Two Are Ordained Priests This Spring at Notre Dame

Kevin G. Grove, C.S.C., grew up in a small farming community in rural Montana where he attended Hobson School through the 12th grade. He went on to earn a B.A. in Philosophy with a minor in Medieval Studies as well as a B.A. in History with an additional major in English Literature from Seattle University, Seattle, WA. In 2008, Grove earned a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame.

During his seminary formation, Grove served at André House in Phoenix as a summer staff member, as a hospital chaplain in Colorado Springs, CO, a counselor for the Women’s Care Center in South Bend, IN, a member of the RCIA team at the University of Notre Dame, and director of the confirmation program at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend. In addition, Grove co-edited The Cross Our Only Hope, a series of daily reflections by Holy Cross priests and brothers on their own experiences of life and ministry in Holy Cross based on the spiritual writings of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, as well as texts from the Holy Cross Constitutions.

Father Grove professed his perpetual vows with the Congregation and was ordained to the diaconate in August 2009. Since then he has served as a transitional deacon at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend.

Father Grove celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, April 11th; a reception followed in Fanelli Hall. He will also offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Church, his home parish in Hobson, Montana on July 4.

The eldest of four children, Gerard J. Olinger, Jr., C.S.C., is originally from Springfield, PA, where he attended St. Kevin School and later Devon Preparatory School in Devon, PA. In 1997, he enrolled at the University of Notre Dame where he earned both a Bachelor’s Degree in History and Government and a Doctor of Laws degree. Olinger is a member of the Bar in both Pennsylvania and Indiana.

In 2004 Olinger entered the Candidate Program at Moreau Seminary. During his years of study and formation at Moreau Seminary, Olinger volunteered with the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic, which provides free legal representation for people below the poverty line. He also served as a counselor for the Women’s Care Center in South Bend, IN, worked with the RCIA program and taught sacramental preparation classes at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, and served as Assistant Rector of Old College, the undergraduate seminary program at the University of Notre Dame.

Prior to his profession of perpetual vows with the Congregation of Holy Cross and his ordination to the diaconate in August 2009, Father Olinger was awarded a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame. During the past year, as a transitional deacon, he served in the Offices of Campus Ministry and Residence Life at the University of Portland.

Following his ordination, Father Olinger offered a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on April 11 and later that evening at Siegfried Hall, on the Notre Dame campus. Father Olinger also celebrated Masses of Thanksgiving at the Chapel of Christ the Teacher at the University of Portland in Portland, OR on April 18 and at St Kevin Church in Springfield, PA on May 23.
Ordinations 2010

Fr. Olinger receives the paten and chalice.

The newly ordained leave the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The newly ordained and Bishop Jenky

Fr. Hesburgh congratulates Fr. Grove.

Fr. Olinger with his family

Fr. Grove with his family
Our Men in Formation in Mexico

Carlos Jacobo de los Santos professed his perpetual vows on February 14, 2010 at Nuestra Madre Santísima de la Luz in Guadalupe, Nuevo León, México, his home parish. Father David Tyson, C.S.C., provincial superior, received his vows.

Sister Joan Mader, C.S.C., reads the first reading.

Brother Jesús Alonzo, C.S.C., reads the second reading.

Deacon Alfredo Ledezma reads the Gospel.

Father David Tyson, C.S.C., receives Carlos’ vows.

Father Tyson places the profession cross on Carlos.

Carlos thanks everyone at the reception in the parish hall.
Two Holy Cross Priests Receive Tenure at Notre Dame

Fathers Paul Kollman, C.S.C., and Daniel Groody, C.S.C., are now tenured professors at Notre Dame.

Paul Kollman, C.S.C., received his Ph.D. in the History of Religions from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 2001; since then he has taught the history of Christianity in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. He focuses on African Christianity, mission history, and world Christianity. He is a fellow of the Kroc, Kellogg, and Nanovic Institutes at Notre Dame, as well as faculty fellow at the Center for Social Concerns. Previously he taught at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and the Philosophy Centre in Jinja, Uganda. In 2005 he published *The Evangelization of Slaves and Catholic Origins in Eastern Africa* (Orbis). He is currently preparing a book on the Catholic missionary evangelization of eastern Africa.

Daniel G. Groody, C.S.C., is currently an Assistant Professor of Theology and the Director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He spent many years working in Latin America, particularly along the U.S.-Mexico border, and is the author of various books and articles which have been translated into five languages, including *Border of Death, Valley of Life: An Immigrant Journey of Heart and Spirit*, and *Globalization, Spirituality, and Justice: Navigating the Path to Peace* (2007). He is also editor of two books, *The Option for the Poor in Christian Theology* (2007), and co-editor of *A Promised Land, A Perilous Journey: Theological Perspectives on Migration* (2007).

Father Groody holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame in the Great Books Program (Liberal Studies), a Master of Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology, and a Doctorate in Theology from the Graduate Theological Union. In 2007-2008 he was a visiting research fellow at Oxford University at the Oxford Refugee Centre. He is also the executive producer of various films and documentaries, including *One Border, One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist*, and *Dying to Live: A Migrant’s Journey*, which have won various awards, aired on PBS and other television stations, and been accepted into various international film festivals. He teaches courses on U.S. Latino Spirituality, Globalization, Christian Spirituality and Social Justice, and lectures widely in the United States as well as Latin America, Europe, and Asia.

Fr. Robert Pelton, C.S.C., has screened the film that he guided to fruition: *Monseñor, the Last Journey of Óscar Romero*. Its first premiere was held on March 19, 2010, in the Cathedral of San Salvador in El Salvador; its American premiere was at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Notre Dame, on March 25, 2010, as part of a series of events commemorating the 30th anniversary of Archbishop Romero’s assassination. Father Pelton is director of Notre Dame’s Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC).

The narrative of *Monseñor* develops through Romero’s own words, in extracts from his Sunday homilies and from his personal diary, in which he recorded the events of each day along with his own thoughts and reflections. The documentary film focuses on the last three years of his life, showing how he was engaged and inspired by his relationship with the Salvadoran people. As the civil war approaches the story is told through archival footage along with candid interviews with a cross section of Salvadorans—campesinos, guerrillas, soldiers, politicians, priests, nuns, catechists—providing a chorus of voices of people who shared with Romero the tragic history of their country. The film explores and probes the contemporary significance and legacy of Romero’s life and death.

The University Garage at Notre Dame uses a well-known phrase to encourage everyone to drive carefully.
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Bridge Tournament at Holy Cross House

The men at Holy Cross House and the men from Fatima House had a bridge tournament on a winter Sunday afternoon.

A good time was had by all!

Is Fr. Blum looking for extra cards?

Fr. Bill Neidhart

Fr. Brinker enjoys the game.

Fr. Jim Kelly

Fr. Vandenbosch

Bro. Richard Johnson

Fr. Joe Browne

Fr. Mike Murphy

Fr. Tom Seidel

Fr. John Kurtzke

All photos courtesy of Bro. Charles McBride, C.S.C.
Established in 1983, and rededicated in 1991 to honor the University’s late 17th president, the Rev. Thomas C. Oddo, C.S.C., Outstanding Service Award recognizes a University of Portland, Columbia University, or Columbia Prep alumnus or alumna who has demonstrated the University’s mission through volunteerism in his or her own community; helped prepare others for service to God, neighbor, and the world; inspired others in their service work by being a leader; and is living a life consistent with the University’s mission.

The 2010 Oddo Service Award recipients are Matt ’84 & Erin ’80 Weisensee. The award reads:

The essence of the late Father Tom Oddo’s life and work on The Bluff as president was cheerful, open-hearted, intent service to others. Tom was absolutely convinced that when we reach out to others we are closest to Christ, we shove the universe toward joy, we pray most eloquently and powerfully, we rise to our best and truest selves. And this is the hallmark of Erin and Matt’s extraordinary creative work for Holy Redeemer Parish, for the Saint Vincent de Paul Downtown Chapel, for the miraculous L’Arche Nehalem project in Portland, and for the University, which they have graced in many ways as exemplary alumni. To their own four children, to the refugee family from Burundi they have adopted, to their hundreds of friends and admirers, they are the University’s mission in direct and daily action, pouring their humor and energy into any and every way they can bring light to the lives of others. The University is delighted to count Erin and Matt among its most able and eloquent ambassadors, and especially pleased to honor them today with an award named for a beloved priest who devoted every fiber of his being to elevating the lives of others. What you did for the least of us, you did for me, says Christ; and we honor you for steering by those words every hour of the day.

Fr. J. Steele, C.S.C., Matt and Erin Weisensee, and their pastor, Fr. John Dougherty, C.S.C.

At Holy Redeemer Parish Father John Dougherty, C.S.C., enlisted the help of the students in his parish school to burn last year’s palms and prepare this year’s ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Kate Regan, a University of Portland professor of Spanish since 1995, has received a prestigious fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Regan is the only person in Oregon to win a Teaching Development Fellowship from the NEH and one of only seventeen nationwide.

Regan plans to use her $16,800 NEH grant this summer to redesign her Hispanic Issues in Cinema class, which blends storytelling techniques with literary analysis and digital filmmaking. Her goal is to create an interactive experience where students are actively involved in understanding how narrative techniques are used in written and visual texts and how each of these texts offer different strategies in telling compelling stories. By the end of the semester-long course, the students will have applied their knowledge by creating a film adaptation of a literary passage.

“In recent years, I have found that providing students with active learning experiences helps them delve deeper into the complexities and nuances of the material we read, analyze and discuss,” says Regan.

Regan underwent a “professional transition” about five years ago and began using filmmaking as a way to explore scholarship and reach a broader audience. Since that time, she has produced two documentaries that are currently being distributed nationally on the history and culture of the Spanish Jews.

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On Wednesday of Holy Week, the Downtown Chapel hosted a prayer service remembering those who had died during the previous year, especially those who were homeless, were addicted, suffered from mental illness, and were victims of violence. The ecumenical memorial was organized by Operation Nightwatch. Fr. Bob Loughery, C.S.C., pastor of the Downtown Chapel, welcomed all who came with words of hope.

The ecumenical service included prayers and reflections from Christian, Jewish, Native American and Muslim traditions.

Also in Portland, Fr. Loughery spoke at a vigil that was held at a site on the Willamette River waterfront south of downtown Portland.

Four hundred units of low-income and middle-income housing were promised by the city of Portland as part of a larger design to develop mixed income housing. While the more expensive units were built, the lower and middle income units have been cancelled. Fr. Loughery celebrated a symbolic “last rites” for the promised low-cost housing.

**Portland Seniors Create Scholarship**

The graduating seniors at the University of Portland have set a goal of $50,000 for a scholarship in memory of Molly Hightower. Last year’s class had set the previous record high raised with $7,000. More than $11,180 has already been raised this year.

Molly Hightower, a 2009 graduate of the university, died in the earthquake in Haiti last January. She had been volunteering in an orphanage with children with special needs.

Colton Coughlin, president of the student association, said, “Molly Hightower lived out the mission of teaching, faith, and service and demonstrated this in her actions in Haiti.”

The scholarship will be for a student with a devotion to faith and a commitment to service.

**Pastors’ Meeting in La Porte**

Pastors from the Indiana and Eastern Provinces and the English Canadian Vicariate met for the annual pastors’ workshop in La Porte.

**Bishop Rhoades at Moreau Seminary**

The evening of April 22, 2010 featured the final event in the Holy Cross Office of Vocations’ Year for Priests Series. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend celebrated Mass with the Moreau Seminary community. Afterwards, Bishop Rhoades spoke eloquently about the role of Christ as the source of the ministerial priesthood in a talk entitled “Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest.” Local Holy Cross priests, religious, students from Notre Dame, and members of the South Bend community joined the seminarians to hear the bishop speak.

As a token of gratitude, Father Patrick Neary, C.S.C., rector, presented him with a Moreau Seminary jacket.
The Congregation of Holy Cross is unique in the Church. There are many congregations with both brothers and priests, but Holy Cross is the only one that gives equal value to both vocations.
Phoenix

St. John Vianney Parish in Goodyear, AZ now has a space for adult spiritual growth. One of the parish families very generously purchased and donated a house, located across the street from the church and next door to the priests’ home.

The dream was to turn the house into a center for parish retreats and adult faith formation. Much work had to be done, however, as the house had sat abandoned for over a year and had been ransacked by vandals. Over nine months, volunteers from the parish and surrounding community completely transformed the little four-bedroom house into a beautiful new spiritual center with entirely new walls, flooring, electricity and plumbing.

On the afternoon of January 31, 2010, the pastor, Fr. John Herman, C.S.C., presided, as the house was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Although open for only a few months, the house is already proving to be a jewel in the parish campus. Various adult faith formation gatherings, including young adult ministry, regularly gather in its rooms.

Individuals from the parish have also made the first personal retreats there, and several group retreats are on the calendar. In addition, the two small offices in the house have begun to be used for counseling and marriage preparation. The backyard will include both a prayer garden and a barbeque pit so that parish ministries can use the house for retreats and social gatherings. Sacred Heart House will also provide living space for guests of the parish and visiting members of the Holy Cross and Salesian religious communities.

That same day a beautiful new stained glass of the Sacred Heart in the front window of the house was unveiled and blessed.

News, photos, suggestions, and comments may be sent to the editor:

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Rev. Harry B. Eichorn, C.S.C., died at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, IN, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. He was 79 years old.

Fr. Eichorn was born on May 31, 1930, in Brooklyn, NY to Frank and Anna (Burns) Eichorn. His family moved to Mount Rainier, MD, where he attended St. James Parish School before entering Holy Cross Minor Seminary at Notre Dame, IN, for high school in 1944. Upon graduation he entered Sacred Heart Novitiate in South Bend, IN, and made his first vows on August 16, 1949. During the next four years, as a seminarian, he completed his undergraduate studies at Notre Dame. After graduating in 1953, he went to Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C., to study theology. Fr. Eichorn’s family had moved to the D.C. area so he was ordained to the priesthood at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on June 8, 1957.

Fr. Eichorn’s first assignment was to teach and prefect at Notre Dame. In his free time, he took graduate classes in English and received a master’s degree in 1958. That summer, he moved to northern California, where he lived with the Holy Cross Brothers at St. Francis High School in Mountain View, while undertaking doctoral work at nearby Stanford University.

From 1962 to 1968, he taught at Notre Dame and was also a prefect and a rector, and a chaplain to the Notre Dame Glee Club. He returned to Stanford for research during one semester in 1965 and received his doctorate there in 1968.

In 1968 he began a thirty-year career as a professor of English at Stonehill College in North Easton, MA. During his first seven years, he not only taught but also assisted the Director of Campus Ministry and served as a residence hall priest and a faculty advisor to the student newspaper, The Summit.

Fr. Eichorn is survived by a brother, Frank Eichorn, and several nieces and nephews.

Fr. Joseph Fey, C.S.C., was born in Greenock, PA on September 20, 1922 to Joseph and Marie (Moore) Fey. He attended St. Pius Grade School and St. Peter High School in McKeesport, PA, graduating in 1941. After two years at Notre Dame he entered St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie on August 15, 1943 and pronounced his first vows a year and a day later.

Returning to Notre Dame and Moreau Seminary, he received his degree in Philosophy in June of 1947 and made his perpetual profession on July 16, 1947. For the next four years he studied theology at Holy Cross College, in Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the priesthood in Sacred Heart Church at Notre Dame on June 6, 1951.

Fr. Fey’s first assignment was at Sacred Heart Parish in New Orleans. He was there for twelve years, leaving in 1963 to return to Notre Dame as superior of St. Joseph Hall and the Candidate Program for young men interested in joining Holy Cross. In 1967 he moved across the lake as a chaplain to Notre Dame Students and in 1970 became pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, South Bend. In 1976 he attended the Vatican II Institute in Oakland, CA and one year later served as an assistant in Christ the King Parish, South Bend.

Appointed pastor of Christ the King in 1978, he remained there for seven years and then became associate at St. Joseph Parish for two years before once again accepting the pastor’s position at St. Casimir’s in South Bend. In 1994 he moved to Corby Hall and assisted at Faith, Hope and Charity Chapel in downtown South Bend. In 1999, due to declining health, he moved to Holy Cross House.

He loved being a parish priest. As Father Len Banas, C.S.C., said in the eulogy: “He loved the people, and they loved him back.”
Please pray for those who have died:

Sister M. Odile (Lindorfer), C.S.C.
Bette Scully, the mother of Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C.
Sr. Margaret (O’Connell), C.S.C.
Rev. Roger Bessette, C.S.C. (C)
Jack Huber, the brother of Bro. Richard Huber, C.S.C. (MW)
Rev. Harry B. Eichorn, C.S.C.
Sr. Colette Guidry, M.S.C.
Bro. James Kell, C.S.C. (SW)
Rev. Joseph H. Fey, C.S.C.
Bro. Maurus (Thomas) O’Malley, C.S.C. (EB)
Rev. Achille Chevalier, C.S.C. (C)