

Your Favorite Page ... Undeniable Adult Truths

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How the heck are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
7. Mapquest really needs to start their directions on # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
10. Bad decisions make good stories.
11. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after BluRay? I don't want to have to restart my collection... again.
13. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-

page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.

14. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
15. I think the freezer deserves a light as well.
16. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Miller Lite than Kay.
17. I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger.
18. How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand a word they said?
19. I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!
20. Shirts get dirty. Underwear gets dirty. Pants? Pants never get dirty, and you can wear them forever.
21. Sometimes I'll look down at my watch 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is.
22. Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.

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AUGUST APPEAL

Educational, health care, and mission needs continue to grow for Holy Cross. Your contribution is a tremendous asset to our work, and a direct participation in the development of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

I promise you the prayers and remembrances of the CSC priests and brothers, especially those who live at Fatima and Holy Cross House. Add to that the prayers of the seminarians, and I'm confident that blessings will be yours in abundance.

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Greetings, my friend!

Change, change, and more change!

On July 1st, the merger of the Indiana Province of Priests and the Eastern Province of Priests became official, and we are now known as the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers.

By way of footnote (and maybe by way of a little hint too), for those who have remembered "*Priests of Holy Cross Indiana Province*" in your Wills or Bequests, there is no need to make a change. The former title will exist indefinitely in the background for precisely these kinds of situations. If you wish to include us at some point in the future, use the new title.

Alrighty, change in the seminary. Six novices made their First Profession in July, and will return to Moreau Seminary to start their theological studies. Ten men will be heading to the Novitiate in August. Thirteen to fourteen new candidates are anticipated in the Candidate Program, and I think 20 men will be in the Old College Program. So as you can see, our Vocation Directors have been just as busy as Coach Kelly (ND football head coach).

Holy Cross House has also been deeply affected by change. After months with no funeral, it seems like Heaven suddenly opened up to receive new residents. First it was **Brother Thomas Krieter, CSC** on June 11th. Brother Tom served for years in administrative duties in the old Southern Province and later in the Indiana Province. On July 6th, **Rev. Frank Toste, CSC** died. Frank loved cinema and drama and taught it for many years. He was most proud of his affiliation with the film *Love Story*, in which he had a speaking role, and he was also a technical director for the *M*A*S*H* TV series.

Then on July 10th came **Rev. Ambrose "Amby" Wheeler, C.S.C.** I had the pleasure of living with Amby for several years at Fatima House, and he was a character...an Irishman through and through. Amby taught biology for many years at the University of Portland, and was also a teacher and rector at Notre Dame College in Dacca, Bangladesh. Two days later, on July 12th, **Archbishop Charles A. Schleck, C.S.C.** was called home. For 30 plus years in Rome, the archbishop worked in various administrative roles in the Sacred Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

Finally, on July 16th, **Rev. Robert C. Steigmeyer, CSC** celebrated his birth into eternal life. Bob was another resident of Fatima House with whom I lived, and was notorious for his mealtime jokes. We knew something was wrong when he stopped joking. Bob's ministry spanned 30-some years in Dacca, Bangladesh, and when he was forced to leave that country returned to the US and served many years as a hospital chaplain.

In the last *Links* I mentioned a possible change for myself, and that has come to pass. I was given permission to move to the Sanctuary of St. Paul, a retirement campus on the south side of South Bend. While living there, I will serve as a part-time priest-in-residence, responsible mostly for sacramental ministry. **I will continue writing for the Association** for at least another year. I love living there and working with those folks...it's like a new lease on life and ministry for me, and hopefully that will be reflected in these newsletters and in the acknowledgment letters for your gifts.

Oh yes...the pages inside...just wanted to do something different for a change. Since schools are starting up, it's only fair that you "suffer" along with the youngsters. No cheating now!!! For sure, it will hopefully expose you to some elements of the Old Testament that are new to you. In October (the time of mid-term exams in school), I'll give you a quiz on the New Testament!

With that, I bid you adieu for the time being!

Be God's smile for someone today!

Fr. Herb

☺/Hugs!

So, You Think You Know the Old Testament?

1. On Day One of Creation, what did God do?

- A. Made dry land appear
- B. Divided the waters under the firmament
- C. Divided the light from the darkness
- D. Gathered together the waters into seas

2. Who named the animals?

- A. God
- B. Adam
- C. Eve
- D. Noah

3. What kind of leaves did Adam and Eve use in an attempt to cover their nakedness?

- A. Fig
- B. Banana
- C. Palm
- D. Olive

4. Who was Adam and Eve's first son?

- A. Seth
- B. Abel
- C. Cain
- D. Lamech

5. Who is the oldest person in the Bible?

- A. Enos
- B. Mahalaleel
- C. Enoch
- D. Methuselah

6. What was the first bird Noah sent forth from the ark?

- A. Dove
- B. Raven
- C. Nuthatch
- D. Eagle

7. When was the first Passover?

- A. 620 B.C
- B. 33 A.D
- C. When Israel entered the Promised Land .
- D. When Israel was still in bondage in Egypt .

8. How many plagues afflicted Egypt?

- A. 15
- B. 9
- C. 10
- D. 13

9. Who was the first person to build an altar for sacrifices to the Lord?

- A. Abraham
- B. Isaac
- C. Jacob
- D. Noah

10. In what land did Job live?

- A. Oz
- B. Id
- C. Uz
- D. Ur

11. What kind of disease struck Job?

- A. Leprosy
- B. Blindness
- C. Madness
- D. Boils

12. Job opened his mouth and cursed the day. Then what did he wish?

- A. That he could die.
- B. That he could sleep.
- C. That he had never been born.
- D. That he could be healed.

13. Who was the first person to offer bread and wine to God?

- A. Solomon
- B. Melchizedek
- C. Jesus
- D. Elijah

14. Who led the Israelites into Canaan?

- A. Moses
- B. Caleb
- C. Jephunneh
- D. Joshua

15. To what Canaanite tribe did the giant Goliath belong?

- A. Philistines
- B. Jebusites
- C. Egyptians
- D. Hittites

16. Which former King of Israel tried to kill David out of envy?

- A. Joash
- B. Soloman
- C. Ahab
- D. Saul

17. David was hiding in the back of a cave when Saul entered the same cave. Why did Saul enter the cave?

- A. To get some sleep
- B. To relieve himself
- C. To hide from David
- D. To look for a cache of weapons

18. How did David's son Absalom die?

- A. Caught in a tree by his hair
- B. His head was cut off by a Philistine
- C. Killed by his own captain
- D. Three darts thrust into his heart

19. Who was the mother of King Solomon?

- A. Michal
- B. Bathsheba
- C. Rachel
- D. Abigail

20. One of the following is NOT an Old Testament prophet.

- A. Ezra
- B. Nehemiah
- C. Naaman
- D. Habbakuk

21. What lost item did the prophet Elisha cause to float to the surface of the Jordan River?

- A. Wedding ring
- B. Ax head
- C. Perfume vial
- D. Valuable coin

22. He woke up under a tree and found an angel had cooked food for him?

- A. Elijah
- B. Hosea
- C. Haggai
- D. Jeremiah

23. Ezra was a _____ before he became a prophet?

- A. poet
- B. scribe
- C. carpenter
- D. tax collector

24. Which prophet married a prostitute because God told him to?

- A. Haggai
- B. Habakkuk
- C. Hasigomi
- D. Hosea

25. In the Song of Songs, the bride exclaims: "My lover is like a _____"

- A. Stallion
- B. Hero
- C. Gazelle
- D. Hawk

26. In the Song of Songs, the lover describes his beloved's teeth as _____.

- A. a castle's ramparts
- B. Ivory piano keys
- C. a flock of ewes
- D. white diamonds

27. Which prophet declared himself to be "a man of unclean lips"?

- A. Micah
- B. Hosea
- C. Isaiah
- D. Amos

28. In Isaiah, which pair of animals will lie down together when the Root of Jesse comes?

- A. Leopards and goats
- B. Vipers and mice
- C. Geese and lambs
- D. Calves and colts

29. In what Book will you find the story of the mother and seven sons killed for refusing to eat pork?

- A. Sadducees
- B. Maccabees
- C. Essenes
- D. Busybees

30. When Jonah finally went to the city where God sent him, how long was that city given to repent?

- A. 1 hour
- B. 3 days
- C. 40 days
- D. 144 days

31. What was the reason that Daniel was thrown into the lion's den?

- A. For blasphemy against God
- B. For speaking against the king
- C. For praying
- D. For worshipping idols

32. Proverbs tells us there are four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: ants, conies, locusts, and...

- A. grasshoppers
- B. spiders
- C. cockroaches
- D. lizards

33. The last book of the Old Testament is

- A. Lamentations
- B. Revelation
- C. Malachi
- D. Ecclesiastes

34. How many Books of the Old Testament are named after women?

- A. None
- B. 1
- C. 3
- D. 5

35. How many Psalms are there?

- A. 100
- B. 90
- C. 120
- D. 150

And the answers are...

- 1. C (Gen 1.4)
- 2. B (Gen 2.20)
- 3. A (Gen 3.7)
- 4. C (Gen 4.1)
- 5. D (Gen 5.27)
- 6. B (Gen 8.7)
- 7. D (Ex 12)
- 8. C (Ex 11.1)
- 9. D (Gen 8.20)
- 10. C (Job 1.1)
- 11. D (Job 2.8)
- 12. C (Job 3.1)
- 13. B (Gen 14.18)
- 14. D (Joshua 1)
- 15. A (1 Sam 17.4)
- 16. D (1 Sam 18.8)
- 17. B (1 Sam 24.3)
- 18. A (2 Sam 18.9)
- 19. B (2 Sam 12.24)
- 20. C (He was a general)
- 21. B (2 Kings 6.6)
- 22. A (1 Kings 19.6)
- 23. B (Ezra 7.6)
- 24. D (Hosea 1.2)
- 25. C (Song 2.3)
- 26. C (Song 4.2)
- 27. C (Is 6.5)
- 28. A (Is 11.6)
- 29. B (2 Mac 7)
- 30. C (Jon 3.4)
- 31. C (Dan 6.12)
- 32. D (Pro 30.24)
- 33. C
- 34. C (Ruth, Judith, Esther)
- 35. D

30-35 correct: You're a Biblical scholar, aren't you?
 20-30 correct: You are a master of Old Testament trivia.
 10-20 correct: You're good with the basics.
 Less than 10: What can I say?