

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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March 21, 2018

## **Brother Raymond (LeRoy) Trottman, C.S.C.** *February 23, 1927 – March 18, 2018*

Brother Raymond (LeRoy) Trottman, C.S.C., age 91, died on March 18, 2018, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka, Indiana. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, the son of William and Anne (Schanne) Trottman. He grew up there and attended Angel Guardian Elementary School and then St. Michael's High School, from which he graduated in 1945. He joined the U. S. Navy in March 1945 and rose to the rank of Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class and served in the Pacific Theater at the U.S. Naval Station at Saipan in the Mariana Islands until his discharge in June, 1946.



He returned to Chicago and served a six-year apprenticeship as a member of the Chicago Typographical Union and worked as a typesetter in four different companies until 1959. Raymond had the opportunity to serve God, as a Brother while also practicing his trade. He joined Holy Cross and professed his first vows in 1960. He began work at the Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame to continue his love of the apostolate of the press. He faithfully worked there for 36 years as a proficient typesetter, proofreader, and tracker of jobs until he retired in 1996. Brother Raymond has the 'shortest' obituary card of any Brother since he had only two ministries, working at the "Ave" while living as a staff member at Columba Hall for 58 years.

One of his favorite responsibilities at Columba as sacristan was at Christmastime. He would procure poinsettias and decorate the altar, the crib set, and sanctuary with beautiful flowers. Raymond was a lifetime fan of his beloved Chicago White Sox and a firm booster of the Amtrak Rail System which he used to visit the many regions of the United States. His *very* early morning routine used to be a walk around the campus or to Roseland. He often would wait at the front door to visit with the newspaper boy who delivered the bundle of papers. He would spend the rest of the morning and afternoon at his favorite card table devouring the information from all the local and national papers and often relate fascinating information he found to his table partners at meals. He loved Notre Dame sports and enjoyed the opportunity

to travel to see away games particularly in Michigan. Summer excursions were often to Chicago using the South Shore rail system to watch his beloved White Sox play at Comiskey Park.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at St. Joseph Chapel from 9:30 to 11:00 am on the grounds of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. The Mass of Resurrection will then follow with interment afterward in St. Joseph's Cemetery of the Village. Kaniewski Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorial contributions, in honor of Brother Raymond (LeRoy) Trotman, C.S.C., to support the mission and ministries of the Brothers may be sent to: Brothers of Holy Cross, Office of Development, P.O. Box 460, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

### **Brother Lawrence Stewart**

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## Patronal Feast of Brothers of Holy Cross

Members of the Holy Cross Congregations gathered at the Notre Dame Basilica to celebrate with a Mass on this feast day. Celebrant Chase Pepper, CSC, presented the homily printed out below.

**Solemnity of St. Joseph**  
**19 March 2018**  
**Basilica of the Sacred Heart**



**Good News:** St. Joseph sustains the Word in us and us in the Word.

Over spring break, for the first time, I was able to visit the place where my great-grandparents are buried. Rafaella (my great-grandmother) was an Italian aristocrat; Peter (her husband) was a Sicilian pauper. They fell in love and moved to Queens because the class distinction between them didn't matter as much in the United States. Standing over their grave, I was not surprised to see it decorated with an image of St. Joseph holding Jesus, given how popular St. Joseph is in Italian culture, but what did kind of surprise me is that Joseph was fringed in roses, rather than the lilies you normally see him depicted with. My godfather came up behind me and asked, "Do you get the roses?" My great-grandfather was a blacksmith, and iron (so the stories go) was like clay in his hands. He could make it do anything. But one of his favorite things to do with iron was to shape it into roses, in exquisite, living detail. His roses represented the meaning, beauty, strength he found in his craft, and I believe they gave him insight into the life of that other craftsman, to whom our opening prayer says was entrusted the beginnings of the unfolding of the mysteries of our salvation.

St. Joseph gave shape to the unfolding of the mysteries of our salvation. In other words, Joseph helped form Jesus and Mary into who they came to be for us – a mystical rose and bud of Jesse's stem. It can sound odd to say this. All too often, if you're like me, it's easy to fall back on thinking about Jesus and Mary as some sort of pre-programmed algorithms of grace, all nature, no nurture. Especially with Jesus, it's like he always had this direct line to God the Father. His spiritual intuition went so deep and was so perfect – right from the start – that he always knew exactly where to be, exactly what to say, exactly how to act. God the Father, as it were, just had to make the Word incarnate and off he went, achieving the end for which he was sent, seemingly independently of human influence or external conditioning.

Certainly, Jesus enjoyed a special, an incomparable relationship with God the Father. But the problem with this line of thinking is that it can make it sound like God uses Joseph for his name, to bring Jesus into the line of David and so fulfill the Biblical

prophecies. If we're not careful, we can whitewash over the fact that Joseph was a true husband and a true father. He might not have given Mary his body. He might not have given Jesus his genes, but he gave them the form of his life, for thirty years he gave them his very self, which is how God chose to prepare them for all that the Cross would entail.

People around Jesus knew to identify him as the carpenter's son. We can imagine that his laugh would evoke the carpenter. His bearing would evoke the carpenter. His ethics would evoke the carpenter. The life of Joseph would have given Jesus a model for the beatitudes. The creative way Joseph lived the law primed Jesus to fulfill the law. Joseph's poverty, chastity, and obedience taught Jesus a human wisdom that Jesus then raised to (what we call) counsels of perfection.

Like a blacksmith with an iron rose (or even like the early Brothers of St. Joseph in their post-revolution classrooms), Joseph gave shape to God's work, the unfolding of the mysteries of our salvation, but it didn't stop there. Joseph also sustained the Word made flesh, so that it could be heard and made to fill the acoustics of the hearts of God's people. In the seminary, they teach you to sing, which is terrifying. I was singing once for a wake, and one of the Holy Cross priests came up to me afterwards to say, 'Your voice sounds fine, but you need to support it! You need to make it firm!' That word *firm* resounds through the first reading. God promises David over and over, "I will make your house *firm*. I will make your throne *firm*. I will make your kingdom *firm*." Jesus is the fulfillment of that promise, but Joseph is the strength of Jesus' foundation. Joseph is the diaphragm that the Word pushes off from, gaining its timbre and projecting even into those back corners of our lives where hope seems to have fallen mute.

Joseph sustains the Word in us. Joseph sustains the Word in every part of us. He might not say much in Scripture, but as one of the prayers to St. Joseph at the Oratory in Montreal says, he creates the favorable environment for the Divine Word, Jesus, to do the will of the Father. What Joseph was able to create in the home at Nazareth, he replicates in the hearts of those who go to him. Especially by imitating his example of taking the Blessed Mother into our homes, just as Jesus gave the beloved disciple to do from the Cross, we become firm space for the Word to grow, to amplify, and to launch from into the corners of our world. Our own lives begin not just to resonate with the Word, like a bass line that has gotten into the walls, but also to take the shape of the Word, to become the Word ourselves – Christ for our university, Christ for our communities, Christ for our times. Joseph sustains the Word in us, and Joseph sustains us in the Word! Firm in the Lord and in the intercession of St. Joseph, we unfold with the mysteries of our salvation toward the impending joy of Easter.

## A Friend of Hoban Award

**Brother Philip Smith** was among four award recipients at Archbishop Hoban High School's 20<sup>th</sup> Alumni Awards held at Firestone Country Club in Akron on March 11. He was named a Friend of Hoban, along with the Rev. Mike Ausperk. Named Distinguished Alumni were Kim (Karson) Cole and Bill Thomson. Brothers attending the event were (front row) Joseph LeBon, Philip Smith, Carlos Parrilla, (back row) Chester Freel, Edward Fox, Kenneth Haders, Robert Lavelle, Robert Livernois, Paul Kelly, Edward Libbers, and James Spooner.





Lenten Lecture Series – 2018  
7:00 P.M. in Geenen Hall

Reminder  
Last of  
the Talks.

**March 21**

**Fr. Mike Connors, CSC**

"Walking with Jesus through Holy Week"

Mike Connors is the Director of the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics, University of Notre Dame. His scholarly interests include pastoral ministry, preaching, and spirituality.



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**March 14**

**Br. Douglas Roach, CSC**

"A Spirituality of the Cross"

Thanks, Douglas, for insights into your spirituality and how each day you experience God in your life.



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## The Samaritan Center

Repurposed Trinity Hospital is health, social service hub for Detroit's east side  
By Julie Minda of *Catholic Health World*,  
March 15, 2018 – volume 34, Number 5

This hospital, now known as **Samaritan Center**, is featured in *Catholic Health World*. The article covers the history of the hospital and the special services offered. Although his name does not appear in the article, **Brother Francis Boylan** had a major role in the development of Samaritan Center. He was one of the founding fathers. To read the article use the link listed below.



<https://www.chausa.org/publications/catholic-health-world/current-issue>

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Reminder

## Congregational Day of Fasting Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

**Congregational Day of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving:** As we have over the last several years, the three Holy Cross provinces in the United States will have a common Congregational Day of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving. *The designated day for 2018 is Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.*

The designated beneficiary of all alms collected from the 2018 Day of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving will be the Rohingya refugee camps in the Archdiocese of Chittagong. Individuals, local communities, and ministries wishing to contribute funds resulting from this Day of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving may send donations to the Province Business Office, Box 460. Please identify the gift as: *2018 Congregational Day of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving.*

Additionally, the 2016 General Chapter encouraged us to invite our collaborators in ministry to join us in the cause: “Educational programming to bring attention to our international mission and God’s call to justice, peace, and the integrity of creation should accompany this observance.” (Recommendation #6.) If you are in a position to coordinate or influence others at your place of ministry, please consider extending the invitation to participate in this Congregational Day.

Thanks,  
**Brother Chester**

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### Recognition of Service

Magazine: *st.ed’s*  
*Winter 2018*

**Holy Cross Heritage article: *Serving What’s in Front of You*, page 19**

On Saint Edward’s University campus, the life of a Holy Cross Brother is seen as a life of service.

The magazine’s link is below.

<https://issuu.com/stedwardsuniversity/docs/seu-magazine-winter-2018?e=4061755/58951349>

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## Catholic Colleges can help students move beyond liberal/conservative dichotomy

Article by: Charles C. Camosy  
Mar 15, 2018 - *CRUX* CONTRIBUTOR

An interview of Michael Griffin, Senior Vice President of Holy Cross College, by Charles Camosy.

**Camosy:** Many readers who know of Holy Cross College (perhaps from watching the movie Rudy) may have an outdated view of the school. I'm a proud alum of Holy Cross College, a place that set me on my own academic path, but that was way back in 1993. What has changed at Holy Cross College in recent years?



**Griffin:** I think the biggest change in recent years at Holy Cross is a deepening of our connections with Notre Dame and St. Mary's as part of this unique tri-campus in Notre Dame, Indiana. ...

**To read article, continue by clicking the link below:**

<https://cruxnow.com/interviews/2018/03/15/catholic-colleges-can-help-students-move-beyond-liberal-conservative-dichotomy/>

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Chrism Masses  
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Reminder



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February 19, 2018

Dear Brothers,

Greetings to you during this holy season of Lent. Bishop Rhoades invites you to attend one of the two Chrism Masses in our diocese. This year, they will be celebrated on Monday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., at Saint Matthew Cathedral in South Bend; and on Tuesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

As you know, the Chrism Mass is a beautiful liturgy during which our priests renew their priestly promises and during which the sacred chrism is consecrated and the oil of the sick and oil of catechumens are blessed. It is an important moment in the spiritual and liturgical life of our diocese. Your presence, especially in prayerful support of our priests, or if you are unable to attend, your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Your faithful witness of the consecrated life in our diocese is greatly appreciated. And may our Lord bless you as we prepare for Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian MacMichael".

Brian MacMichael  
Director, Office of Worship

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COLUMBA HALL 2018 RETREAT  
AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Sunday, March 25**

7:00 PM Talk

**Monday, March 26**

9:00 AM Talk

5:15 PM Liturgy with extended homily

7:00 PM Talk

**Tuesday, March 27**

9:00 AM Talk

5:15 PM Liturgy with extended homily

7:00 PM Talk

**Wednesday, March 28**

9:00 AM Talk

5:15 PM Liturgy with extended homily

7:00 PM Penance Service

**Thursday, March 29 (Holy Thursday)**

9:00 AM Talk

5:15 PM Liturgy

**Friday, March 30 (Good Friday)**

3:00 PM Liturgy

**Saturday, March 31 (Holy Saturday)**

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Liturgy

**Sunday, April 1 (Easter Sunday)**

10:00 AM Liturgy

11:00 AM Social

12:00 PM Dinner

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## Saint Vincent de Paul Society

As part of their Lenten almsgiving, the Brothers at Columba Hall collected over \$500 to contribute to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County. Anne Hosinski Watson, Executive Director, stated: Thank you for your generous gift. Your willingness to help your neighbors in need makes an incredible impact. Again, thank you for all you do for those in poverty."



## Reflection

A Reflection for the week of March 18, 2018

### HUMANITY

The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, answered "Man. Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived."



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