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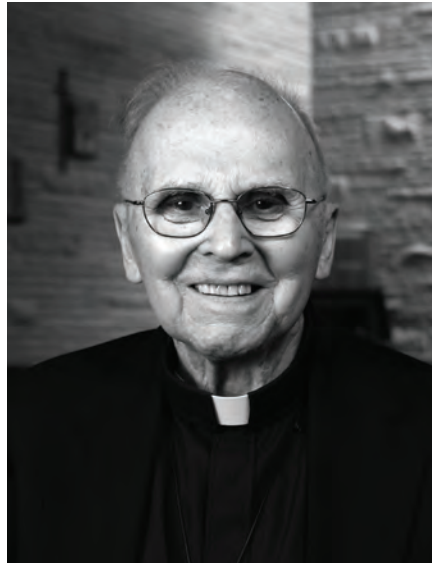


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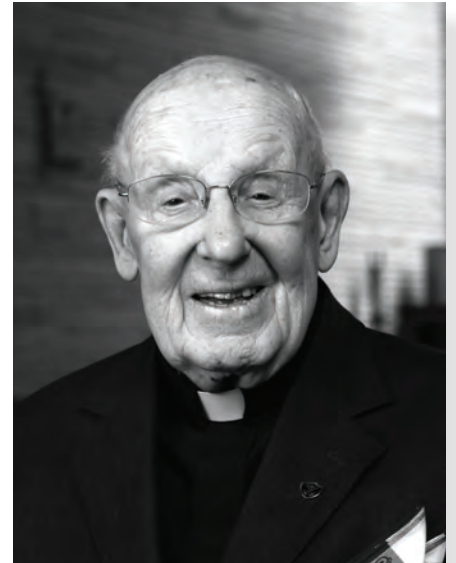
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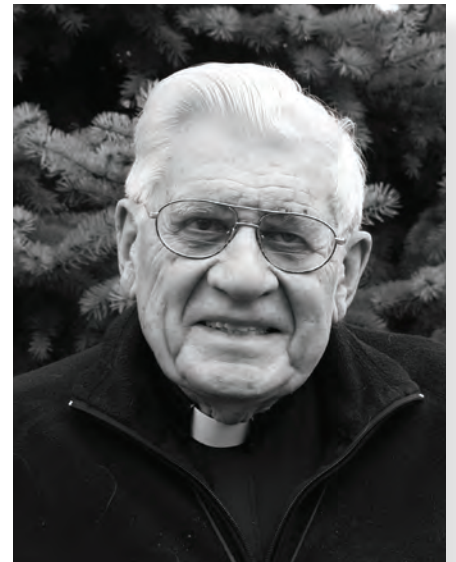
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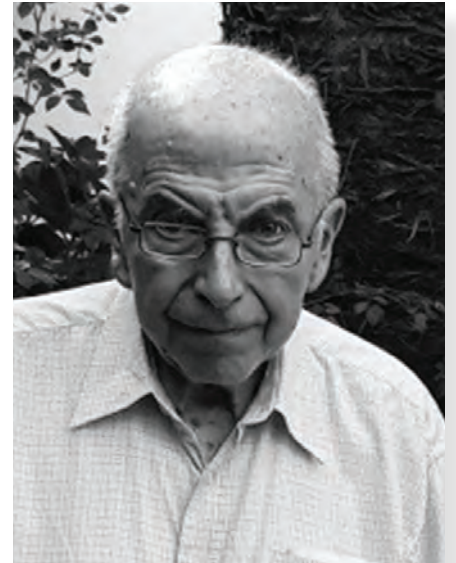
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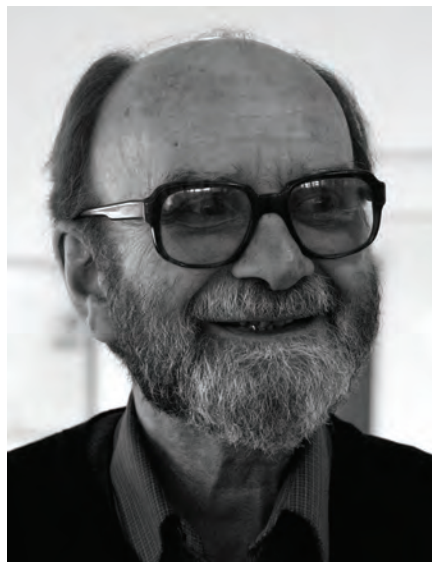
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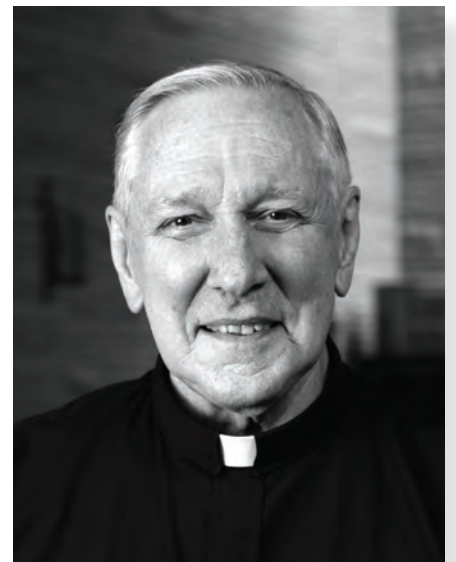
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My journey in Holy Cross has been unique in that I have spent my entire time outside of my years of formation in ministry as a chaplain to Holy Cross Brothers and campus minister at the Brother's schools in the Ohio area. From the summer of 1967 until the spring of 1979, I was chaplain at St. Edward High School in Lakewood. While there, I taught religion and math, and coached basketball and varsity baseball. The highlight of this time was developing a spiritual program that became part of every athletic team throughout the years, as well as instituting daily lunch-time communion services for students and faculty. During the summer months in the 70s through mid-80s, I assisted Brother Ludger Schaub, C.S.C., at the Holy Cross Summer House at Deer Park, Maryland.

In the fall of 1979, I became Campus Minister at Gilmour Academy, where I've remained until the present time. At Gilmour, I've assisted and directed the Residency Program until the early 1990s, whilst teaching religion, math and computer science. I also continued to coach baseball and basketball, in addition to my responsibilities as campus minister. In the mid-1990s, the campus ministry program became a full-time position including administration of the Sacraments and ministry to wider family of each student. Today, Our Lady

Chapel is the center of spirituality on the campus of Gilmour, offering retreats, hosting speakers on various religious and moral topics, ongoing collections of clothes and other personal items for the poor and suffering, supporting mission trips, and assisting at a food pantry located across the street from the chapel.

The development and integration of the Holy Cross Mission has been a focus in recent years. Education of the mind and heart, centered on the Holy Cross Charisms now embraces the life of students, faculty, staff and families.

In the mid-1980s, the Life Teen Program – specifically aimed at nurturing and developing the spiritual life of Catholic Teens and Pre-teens – was introduced at Gilmour. Since that time, I have been involved on both the national and local level of Life Teen International.

When Father Moreau founded our community, he gathered a group of priests to assist the local French clergy in their work among God's people. Throughout my priesthood, I have been deeply involved in weekly assisting the Diocese of Cleveland in various parishes and educational institutions.



REV. ANTHONY DE CONCILIIS, C.S.C.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

My life is only one story of a baptized believer who vowed to live as a follower of Jesus in the Congregation of Holy Cross and to help unfold the spiritual culture announced by His word and deed. A vocation to the religious life is like no other because it is a ministry of complete service and not merely a career that enhances a résumé. This service is nourished by the constant practice of virtues like zeal, trust, openness, humility, hope, gratitude, generosity, compassion, self-transcendence, and dependence on the Providence of God. In addition, religious must be prepared to spend a lifetime scrutinizing the stories about Jesus and then applying the insights to ministry. In the end, the goal of those in religious life is to enhance the spiritual culture wherever they serve the people of God. It is good then to have this opportunity to reflect on this anniversary of service.

I was introduced to the Congregation of Holy Cross during my student years at King's College. After a considerable amount of reflection, I entered in 1960 and was ordained a priest on June 2, 1967, in North Easton, Massachusetts. Just days before the Ordination, I wrote what has become a spiritual theme for me: "Lord, I ask that You give me faith in and through the religious and priestly life in Holy Cross; love and insight into myself and my neighbor; attachment and desire to preach Your word, a desire for the Eucharist; and, a steadfast and constant spirit to promote You and not me at all times." This continues to be a high bar to reach.

In my early and formative years, I could not have imagined the implications of my decision to join Holy Cross. If you say yes to Jesus, it is amazing the ride into mystery that you might experience with all of its trials and successes.

I served in a variety of administrative roles which ranged from director to chief executive officer and grew as a result of each one. These

administrative roles helped me to understand that leadership requires strength of character in order to lead with creativity, humanity, fairness, and courage. With these character strengths, leaders can support traditions, establish new initiatives, and ethically stand for justice in spite of the personal costs. For example, in my first position as a high school teacher of religion, I found many living in an environment where they were struggling with substance abuse issues. In response and in full cooperation with the City of Gloucester, I founded and directed Project NUVA, a drug treatment center (which functions today as part of a large human service). That initial experience taught me that religious leaders have a moral responsibility to observe and act. I tried to remember this lesson when I was given more and more responsibility as a leader.

Over the years, I have been given more and more leadership responsibilities including director, dean, vice president and president. Over these years, I learned that leaders must face challenges with justice, courage, decisiveness and resolve. For example, in 2005, I was inaugurated as president of a college on a Friday night and on Monday morning, the day the semester was to begin, Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, which closed the college for six months. Our first decision was to pay the salaries of all full-time employees even though we had no income, because the student tuition had to be returned and financial aid was not recovered in time. We had to face many issues: communication with the faculty, staff, and students who were spread throughout the state; financial issues (salaries, insurance, building damages, and little liquid endowment); and educational restructuring issues in accord with state regulations. We had to find creative ways to offer a full year of course work in one spring semester in order to insure the students could graduate on time. Today, the institution has the

largest endowment in its history, a stable financial position, and a significant academic reputation for a small institution. We faced this challenge using decisiveness and creative flexibility. I learned clearly that in difficult times, we are given the opportunity to reach for the good while enduring doubt and pain. Indeed, ministry was not designed to be safe and free of challenge, rather it is often a test of character bolstered by virtues; always ready to accept suffering and pain as well as joy. I thank God for the challenges and for creative and benevolent solutions.

Six years ago, the President and CEO of the Ochsner Health System offered me the opportunity to be the founder and Vice President of an institute, the Institute of Medicine, Education, and Spirituality at the Ochsner (IMESO), a unique educational and research program that integrates the practice of medicine, education and spirituality. IMESO is attempting to reintroduce the role of virtues and spirituality into the practice of medicine for medical professionals and professionals in training. We have three words that describe IMESO: Heal, Inspire, Transform. As part of our work, we have developed instruments to measure workplace spirit health in medicine to stress the reciprocal healing between patient and provider. We have also developed a course to teach virtues to medical students and nurses. In addition, the CEO has recently announced the development of a foundation for the fostering of a spiritual culture for the System.

Teaching, research, and counseling experiences were always special gifts to me. I remember the years I spent as a full-time faculty member and student advisor at both the University of Portland and Stonehill College. During my full-time teaching at Stonehill, I completed a Paulist Press book considering the relationship of decision making

and spirituality entitled “Every Decision You Make Is a Spiritual One.” I tried to include some aspects of teaching, research and counseling into every assignment. For example, while working as a therapist in Vancouver, B.C., I taught courses on volunteerism. While at Portland, I taught courses in a Master of Education program in pastoral counseling. As the Vice President of Academic Affairs at the Washington Theological Union, I taught courses on pastoral counseling. At Ochsner Health System through IMESO, I am able to conduct research, teach, and counsel in healthcare. What a gift!

I attempted to be involved in pastoral service as well as serving as a volunteer in the large community. For example, while working in Canada, I resided and assisted at Saint Anthony’s Church; in doctoral studies, I helped to establish a new parish, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, in Columbia, Maryland; at the Washington Theological Union, I resided and ministered at Saint Elizabeth’s Parish in Rockville, Maryland; while president, I was the liturgical pastoral minister. I was fortunate to serve as a priest and religious on many boards such as the Boston Veterans Human Subject Review Board, the Louisiana Levee Nomination Board (after Katrina), the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (private schools), and the Louisiana Council of Colleges and Universities (public schools).

Over the years, I have been so grateful to the Holy Cross Religious Community, mentors, colleagues, and family members for their support and guidance. I have tried to be a student of God’s message of peace and a faithful minister of Jesus Christ in the Congregation of Holy Cross. Thank you for celebrating with us.

REV. FERMÍN DONOSO, C.S.C.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

I was born May 21, 1938, in the city of Santiago, the capital of Chile. In 1945, I entered Saint George's College, a Catholic school recently acquired at the time by the Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province. Several priests and one brother provided a good example, dedication to hard work and community spirit. In 1951, the future Archbishop of Panama, Rev. Mark McGrath, C.S.C., arrived at St. George's College and was influential in developing in me a sense of vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Also Fr. Richard Teall, C.S.C., had an influence on me.

After graduation from St. George's in 1954, I entered law school at the University of Chile while also attending classes in philosophy at Catholic University.

In 1960 I joined the formation program which required entering the Novitiate in Jordan, Minn. I made first profession in 1961 and went on to acquire a Master's degree at Notre Dame. I returned to Chile in 1963. I studied theology at Catholic University of Chile and was ordained to the priesthood on September 15, 1967.

After a year of academic studies in Munster, I returned to Chile to teach at Catholic University

while also engaging in pastoral work in some of the parishes sponsored by the District of Chile. For a total of twelve years, I was district superior on two different occasions. An important task for the superior at that time was the struggle to recover St. George's College. The school had been intervened by the military government after the 1973 coup. An agreement was reached with the help of the Archbishop of Santiago, Cardinal Raúl Silva Henríquez, and the Congregation regained control of the institution after three years.

After my first term of six years as district superior, I went to Berkeley to resume my studies for a doctorate in theology. On my return to Chile, I was designated novice master, a post that I held for six years until being elected once again district superior. On finishing this second term as superior, I was named pastor of the parish of Nuestra Señora de la Merced in Calle Larga where I still live.

I am deeply thankful to my brothers and sisters of the Congregation for their help in allowing me to serve the Church and the Congregation in different apostolates and I ask God's mercy in my illness as I face these last years of my religious life.



REV. THOMAS ELLIOT, C.S.C.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Some of you may recall that I was ordained in my home parish, St. Teresa's in North Tarrytown. My mother insisted that her mother, then 96, could not travel to South Bend, Indiana. So, my mother, Filomena Angela Lofaro Elliott, called the Archdiocese of New York, and with the help of the local Archbishop, organized the first local Ordination in the diocese of New York in over 75 years.

Others of you may recall that my parents asked for over 2,000 invitations: 15 for my father's side of the family, and the remainder for my mother's Italian relatives. Doc Kenna gave the okay. My mother said that if we did not invite each and every blood kin, there would be a blood feud. Fortunately, all of the relatives in her and my grandparents generation are all now dead. So, only my immediate family, my sister, Marianne, and her husband, Bob Morin will be attending my Golden Jubilee.

My mother's Lofaro clan are from Calabria, Italy. They have the nickname "testa dura," or rock heads. My father's Elliott clan come from the border country of Scotland. They are part of the Scots called "steel bonnets." So, my stubborn ways are genetic. My parents lost their first three babies at birth. They were told that if my mother got pregnant again, she would die. My parents prayed for yet another baby, and as my father, Joseph Elliott told me, "we got you." So I'm an answer to my parent's prayers, and they had to live with me until I left for college at 17.

I went to Notre Dame because I wanted to get a Catholic education. As a public school kid, I was taught the Ten Commandments, especially the sixth and ninth. I wanted to learn more about my faith. At Notre Dame, in my first semester, I met the Congregation of Holy Cross, and learned that my grandfather misinformed me. San Giuseppi was not Italian from Loretto, Italy. In fact, St. Joseph was born in Israel. When I went back for

Christmas, my grandfather could not believe what those Indiana priests were teaching me.

At 19, I started my life in Holy Cross at St. Joe Hall. I entered the Novitiate in Jordan in 1960, with Fr. Bill Craddick, C.S.C., as our novice master, I asked him to represent the province at my Ordination as he had been a patient and good spiritual guide. I also began a work relationship with Br. Clarence Breitenbach, C.S.C., that continued through the years when he patiently helped me do my Novitiate assignments, and later as he and Br. Rod helped me set up the Archives.

After Novitiate I went to Moreau and then to Holy Cross. During my time in Washington, I studied history, which took me to do some research in the archives that were then housed in the Provincial House. Doc Kenna took notice and suggested that I become the Provincial Archivist. You religious understand what a provincial suggestion means.

After Ordination, I continued as Archivist for 10 years. I found outlets for pastoral work with the Brothers at Le Mans School, parish assistance at Holy Cross Parish in South Bend, with the team led by Fr. Bill Neidhart, C.S.C., a time as preacher at Fatima Retreat House with the team organized by Fr. Jim Trepanier, C.S.C. I later moved on to minister with Fr. Steve Sedlock, C.S.C., and his team at St. Stanislaus in South Bend. Steve encouraged me to work with the diocesan program for the divorce and widowed called New Beginnings. Those women and men further encouraged me to go into the ministry of Chaplaincy.

In 1985, I left South Bend for training in Hospital Chaplaincy in Boston. I stayed as the only Catholic Priest at University Hospital until 1990, when I moved on to reside with the Brothers at St. Francis High School, Mountainview, Calif., while working with the Daughters of Charity in their hospital in San Jose. I was part of a team of six women

religious, three of whom were not Daughters of Charity. All three changed from habits to lay clothes during the first summer I was there. The notice came down from the CEO that all religious must wear veils. I went up to the office and said while veils were never part of my community's tradition, nevertheless, I would buy a veil to wear the next day. The order was immediately rescinded.

From California I moved on to Rush, Presbyterian, St. Luke's hospital in Chicago. I did Sacramental Ministry for Catholics in that hospital and neighboring hospitals, about 2,000 patients in all. Thanks to the cooperation of the head nurses throughout the hospitals, I could anoint all who wanted to receive the Sacrament within one day of a patient's entering their hospital.

An opportunity came to join Fr. Bob Deleon, C.S.C., and his team at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, Conn. where I would be working for the Daughters of Charity, but with four other Sisters and Priests of Holy Cross. I started in January of 1995, and after Bob left to care for the Brothers in Valatie, New York, we were led by Fr. Bart Salter, C.S.C.

I left for my current apostolate as the priest of the convent for the retired School Sisters of Notre Dame in January, 2002. In November of 2001, Fr. Art Colgan, C.S.C. (now Bishop Colgan) was Eastern Province Provincial in Bridgeport. Art

called together all the Holy Cross Religious living in Connecticut to discuss the Vow of Poverty. Afterwards, he invited us and some friends to eat a steak dinner. One friend, who had worked with him in Peru, was a school Sister, now living in Wilton. She started to complain that it was no good to have a provincial for a buddy, if he could not find someone to be the house chaplain for the 150 religious living in the convent in Wilton. The next day, the head of my department fired me. So, I applied for the job in Wilton. The Provincial of the School Sisters called our Provincial in Chile and got permission to offer me the job. To this day, I have no written obedience to minister to the Sisters. I do have annual approval of my budget, so I guess I'm covered.

I want to especially thank John Ford, Tom Barrosse, Nick Ayo, Dave Burrell, Jose Martelli, Bob Nogosek, and Jim Burtchaell for their encouragement to study and pray with scripture.

I want to thank George Rozum, Claude Pomerleau, Jim Preskenis, John Korcsmar, Jim Rigert, and even Dick Zang, each of whom, in their own way helped me to develop a sense of humor.

And, of course, thanks to Tom Bertone who takes care of us old fogies.

REV. ROBERTO GILBO, C.S.C.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

As I look back over my life of the past 50 years as a Holy Cross priest in Chile and as a Chilean Holy Cross priest, and even further back than this last half century, what amazes me most is how the hand of God has always been present guiding me and protecting me during all of this time.

I was born in Alpena, Michigan, the fourth and last child of Carlton Gilbo and Rose Povish. I was baptized in St. Anne Church and attended the parochial school there. It was a time of numerous vocations to the priesthood. Each year from the three Alpena parishes, several young men left for the diocesan seminary. One of them was my cousin, who later became the bishop of Lansing, Michigan, Bishop Kenneth Povish. In spite of the fact that many years earlier two men from the town, Fr. Thomas Richards, C.S.C., and Fr. Christopher O'Toole, C.S.C., had become priests of Holy Cross, the Congregation was little known in Alpena. One day when I was in seventh grade, a vocational promoter from Holy Cross came to town and gave a talk in each of the three parochial grade schools. That was the beginning of my vocation to Holy Cross, as I now recognize the hand of God guiding me. The next year when I finished grade school at the age of 14, I left for Holy Cross Seminary at Notre Dame four hundred miles away. I know that would seem unheard of nowadays, but at that time it was very common. In fact, I remember that 65 of us entered the "little sem" that September 8th in 1954. The formation years passed by quickly, or at least now they seem to have passed quickly: four years at Holy Cross Seminary, the year at the novitiate in Jordan, Minnesota, four years of philosophy back at Notre Dame. During our last year at Moreau Seminary we were asked our preferences as to where we would like to study theology. The possibilities at that time were Holy Cross Mission Seminary or Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C., France, Rome or Santiago, Chile. Since I had come to know and appreciate the Chilean Holy Cross seminarians

while at Moreau Seminary, who at that time went to the U.S. for the novitiate and philosophy, I asked to go to Chile. Then came a second moment when I recognized the hand of God in my life. When I arrived in Chile on October 4, 1963, I somehow was certain that it was here that I would spend the rest of my life. For four years, I studied theology at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, while also having pastoral experience in our Holy Cross parishes in and around Santiago. I was ordained to the priesthood together with Fr. Fermín Donoso by Bishop Ramón Munita on September 15, 1967 in the chapel of the Seminario Pontificio Mayor.

The year after my Ordination to the priesthood, I became a naturalized Chilean citizen renouncing my U.S. citizenship (which the State Department took away some time later anyway), because I felt that I should be a citizen of the country where I intended to spend the rest of my life and as a way to commit myself to the Church in Chile and its people.

Five years later on September 11, 1973, a military coup led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet took place overthrowing the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende and in Chile we began to live under a long, and at least at first, very brutal military dictatorship that lasted seventeen years. During that time, several Holy Cross Religious were imprisoned for a short time and fourteen were expelled or forced to leave the country. Many times during those years I felt the hand of God protecting me.

During this half century of priestly ministry in Chile, I have been twice the pastor of San Roque Parish, near our new International House of Formation, for a total of sixteen years. For six years I was pastor of San Juan Bautista Parish, a neighboring parish of San Roque. I was also novice master for the District of Chile for eight years and district superior for six years. Now, for the last 22

years, I have been at the parish of Nuestra Señora de la Merced in Calle Larga, a small rural town that is the seat of the comuna (like a county in the U.S.) of 13,500 inhabitants and where the parish church and buildings, all completely of adobe, are 153 years old. Here we are five Holy Cross Priests who, besides the parish church in the town, attend the twelve chapels with their Christian communities that are scattered throughout this extensive comuna. Presently, besides being pastor of Calle Larga, I am also vicar general of the Diocese of San Felipe to which we belong.

Once again I recognize that after 28 years of priestly ministry in Santiago, a city of more than six million people, it was the hand of God, working through our district superior of the time, that brought me here 22 years ago, although at that time I was not aware of it.

REV. EDWARD KRAUSE, C.S.C.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr. Edward Krause is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, where his father, the legendary Edward “Moose” Krause, was Athletic Director for many years. After earning his Bachelor of Science in 1963, Father Krause did graduate work at the Gregorian University in Rome, where in 1967 he earned his Licentiate of Sacred Theology. After his Ordination as a Catholic priest that same year, Father Krause went on to complete his doctorate in Christian Social Ethics at Boston University in 1975 on “Democratic Process in the Thought of John Courtney Murray and Reinhold Neibuhr.”

Father Krause has taught ethics at Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts, Saint Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Indiana, and Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. In 1987, he received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship to study “Religion, Ethics, and Politics: Pius XII and the Jews” at Princeton University.

In addition to his position as “CESJ Counselor,” in which his counsel and advice are greatly valued, Father Krause is head of the Central Bureau of the Catholic Central Union of America in St. Louis, and edits their official journal, *Social Justice Review*.

Father Krause is on the Board of Directors and Chaplain of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists.

He is also on the board of the Scholars for Social Justice and a member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, and of the Catholic Health Association. He is past vice president of the Confraternity of Catholic Clergy, and former pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he was also Medical Moral Consultant for the Diocese of Erie.

Father Krause has appeared on EWTN, the Catholic media network founded by Mother Angelica, and has published articles in *Social Justice Review*, *Crisis*, *First Things*, *Faith and Reason*, the *New Oxford Review*, and the *National Catholic Register*, for which he served as contributing editor for many years. He wrote the introduction to CESJ’s “Paradigm Paper,” *Supporting Life: The Case for a Pro-Life Economic Agenda* (2010).

Father Krause is currently in residence at Holy Cross House at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.



REV. RICHARD POTTHAST, C.S.C.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

To my mother's great happiness, I was born on Father's Day, June 16, 1940 around noon. Shortly afterwards, I was baptized at St. Patrick's Church, South Bend, Indiana, by Father Joseph McGwire. When I was five years old, my sister Barbara was in first grade and I was kind of lonely. One day, my mother was ironing clothes and I started to pull on her clothes and asked, "What's the best thing you can become in life?" My mother, who just turned ninety-eight in February answered, "a priest" and I said, "that's what I want to be."

All my years of grade school were at Holy Cross, South Bend, and I entered Holy Cross Seminary on the campus of Notre Dame. I graduated from there and I spent one year in Jordan, Minnesota at the Novitiate. I made First Vows in 1959 and spent the next four years studying at Notre Dame, and afterwards at Holy Cross Foreign Mission Seminary, until I was ordained on May 21, 1967, at Notre Dame. It was a profound religious experience on that day and the joy and the peace is still with me. Almost immediately after Ordination, I headed for Uganda, East Africa. November 3, 1967, was my first day in Uganda, and I have spent my entire priesthood serving the people there, mostly as a pastor of two parishes, Butiiti and Kyarusozzi. I also did a one-year stint in the mountains near Kasese at the parishes of Nsenyi and Kasanga. When most of our men left the country during the trying years of Amin, some of us stuck it out and have witnessed a miracle in the growth of the East African District. Some of the gifts I came to Uganda with have served me well. I worked four summers on my uncle's farms where I learned all kinds of skills (also picked up barn yard language that Fr. Tom Smith says corrupts our seminarians). In the seminaries, I was always a driver, did some maintenance, and was in charge of the summer

camp at Land of Lakes. I knew a lot of about many things, which helped me in the missions. I also loved sports. Some of the minor accomplishments that I was able to do: to experiment with high lysine maize for CIMMYT, tomato growing, and other vegetables. During the bad years in Uganda, I became interested in soccer. I helped construct or redo about 30 football pitches, I had my own teams at Butiiti and Kyarusozzi and we won many trophies. I still am involved with the sport. With two others, I founded St. Joseph Hill Senior School that is developing into a very good school. I have planted thousands of trees in our parish and school lands. My friends helped us build a very beautiful Church at Kyarusozzi. I guess I am kind of a builder too. My most joyful moments are offering Mass and administering the Sacraments. I love my priesthood beyond anything one can imagine. Recently, I was privileged to lead a Mass before forty thousand people at the martyrs shrine at Katoosa (a diocesan celebration for St. Adolf Tibeyalirwa) and to pray for deliverance and healing after the Mass. We started at 10:00 p.m. and ended at 2:00 a.m. The joy that was present was incredible. One of my spiritual gifts is praying for people. Finally, after all these years as a pastor, Fr. Pat Neary, C.S.C., has asked me to take a few months off. (Some call it a sabbatical). I told him that I wanted to go fishing. Fr. Thomas Jones says the fish at Land of Lakes have heard about it and they are swimming south. Much of the accomplishments that I have had in the missions have been aided by so many people, friends and relatives in the States. They are numerous. I cannot say thank you, or thanks too many times. But I thank all of you who been a part of my life and ministry over the years. May Jesus bless all of you.



REV. RICHARD WARNER, C.S.C.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

I was born on June 10, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio to Victor Henry Warner (deceased 1974) and Vivian Rose Warner (deceased 1990). One of five children, my siblings Janet Vivian Twiggs, Henry Edward Twiggs, and Victor Henry Warner, Jr., who are deceased. My sister, Joanne Marie Warner and I now surviving.

I also have a number of immediate family members, many who are living and helping me celebrate this Golden Jubilee: Lynn Marie Ambroggi and Thomas Ambroggi; Nicole Ambroggi and Bryan Ambroggi; Laura Louise Brady and Jeffrey Brady (deceased); Shannon and Charles Raley, Megan Brady, Mary Angel Brady (deceased), Molly Brady; Diane Denise and Richard Salle; Lisa Ann and Anthony Buck; Rachael and Lauren; Keith Alan and M. Paulina Twiggs.

My secondary education was provided by the Brothers of Holy Cross at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio. After graduation, I entered the Holy Cross seminary at the University of Notre Dame where I completed my undergraduate studies. I entered the Novitiate in Jordan, Minnesota on August 15, 1958, Jordan, Minnesota, pronounced First Vows on August 16, 1959, professed my Final Vows on August 16, 1962, and was ordained to the priesthood on December 17, 1966.

I studied theology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile from 1963 to 1966 where I received a bachelor's degree and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology. After Ordination, I spent six years teaching and in administration at Saint George's College in Santiago, Chile. I also worked part-time in the initial formation program of the District of Chile for two years.

In 1973, I was appointed steward of the Indiana Province and served in that capacity for six years under the leadership of Father William Lewers, C.S.C. During that time, a number of changes were made to the assessment system for financing

province expenses. Changes were also instituted at Ave Maria Press under the direction of Father John Reedy, C.S.C., longtime editor and publisher of the Ave Maria Press magazine, which later became syndicated.

In 1979, I was elected Provincial of the Indiana Province, an office I held for nine years. In this capacity as provincial, I served as an ex officio member of the Board of Fellows and the Board of Trustees.

During my years as Provincial, significant changes were taking place in the Congregation's districts as well as in its institutions. In Chile, the military continued their relative control over the full independence of St. George's College, but negotiated settlements eventually led to the Congregation's return to full apostolic responsibility. In Uganda, the members of the District were encouraged to develop formation programs with local religious, and the presence of the Congregation of Holy Cross was extended to Nairobi and other portions of East Africa.

Houses of Hospitality were established in Phoenix and the Bay Area to provide opportunities to work with Holy Cross Religious and lay volunteers and collaborators.

Formation opportunities in the United States were diversified with new formation programs developing in Berkeley and some additional areas in East Africa. A Mission Center to support the work of the Congregation in East Africa and Bangladesh was created at Moreau Seminary based on the sale of the Holy Cross Mission Center in Washington. In addition, as a result of the work of the 1973 chapter and beyond, the health care presence at Holy Cross House continued to improve.

A parochial consultative chapter was established to bring together religious working in parishes in the United States. Province Assemblies

were created for the religious of the province at Notre Dame and Portland as well as in each of the districts.

In Bangladesh, the Districts of Dhaka and Chittagong were united and these united districts were subsequently joined with the District of Dhaka.

In 1988, I was appointed Counselor to the President of the University of Notre Dame. The following year, I was appointed Director of Campus Ministry, serving in both roles concurrently until 2004. I continued as Director of Campus Ministry until 2010, when I was elected Superior General of the Congregation.

At the 2004 General Chapter, I was appointed to the General Council, and in that role, I developed and then chaired the Solidarity Commission, which raised resources to support the Congregation's ministries in the developing world. I also developed and chaired the Solidarity Commission which was approved by the 2004 General Chapter, a vehicle which permitted the Congregation to provide millions of dollars to support the work of Holy Cross in service to the poor around the world.

In the 2010 General Chapter, I was elected the 12th Superior General of Holy Cross. Following the Chapter's decrees, I devoted my administration to structural and financial planning, the fruits of which were presented to the 2016 General Chapter. I also called the Congregation to a renewal of its religious life based upon the Founder's charism as described in his writings. During a time of structural changes, I strengthened overseas ministries and developed numerous new ones in many countries of the world including the United States, Canada, East Asia, and parts of Africa.

One of my Administration's key projects was the establishment of the International Shrine

of Blessed Basile Moreau at the Church of Notre-Dame de Sainte-Croix in Le Mans, France. I also broadened the involvement and participation of all sectors in the governance of the Congregation at a number of levels as part of the significant efforts to create and promote a congregational perspective rather than one limited to the needs of each jurisdiction. With the assistance of Father Scully, I led the Congregation's efforts to rebuild Haiti following the devastating earthquake in 2010.

In 2013-2014, I developed and presided over the complete renovation of the Holy Cross Generalate in Rome adding significant space to visitors and guests, as well as making the Congregation's international headquarters better suited to serve the growing internationalization of Holy Cross.

Throughout my six years as superior general, numerous financial and planning proposals were developed for discussion and adoption by the 2016 General Chapter.

In addition to Congregation and University-related duties, I served for twenty-seven years as the Chairman of the Board of the Center for the Homeless in South Bend, Indiana, as well as Chairman of the Board of Memorial Health Systems for seven years where I continue to be actively involved. I also served as a Trustee and Fellow of the University of Notre Dame, and currently serve as a Trustee Emeritus as well as Senior Pastoral Adviser with the Alliance for Catholic Education - Institute for Educational Initiatives.





REV. BRUCE CECIL, C.S.C.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr. Bruce Cecil, CSC, was born in Louisville, Ky., and spent most of his childhood in Kentucky and Southern Indiana, where he attended Catholic elementary schools and a public high school. He completed a double major in Journalism and Political Science in 1979 at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN., along with a certification in high school teaching. He then worked 1 year as a reporter at the Evansville Press newspaper and 4 years as an editor at the Indianapolis Star newspaper. Next, Fr. Bruce completed a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN., and worked briefly in engineering for General Motors Corp. in Detroit, MI, and Lockheed Aerospace Corp. in Mountain View, CA. He then joined Holy Cross and spent a year during seminary at Holy Cross' parish in Monterrey, Mexico, where he learned Spanish. After final vows and ordination,

Fr. Bruce spent his transitional deacon year and 2 years as a newly ordained priest at St. Stephen's Parish in South Bend, IN, where he worked as associate pastor and youth minister, serving a mixed Spanish and Hungarian community. In 1995, Fr. Bruce became pastor of a mostly Hispanic parish outside Phoenix, AZ, Blessed Sacrament in Tolleson, AZ. In 1999, Fr. Bruce became pastor at a large Hispanic parish in Coachella, CA (near Palm Springs), Our Lady of Soledad. In 2010, Fr. Bruce spent a sabbatical year in Rome. From 2011 to now, Fr. Bruce has worked as a teacher and chaplain at Moreau Catholic High School, a Holy Cross school in Hayward, CA (near San Francisco), where he teaches world history and theology. He also helps coach the school's water polo team in the fall and its mock trial team in the spring.



REV. PETER JARRET, C.S.C.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

It is funny how our lives are marked by “before” and “after” moments that often emerge in hindsight. I remember sitting in my dorm room in Flanner Hall early on in my senior year at Notre Dame. Since I was a child the idea of being a priest had floated in and out of my consciousness, but I’d always successfully squashed it. As my time at ND began to draw to a close, however, the “gnawingness” of the idea became consuming, and on a particular September day in 1985, after spending weeks working up the courage to go talk to someone about it, I headed over to the Campus Ministry office in the library. The receptionist showed me into Fr. André Léviellé’s office, who listened to me for a half hour or so. He then proclaimed with utter conviction, “Peter, I think you have a vocation.” (I later learned this was a standard tactic for the former vocation director!). In many ways, that moment marked my life as a distinct dividing line, and I am forever grateful for it.

The “before” of that moment began on June 1, 1964 when I was born, the youngest of seven. I grew up in Narragansett, Rhode Island until I left for ND in the Fall of 1982. My father had died while I was in high school, and Notre Dame, and the priests, brothers and friends I found there provided a good place to heal and grow into my own. The “after” began while sitting in the small chapel in Flanner Hall, shortly after meeting with Fr. André. Since a 9th grade school trip to the Oratory in Montreal, I’d carried a holy card of Br. André in my wallet. As I sat in the chapel, I stared at the same picture from

that card hanging on the wall, and for the first time made the connection between that holy man in Montreal and the community at Notre Dame. That realization answered for me the question of where I belonged - with my home diocese or with this band of men. It is another moment for which I am profoundly grateful.

For the past 25 years, I have been privileged to serve with and among amazing people. Someone said once that our religious vocation saves us, and I know that to be true in my life. I am a much better person as a Holy Cross Priest than I might otherwise have been, and I am grateful to God for taking the risk on me and for putting me in the midst of so many wonderful people.

In these 25 years, I have served as associate pastor of Christ the King Parish, pastor at Pius X in Granger, Indiana, rector of Keough Hall at Notre Dame, Counselor to the President under Fr. Monk Malloy, superior of Corby Hall and most recently as rector of Moreau Seminary. I currently serve under our Provincial, Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., as one of his assistants. I also gratefully serve on the boards of the University of Portland and Stonehill College. I have never asked for an assignment I’ve had, and truth be told I have panicked at some. But I have been blessed with wonderful mentors and friends at every stage and in every place, and as Jesus promised would happen, I have received much more than I have given. Thank you to my brothers in Holy Cross, my family and the great friends these 25 years have brought into my life.



REV. JAMES PHALAN, C.S.C.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

I was ordained a priest in a 450-year-old Spanish colonial church in a village on the shores of Lake Titicaca in High Plateau of the Andes Mountains in Southern Peru. The ceremony was bilingual: in Spanish and the language of the local indigenous culture, Aymara. The date was February 29! Certainly it was an unusual event. Some might call it strange. For me it was a milestone, obviously: notably of how the Lord has loved me and guided me with such particular care.

I have always seen my life as a search for God, but even more as His search for me. In spite of my sincerity, His search has often been in spite of my getting in my own way. After 66 years of life and 25 as an ordained religious of the Congregation of Holy Cross, my life is ever more focused on loving God more single-heartedly and distilling some wisdom so I can learn humility for selfless service.

I professed my vows in Holy Cross and was ordained a bit older than is usual. I had arrived at that point with some years of study of the religions of the world and monastic experience. During the Novitiate, a strong desire emerged in me to minister among the poor, so to serve them but also to ground me more in their experience of abandonment to God. I was very grateful that my superiors were happy to send me to our mission in Peru.

This began what has been a long and very rich experience of the Church in many cultures and parts of the world for which I am deeply grateful. I soon found my way to what have been the major foci of my life as a priest. Serving first in the Aymara culture of southern Peru for several years formed me in Sacramental ministry in a place that was very different from the world I knew, so I had to look deeply and not take things for granted. Pastoral service that meant being ready for anything in a world in which I was an outsider trained me in compassion.

Then came a dozen years or so of working in formation with our young Latin American

Religious. I am one of those strange people who have loved working in formation. I loved that I was always challenged to the same authenticity that we call our young people to! Journeying with them and sharing their struggles and growth in Christ is a great blessing.

In Peru, I discovered my call to consecrate my life and ministry to Our Lady, an aspect of my life which continues to deepen now after about 23 years of service in the Family Rosary. The variety of avenues for creativity has made the ministry fascinating and enriching. But most importantly has been the ever deeper experience of Mary as my mother, the Mother of the Church with whom I grow ever closer to Jesus as I invite others to do the same!

In 2007, I was asked to leave my residency in Peru to work in the international coordination of Family Rosary, giving me an extraordinary experience of the Congregation and the Church around the world for which I am profoundly thankful. After that period, that long journey, I am blessed to settle for a while in our Family Rosary mission in France, based at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. I hear a lot of confessions at Lourdes, where people come to open their hearts. It has become one of the most profoundly grace-filled facets of my service as a priest.

After 25 years of priesthood, I just want the essentials: prayer, Sacraments, preaching, generous hospitality toward others, and celebrating life! I want to live for Jesus so that, with and like Mary, I may become united to His Heart and be made like Him. That way, as He wills, I may draw others in too.



REV. KEVIN SPICER, C.S.C.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

I hail from the greater Washington, D.C. area. As a high school student, I attended Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Maryland, sponsored by the Eastern Province of Holy Cross Brothers, now the Moreau Province. There I witnessed and experienced the dedication of so many Holy Cross Religious as teachers. Over time, I felt drawn to this beautifully integrated and communitarian life the Brothers were living out as religious and teachers. At the same time, I felt called to the priesthood and, with the brothers' support, I pursued my calling by entering the former Eastern Province's candidate program at Stonehill College. There I declared history as my major. Upon graduation, I completed the required Novitiate in Waterford, NY and theological studies at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, Ontario and was ordained in 1992. The Congregation of Holy Cross supported my apostolic call to become a historian and professor and afforded me the opportunity to attend graduate school in history at Boston College, in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. There I studied the history of modern Germany, specializing in church-state relations during National Socialism and the Holocaust.

My vocation as a priest and the apostolic ministry in which I engage as a professor of history are intertwined and incredibly rewarding. As a professor, I am required not only to teach, but also to write and publish in my area of specialty. As a priest, I was and still am intrigued to learn how ordinary clergy responded to Nazism. At first, I investigated this question in the diocese of Berlin, Germany, and produced the book, *Resisting the Third Reich: The Catholic Clergy in Hitler's Berlin*. In this book I describe a very mixed record for Berlin's priests - a few resisted, a few embraced Nazism, but the majority stood by remaining silent bystanders or resisting only when the state limited the freedom of their pastoral ministry. The group who embraced Nazism raised my curiosity enough

to research this topic even more in numerous archives throughout Germany. The result is my second book, *Hitler's Priests: Catholic Clergy and National Socialism*, which details those 138 priests who openly supported National Socialism. Theirs is a tragic story of warped, distorted Catholicism, but of Christianity nonetheless, permeated by extreme nationalism and antisemitism. Currently, I am engaged in two book projects. The first, *The Evil that Surrounds Us: The World War II Memoir of Erna Becker-Kohen* (to be published by Indiana University Press in September 2017), I co-translated and co-edited with a fellow historian, Martina Cucchiara. This book is the harrowing memoir of a Catholic of Jewish heritage on the run from the Gestapo in southern Bavaria and Tirol. The second, a longer ranging project, investigates the history of Jews and Catholics in Germany during the Weimar Republic and National Socialist rule.

As both a priest and educator, I feel called not only to research and teach about the past, but also actively to engage both Christians and non-Christians, in an ongoing dialogue regarding the legacy of National Socialism and questions surrounding that legacy. Both regionally through the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Committee of Stonehill College and nationally through the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations (CCJR), I participate in Jewish-Christian dialogue. Through these groups, I work for greater understanding, healing, and a more positive future for Christians and Jews.

I am thankful to Holy Cross for allowing me to live my calling as a priest, an educator and as a scholar for these past twenty-five years. Such a calling has put my faith and hope into action and in service of the Gospel's mandate to proclaim truth, justice, and compassion.



REV. ANTHONY SZAKALY, C.S.C.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

I was born April 25, 1960 in South Bend, Indiana, the youngest of four boys. I am a total educational product of Holy Cross. I was taught by the Holy Cross Sisters at St. Joseph Grade School, the Holy Cross Brothers at St. Joseph High School and the Holy Cross Priests at the University of Notre Dame, all within walking distance of my family home. I am what is known as a “triple domer,” having three degrees from Notre Dame. I received a Bachelor of Arts in 1982 and a Master of Business of Administration in 1985 before entering the seminary and earning a Master of Divinity in 1991. I made my Final Vows in Holy Cross in August of 1991 and was ordained a priest in April of 1992. My first assignment as a priest was as associate pastor at St. Clement’s Parish in Hayward, California. In 1995, I was assigned as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, Indiana, the parish where I attended grammar school. In 2003, Fr. David Tyson, C.S.C., the newly elected provincial of the Indiana Province, asked me to be assistant provincial and steward of the Province. In that role, I supervised the finances of the entire province in the U.S., Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Mexico and Chile. I traveled extensively in these areas visiting our priests and brothers in their various works and ministries. After the Indiana Province and the Eastern Province of Holy Cross merged in 2011, I continued in my role as assistant provincial and steward until my term in office ended with the election of a new provincial in 2012. I was then assigned to Stonehill College as the Superior of the Holy Cross Priests and Brothers

in the Easton area in July of 2012. In addition, I now serve the College as the Director of Campus Ministry and the Alumni Chaplain.

As Superior of the local Holy Cross Community in Easton, I serve on the Board of Fellows and the Board of Incorporators of Stonehill College. In addition, I currently serve as the Chairman of the Board of Ave Maria Press, the publishing company that Holy Cross owns at Notre Dame, Indiana. On the Provincial level, I also serve on the Finance Committee and the Properties Committee. On the Congregational level, I have served on the Finance Committee and the Financial Planning Task Force. While I was pastor at St. Joseph, I served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as chairman of the Diocesan Endowment Trust, and as a member of the Diocesan School Board, the Diocesan Building Committee and the Diocesan Capital Campaign Committee.

I feel blessed by my 25 years as priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross. I’ve done things I never would have dreamed of being able to do. I’ve never had an assignment that I sought, but I’ve loved every single one of them. I am ever grateful to my parents, John and Jeanne, for their love and their witness of fidelity and to my brothers Marty, Chris and Dan for their unwavering support of my vocation.

