

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Bishop Rhoades Blesses Brother Andre Chapel

Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne – South Bend, on October 1 celebrated the votive Mass of St. Brother Andre and blessed the chapel of St. Joseph House at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN. St. Joseph House is the Aspirancy Program of the Midwest and Moreau Provinces of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Currently there are five aspirants living and studying at St. Joseph House along with five Brothers of Holy Cross. **Brother Chris Torrijas, C.S.C.**, of the Midwest Province is the Formation Director for the Moreau and Midwest Provinces.



Following the Mass Bishop Rhoades had the opportunity to meet the aspirants and Brothers of St. Joseph House and share dinner.



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St. Joseph House Open House

This past Sunday afternoon, October 5, St. Joseph House gave the Midwest and Moreau Province Brothers in the South Bend Area an opportunity to tour the new St. Joseph House at Pulte Hall, Holy Cross College. Most of the visitors were from Columba

Hall where the Brothers and aspirants share the Thursday evening meal and community soiree.

Congratulations to **Brother Chris Torrijas**, director of the formation house, and those living in the residence who gave tours to guests and provided an abundance of refreshments. No doubt in the coming months and years there will be many opportunities for area religious to tour the facility and interact with the aspirants.



Hoban's Revolutionary War Days Program

Word has gotten out about Hoban's Revolutionary War Days program. For several years now, Jason Anderson, an American history teacher at Akron's Archbishop Hoban High School, has presented a reenactment program for hundreds of elementary students about the Revolutionary War, complete with horses, muskets and period costumes.



Now, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association in Virginia is making it possible for him to take the program on the road three times--once in Columbus, once in Marietta and once in Cincinnati.

Twenty-four Hoban students presented a four-hour program for 275 elementary students and the general public on the grounds of the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus Sept. 28-29. Stations included an enlistment tent for the Continental Army, a kitchen of the day, a printing press, medical tools of the time and drilling practice for a fife and drum corps. All expenses were covered by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association.

The program travels to Marietta in October and to Cincinnati in April.

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Columba Hall gets New Nurse, Flu Shots



**Pamela
Van Tine**

Recently **Pamela Van Tine, R.N.** was hired as the Midwest Province Nurse serving the Brothers of the province and Columba Hall. Pamela, was a nurse at Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village from 2006 -2011. Pamela replaces **Elizabeth Cecil, R.N.** who had served as

Columba Hall nurse since August, 2010. Elizabeth is now nursing at the Convent at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN.

As Midwest Province Nurse, Pamela plans to update and contact all province brothers as to their current health needs and concerns. Columba Hall also has part-time nurses serving the elderly brothers on weekends.

On Wednesday, October 1, an estimated 30 Brothers got their annual flu shots at Columba Hall courtesy of Nurse Pamala Vantile, R.N. of Columba Hall and nurse Cindy Strachan, R,N, of Dujarie House, Holy Cross Village. Now we just have to wait for the bug'



Brothers Can Assist in Formation Discernment Process

Dear Brothers,

On behalf of the men at St. Joseph House I want to once again thank you for your support, words of encouragement and prayers as the Moreau and Midwest Provinces join forces in our shared vocation and formation endeavors. In a continuing effort to provide a well-rounded program that meets the needs of the young men in the house I'm reaching out to any religious whose particular skills and gifts could be utilized in helping these young men in the discernment process. What I am particularly interested in is your willingness to give instruction on various aspects of religious life, prayer, song, history & charisms of the congregation, spiritual direction, and retreats. If you would like to contribute to the St. Joseph House community I would ask that you email me at ctorrijas@hcc-nd.edu or call me at (574) 239-8321 & let me know of your particular area(s) of interest you would be willing to instruct on.

Ave Crux Spes Unica
Brother Chris Torrijas



New Carpet for Columba Hall Entrance

Last week the old wore-torn carpet at the entrance to Columba Hall was replaced. This, along with the painting of the iron work at the entrance to Columba Hall completes the renovation begun last year to make the residence of the Brothers handicapped accessible by raising the driveway and installing handicapped accessible doors. The renovations were made possible by the Annual Appeal of the Brothers and a grant from the Religious Retirement Fund for the handicapped accessible doors. Pictured are Columba Hall workers replacing the carpet at the main entrance.



Schubert/Dujarie/Quinn Kitchen Renovation Completed

The month-long kitchen renovation in Schubert Villa/Dujarie House/Quinn Center has been completed on schedule by October 1. For a month all meals were prepared in the Andre Place kitchen and trucked to Schubert Villa. The Sodexo staff of 50 cooks and waiters were able to keep the 24-7 operation running smoothly.

Chef Scott Beckam of the Schubert Villa kitchen was very pleased with the renovation. Scott said, “The new configuration along with new preparation counters allow for much more room and an even flow for plating resident’s dining orders.” The changes allow meals to be served to a larger resident community than the original kitchen configuration allowed.



New additions to the kitchen included an extended oven hood and exhaust fan allowing for a cooler operating environment, a new oven, small refrigeration units, counters, dishwasher, shelving and numerous small utensils.

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Prayers Requested

Brothers,

Here is an update on health issues for several of our Brothers who are asking to be remembered in prayer:

- **Brother Bernard Klim** was scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, October 7th, to remove his spleen. Bernie is receiving treatment for a rare blood disorder, and the splenectomy is advised to address complicating effects.
- **Brother Gerald Nettesheim** is scheduled for surgery on his lower back to address a pinched nerve which causes significant problems in walking. Surgery is set for Wednesday, October 8th, and it is anticipated there will be a period of rehabilitation to follow at Dujarie House.
- **Brother James Reddy** has recently been diagnosed with a type of cancer in his lower jaw. James has decided to pursue aggressive treatment, and begins chemotherapy this week.
- **Brother Paul Kelly** reports that his course of chemotherapy to address a form of leukemia has concluded. The doctors appear to be satisfied with the results, but Paul will continue to follow a slower pace of life including afternoon rest periods.
- **Brother Tim O'Connell** has returned to his apartment in the Village following a period of rehabilitation in Dujarie House. Tim now navigates around the Village with the assistance of a scooter due to problems with neuropathy, but is glad to be home.
- **Brother Roger Berg** continues to make progress in rehabilitation at Dujarie due to recent surgery on both knees. Roger begrudgingly admits the progress is slow, but he is now able to take steps with the aid of a walker in therapy sessions.

- **Brother James Blazek** reports that he is again experiencing lymphatic leukemia, and has begun a course of treatment requiring daily medications. James is being encouraged to follow a reduced schedule of activity.
- **Brother John Stout** continues in rehabilitation at Dujarie while regaining strength following a period of hospitalization for heart and breathing problems. John is making excellent progress and is hopeful of returning to his Schubert Villa residence within the next few weeks.
- **Brother Donald Fleischhacker** is now at Dujarie House following a week of hospitalization due to the shingles and an infection. Don's condition is improving slowly, and he is appreciative all who remember him prayer.
- **Brother Henry Skitzki** has been discharged from Dujarie House after treatment for an infection. Henry is now at his residence at Riverside Place, and the doctors continue to monitor his condition.
- And lastly, **Brother Richard Gilman** is scheduled for discharge from Dujarie House tomorrow. Richard's hip replacement was a success, and he is experiencing less pain and moving more quickly, currently with the assistance of a walker.

Please remember all of the above mentioned Brothers in your prayers, as well as all in the community who are confronted with issue related to aging and poor health.

Thank you.

Br. Chester Freel

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