

MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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To the Holy Spirit

O God, all hearts are open to you, and every wish and secret is known.
Cleanse our thoughts by the inpouring of the Holy Spirit, and grant us the grace to
love you perfectly and praise you worthily.

May the holy Comforter, who proceeds from you, O Lord, enlighten our minds and
teach us all truth as your Son has promised.

O Lord, let the power of the Holy Spirit be with us, gently cleansing our hearts and
guarding us against danger.

O God, you have instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit.

Grant that through the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and rejoice in his
consolation.

Amen.

Holy Cross DIRECTORY OF DEVOTIONAL PRAYER, pg 160, article 77

Our Poets, Past and Present

My Deepest Fear

My deepest fear was realized tonight
when I had word from faithful Phyllis Burns
that Nancy in the end had lost her fight
against Alzheimer's as it rudely turns

her keen, perceptive mind, so soon confused,
so powerless, its efforts to grasp why
this dread disease has conquered and abused
her loving personality, yet my

connection to her (kinship) never laid
on her a hint that she intended harm,
but rather, always gentle, she had stayed
forever so, till ominous alarm

had rung in our reluctant ears that we
would soon lose her and her gentility.

—**Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC**
(November 8, 2001)



Columba Hall – Memorial Day 2023



Memorial Day and also the
Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church





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Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

“Be Our Guest”

Sometimes we feel that evangelization is simply about feeding a person who has given up on religion with truths after truths and truths about our Catholic faith. While that might work with a certain personality type, many people will be turned off. Disembodied truths that reside only in the head cannot have much effect on most people who hear them. Why? What does attract people is the lived faith of a significant person in their lives. When asked of those who were on the road to becoming Catholics in the parish RCIA program, what drew them in making this decision, many replied, it was the lived faith of a spouse or some other important person in their lives who relied on their faith to find meaning and joy in their lives. In a sense these “hungry” people were responding to the invitation to “be our guest.” It was their response to the thoughtfulness, kindness, willingness to listen to their story, acceptance, love. Who could resist such a “deal?”

Pope Francis has labeled this approach the new evangelization. This kind of ministry creates “missionary disciples” of all of us (including Associates) who are willing to share our faith journey inviting others to “Be Our Guests.”

- Do you see yourself as a missionary disciple?
- Are you willing to share your faith journey with its ups and downs?
- If you have shared your journey, what has been the results?

O God, give me the grace to be able to share how you have entered my life.

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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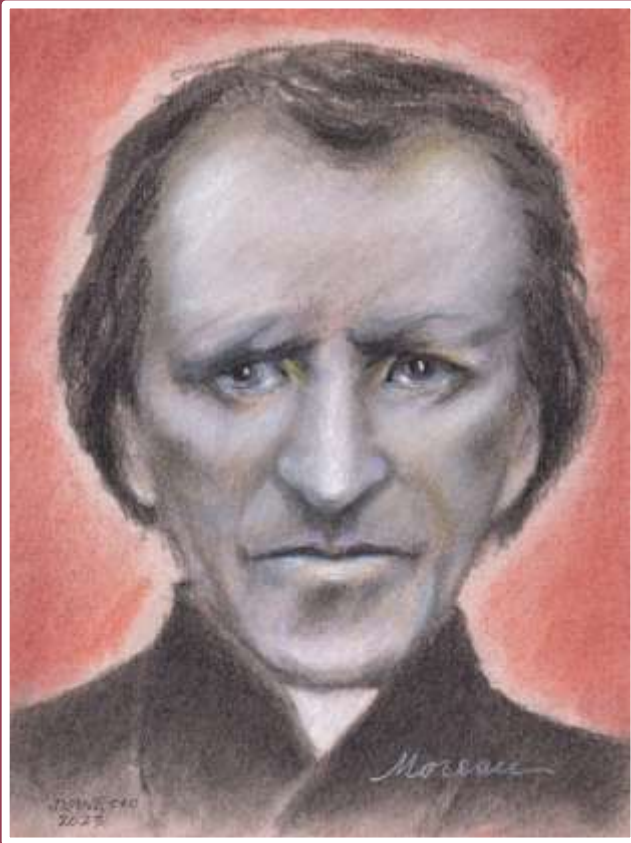


Reflection

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



A break from the publication of Midwest-Midweek will take place for the next few weeks. It will pick up around the end of June or early July. Thank you, Brother Richard Johnson, C.S.C.



*Father
Basil
Anthony
Moreau,
C.S.C.*

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of his death, attached is a charcoal/pastel rendering of Fr. Moreau based on the only known photograph taken of him.

Drawing by Brother James Kane, CSC



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