

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Progress of Building Brothers' House on Web Page

The progress of building the new brothers' house in Holy Cross Village is posted on the **Current Events** link of the web page. New pictures will be added when warranted, at least twice a week. The entire project from start to finish may be viewed at any time. This week all of the footings for the addition are in and the area is being prepared with plumbing before the concrete slab is laid. The old interior walls of the two homes have been removed and new studs have been installed. Electrical work will go in before the dry wall.

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/BrsHouse/BrsHouse.htm>



## Columba Hall Hosts the Congregation Finance Task Force

Columba Hall hosted the Congregational task force on finance on Tuesday, July 17, at Columba Hall. There was Mass followed by a soirée and dinner. Of special interest were the flower decorations arranged by Br. Thomas Moser, the house superior. Small flags representing the different countries, in which Holy Cross has a presence, were part of the arrangements. These flags were handed out to members of the task force after the meal. There were also pennies sprinkled in the arrangement (missed by some of the members) that the finance members could collect to help them meet their expenses in their costs.





## Rev. Thomas O'Hara Welcomed to the Administrative Center



**Thomas O'Hara, C.S.C.** was welcomed to the Holy Cross Administrative Center in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame with an employee lunch on Friday, July 20. Father O'Hara was elected Provincial of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers recently at a Chapter held at the University of Portland, Portland, OR. Father O'Hara was President of Kings College for 12 years and has been on a sabbatical this past year. He replaces Rev. David Tyson, C.S.C. who served as the Provincial of the Indiana Province and United States Province for the past 9 years.

Father O'Hara in comments at the lunch thanked the Midwest Province for being able to provide space for the United States Province of Priests and Brothers to function. He also thanked the staff for their work "behind the scene" which makes the province function properly. **Brother Chester Freel**, Provincial of the Midwest Province of Brothers welcomed Father O'Hara and presented him with a pen made by the Brothers, at Holy Cross Village. The Holy Cross Center is home to provincials for the Priests and Brothers of Holy Cross as well as the provincial of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Follow the link to webpage of pictures:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/Welcome2012/Welcome2012.htm>

### Province Hosts Congregation Restructuring Committee

On Sunday, July 23, the Midwest Province hosted the Congregation Restructuring Planning Committee meeting at Notre Dame this past week. The committee is made up of community representatives from



throughout the world. The event at Holy Cross Village included a Mass celebrated by Rev. Richard Warner, C.S.C., Superior General at St. Joseph Chapel, followed by a grazing reception at Andre Place in Holy Cross Village.

Earlier in the week the Congregational Finance Task Force met for two days at Notre Dame and attended a Mass, reception and dinner with the Brothers at Columba Hall. The restructuring of the Congregation is the work of two committees: Finance Task Force and Restructuring Planning Committee. The committees will meet when necessary prior to the next General Chapter.



In his homily Father Warner outlined the status of the Brothers in the Congregation of Holy Cross. In the near future vocation gains will be made in Bangladesh, India, Africa and South America. The vocation prospects in the United States, Canada and France look poor. Father General noted the concern of the Restructuring Committees over the decline in the total number of Brothers in the Congregation. He noted that the United States Province of Priests and Brothers are beginning to grow after being stagnant for a while. Father Warner stressed the nature of the Congregation as a ministry by both Priests and Brothers.

A few pictures may be seen at:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/Planning2012/Planning2012.htm>

## Visit to Holy Cross Village Moves and Inspires Bishop



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades gives a homily during Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. Residents appreciate the opportunity to attend daily Mass and many were excited to have Bishop Rhoades pay a visit on July 12.

NOTRE DAME — “You are an important part of the Church!”

Residents of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame embraced Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, and vice-versa, throughout his recent visit to the Catholic retirement community. Nestled among three college campuses near South Bend, it’s the strong sense of community and faith that also sets Holy Cross Village apart.

For the complete story click link:

<http://www.todaycatholicnews.org/2012/07/visit-to-holy-cross-village-moves-and-inspires-bishop/>

## Black Catholic Conference

**Brother Roy Smith** and his blood sister, **Sister Demetria Smith, MSOLA** (Missionary Sister of Our Lady of Africa) attended Congress XI of the National Black Catholic Congress, Inc. in Indianapolis July 19-21. Sister Demetria was one of the conference speakers. Brother Roy spoke to 200 at a pre-conference meeting on vocations. Celebrating 25 years "What We Have Seen and Heard," was the title of the conference and the theme was: Faith Engaged: Empower. Equip. Evangelize. There were an estimated 2,300 in attendance.

The National Black Catholic Congress, Inc. is an umbrella of support for organizations that share the same purpose of providing spiritual guidance to African- American Roman Catholics. They represent African- American Roman Catholics for the purpose of the evangelization of African Americans, and are committed to the freedom and growth of African Americans as full participants in church and society.

For more information on the conference go to the following link:

<http://www.nbccongress.org/congress-xi/default.asp>

## *Brothers* July Newsletter to Cathedral Alumni



Below is the link to the July Special Edition *Brothers* Newsletter to 1700 Cathedral High School Alumni, Indianapolis, Indiana. The hard copy print edition has been mailed only to Cathedral Alumni prior to the Brothers' leaving Indianapolis in 1973. The newsletter in web format is in our newsletter section of the Brothers of Holy Cross, Midwest Province website.

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/BrothersNewsletters/BrothersCathedralAlumniAug2012.pdf>

## Commissioning of Holy Cross Village Associates



On Friday, July 22 Brother Chester Freel commissioned some 50 associates (employees) of Holy Cross Village at an afternoon ceremony in Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel. The commissioning ceremony takes place every few years.

The June Chapter of the Brothers made statements on ministry and Holy Cross Village. Brother Chester told the Associates that “The Brothers of Holy Cross appreciate and are forever grateful for your service to the residents of Holy Cross Village. As an Associate of Holy Cross Village, we pray that the following Gospel passage holds true for you, and your relationship with God.”

*Anyone who wants to work for me must follow in my footsteps. And wherever I am, my worker will be there too. Anyone who works for me will be honored by Abba God. John 12:26*

Brother Joseph Fox was the master of ceremonies, Brother Thomas Cunningham read the Gospel, Brother Chester Freel gave the reflection and Brother Chester and Mr. John Mauch presented Associates with pins and certificates. A punch and cookie reception followed the ceremony.

Link to pictures – click below:

<http://www.brothersofholycross.com/Commissioning2012/HCVCommissioning2012.htm>



## US Ambassador Visits APON

Brother Ronald Drahozal, who is now in the United States for home leave e-mailed Mid-Mid a picture of the US Ambassador to Bangladesh and his visit to Brother Ronald's APON drug rehabilitation facility in Bangladesh on July 24. Pictured below are Brother Ronald, Ambassador Dan Mozena and children of the APON facility. The second picture is of Brother Ronald with local officials.

Since presenting his Letters of Credence to the Honorable President of Bangladesh on November 24, 2011, Ambassador Dan Mozena has endeavored to strengthen, deepen and broaden relations between the United States and Bangladesh. He has worked to advance the interests of the people of America, Bangladesh and the region by promoting a Bangladesh that is peaceful, secure, prosperous, healthy and democratic. He and his staff are forging strong partnerships with the Bangladesh government and civil society to bolster Bangladeshi food security and nutrition, improve health, and increase capacity to cope with climate change, natural disasters and other security challenges. To take America to the people and to better understand the diversity of Bangladesh, Mozena has undertaken to visit all of the country's 64 districts.



১৫ জুলাই বিকেল পাঁচটায় ধানমন্ডির ঢাকা ডব্লিউভিএ মিলনায়তনে পরামর্শ সহায়তা ২৮-এর আসর অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। এ আসরে উপস্থিত ছিলেন মনোরোগ চিকিৎসক মোহিত কামাল, তাজুল ইসলাম, আহমেদ হেলাল, অভ্রদাস ভৌমিক, মেখলা সরকার ও ক্রিয়ার পরিচালক ইফতেখার আহমেদ চৌধুরী ও মাদকাসক্তি নিরাময় কেন্দ্র 'আপন'-এর পরিচালক ব্রাদার রোনাল্ড ড্রাহোজাল। পরামর্শ সহায়তায় আলোচিত বিষয়গুলো তুলে ধরা হলো।



'আসুন মাদকমুক্ত থাকি' পরামর্শ সহায়তা ২৮-এর আসর

## Prayers

Dear Brothers,

This morning, we received additional news from the staff at Dujarie House concerning Br. Fred Williams.

Br. Fred has been admitted to hospice care. His blood pressure is falling and several functions appear to be slowing. His pain is now controlled and he is comfortable. He is not eating, but does drink apple juice occasionally. Staff and brothers are going in frequently to sit for short time periods and to check on him. Nursing has advised his family.

I know you will continue to remember our brother Fred in your prayer at this time.

**Br. Mark Knightly**

## Summer Editions of Midwest-Midweek

During the summer, Midwest-Midweek will be published on these dates:

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