NBER, that leads me to the flip side of my axe. Have unions overachieved? Absolutely—entirely or only sector by sector as opposed to private sector unions such as automakers, tobacco, airlines, etc. They have fought for their own worst enemies by incessant and sometimes ridiculous demands. While they demand that corporations work for the common good, they’ve often forgotten their own obligation to their employees. This solidarity must be present with the workers. This solidarity must be present with management. The UAW is a fraction that simply could not be sustained. Promises of worker benefits that could not be sustained and that corporations no longer could or would want to guarantee.

In his statement, Bishop Listecki did favor union rights and duties of each social partner: those of workers. John Paul starts off by looking at the relationship between labor and the workplace. He said that as Catholics, it’s possible to see both sides, and that the dictatorship of relativism cannot agree on what the word ‘fair’ means. What is left is the emotion which displays itself over and over again with increased lack of civility.

Bishop Morlino urged Catholics of the Madison Diocese to consider the fairness issue… and this is exactly what the governors and legislators of those states have...
Sixtieth Anniversary of Ordination
Rev. Thomas F. McNally, C.S.C.
Rev. Joseph S. Peixotto, C.S.C.
Rev. Thomas E. Blantz, C.S.C.
Bro. Edward C. Luther, C.S.C.
Rev. Thomas G. Streit, C.S.C.
Rev. Robert G. Simon, C.S.C.
Rev. Bakul S. Rozario, C.S.C.
Rev. Mark B. Thesing, C.S.C.
Bro. James H. Miller, C.S.C.
Rev. Robi H. Gomes, C.S.C.

Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of Religious Profession
Most Rev. Charles A. Schleck, C.S.C.
Congregation of Holy Cross
Most Rev. Ponen P. Kubi, C.S.C.
Rev. Thomas C. Tallardo, C.S.C.
Rev. John V. VandenBosche, C.S.C.

Sixtieth Anniversary of Religious Profession
Bro. Herman F. Zacarelli, C.S.C.

Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination
Rev. Thomas E. Chambers, C.S.C.
Rev. Ernest J. Bartell, C.S.C.
Rev. Thomas E. Illiuntz, C.S.C.
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Rev. Donald F. Guerin, C.S.C.
Rev. Thomas F. McNally, C.S.C.
Rev. Joseph S. Peixotto, C.S.C.
Rev. Richard J. Segreve, C.S.C.
Rev. Robert G. Simon, C.S.C.

Fiftieth Anniversary of Religious Profession
Bro. Herman J. Miller, C.S.C.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Ordination
Rev. Robi H. Gomez, C.S.C.
Most Rev. Ponen P. Kubi, C.S.C.
Rev. Francis J. Murphy, C.S.C.
Rev. Elias Palma, C.S.C.
Rev. Bakul S. Rozario, C.S.C.
Rev. Thomas G. Streit, C.S.C.
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Your favorite page…….

Greetings, my friend!

I hope this newsletter comes to you nice and crisp! It has been raining so much here in the Midwest that everything is soggy. Even the flowers are drooping! I'm sure they'll perk up for summer and warm weather!

The picture of Mt. Rainier is going to be reinserted to Holy Cross from May 4-11, hopefully to enjoy a very warm vacation with the folks.

My prayers and the prayers of the community go out to all who have been affected by the viscous weather and the fires that have characterized this Spring so far. Given the war and the economic distress we all are involved in, it might just feel like a perfect storm is overwhelming or threatening to overtake our lives. Many will ask: “What is God trying to tell us?” Our Father is not a destroyer. He is our ever-present help in time of need. All that is happening is due either to the natural processes of Mother Nature, or to human-induced and greed. The proper question might be: “What are we doing to ourselves?”

There is much going on in Holy Cross these days also. On Saturday April 30th, Paul Verna, C.S.C. and John Anthony Bottoms, C.S.C. were ordained to the priesthood. On Memorial Day weekend, 27 Holy Cross religious, 10 from the United States Province and 17 from the Eastern Province, celebrate their 60th, 50th, and 25th years of ordination, as well as the 60th of 50 years of religious profession. That is a lot of history! I’ve learned many inside and outside your community are doing for their prayers.

From June 3-13, there will be a session of the Assembly of the Members of the Eastern Province and Priests and Brothers. This will be a face-to-face meeting with the new Eastern Province leadership to establish a strategic plan for the future of the Eastern Province. The meeting will involve the merging of the Eastern Province into the Indiana Province. At that time, we will conclude the Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers.

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Already changes are being made in preparation for the merger. You will see new logos and letterheads, for example. Unfortunately you will hear more about my brothers from the Eastern Province and the good work they do for the mission of Holy Cross. These are

- If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.
- Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know the facts.

I pray you have a happy and safe summer, with time for some relaxation, even if it be just sitting in the backyard with a beer or ice tea or margarita! If gas prices stay as high as they are, there’s not gonna be a whole lotta travelling!

May 17, 2011

Love deeply, pray faithfully, laugh often!