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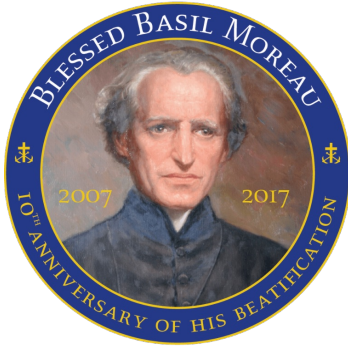
Our Mission Sends us Across Borders of Every Sort

Happy 10th Anniversary Blessed Basil Moreau!

The month of September holds many important dates for the Congregation, from new finally professed religious in Haiti and the United States, new academic years beginning for many parts of the Congregation, to our many celebrations across the world of the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Congregation's patroness.

Last Friday, September 15th, we had the great gift of celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our founder's, Fr. Basil Moreau, beatification by order of Pope Benedict XVI. Fr. Moreau was elevated to status of Blessed on September 15, 2007 in Le Mans, France. The Congregation extensively prepared for this joyous day and celebrations were held around the globe to honor Blessed Moreau. These celebrations remembered the joy experienced 10 years ago and the hope which infuses the work and ministries of Holy Cross. For additional information about the preparations, please visit the [Congregation's News page](#). For resources, such as reflections, prayers, images, and much more, visit the [Congregation's Moreau Anniversary page](#). Located in the Church of Notre Dame - Sainte Croix, in LeMans, France, is the shrine to Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C.; here is a link to the [Shrine](#). Feel free to click on this page and follow developments in Le Mans as they occur. Blessed Moreau's ministry and vision remain an inspiration to men and women who live his vision of bringing hope to others. Blessed Moreau's ministry and vision remain an inspiration to men and women who live his vision of bringing hope to others.

As sons and daughters of Blessed Basil Moreau, and sisters and brothers in Christ, may we pray for all those in our world suffering from war, violence, natural disasters and hatred; let us pray we will be those who can bring Hope and share the Love of God to those who suffer.



Blessed Basil Moreau, pray for us!

"Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

- Psalm 34:15

Holy Cross Mission Center Peace Posters - Now Available!

Peace was given by Christ to his disciples and all whom he met; we continue to seek peace through our interactions with others and by giving ourselves over to the needs of others. Today our world is plagued with much unrest, injustice and violence; the HCMC is setting its sights on working toward a more peaceful global community through educating about global



conflict and hardships facing the Congregation where it serves. We encourage ongoing education and prayer for Peace. Promoting Peace and offering assistance in establishing Peace Studies for our secondary and parish schools around the world, is one of the ways in which the work of the Mission Center hopes to advance with new projects serving the entire Congregation of Holy Cross. The HCMC commissioned the new PEACE panels to promote the need for Peace. Surrounding our Cross and Anchor, Spes Unica - The Cross Our Only Hope, the universality of the need for Peace is expressed in 11 languages representing almost every corner of the world where Holy Cross serves. With the desire to share this with you, and to remind all of us of our internationality and need to pursue Peace, we are making these sets of posters available to others who wish to display them. Help us spread Peace and work toward Heaven on Earth.

Each set contains three posters. If anyone can identify the 11 languages, please contact us for your prize! In the next newsletter we will provide the answer. If you would like to receive a set of these beautiful posters to display in your hallway, office, school, community house, or parish, please fill out the [Peace Poster Request Form](#). They may inspire new conversations, insights and learning for anyone in your communities and ministries.



Mission Appeals 2017

***"The generous will prosper;
those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."
~ Proverbs 11:25***

Spreading the message of the Holy Cross Mission Center and welcoming the faithful to participate in international mission work is an essential element of work for the HCMC. It is through Parish Mission Appeals, this year in more than 30 parishes in 10 dioceses throughout the United States we are able to share the work of Holy Cross and gain additional resources to aid the diverse needs of our international mission in the countries we serve.

The generosity of dioceses, pastors, and parishioners is helping to bring the Good News to the poor where Holy Cross serves:

- helping support parish missions across the globe
- healing the sick in Kenya and Dhaka
- caring for the children that societies might otherwise discard in Peru and Chile
- educating hundreds of boys and girls in East Africa and Bangladesh
- breaking the cycle of poverty and inequality for women in many places we serve
- improving clean water accessibility in some of the world's poorest regions
- providing us with resources to be able to respond to urgent needs due to flooding, earthquakes, or other catastrophes as they occur.

The support from these Appeals assist Holy Cross missions throughout our world and their support contributes to us accomplishing our apostolic mission, which sends us across borders of every sort. **Thank you to all of the CSC priests** who gave your time and dedication to traveling to these parishes over the last few months, and helping the HCMC with this important outreach. We could not do it without you.



Missionary Update



Rev. Richard Potthast

Fr. Potthast celebrated 50 years as a Holy Cross priest this year and has spent his vocation living and working primarily in Western Uganda. Most recently he served as pastor and as a spiritual mentor to the faithful at St. Jude Parish in Kyaruozzi, Uganda and at St. Joseph Hill School. Now Fr. Potthast is enjoying a long deserved sabbatical during which he is able to spend time with family, including his 98-year-old mother, visit friends, go fishing, and having time for spiritual renewal.



Rev. George Lucas

A man with a missionary heart, Fr. George is preparing for his return to Peru. After more than thirty years of service in East Africa, most recently in Tanzania, Fr. Lucas will be returning to Peru where he also served previously for five years. He will care for the pastoral needs of Lord of Hope Parish in Canto Grande. He is a dedicated missionary, whose apostolic life has spanned the continents of Africa and South America, learning the languages and customs of the people he serves. Asante sana and Gracias, Jorge!



Seminarians Tias Gomes & Shohag Gabil

The HCMC and Moreau Seminary welcome two professed seminarians from the Sacred Heart of Jesus Province in Bangladesh. Tias and Shohag are living at Moreau Seminary and attending the University of Notre Dame to earn their Master of Divinity degrees. We are happy they have arrived and look forward to sharing in community. They are an important part of a renewed effort to provide international experiences in Holy Cross for our formation communities. Welcome to the USA Province!



HCMC Welcomes Young Guest from Local CSC School

A few weeks ago we welcomed Carlo (pictured right with Fr. Mike, pointing out Bangladesh), a student at Christ the King School in South Bend, and his parents Bob and Amanda, to the Mission Center. During their visit, Carlo and his parents spent time sharing and growing in knowledge of the Holy Cross Mission Center and our international missions, especially Corpus Christi Parish in Jalchatra, Bangladesh. Carlo knew an impressive amount of information about Jalchatra, and most impressive of all, enunciated the city's name correctly

and confidently! Carlo's knowledge of and interest in the missions is because of his exposure at the Christ the King School and Parish, which twins with Corpus Christi Parish in Jalchatra. During his visit to the Mission Center, Carlo heard more about Corpus Christi and Bangladesh from Fr. Mike, who had recently traveled to Bangladesh on a pastoral visit this past Spring.

In addition to hearing stories, Carlo received a tour of the Mission Center, saw photos from many countries of the world where Holy Cross serves, and had a chance to look at our large wall maps. Maps and geography are a shared passion of Fr. Mike and Carlo so the two of them had much to talk about! It was a joy to have such a wonderful young man, so enthused about the



missions of Holy Cross, come and visit us. Carlo was presented with a few things to display in his room, such as colorful photos of the Garo people of Jalchatra.

We are blessed to see our missionaries and supporters getting younger and younger. We are also very grateful to the team at Christ the King Parish and School for the ways in which you are sharing the story of Holy Cross' international mission! It is really impressive!



Notre Dame Baraka and Bengal Bouts Give BIG to Education **They aren't on the Ropes, they have thrown their Hats into the Ring**



On Tuesday, September 12, Fr. Mike DeLaney, C.S.C., welcomed the women and men from the Baraka Bouts and Bengal Bouts Boxing Clubs at the University of Notre Dame. Each year as school begins again, these boxers jog over to Moreau Seminary and present their donation checks from the previous year's season to Fr. Mike and the Holy Cross Mission Center. These committed boxers and philanthropists, dedicate every punch to benefit two areas of Holy Cross missions.

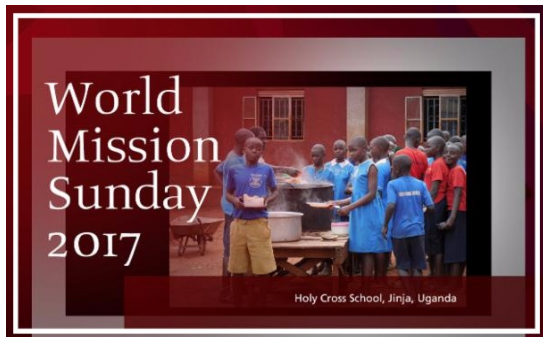
The women of the Baraka Bouts support the Ugandan schools, Holy Cross Lake View School in Jinja and Saint Joseph Hill School in Kyarusozzi, by raising money throughout the year, but especially at their annual tournament each November. It is their hard work that enabled them to raise over \$60,000 for our Ugandan schools, enabling many projects, such as the boys' dormitory expansion at St. Joseph School, to move toward completion.

The men of the Bengal Bouts have been raising money for the Bangladesh missions since 1931. It is with this history and their great efforts that the Bengal Bouts presented Fr. Mike with a donation of over \$165,000. These donations benefit Holy Cross schools and parishes

through Bangladesh, which 3 of the current Bengals visited through international summer service trips through the ND Center for the Social Concerns.

Motivated by the love of boxing, the longing for a championship title, and the deep desire to serve others, they partner with the Holy Cross Mission Center. We are so grateful for the support of these students and their donors, for they are accomplishing much through their efforts both in and out of the ring. Learn More about the [Baraka Bouts](#) and [Bengal Bouts](#).

Upcoming Events



Celebrating World Mission Sunday at Holy Cross College Campuses

The HCMC continues to build its collaboration with Holy Cross colleges and universities. World Mission Sunday will be celebrated at all the masses on all of the campuses to tell the story of our international mission and to raise money in support of programs which serve women and children in Latin America, E. Africa and Bangladesh. Celebrated either the weekends of October 22nd or 29th, the University of Portland, Notre Dame, Holy Cross College, St. Mary's College, Kings College, Stonehill College and St. Edward's University will tell the great story of Holy Cross' international mission. This is a great way to expose our students across the country to the internationality of Holy Cross. Knowledge and engagement will build relationships and support.



24th Annual Notre Dame Folk Choir Concert for the Missions: Nov. 17

The 24th Annual Concert for the Missions by the Notre Dame Folk Choir will be held Friday, November 17th at 8:00pm in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Support raised by these extremely talented and good-hearted students will benefit Yancana Huasy located in one of the poorest communities of Lima, Peru. This center was founded more than 35 years ago by the Congregation and serves special needs children with diagnoses ranging from mild to severe mental and physical disabilities. It is a place where HOPE is found in the abilities of each person! There is no other program in Peru that serves this population in impoverished areas! To learn more about Yancana Huasy, please visit [our website](#). Join us for an evening of beautiful music and support the work of Holy Cross at Yancana Huasy.

Meet the New Mission Center Team

In the past few months our staff at the HCMC has a new look. We are fortunate to welcome Stephanie Petrie (left), new Program Coordinator, and Holly Wright (right), new Executive Assistant.

Stephanie first knew Holy Cross at the University of Portland and after graduation came to Notre Dame for a Masters in Theology. She has experience both in parish work and residence life. She is very excited by the work and successes of the Mission Center and is eager to put her program organization skills to use for the Congregation's missions.



In order to keep our growing opportunities to promote our international mission and number of projects going forward, Holly has joined the team and is putting her extensive skills and years of experience to use. Her presence is joyful and she is learning a great deal about the Congregation. She will be a great help in managing the multiple simultaneous projects and needs that are handled each day in the Office.

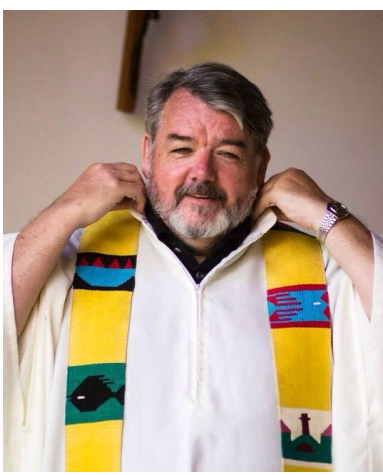
Both women feel that God was instrumental in bringing them to the Mission Center and are looking forward to the many adventures ahead. They want to do all they can for our international mission through their collaboration with Holy Cross.



One of Our Favorite Photos to Share with You



Garos girls from Corpus Christi Parish, Jalchatra, Bangladesh, performing a traditional dance of welcome for Fr. Mike DeLaney during his pastoral visit in February 2017.
This is one of the pictures given to Carlo Mollison (see article) for display in his room.



Dear Friends,

I hope you have enjoyed reading a bit of the good news in this newsletter. There are many stories to tell, and over time we hope to highlight some of them for you to see the good work going on in Holy Cross across the world, and the ways in which all of us can be a part of the building of new bridges and connections between our local communities and ministries.

In any given week I have the opportunity to be communicating with the CSCs around the world, whether working on formal projects together, or staying in contact for personal and fraternal support. I am very humbled by the goodness of our fellow Holy Cross and colleagues and the work that is being done in the Church and family of Holy Cross throughout the world.

When I get to make pastoral visits to the missions, I feel like an ambassador from the Mission Center. It is an opportunity to see first-hand the good work of our missions and meet our C.S.C.s, their collaborators and the people they serve! Then, as I return home, my role is to tell the story, and explore new ways to develop new relationships across the Congregation to support the mission. It is also an opportunity to see similar types of works in different parts of the world, and to explore ways to learn from one another's challenges and successes. Ultimately, the pastoral visits are very worthwhile, fulfilling, and helps grow the interest and the support for our international mission; for me personally, they are transformative.

The HCMC does fundraising, and all gifts are welcome! Our loyal benefactors - some for many years - are examples of generosity for us, knowing that their sacrifices are going for something so good and important. We also offer groups from parishes, schools, residence halls, or student clubs to adopt particular projects to support one of the programs being sponsored. Many efforts are made with our colleges and universities, parishes and schools in the United States to build new relationships and bridges for support of our Holy Cross international mission.

Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts or suggestions, and most importantly ideas of how to share this tremendous aspect of our apostolic mission with others with whom you live and serve. Please let us hear from you and stay in touch! Below are links to the various ways you can stay in contact with us through email, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

On behalf of our Mission Center Staff, know of our gratitude for having such good stories to share of the dedicated work of Holy Cross around the world and for your support. Please be assured of my prayers for all.

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