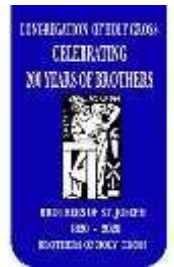


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March 31, 2021

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Weekly Spiritual Reflection from the Early Brothers of St. Joseph

At the opening of classes, the students didn't know if a god existed, and in the matter of learning, they knew nothing. Now we say for the greater glory of God the children who frequent the Christian School of Blidah, Algeria, know their prayers, recite them at home as well as in class, know their catechism by heart, and in the matter of useful knowledge they read comparably well. (Brother Eulogius Boisard 5/16/1841)

A Social Call

March 26, 2021

Following up on one of the **HOT TOPICS** from our recent St. Joseph Day observance in Sarasota **Brothers Francis Boylan, Larry Skitzki, and Michael Brickman (M)** journeyed down the historical Tamiami Trail to Venice. Our purpose was to see first-hand the agriculture endeavors **Brother James Bagans** regaled us about on our community feast day.

Upon arriving at the inner-coastal household we were welcomed by the James who proceeded to show us his art workshop where he is has a beautiful stained-glass work in progress

Then it was the main feature of our expedition, the extensive husbandry efforts of which James had cajoled us to observe in person. *Tomatoes, Bell*

Peppers, Broccoli, Italian & Curley Parsley, Chives and his trophy Corn all in limited quantity

The social call was a wonderful opportunity to observe James Bagans in his inspiring Creative Retirement years



Photos and Text by Brother Michael Brickman, C.S.C.

Reminder

News from the Holy Cross Associates:

Contest

The Midwest Holy Cross Associates are sponsoring an essay and video contest for students from our Holy Cross Schools celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Brothers of St. Joseph. They were asked to share how the virtues of the early Brothers were virtues they strive to imitate in their personal lives, in their school and in their service to others. The schools participating are San Juan Diego, Austin; McNamara, Maryland; Holy Cross, Rochester; Hoban, Akron; Moreau Catholic, Hayward; Cathedral, Indianapolis; St. Edward High School, Lakewood; Gilmour Academy, Ohio, St. Francis, Mountain View.

Looking Back – Looking forward Conference

The following wonderful educators have also planned to speak to give their personal insights in reaction to our main speaker:

Sister Veronique Wiedower, C. S. C. – President of the Sisters of the Holy Cross

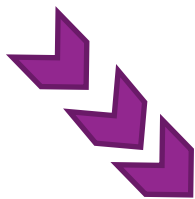
Mr. Marco Clark – Director of the Holy Cross Institute

Ms. Cari White – Campus Minister at St. Edward High School

Mr. John Lyons – Student Associate at Notre Dame University

The winners of the essay and video contest will be sharing their works at the conference.

You cannot miss this fantastic Event!
Find out more details by pressing the link BELOW
REGISTER TODAY



Spring Teleconference
Sponsored by the Midwest
Holy Cross Associates

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Click below for the conference program and registration:

<https://holycrossassociates.org/chapters/national-and-regional-conferences/>



Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

Right and/or Wrong

Dear Associates and Friends,

Is a person right? Is a person wrong? Can a person be right and wrong at the same time? To make a judgment means having some criteria for judging. There is a “north star” that guides us and helps us know where we stand. It might be important to examine the criteria we are using or another person or group is using before we judge a person being right and/or wrong. In this complex world it is hard to say that someone is completely wrong without pre-judging or being prejudiced in assuming their intentions.

An example of this is the visit of Pope Francis with Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani on his trip to Iraq. The image of both Francis and the Muslim leader sitting next to one another side by side like brothers to discuss important issues speaks volumes. Does not the love of neighbor, the ultimate “north star” of Christ’s directive to Christians, guide us in our relationships with all?

- What are your criteria for making judgements?
- Does your membership in certain groups add to pre-judging outsiders?
- Is God leading you to an expansive understanding of brotherhood and sisterhood?

**O God, give me the wisdom and grace to reach out to
love all of your creation.**

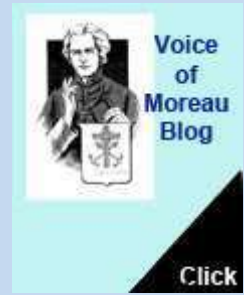


Brother Carl Sternberg,

For more reflections to grow
spiritually please visit our new blog
<https://weeklyspiritualinsights.org/>

From the *Voice of Moreau Website*

The website features a Holy Cross sister, a brother, or a priest, with a weekly story on the blog. Check the following link below.



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