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HCV Honors Flag and Memory of Brother Edward Courtney



From 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, residents and staff members of Holy Cross Village gathered by the Village flag pole on 933 to wave American flags at the motorists who drove by. Many honked as they drove by as a sign of appreciation and respect for the members of Holy Cross Village who displayed the American flag prior to the 4th of July holiday.

This was the second year (now an annual event) that the staff and residents waved the flag to both honor the symbol of the United States and to honor Brother Edward Courtney, a resident of Dujarie House, Holy Cross Village, who died on March 16, 2009, at 90 years of age.

Brother Edward sat at the location where the flag pole is now located across from

the WNDU Studio for 11 years as motorists sped by. By his dedication Brother Edward no doubt was the best known Brother of Holy Cross living in South Bend. Brother Edward began honoring the flag as a result of the United States Supreme Court allowing flag burning. A flagpole with an American Flag stands along US 933 and was erected after his death as a memorial to his patriotism.



Edward Courtney was born in Portland, Oregon, May 2, 1918, and served in the United States Army in the Second World War. After his service, Edward entered the Juniorate at Watertown, Wisconsin, in October 1945. Over the years most of Brother Edward's assignments would be on or close to the University of Notre Dame campus. He served in maintenance at the Community House, now Columba Hall, at Notre Dame from 1948–1949. For 20-years, from 1950–1970, he was a canvasser for the Ave Maria Press. (During this time a number of brothers traveled the country, living in parish rectories, selling subscriptions to the Ave Maria magazine, a weekly once published by the community.)

From 1981–2003 he was on the staff at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, where he was the area community mailman. It was during this time Brother Edward began flying the American flag as a sign of respect. Brother received many honors during his lifetime, including one from the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 2003 Brother Edward moved to Schubert Villa, Holy Cross Village, and on April 25, 2005, he moved into Dujarie House. These moves

didn't stop Brother Edward from being Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Bend in 2006.



Funeral of Brother Edward Courtney
March 2009

July 4th Celebration at Coloma Cottage



Brother Joseph

On Tuesday, July 4th, the brothers from the Notre Dame Area again made an annual Independence Day trip to the Midwest Coloma Cottage on Lake Michigan. **Brother Joseph Fox** prepared a meal around the traditional hamburgers and hot dogs with **Brothers Thomas Scheurer** and **James Reddy** contributing help with setting up. Upon arrival **Brother Frank Ellis**, **Roger Berg** and **John Doran** dared to enter the 69 degree water of Lake Michigan. **Brother Jesus Alonso** came with his parents who are visiting from Mexico. There were two desserts this time from **Brother Chester Freel**, one with strawberries and another of lemon and blue berries. There were cupcakes from **Brother Robert Berthiaume**. All told there were 36 people enjoying the sunny weather and each other's comradeship.



Br. John Paige and Br. Jesus Alonso with Jesus' Mom and Dad

Brother John Paige and Brother Jesus Alonso with Jesus' Mom



Brothers Frank Ellis, Roger Berg and John Doran

Slideshow of pictures may be viewed at:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/117550933589762943376/Coloma4thJul2013#slideshow/5897283836125502114>

District of Ghana Receives Five Brother Novices

On Sunday evening, July 7, members of the Brothers of Holy Cross, District of Ghana Community, gathered in the St. Andre Chapel, Cape Coast, Ghana, for sung vespers during which five new novices were received into the Brothers' year-long Novitiate program. Sung vespers were led by **Bro. Patrick Baah**. **Bro. Daniel Dardoe**, the District Superior, received the five new novices. Members of the community along the coast were able to attend. It was too far and too late for community members in the hinterland to make such a long journey for the evening reception. After sung vespers and reception all moved to the St. Brother Andre Novitiate to enjoy a meal prepared by the Novice Master, **Brother Joseph Tsiquaye**, and the Assistant Novice Master, **Brother Joseph Annan**.



(L to R) Brothers Nathaniel Obbih, Dominic Joseph Moonen, Joseph Kofi Gallely, Francis Ewulliey, and George Ignatius Betinim

The newly received Novices stand before their District Superior and listen to his prayer: Lord God, You call us all to holiness. Listen favorably to the prayers of your servants who wish to be a part of our religious family. Through our life in communion may they enter in communion of love with You and with their Brothers and Sisters. We ask this

through Christ our Lord.

New Main Entrance Awaits Columba Hall Brothers

Within the next month or so, the face of the 116 year-old Columba Hall main building will change with the elevation of a new road, electrically operated doors and landscaping, making the building handicapped accessible. To bring these changes about there will be major tree removal, road grading and landscape changes made. These changes have been made possible through the generosity of the many donors who contributed to the Brothers of Holy Cross Annual Appeal last November. Our donors should always be in our prayers.

To mark this change, last week, the Superior of Columba Hall, Brother Thomas Moser had a group picture taken to mark the occasion of the old entrance stairs being removed. The stairs were used for many of the group pictures taken of Priests and Brothers over the years.

Columba Hall began as the Community House of the Congregation of Holy Cross on the University of Notre Dame campus housing both Priests and Brothers. Its history goes all the way back to the beginning of the Congregation Holy Cross here in the United States. A part of Columba Hall building is second in age only to the Old College on the Notre Dame campus begun in 1842. The Holy Cross Community of Brothers has been on what is known as St. Mary's Island, which once stood in the middle of St. Mary's Lake, only to be divided later into St. Mary's Lake and St. Joseph's Lake. The major section of Columba Hall was added on in 1897.

Columba Hall once housed the General Administration of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Beginning in 1946 the United States Province of Brothers General Administration, Brothers serving the University of Notre Dame and the South Bend community lived in the hall. Since 1956 the Midwest Province of Brothers began living here along with a few members from other Holy Cross provinces.

In recent years a majority of the Brothers living there are retired or semi-retired. Over the years the structure has been upgraded to reflect the live needs of the times. At one time Columba Hall had over 90 private rooms but with common bathrooms. In recent years the Brothers' rooms have double in size and include bathroom facilities. Improvements in the hall continue to be made. Over the years Columba Hall has been referred to as the "Community House."

Pictured are two groups of religious using the steps entering Columba Hall for a photo opportunity. First is the 2013 picture of the Brothers of Holy Cross living at

the Columba Hall. Below that is a 1918 picture of Priests and Brothers living at Columba Hall when there was just one United States Province.



Brothers of Holy Cross at Columba Hall, July 9, 2013

Front Row, Left to Right: Brothers Ronald Christenson, Kenneth Hayward, John Doran, Robert Dierker, Donald Allen, Thomas Moser, Jerome Kroetsch, Robert Kelly, William Schu and Raymond Trottman. **Row two:** Brothers James Newberry, Richard Huber, Joseph McTaggart, Thomas Moulder, James Reilly, Richard Johnson, John Kuhn, Philip Smith, Donald Morgan, Donald Schapker, Gregory Teodecki and George Klawitter. **Row three:** Brothers Lawrence Stewart, Michael Becker, Robert Fontaine, Albin Kuzminski and Gerald Nettesheim. **Row four:** Brothers Francis Ellis, Roy Smith, Julian Przybyla, Robert Falcone, James Bluma, Fulgence Dougherty, Carl Sternberg Donald Fleischhacker. **Row five:** Brothers Paul Rosonke, William Mewes, Thomas Scheurer, James Reddy, John Schuszler, Carroll Posey and Donald Morrison.



Priests and Brothers at Columba Hall in 1918

‘Raising the Road’ Project to Begin

The long-awaited ‘Raising of the Road’ at the entrance of Columba Hall will begin shortly. The Provincial Council approved the project this past weekend and Panzica Construction, the general contractor for the project, will begin site preparations including tree removal this coming week. The time-line for completion of the project is 60 days. Part of the improvements will be the widening of the front entrance of Columba Hall to allow for the passage of emergency vehicles.

The new entrance doors to Columba Hall are being made possible by a grant from SOAR, which receives its funds from the Retirement Fund for Religious of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. The grant from SOAR is to make Columba Hall barrier-free accessible.

Progress on the Columba Hall improvements will be covered in Midwest-Midweek.

Correction

The Email address for Br. Ronald Drahozal, as noted in the last Midwest-Midweek, has an extra A at the beginning.

It should be: apongaon@gmail.com

Employment/Ministry Opportunity

Catholic Migrant Farmworker Network seeks a dynamic, faith-based leader with demonstrated commitment to social justice for the position of Executive Director. Qualifications: bilingual; five years' experience with Spanish speaking immigrants; advocacy experience; strong written and oral communication skills. Submit letter of interest and current resume to cmfnetwork@gmail.com. Visit <http://cmfwn.org/employment/> for more information.

Thank you,

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