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Weekly Spiritual Reflection from the Early Brothers of St. Joseph

Thank you for your New Year's wishes and especially for the spiritual bouquet that you sent. I really want to smother myself in the scent of these "flowers." Very different from the bee, which goes searching under the calyx of flowers to make an exquisite honey, I'm more like the wasp. I make more noise than is necessary. I'm going to buzz all over and gather nothing, and woe to the one who touches me! However, don't be frightened. Send me some of your good odors so that I may sniff them at leisure, that I may lovingly perfume myself. Add some good seeds that I can sow in my soil, where there are already so many remembrances. (Brother Hilarion Ferton 2/9/1848)

Zoom Classes



During trying times of this Covid19 virus and its mutations, Brother James Kane fills some of his time taking classes. He particularly enjoys water color painting with a small group of artists. Shown here for your delight is one of his latest accomplishments.

Watercolor painting (at left) via *Forever Learning Institute* Zoom class was aided by a *YouTube* "loose floral" demonstration by Lois Davidson.



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Unity Gardens

On Thursday, April 22, 2021, several residents of Holy Cross Village gathered in the Unity Garden to bless the ground and give thanks to God for all the elements that help and nurture the soil to produce the garden gifts for all to enjoy.

The opening prayer was recited in unison:

Sun and Moon, Bless the Lord.
Cold and Chill, Bless the Lord.
Thunder and Rain, Bless the Lord.
Flower and Vegetables, Bless the Lord.
All gardeners, Bless the Lord.
Praise and Exalt God, above all forever.



Br. Robert Livernois, C.S.C.

Rev. Timothy L. O'Connor, CSC, blessed the garden, and Br. Robert Livernois, CSC, organizer of the garden blessing, invited everyone to come forth and bless the garden with water.

Several people were duly recognized for having started the garden a short time ago in the village. Notably mentioned for their dedication and hard work were: Mr. Joe Doherty, Br. Chris Dreyer, CSC, Sr. Marilyn Zugish, CSC, Ms. Barbara Cassady, Ms. Stacey Johnson and Mr & Mrs Michael and Jan Imgrund.



Contest Winners

The Midwest Holy Cross Associates sponsored a high school student essay and video contest celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Brothers of St. Joseph. Contestants shared how the virtues and values of the Brothers continue in their personal lives and in their involvement in their Holy Cross School. Seven Holy Cross schools from around the country participated. As part of the Associates Conference last weekend the 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize winners presented their essays and videos. All demonstrated how the legacy of the Brothers is still alive and well. Here are the winners.

Essay Winners

1st place winner –
Sarah Cecelia Fazioli
Saint Francis High School

2nd place winner –
Rain W. Macie Wilson
Gilmour Academy

3rd place winner –
Lizbeth Aguirre
San Juan Diego High School

Video Winners

1st place winner –
Van Weinmann and
Jaden Patrick Stainforth
St. Edward High School

2nd place winner –
Sam Parr
Cathedral High School

3rd place winner –
Marissa Lorena Del Rio
St. Francis High School

The winning presentations and the major talks of the conference will be made available soon on the Midwest Holy Cross website. An announcement will be made at that time.



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Easter Joy

Dear Associates and Friends,

What does it mean to rise with Christ? Just as Jesus rose from the dead, so we can rise to new life. The love of Christ can work wonders within us if we allow his direction and his love guide us even in the little things that we deal with in ordinary life.

If we are open to his guidance, he will show us the way through the list of things that are on our “to do list” for the day. He will help us choose what to do first and give us the energy and motivation to accomplish the task. We can rejoice in God and be glad because the risen Christ has helped us to rise to the occasion. We become amazed at what Christ has done through us. We become even more sensitive to his guidance through even the small things that make the day a joy because of our awareness of how closely he is with us in whatever we are doing. Then as we reflect on our lives, we see how we play a part in Christ’s mission of establishing his kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

- Do I believe that Christ is interested in even the small things in my life?
- Am I open to let Christ lead me through my day?
- Have I experienced the joy which comes with putting my life in God’s hands?

O God, help me to experience Easter Joy.



Brother Carl Sternberg,

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spiritually please visit our new blog
<https://weeklyspiritualinsights.org/>

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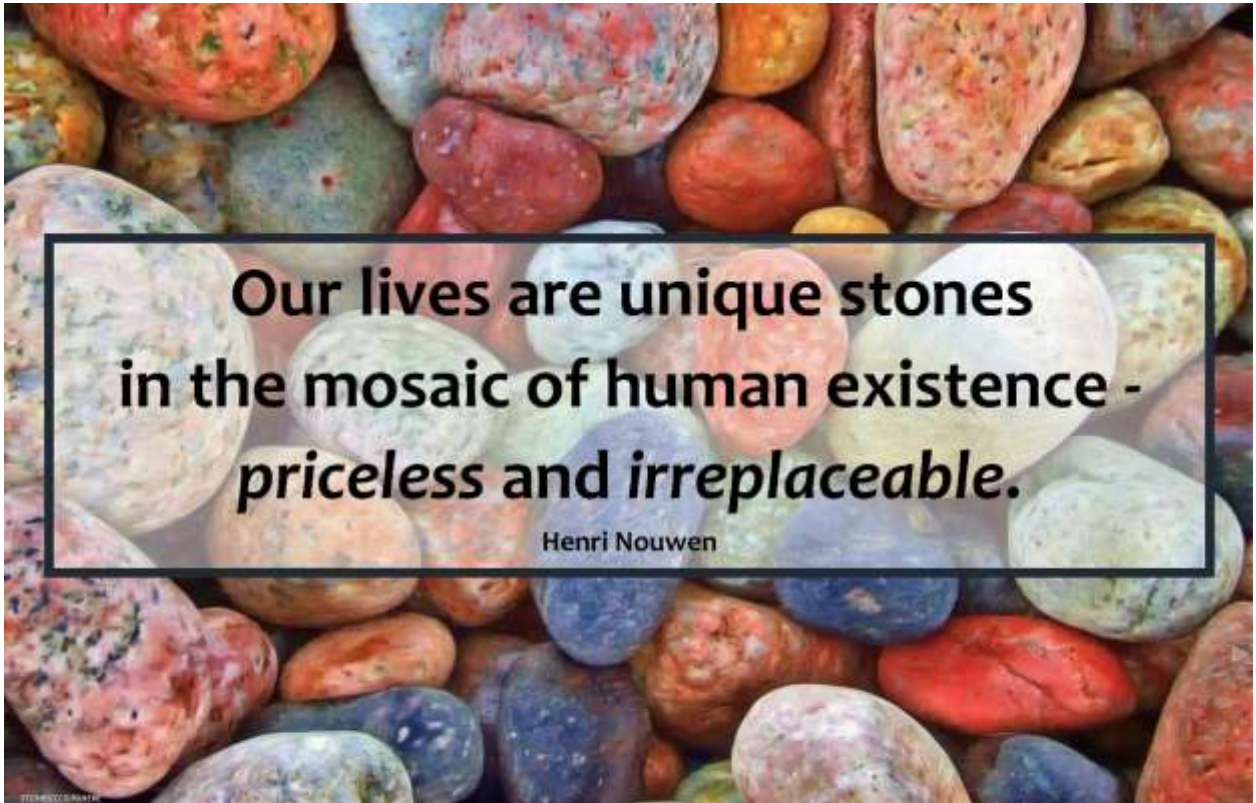
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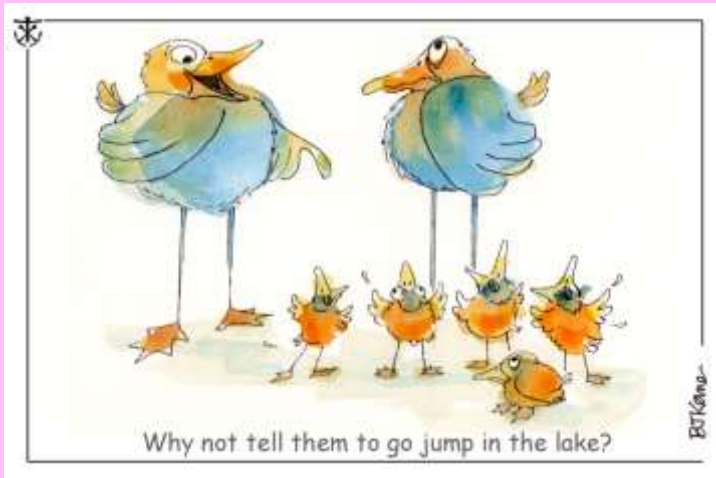
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