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Our Poets, Past and Present

There is No Option

The way I see it, if the doctor says that I have cancer (of whatever kind, wherever its location) I would see two options I could entertain of the harsh reality.

One option is that I will fight it tooth and nail and hope for a remission down the road, and if the chemo or whatever doesn't work, well, I'll have done my best, and then with resignation I'll accept the way things will inevitably be.

A second option: I will fight this to the death (an apt and interesting image, that!) because there is no option, no alternative, and I'll not even think of planning what to do if treatment doesn't work, because it will!

I know it's easy to feign confidence regarding what I've never known, and play-act all the bravery I'd show, lodged safely in my place offstage.

Be still, I say, be patient, wait for me.
Behold, I come,
and I am with you always till the end of time...
and all is well, is infinitely well.

—**Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC**
October 2, 2001



Thanks, and Farewell

Thanks to our provider, *Starlight Technologies*, for hosting Holy Cross, Midwest Province, of their CSC websites, blogs, and publications to the internet. They will be closing down December 31, 2024. Special thanks to Sandy and Steve at *Starlight Technologies* for their support and guidance throughout the years.

I am bringing the weekly, *Midwest-Midweek* (2006-2024), to a conclusion within a week and want to thank all the people who have made the weekly publication a valuable joy for the Province. Let all readers thank, in particular, our regular columnists Brother Carl Sternberg, Brother Joseph McTaggart, Brother Lew Brazil, and Brother Robert Mosher, who faithfully submitted their carefully created items week after week year-round. Thanks to our archivists Brother Philip Smith and Brother Larry Stewart (who has passed) for their nicely researched province obituaries, eulogies, and archived material. Thank you, Brother Joseph Fox, Brother Roy Smith, and all who helped support the *Midwest-Midweek*.

I want to thank the Lord for the talents he gave me in doing this project. Thanks to the first editor, Brother Charles McBride who has passed away, thanks to our English Language correctors Brothers John May (who has died) and George Klawitter. All our thanked for the beautiful layout, graphic designs, and protectors of the English Language that made the newsletter appealing to the eye as well as to the heart. Thanks to our correspondents out in the schools: Brother Dennis Bednarz and our Brothers from Africa who have sent in articles. Without their contributions our newsletter would have been flat indeed.

Thank you to our poets, past and present: Frank Gray in Holy Cross Village, Brother Francis Rotsaert, Brother Philip Armstrong, Brother Victor Corraya, and Brother Jerome Kroetsch. Week by week their poetic nuggets opened your minds to understand the religious life better.

Thanks to our provincials for their continual support of our effort with special thanks to Father Richard Warner (who has passed) who encouraged me to send the *Midwest-Midweek* to all CSC members. And, please remember Brother Philip Armstrong who named this publication.

Thanks to all you, faithful readers, who enjoyed *Midwest-Midweek* month by month and year by year. Every week one or more of you would zip us an

email to let us know that you appreciated the publication about the men and works of the Midwest Province. All involved with the publication value your faithful readership.

A farewell from all the developers of this publication is not an end because you readers know that the talents of Midwest Province men will enhance other Holy Cross publications in the future.

Brother Richard Johnson, C.S.C.

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Bridge Builder

In a time of polarization do we see the possibility of building bridges? Part of our history is our belief that all creation is a gift from God. We are here on this earth out of the “generosity of God.” It is God who has given us the gift of life. As individuals we are all created and remain in existence because of God. This belief extends to many religions and is, in fact, the core value that is reflected in the idea of “religion” itself. It is very difficult to change a person’s belief system to your point of view. What can happen, if God has a part to play, is awakening to the fact that God loves all of God’s creatures and if we love God, we show that love by our love for what God has made. Love is the bridge that brings together what sets us apart from one another.

- How has polarization affected you?
- How good are your listening skills?
- Are you able to appreciate and love someone regardless of their differences from you?

O God, help me be able to see you in all of your creation.



Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

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Reflection



**"I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy."
~ Rabindranath Tagore**



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**Meaning is not found in things;
Meaning is what you make of things.**

ROBERT HILDEN

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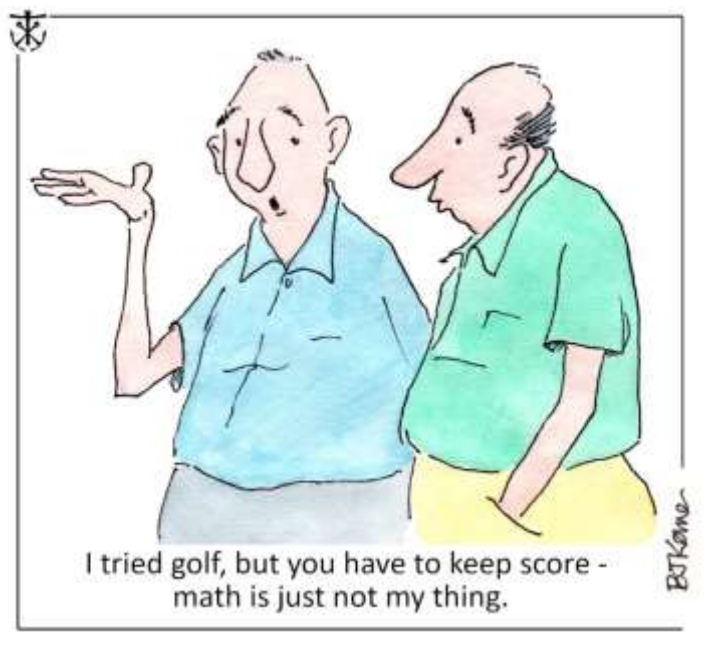
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