother Raymond Papenfuss** of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, professed first vows a long, long time ago – 70 years ago, 1953. While Brother Raymond knew as a youngster that he wanted to be a teacher and work within the church, he did not know what a religious brother was or exactly where Ghana was. When Brother Raymond was a youngster, he was not familiar with the multiple handicap community, and his friend Matt Cook had not been born.



**Brother Joe McTaggart** of Cleveland, Ohio, professed first vows 60 years ago when he was 20. Brother Joe has contributed a lot, and he says that he has grown a lot over the years. Brother Joe is an experienced high school teacher. He has served two universities in campus ministry. In addition, Brother Joe served for sixteen years as a hospital chaplain in California, and more recently he has worked here at Dujarie House with brothers who have health care needs.



**Brother Nicholas Thielman**, a proud brother of ours from the Moreau Province, is also celebrating 60 years since his first profession of vows. Brother Nicholas hails from Avon, Minnesota. He has served for 46 years in schools in Bangladesh as a teacher and principal. How is that for venturesome and tenacious!



**Brother Robert Livernois** grew up on a dairy farm in Anchorville, Michigan. During his 50 years since first profession, Brother Bob has taught middle school at Le Mans Academy, been a high school counselor, a high school principal, and Dean of Students at Holy Cross College. Everywhere that Bob has served, he has focused on helping students to recognize, develop, and engage their talents as Blessed Basil Moreau taught us to do.



**Brother James Van Dyke** hails from Kaukauna, Wisconsin. Brother James taught at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago before earning a law degree and then working 14 years in the Cook County Criminal Court System. Brother James spent the next 14 years as Director of Salvation Army Correctional Service for people transitioning out of Federal prisons. In 2014 it was back to Holy Trinity High School, James's first assignment 50 years ago, and his first love.



**Brother Paul Kofi Mensah** is from Western Ghana. Brother Paul is the oldest of 5 children in his family. Brother Paul has degrees from Saint Edward's University in Austin and from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Brother Paul has served as District Steward, District Formation Director, and District Superior in Ghana. Brother Paul continues to cross borders of every sort. Of his 40 years in vows thus far, Brother Paul's last 5 years have been in East Africa, far from his home, West Africa.

Brothers Raymond, Joseph, Nicholas, Robert, James, and Paul have many gifts; different gifts, but many gifts. Each is a unique creation. Each of these six men is a reminder that when you have met one Holy Cross religious, you have not met them all.

Moments ago Brother James Van Dyke read from Saint Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. Saint Paul said, "Brothers, not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose you. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus so, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.' "

Thankfully, our jubilarians, although different in beautiful ways, have many attributes in common. Gratitude and humility are chief among their common virtues.

Each thanks God for giving them the vocation of a Holy Cross Brother and the opportunities that have come with it.

Each of our jubilarians feels safe within God's unconditional love.

Each thanks God for leading and sustaining them all along the way.

Each jubilarian sees his work as God's work and feels blessed to be part of it.

These men draw inspiration and regular help from Saint Joseph, Father James Dujarie, Father Moreau, and Saint Brother Andre Bessette.

Our jubilarians are grateful for many role models in their own families, in their parishes of origin, in their educational experience, and in the people they have served and served with.

These men, our Brothers, are grateful for and humbled by their many blessings within the Holy Cross family of Sisters, Brothers, and Priests.

They speak of their indebtedness for their Holy Cross formation and to the past and present leadership of the Province.

We could not help but think of these six jubilarians as Brother Raymond Papenfuss proclaimed our reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah wrote, "All who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord."

So, jubilarians: know that we, too, can see that you have been richly blessed by God; know that we join you in thanking God for watching over you so well; and know that your goodness causes us to greatly rejoice in the Lord.

Once a rich man, who had kept the Commandments since his youth, asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus looked at him and loved him. Then Jesus said to him, give away your riches and then come follow me.

Jubilarians, Jesus has looked at you and loved you. That has made all the difference in your lives.

Brothers, ..... for Jesus ..... you have looked at us and loved us; ..... for Jesus .....

you have believed in us and changed us. You have done this for a combined total of 330 years thus far. We are grateful and humbled.

Jesus is still fashioning each of us in His image. So as you jubilarians renew your vows today, may all here present renew our commitment to Jesus.

Jubilarians, we do have one request of you. Because it is pretty obvious to us that you are on the right team, and you are where you belong as Holy Cross Brothers, don't put your name in the portal.

Brothers, keep looking at us and loving us for Jesus. We will try to do the same.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:9-11.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-31.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-22, 28-30.

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## Jubilee 2023 - Dinner



**Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C.  
A Working Dinner**



**Interesting Expressions**



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

Website  
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Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.  
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Snapshot of the Columba Hall backyard Dogwood tree backed by the deep red of the Japanese Maple. Photographer: Brother James Kane, C.S.C.

## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### Judgements

How do we make decisions about someone's conduct? Is it possible to jump to conclusions with only seeing the "tip of the iceberg" and not being aware of all of the aspects? Jesus says in a parable that the wheat and the weeds should grow up together so that what is good is not discarded with the rest. So often God can bring good with what to us seems evil. For example, we consider the early martyrs in the Church. While their executions were evil events, they planted the seeds for early Christianity out of which the Church could grow. As Jesus showed us by his life, the best way to overcome evil is by doing good. True discernment can happen when we put ourselves in God's hands and only want to follow God's will. We arrive at that disposition when we pray and allow God's grace to enter our thoughts and actions.

There are many areas in our lives at this time and place that do not lend themselves to pat answers. For example, this is a time when we need to pay special attention to this earth in which we live as our common home. Our judgements need to reflect the particular circumstances in which we find ourselves. God's will might require new thinking and action in this regard. Our judgements should be based on an informed conscience.

- How do you determine what is right or wrong?
- What role does the social network of today have in making your decisions?
- Does prayer help you in choosing a direction for your life?

**O God, help me experience your love and grace as I make decisions for my life.**

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



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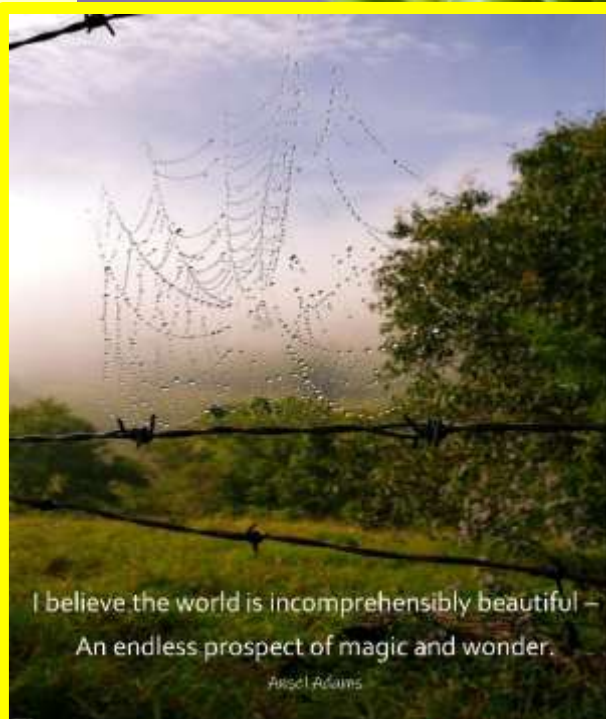
Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



CELEBRATING MOTHERS' DAY MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Being a mother is an attitude,  
Not a biological relation.

*Robert A. Heinlein*



I believe the world is incomprehensibly beautiful –  
An endless prospect of magic and wonder.

*Abigail Adams*

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