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Our Poets, Past and Present

Franciscan in the Ashes *for Mychal Judge, OSF*

He's Francis now, gone home
where lilies always bloom
and skies emblue their silk,
where daffodils sing in rows
and angels bathe in light.

The rubble's gone to dust,
those buildings deep into the dirt,
brought down one New York morning—
what others couldn't waste below
some wasted from above.

He was there foot-sore,
coughing through the concrete soot,
sifting through the pain,
one finger in the holy oil,
another on a fevered brow.

Unlike the gentle going in a soft
Assisi garden, this trooper
went in horror, deadened by debris,
but his sorrow's history here:
he's Francis now, gone home.

—**Brother George Klawitter, CSC**

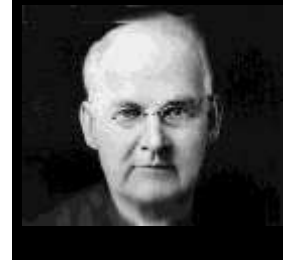


Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.

Servant of God

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<https://brothercolumba.com/>



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Two new photos: St. Damian of Molokai - Br. Columba wanted to work with him; Sister Evangelist, Mercy nun and nurse

Under news, letters to Br. Columba, an account of several cures in a June, 1916 letter from Sister Evangelist.

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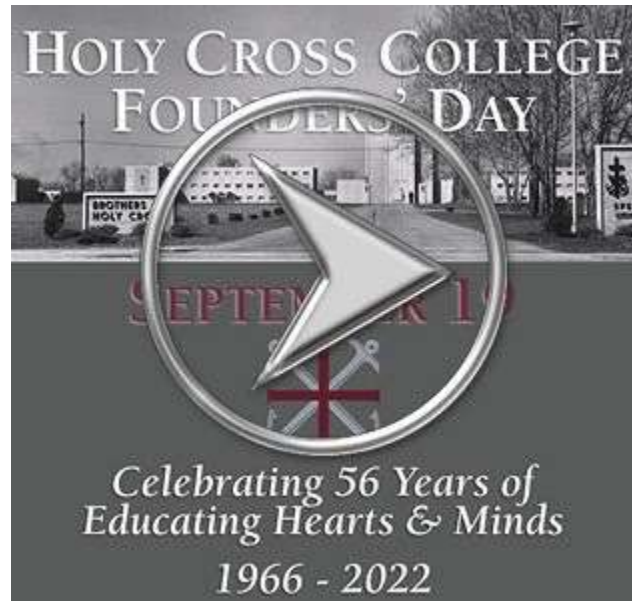
Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.

Postulator of the cause for Brother Columba

Holy Cross College Founder's Day

It's Founder's Day!

This is the day that Holy Cross College became an educational institution dedicated to forming students with the competence to see and the courage to act! Thank you to the multiple generations of Saints for their time, talent, and treasure making Holy Cross College a place that builds ambitious scholars, compassionate citizens, virtuous leaders, and passionate disciples with hope to bring.



Four brothers from Columba Hall enjoying a lunch with students in celebration of the college's Founder's Day, September 19th.

Brothers: Nicholas Thielman, Roy Smith, Walter Gluhm, and Bill Mewes



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Dujarie House
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Exercise time at Dujarie



L-R Brothers: Robert Dierker, Thomas Cunningham, Ronald Christenson, Thomas Moser - exercise instructor on right.

Photo by Brother Nicholas Thielman

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

A New World

We live in an age of cynicism. It is can be easy to fall into hopelessness. Our problems can seem overwhelming.

Jesus came to give us a new perspective for a new world order. Even in the midst of an occupation by a foreign power, he was called to proclaim in his teaching and by his actions the “Kingdom of God.” This meant seeing with new eyes. Jesus saw the good in all of creation. He saw the good in people. He wanted to cure their “blindness.” “Before you try to remove the speck from your brother’s eye, remove the beam from your own.”

When we see with the eyes of faith, new possibilities break through. Each day we are made aware of the next steps we can take in doing our part to bring about the kingdom of God into the situations in which we find ourselves. With the power of God’s grace, our saying “yes” to life can make a difference. “I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” There are many examples of how even one person can make a difference by sharing gifts within their own communities and in the media to make it known around the world. We are aware of how individuals and community organizations have come forth to the aid of people who are faced with tragedies of one kind or another. Our faith and actions can bring about a better world.

- Are you aware of your own significance in bringing hope to a troubled world?
- Can you think of examples in which one person truly made a difference?
- Do you bring hope and zeal to the table in your family and communities?

O God, help me do my part in bringing about your “kingdom.”

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Healthy Aging Series

Introduction

The aging process as we enter our later years can be filled with a myriad of physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges. All of us in the Midwest Province will be faced, if not currently, with different degrees of health changes requiring us to respond in a healthy and safe manner.

In my 30 years as a geriatric social worker, with both laity and religious, the same salient questions were always verbalized by clients such as, “We know there will be limitations and diminishments, so what path, plan of action, or guidelines do we follow?” “What do we do to enhance our well-being and better cope with these health challenges during the later years?”

To help us improve our understanding of the aging process and pursue a healthy response to the changes we face, I plan to share, in the coming months, a series of my own views as well as the views of current experts (lay and religious) in the field of geriatric healthcare. So, stay tuned.

Brother Lew Brazil, C.S.C.

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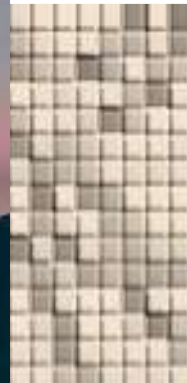
Reflection
 Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



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 - Rachel Carson

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