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A Birthday Revisited

I recollect that sixteen years ago
I marked my birthday while on a retreat
in rural autumn splendor just below
Gethsemani, Kentucky, Trappist seat

and neighborhood of juleped Louisville.
The center, knobby Nerinx, milked the site
of nature's beauty that itself could fill
the hours of solitude so full as to invite

me to embrace both present time and past.
The mood induced brought riches tempting, free.
It lent poetic power that would last
those days and drew "A Birthday Psalm" from
me.

To sentiments felt now, and then expressed—
my God's abiding love—I can attest.

**Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC,
October 9, 2001**



Hoban Faculty at Notre Dame



E-mail from Brother Dennis Bednarz, CSC

Archbishop Hoban H.S. held its faculty retreat at the University of Notre Dame on the Feast of the Assumption.

After arriving at N.D., the faculty heard a brief address by Dr. Marco Clark at Holy Cross College. Most faculty then walked over to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart for 11:30 Mass.

Lunch was served at the Carole Sandner Hall - Remick Commons. The faculty was joined by several Brothers who had worked at Hoban.

The faculty then had a Holy Cross pilgrimage viewing several historical sites on the campus.

While the retreat day was a long one, most faculty discovered a greater appreciation of Holy Cross education in the United States striving to carry on the vision of Blessed Basil Moreau.



Hoban faculty on the steps of the Administration Building following the 11:30 Mass.



One of the stops on the pilgrimage was the Log Cabin where former Hoban president and current provincial Br. Kenneth Haders explained the significance of this structure.



Some of the Hoban faculty members at the Knute Rockne statue



Former Hoban English teacher and current province Archivist, Br. Philip Smith, shows some of the Hoban H.S. files stored in the Archives to current Hoban social studies teacher and school archivist, Dr. Jason Anderson.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTRY INTO ETERNAL LIFE OF OUR DEAR FOUNDER, BL. BASILE MOREAU, CSC



During our annual Provincial retreat this month, something truly remarkable happened in the Province of West Africa. Members renewed their vows in anticipation of August 15th, the feast of Assumption, the day our founder professed his final vows. This spiritual exercise is one of the activities in celebrating our founder Blessed Basil Anthony

Moreau's 150th anniversary into eternal life. Ghana was given a special permission to do so earlier than the stipulated date. Instead of waiting until August 15th, we celebrated it on August 5th, while we were all gathered together for the retreat, thus the Province became the first to celebrate this milestone in the Congregation.

It was a beautiful and meaningful ceremony where we renewed our vows amidst prayers and in the context of the Mass, led by our Provincial, Brother John Badu Affum, CSC, to renew our vows and dedication to the Lord.



Fr. Moreau's teachings and love have left a lasting impact on our Province, guiding us with compassion and dedication. Choosing August 5th for the celebration showed our willingness to adapt and cherish this moment in a way that impacts us all as a family.

As we renewed our vows, we felt a strong connection to our founder's vision and mission. It wasn't just about remembering the past; it was about carrying forward the values that define us as a community, as a family. His teachings on education, love, and unity resonate with us and help us make a positive difference in the lives of others.

As we move forward, united by our common purpose, we face the future with determination and grace. This commemoration strengthens our commitment to carry forward our founder's legacy, ensuring that his wisdom continues to touch the lives of generations to come.

In the warmth of this celebration, we become custodians of our past and stewards of our future. We pray that the flame of devotion within us lights up hope, wisdom, and compassion, allowing us to sow seeds of positive change in the fertile soil of West



Africa and beyond. Together, we honor and carry on the spirit of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, CSC, as we strive to make a meaningful impact on the world around us.

The Joy of having an Additional Brother: Brother Ishmael Amoah, C.S.C.

In this special period, our community experienced a heart-warming moment as we welcomed our newest Brother, Bro. Ishmael Amoah CSC. He joined us just in time for the retreat and the joyous celebration of the 150th anniversary of our beloved founder, Blessed Moreau's passing.

Bro. Ishmael's journey began when he left Ghana on June 16th, 2022, to prepare for his novitiate. After undergoing language training in Kyerusozi, Uganda, he was officially received into the novitiate on July 22nd, 2022, in Saaka- Fort Portal, Uganda. On July 16th, 2023, a moment of great significance, he took his first vows alongside 11 other confrères.

Filled with a sense of fulfilment and a deepening commitment to our shared mission, Bro. Ishmael returned to Ghana on July 2nd, 2023, eager to participate in our annual retreat. The entire community, led by our Provincial, Bro. John Badu Affum, embraced him with open arms and warm hearts, making him feel right at home.



As we embark on this journey together, we cherish the addition of Bro. Ishmael to our community. His presence enriches our collective spirit and reaffirms the vitality of our shared mission. United by our devotion to Blessed Moreau's teachings, we welcome Bro. Ishmael with open hearts and stand ready to support and learn from each other on this path of service and love.

The arrival of our newest Brother is a reminder that our community continues to grow and flourish, embracing new members who bring unique gifts and perspectives to our collective tapestry. Together, we walk hand in hand, guided by the timeless values

that have sustained us for 150 years, as we strive to make a positive impact in the world around us.

With the warmth of brotherhood and the flame of inspiration burning bright within us, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to Bro. Ishmael's journey. May this moment be a source of blessings and renewed dedication as we embark on this sacred pilgrimage together, driven by a shared sense of purpose and a commitment to continue the legacy of Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC.



Above articles compiled by (left) Brothers Nicholas Arthur, CSC and (right) Godfred Kyeremeh, CSC

Gilmour Academy



Update on the Commons (dining room) in construction.

Brother Columba O'Neill, C.S.C.
Servant of God

Website
<https://brothercolumba.com/>




Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.
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Holy Cross Roads

Writings for the Journey

Tell Me a Story

Why has Christianity lasted over two thousand years? Part of the reason is that its followers can identify with the story of Jesus' life and his overcoming of death in his resurrection. This same dynamic is present in many religions and in the way the universe has been created. Out of death new life springs forth. We are aware of its presence even in the changing of the seasons.

If it is in our scriptures, if it is in creation, it is also in the seasons of our lives. We should not be surprised when we experience new life springing forth. Our growth depends on a letting go which seems like a death to the dawning of a new waking. A new perspective, a new way of looking at things, new opportunities, and insights awaken in us. What is beautiful is that Jesus is living out his story once again in the story of our lives. He is with us as we experience ups and downs, deaths and resurrections. We do not have to go through all of these growing pains alone.

- Have you reflected on the stages of your spiritual life?
- If so, what patterns have you noticed?
- Does the story of Jesus' life give you consolation as you experience change?

O God, help me identify the story of Jesus as it plays out in my life.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Mount Sinai

Persuading God to Change His Mind (Exodus 32:7-14). In response to the incident occurring on Mount Sinai involving the Jews' idolatrous apostasy of worshipping the Golden Calf, God declared, "Let me alone, then, that my anger may turn against them." God assures Moses will become head of a great new nation.

Moses implores God, "Why, O Lord, should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power with a strong hand? Why should the Egyptians say 'With evil intent he brought them out, that he might kill them in the mountains and wipe them off the



face of the earth?" To his persuasive argument Moses adds a reminder to God of the promises he made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses' plea was evidently heard, for God "changed his mind about the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people."

When it came to speaking to God, Moses seemed quite deft. Perhaps he had somehow overcome the speech impediment about which he complained at the time of the burning bush.

"Moses Praying"
(1922) by J.H. Hartley (illustrator),
in James Bailie, *The Bible Story: a connected narrative retold from Holy Scripture* (A & C Black Ltd.. London.

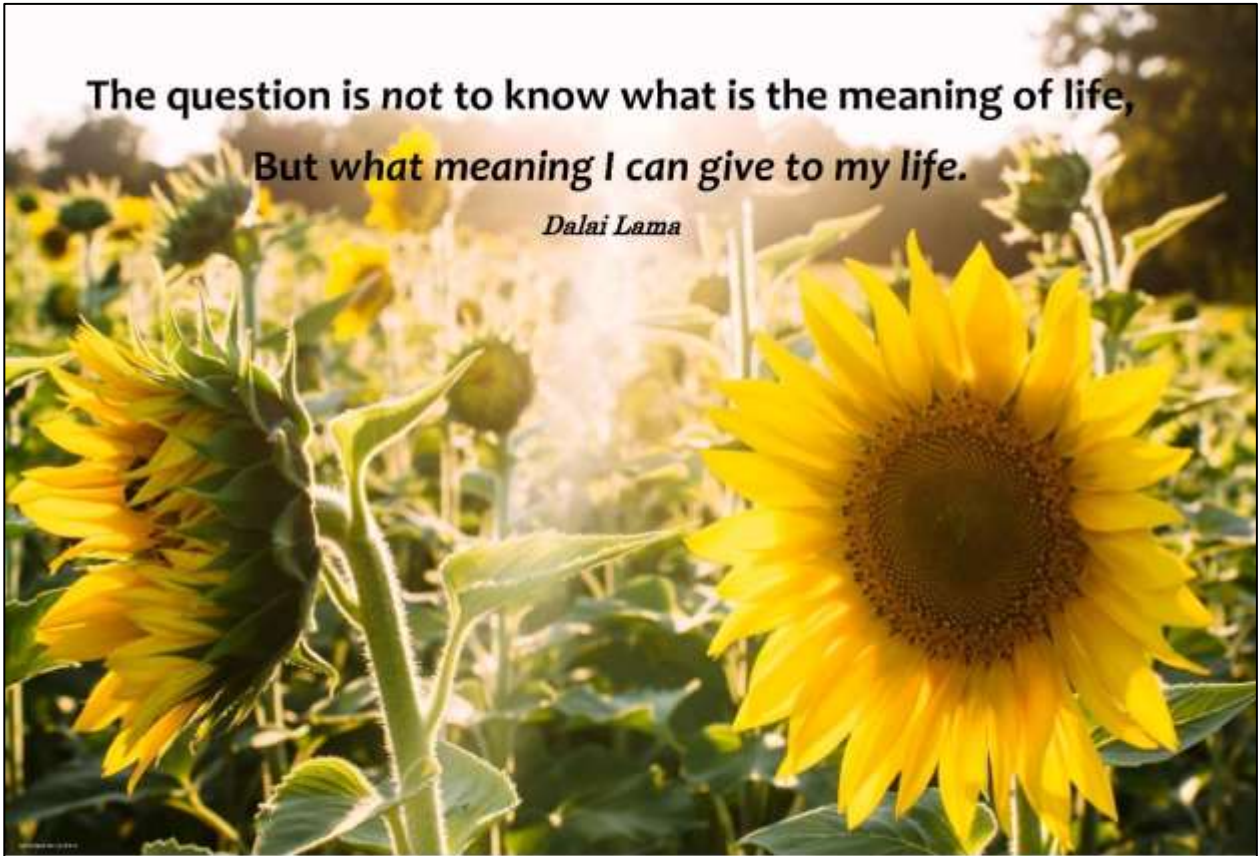


Reflection sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



The question is not to know what is the meaning of life,
But what meaning I can give to my life.

Dalai Lama



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MAY ST. BRO ANDRE AND BL FR MOREAU WELCOME HIM. AMEN

Intention by Brother Stephen Aidoo, C.S.C.

The funeral Mass will be livestreamed at <https://bit.ly/3qyocA3>, Wednesday, 10:00 AM, EST.



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