

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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Pieta

Pieta Holding Jesus' body in her lap,
His head resting on her breast,
Mary, in reverie of the past,
Hums and rocks her infant son,
As she did so long ago,
When angels sang and shepherds gazed.

But now, through grief-stricken eyes,
Mary, her dream dissolved away,
Observes his bloody matted hair,
Sees his white lifeless eyes,
Looks at his still open mouth
And knows her son is dead.

— Brother Robert Mosher, C.S.C.



Our Poets, Past and Present

Of Death's Finality

My older brother may be dying as I write,
and typical uncertainties prevail:
two thousand miles contribute to my plight.
Conclusions leapt to almost never fail

to hold me hostage, shattered nerves on edge
as always, but how different the cause!
The thought that death may drive a wider
wedge
between us is enough to give me pause.

So much is made of death's finality:
debate will not annul what death can do.
We're separated. Nought can ever be
as wide as chasms death itself can hew.

But should gaps yawn and sever earthly ties,
God fills them in and death it is that dies.

—**Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC**
October 13, 2001



Maple Syrup Time



View from Columba Hall, looking out over Saint Mary's Lake.

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**Lenten Lecture Series
2023
6 Thursdays of Lent in**



**March 30 @ 2:00 PM
Keith J. Egan**

"What do we do and what does God do when we pray?"

This presentation asks questions like: Why do we pray? How do we pray? What is God's role in our prayer?

Keith J. Egan held the endowed chair in theology at Saint Mary's College; he is a guest professor in theology at Notre Dame. Connie and Keith have been residents at the Village for five years



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

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Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C.
Postulator of the cause for Brother Columba

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On Friday, March 24, the first event of the day as part of the inauguration of Marco Clark, Ed.D., as the Sixth President of Holy Cross College was a presentation by Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C. It was a talk on *Brother Columba O'Neill's Journey to Sainthood*. For those who wish to view this event, click the link below.

<https://vcloud.blueframetech.com/broadcast/embed/545230?w=6>

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

The Voice of Love

Filling in with backup issues missed. Pray for Brother Carl while he takes care of medical updates to his health.

As a new year begins, we think of what will make this year new and significant. Each of us is growing older, and we become more aware that our time on earth does have its limits. Our death is in our future along with our birth into a new realm of being. Knowing this reality could encourage us to make a difference in this limited time that we are given.

How can we transform this desire of wanting to make a difference become something real in the days ahead? The best way this can happen is not by dwelling on the past or being consumed by what might happen in our future, but to see this moment as something sacred as a gift that is given to us. It is an opportunity to listen to the voice of love, the voice of God. God is always speaking the words of invitation to enter our hearts and lead us in ways that make this day a time of significance. It will be significant because it will be motivated out of love and open to the reality which goes beyond our expectations. This motivation will then be present in the people we will meet and the situations we will experience this day.

- What desires do you have as this new year begins?
- Are you open to hearing the voice of love today?
- How can this day be significant in your life?

O God, help me experience your love this day.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.

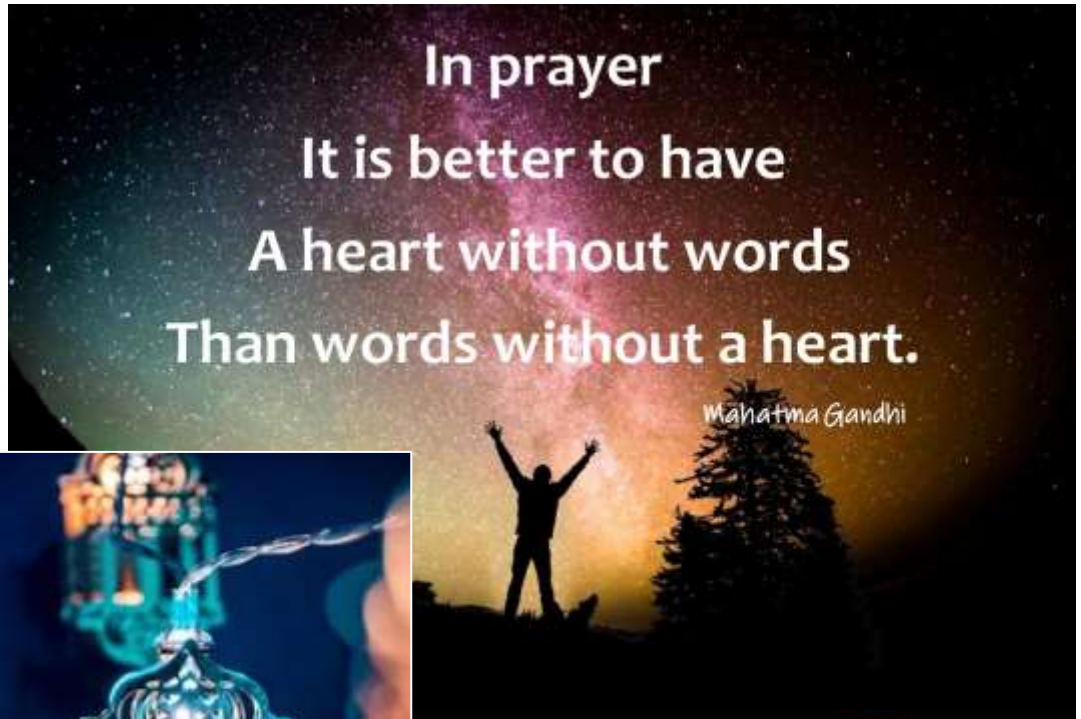


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Reflection

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



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Ramadan Kareem

Ramadan is the holiest month of the Islamic calendar. Every year it marks a significant event in every Muslim's life. Muslims around the world engage in one of the more holy activities: unit family members, exchange Ramadan wishes, share Ramadan Kareem quotes, spend time together, fast from sunrise to sunset and pray.

Based on the lunar calendar, Ramadan begins around March 13, 2013, and ends around April 01, 2013.

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