Between August 11th and 17th this year our seminarians headed off to the La Porte center to continue the venerable tradition of beginning each academic year with a week of camp, now known as “Deer Porte.” Deer Porte is a time for our seminarians to reacquaint themselves after spending the summer apart and gives our new seminarians a chance to get to know their brothers in formation before starting the school year.

The theme of this year’s Deer Porte was: Brothers in Mission: Working Together to Serve the Lord, a reflection on the common life and common mission of Holy Cross. Our men in formation were aided in this reflection by a fantastic keynote address given by Rev. Tom Looney, as well as panel presentation given by Frs. Neil Wack, Charlie Kohlman, and Bro. Pat Lynch, C.S.C. As in years past we also heard from our deacon to be, Matt Kuczora, C.S.C., on his life and experience in Holy Cross.
On the last night of Deer Porte Holy Cross religious in the South Bend area are invited to a prayer service, social and dinner.

*A good time was had by all!*

Bro. Patrick Lynch, C.S.C.

Christopher Rehagen, C.S.C.

Joe Krivos fishing

Charlie Skinner and Sephen Barany fishing
Carlos Augusto Jacobo de los Santos, CSC, was ordained a deacon by Auxiliary Bishop of Monterrey, Mexico, S.E.R. Jorge Alberto Cavazos Arizpe, on Sept. 16, 2011, at Nuestra Madre Santisima de La Luz parish in Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. After the ordination, there was a reception in the parish hall with tamales, soft drinks, cake and mariachis for musical entertainment.

Carlos and his family are members of La Luz parish. As a result the church was packed with friends and relatives of Carlos. Lots of young people who are active in the parish took part in the liturgy. The Sisters of the Holy Cross were also present at what turned out to be a great Holy Cross event the day after our patronal feast, with much applause not only for Carlos but also for the CSC communities. The bishop was especially generous in his remarks about Holy Cross as a vibrant community serving the people of the Archdiocese.

On Saturday evening, Sept. 17th, the seminarians hosted a banquet at the formation house for Carlos and his family, some of his friends and the Holy Cross community.

The family picture taken at the dinner includes Carlos in the center, his father and mother who are seated, Sabino Jacobo Vazquez and Avelina de los Santos de Jacobo, and two of his brothers, Tomas Enrique on the left and Jesus Alberto on the right.

On Sunday the 18th of Sept., Carlos stepped into his ministry as a Deacon at La Luz parish. He preached the homily at the 12:30 p.m. Mass and baptized 11 babies after Mass! During the year Carlos will assist on week-ends in the pre-baptism preparation program. He is also a full time student in his 4th year of Theology at the Franciscan Institute. Consequently his diaconal ministry during the academic year will be primarily on weekends at the liturgy. Congratulations, Carlos. Dios lo bendiga.
Notre Dame

Matthew C. Kuczora, C.S.C., was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Kevin Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at Moreau Seminary on Sunday, August 27, 2011. Matt had professed perpetual vows the day before at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

He will spend his deacon year at Nuestra Madre Santisima de la Luz in Guadalupe, Nuevo León, México.

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East Africa

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Monterrey, México

On August 4th of this year, John Herman, CSC, was installed as the second pastor for the Holy Cross parish in Mexico, Nuestra Madre Santísima de La Luz in the Archdiocesis of Monterrey. Fifteen years ago the parish was established by the Archdiocese of Monterrey and Holy Cross assumed the pastoral responsibility for the new parish under the pastoral leadership of Fr. Pete Logsdon, CSC.

Mons. Jorge Alberto Cavazos Arizpe, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Monterrey celebrated the Mass of installation when John took possession of the parish. The church was packed with people. Many were standing out side all of the doors in order to get a glimpse of their new pastor and offer him their enthusiastic support. The Mass was frequently interrupted by applause, especially when the Bishop presented John with the keys to the front door, and invited him to open wide the doors to the spiritual life of the Catholic church for the people of his parish.

Another enthusiastic applause followed John's comment about this ritual that celebrates his "taking possession of the parish" when in his experience as a priest in parochial ministry it is the parish that takes possession of him, his heart and his pastoral care for the community.

Serving as the pastor of a parish in a country, a language and a culture other than ones own is no easy assignment. Even so, little by little John is learning and finding his way. By the end of August he and the parishioners organized an ongoing support group for the victims of the violence than the people of Mexico and especially Monterrey are enduring.
Province Employee Recognition

The Annual Province Employee Recognition Event began with an inspirational talk in the Moreau Seminary auditorium by Sister Marilyn Lacey, R.S.M., based on her experiences ministering to refugee families in the U.S., Africa and Southeast Asia. Sister Marilyn is the author of *This Flowing Toward Me: A Story of God Arriving in Strangers* which was published by Ave Maria Press. She also is the founder of Mercy Beyond Borders, a non-profit organization which partners with displaced women and children overseas to alleviate their extreme poverty.

The talk was followed by a Mass. The presider was Fr. Tony Szakaly and he was joined on the altar by concelebrants Fr. Charlie Kohlerman, Fr. Tom Bertone and Fr. Jim Connelly.

After Mass, all went to a festive lunch in the Moreau refectory, joined by the local community. Each of the employees who had significant milestones of years of service to the province were honored with a memento and a gift certificate to Ave Maria Press.

Those who were recognized included:

**Nancy Conroy**, Driver & Assistant  
Holy Cross House  20 Years

**Heather Underwood**, Nursing Assistant  
Holy Cross House  10 Years

**Thomas Cashore**, Librarian  
Moreau Seminary  10 Years

**Mary Pat Russ**, Therapy Coordinator  
Holy Cross House  10 Years

**Kathy Richard**, Housekeeper  
Holy Cross House  10 Years

**Donna P. Lamberti**, Controller  
Provincial Business Office  10 Years

**Kenneth Voth**, Maintenance Technician  
Province-Wide - Mainly Holy Cross House  5 Years

**Mahlon Wise Jr.**, Maintenance Technician  
Province-Wide - Mainly Moreau & Fatima  5 Years

**Cheryl Baffoe-Bonnie**, Housekeeper  
Holy Cross House  5 Years

**Ireen H. Gondwe**, Nursing Assistant  
Holy Cross House  5 Years

**Brenda Parks**, Nurse  
Holy Cross House  1 Year

**Doris Mathew**, Social Services Coordinator  
Holy Cross House  1 Year

**Carlie Somervillee**, Nursing Assistant  
Holy Cross House  1 Year

**Wendy Gentry**, Nurse  
Holy Cross House  1 Year

**Amy Manriquez**, Nurse  
Holy Cross House  1 Year

We thank God for these lay collaborators who help make our religious life and mission possible.
New Home for ACE Spotlights Commitment to K-12 Education

Blessed Basil Moreau’s call for initiative in “making God known, loved, and served” through education is now being shouted from the rooftops, almost literally, at the University of Notre Dame. Those words are engraved high on the front of Carole Sandner Hall, Notre Dame’s newest building, which also bears the words, “Home of the Alliance for Catholic Education” (ACE).

A series of dedication events for ACE’s new home on Sept. 16-17 brought hundreds of guests and visitors from across the country to learn about, draw inspiration from, and offer prayers for Notre Dame’s growing movement that strives to sustain, strengthen, and transform Catholic K-12 education.

University President Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C., blessed the new space—and “those who teach and serve here”—on Friday afternoon. He noted that the entire ACE community “stands on the shoulders of generations of dedicated priests, religious men and women, extraordinary disciples of Christ the Teacher.”

The Most Rev. Kevin Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, presided at a Dedication Mass on Friday evening. The Most Rev. Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, made a visit on Saturday afternoon as ACE and its neighbor in the new space, Notre Dame’s Institute for Educational Initiatives (IEI), hosted a tailgate party in their courtyard at the heart of the campus.

“I don’t know of any place that gives more hope and promise than here, and this beautiful building is an icon of that,” Archbishop Dolan said in remarks accompanying a blessing. “Keep up the good work!” he added.

The work of ACE has spanned 18 years since its cofounding by Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C., and Rev. Sean McGraw, C.S.C. What began as a small service initiative sending teachers to under-resourced Catholic schools now provides several formation programs plus a range of professional services and partnerships (all described at the website ace.nd.edu). Father Scully, director of the IEI and chair of ACE’s Advisory Board, likes to say “we’re just getting started.”

Rev. Lou DelFra, C.S.C., as ACE’s director of pastoral life, nurtures the faith life of ACE teachers and a huge extended family, building upon the movement’s three pillars of professional service, community, and spirituality. Rev. Joseph Corpora, C.S.C., as director of university-school partnerships, leads ACE’s ambitious Catholic School Advantage campaign, working with seven arch/dioceses to help double the percentage of Latino children in Catholic K-12 schools.

In an introductory letter to ACE’s newly published annual report, Father Scully thanks enormously generous benefactors who made possible the construction of Carole Sandner Hall and the refurbishing of the IEI Building—a former convent and novitiate for Holy Cross sisters. Their chapel, now renovated as Remick Commons, is a spacious, comfortable area that draws students, staff, and faculty for multiple purposes, from study sessions to conversations to classes to Masses. A separate chapel dedicated to Christ the Teacher is planned.

Father Scully’s introductory letter recalls ACE’s “providential journey” and invites all friends of Catholic schools to get involved in ACE’s mission at this time when “our society struggles to give justice and hope to its children.” In the spirit of a new home and an enduring calling, he adds, “Christ makes all things new, again and again, and invites us to renew our commitment to strengthen and transform the apostolate of Catholic education across the land.”
St. Joseph Grade School, an educational ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, proudly announced that it has been named a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The National Blue Ribbon School award honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students achieve at high levels or where the achievement gap is narrowing. Since 1982, more than 6,500 of America’s schools have received this coveted award.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools based on one of two criteria:

1. Schools whose students are high performing. These are schools ranked among each state’s highest performing schools as measured by their performance on state assessments or, in the case of private schools, that score at the highest performance level on nationally normed tests;

2. Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that improve student performance to high levels as measured by the school’s performance on state assessments or nationally-normed tests.


Fr. Larry Calhoun, C.S.C., creates, repairs, and sells jewelry. He can often be seen campus on days of home football games at Notre Dame. Here he is at a local gem show.
Christopher Lodge in Cocoa Beach, FL

Christopher Lodge in Cocoa beach is a residence similar in use to Casa Santa Cruz in Phoenix. It consists of the original building with efficiency apartments, a bedroom addition with common room, kitchen and dining room and a chapel addition in between them. The complex also has a separate guest house with two bedrooms, two baths, two screened in porches, living room, kitchen and dining room. The property was originally purchased by the former Southern Province and sold to the former Eastern Province. It is named Christopher Lodge in honor of Fr. Christopher O’Toole, former Superior General and 1st Provincial of the Southern Province.

(left to right) Fr. Jim Murphy, Fr. Larry Olszewski, and Fr. Ken Silva

(Left to right) Fr. Fred Serraino, Bro. William Farrell (MP), Fr. Tony Grasso, Fr. Jim Murphy
Our Holy Cross Parishes in Florida

St. Rita’s Parish in Dade City

St. Rita’s serves a large Hispanic community as well as a long standing English speaking community. It also serves several nearby migrant worker camps. It is located about two hours away from Cocoa Beach.

St. Rita’s Parish is led by Fr. Dan Kayajan, C.S.C., pastor, and Fr. Bill Persia, C.S.C., parochial vicar.

St. Rita Parish, Dade City, FL (Google Maps)

St. Rita’s Parish Church in Dade City, FL

St. Rita’s Parish in Dade City, FL

St. Rita’s rectory

Interior of St. Rita’s Parish Church in Dade City, FL

St. Rita’s Parish Center
**St. John the Evangelist in Viera, FL**

This parish was founded by Holy Cross in 2001. The first pastor was Fr. Larry Olszewski, C.S.C. The current church building is meant to be temporary as a new larger permanent Church will be constructed in the future. Once the new church is built, the current building will be used as a multipurpose facility for the parish.

Currently the parish is led by Rev. Bradley Beaupré, C.S.C., pastor, and Rev. Peter Walsh, C.S.C., parochial vicar.

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**A Holy Cross Icon**

Anthony Stachowski, C.S.C., spent one semester his junior year at the American College at Leuven, Belgium, where he learned how to write icons. He has turned out to be a real master. Fr. Pat Neary commissioned Anthony, right before he became a novice, to write one of Our Lady of Sorrows. It will be in the chapel in the house of formation in Nairobi.

King’s College

Campus Evacuated for Three Days

The King’s campus, as part of a process involving 65,000 Luzerne County citizens, was ordered to evacuate on Thursday, September 8, due to rising levels of the Susquehanna River following three days of record rainfall. The College was given approximately eight hours to evacuate all students and to close and secure all buildings. The closing included turning off all power, thereby shutting down the College’s phone and computer systems.

Students were given the options of going to their own homes, leaving with a fellow student, or going to an evacuation site at Heights Elementary School in east Wilkes-Barre that was designated for their exclusive use. The site also offered an available cafeteria in which members of the campus dining services staff would be able to prepare and serve food for the duration of the evacuation.

In true King’s fashion, many students opened their homes to fellow students who could not arrange transportation to their residences before having to evacuate. After initially estimating that several hundred (about one-fifth of the more than 1,000 King’s students living in College housing) would spend the evacuation period in Heights Elementary School, approximately 25 were transported on Thursday afternoon by College vehicles to the site. Those going to the site were accompanied by student and adult members of the Residence Life Staff.

Almost all of the students temporarily relocated to Heights Elementary School were able to make alternate arrangements within the first 24 hours of its opening, and the site was closed on Friday, September 9.

The Susquehanna River crested on Friday morning at more than 42.50 feet, more than a foot and a half higher than the Agnes flood of 1972 which caused extensive damage to the College. A levee system that was improved since the Agnes flood and designed for river levels up to 41 feet performed beyond its capacity and kept the campus safe.

The evacuation order was lifted as of 2:30 p.m. Saturday, September 10. The College immediately began efforts to open College housing at noon on Sunday, September 11, and open for classes at 8 a.m. Monday, September 12. Through the dedicated efforts of campus personnel, all power was restored to campus buildings, all residence facilities opened on time, and the phones and computer systems were all operational.

The following message was sent to the Campus Community from Father Ryan. “I am grateful that our collective prayers were answered and that all of King’s students and employees were evacuated safely and that the campus was spared from any major damage. I ask all members of the King’s family to keep in their thoughts those who suffered loss during this record flood. As we prepare to resume “normal” operations, I would be remiss not to express my gratitude at how quickly and effectively the College’s employees and student members of the residence life staff acted when the evacuation was announced and in the following three days. I also want to thank, on behalf of the entire campus, the federal, state, county, and Wilkes-Barre city officials who admirably performed their vital functions during the flood.”

Community Retreat

Each June there is a community retreat preached for Holy Cross religious at the LaPorte property.

This year the retreat was preached and directed by Father Pat Maloney, C.S.C.

Father Maloney relied on his experience of retreat work with Marriage Encounter in preparing and giving this retreat.
Obituary

Rev. William R. Ribando, C.S.C., died on September 9, 2011, at Holy Cross House in Notre Dame, Ind. He was 73 years old.

Fr. Ribando was born on August 17, 1938, in Williamsport, Pa., to Dorothy and William Ribando. A 1956 graduate of Williamsport High School, Fr. Ribando joined the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1958 and graduated from Stonehill College, Easton, Mass., in 1961 with an A.B. in Philosophy. He earned his Bachelors and Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome at the time of the Second Vatican Council. After four years of study, he was ordained a priest on December 19, 1964. Fr. Ribando later obtained a doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Catholic University of America in 1970.

In 1965, Fr. Ribando was assigned to teach at Notre Dame High School in Fairfield, Conn. He then joined the faculty at King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa, in 1966 and taught there until 1974 when he was elected Provincial Superior of the then Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers. While serving as Provincial, Fr. Ribando visited the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh, India, Chile and Perú, as well as ministries in the United States. He returned to King’s College in 1983 where he resumed teaching and served several times as chairman of the Theology Department. His teaching, which focused on ecclesiology, was marked by strong ecumenical commitments. He remained at King’s College, serving as the Manus Cooney Distinguished Professor of Humanities until 2007 when he entered Holy Cross House.

Excerpts from the funeral homily by Fr. Jim Lackenmier, C.S.C.

I have never known a better person than Bill Ribando. I do not have the robust, personal spirituality that dares to be angry with God. But many times over the past several years I have been angry with God when I saw the wasted body and the diminished powers of this good and gentle man.

It was not always so. Bill – “Ribs” we all called him in the seminary – had wonderful qualities. He was bright; he was funny; he had no pretensions. Bill was no athlete, but he attended countless King’s College basketball and football games. He was a favorite teacher for many, and he was often invited to student events, not because he was “cool,” but because he was genuine. For years he was advisor to “The Crown,” the student newspaper, and he was a champion of the freedom of the student press, even when the president was not amused at their crusades. Bill was not a big man, physically, but his heart was huge. He was quick; he was witty; he was genial. No one disliked Bill Ribando. He had the respect of everyone.

Bill and I graduated together from Stonehill in 1961...Then we spent four extraordinary years in Rome. We were there during the time of the Council. What a time to be in Rome, when it was so clear to us that the Spirit was stirring in the Church....

Father LaLande was Superior General in those years, and a “Father of the Council,” one of the few who were not bishops. He, along with Holy Cross Bishops McCauley of Fort Portal in Uganda, and Mark McGrath of Panama, were – all three – active participants in the Council, deeply engaged in its work and in the behind-the-scenes theological give-and-take about the future of the Church. They brought to our house – sometimes more than one in a week – the great theologians of the Council: Congar, Kung, Courtney Murray, Karl Rahner; even a German bishop named Ratzinger came to speak to the seminarians. Bill never missed those evenings. He loved them. It was then – I think – that he knew that he would be a theologian....

A year later he began his long career at King’s college. There Bill taught theology, chaired the department, and served on countless committees. He was a quiet but strong influence in that faculty. Along the way, during his first years at King’s, Bill attended the Catholic University of America during summers and on weekends. Who else but Bill Ribando would have commuted by bus to Washington from Wilkes-Barre? I believe he earned his doctorate without time away from King’s, even for a semester. Bill was a good teacher, a good counselor. He lived with students in Holy Cross Hall for years, and he had a loyal following among the King’s alumni. Many asked him to preside at their weddings. He told me that he never stayed for the dancing.

Bill was at King’s for eight years when – in 1974 – to his great surprise, he was elected provincial at the age of thirty-six. He told me at the time: “I said ‘yes’ to letting my name go forward. I never thought they’d make me do it.”

It was not easy to be to be a religious superior in the ’70s. The post-Vatican Church seemed to be in perpetual flux, and Holy Cross religious life mirrored this. But mild-mannered, gentle, unprepossessing Bill Ribando turned out to have a spine of steel, and the inner peace that enabled him to guide us well....

During the next eight years...of his provincial service...Bill Ribando was a steady presence, a wise counselor, a sure-footed leader though it all.... I am so grateful to God – as are we all -- for the great gift that he gave us, for the great gift that Father Bill Ribando was to his family, to King’s College, to Holy Cross, and to the Church.....
Please pray for those who have died

Sr. Kathleen Bueter, C.S.C.
Rev. William R. Ribando, C.S.C.
Bro. Albert Michael Reimlinger, C.S.C. (MW)
Bro. Paul Bray, C.S.C. (M)
Sr. Rose Veronica (Mattingly), C.S.C.
Mr. Jerome Mouton, grandfather of Mr. Tim Mouton, C.S.C.
Bro. Frederick Choquette, C.S.C. (MP)
Rev. Maurice Mignault, C.S.C. (C)
Mr. Jay A. Young, father of Rev. John L. Young, C.S.C.
Mr. Velmar Joseph Potthast, father of Rev. Richard Potthast, C.S.C.
Mrs. Amy Row, grandmother of Mr. Adam Booth, C.S.C.
Mr. William Tschida, grandfather of Moreau Candidate Tim Cleaver