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## Final Professions and Ordinations to Diaconate



Three seminarians, Benedict Mugisa, C.S.C., a Ugandan; Bernard Amani, C.S.C., a Tanzanian; and Christopher Letikirich, C.S.C., a Kenyan, professed their perpetual vows

and were ordained to the diaconate.

Fr. David Tyson, C.S.C., provincial superior, received their vows. Bishop Callistus of Kabale diocese in southwestern Uganda, a friend of Holy Cross, ordained the new deacons.

The profession of perpetual vows and ordination to the diaconate took place in the context of a community gathering in Kampala. There were two days of retreat, a full day of committee meetings, and two days of celebration: one day for the perpetual vows and one day for the diaconate ordinations.



Alfredo with his family, Fr. Tom Zurcher, C.S.C., Bishop Cavazos

Alfredo Olvera Ledezma, C.S.C., was ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Nuestra Madre Santisima de la Luz Parish in Guadalupe, Nuevo León, México. About 35 members of his family were able to come from Ahuacatlán, San Luis Potosí, for the ordination. Along with the Holy Cross community from the area, there were between 800 and 1,000 people at the Mass. Of these, 500 stayed for the dinner afterward.

Bishop Jorge Alberto Cavazos Arizpe, the new Auxiliary Bishop of Monterrey, ordained Alfredo to the

diaconate. This was his first ordination, and he gave gifts to Alfredo and to his parents.



Alfredo Olvera Ledezma, C.S.C.  
and Bishop Cavazos



The three new deacons: Christopher Letikirich, C.S.C.; Benedict Mugisa, C.S.C.; (a friend); Bernard Amani, C.S.C.



# Our Men in Formation



The seminarians from Monterrey came to Bro. Jesús Alonso's (SW) profession of perpetual vows at St. Edward's University in Austin, TX.

Originally from Mexico, Bro. Jesús first came to St. Edward's as a CAMP student (College Assistance Migrant Program). He lived at Moreau House as part of the collegiate program before entering the formation program.

He is currently studying for a doctorate in biology at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.



Juan Ramon Alcudia Garcia(left) and Rev. Aaron Michka at Bro. Charles Andersen Residence in San Antonio, TX

On Halloween weekend, four seminarians from the Holy Cross formation program in Monterrey, MX, made a pastoral visit to San Antonio, TX. They had tickets to the Notre Dame-Washington State football game. The Holy Cross brothers from the South-West Province provided gracious hospitality at their community residence. *A good time was had by all!*

The day after the final vows celebration the seminarians and priests went to the Spanish Mass at St. Ignatius, Martyr Parish. The new pastor, Fr. Bill Wack, C.S.C., provided a gracious welcome on a weekend when he was very busy with Masses and retreats. Fr. Tom Lemos, C.S.C., was also in Austin for the profession of perpetual vows and joined in the parish Spanish Mass on Sunday.



Above: Seminarians from Mexico at Bro. Jesús Alonso's profession of perpetual vows. Margarito Domínguez Bautista, Jorge Armando Morales Trejo, Elvart Pinaicobo Atiare, and Juan Ramón Alcudia García

Right: Outside St. Ignatius, from left to right: Carlos Jacobo de los Santos, Margarito Domínguez Bautista, Fr. Tom Zurcher, Elvart Pinaicobo Atiare, Jorge Armando Morales Trejo, Fr. Aaron Michka, Juan Ramón Alcudia García, and Fr. Tom Lemos.





# in Mexico

Both the professed seminarians and postulants in Mexico set up an Altarcito for the Day of the Dead, All Souls Day. The pictures of the deceased members of our family, the five priests from the Province who died during the past year, are placed on the altar as a way to remember and pray for them.



This is a custom in homes throughout Mexico. Families set up an altar to remember their beloved dead. There are different items that get placed on the altar:

1. Cempasúchil - a yellow/orange colored flower that signifies the eternal life of the dead with God.
2. Candles - to light the way for the souls of the dead so that they can arrive home.
3. Water - the fountain of life, symbolizes the purity of the soul and eases the thirst of the dead.
4. Incense and burner - cleans the place of its evil spirits, uniting heaven and earth.
5. Bread - represents the bodies of the dead. Some bread is in human form, other in the form of bones or skulls.
6. Food and drink - to prepare for the visit of the beloved dead, their preferred food and drink is placed on the table.
7. Skulls - made of sugar or chocolate, they represent the image of the dead.



The cardinal archbishop of Monterrey, Cardinal Francisco Robles, lives on the seminary property where some of our seminarians attend class.

One day one of the candidates, José Omar Valera Díaz, ran into him between classes.

Two professed seminarians, Carlos Jacobo de los Santos and Jorge Armando Morales Trejo, renewed their vows at La Luz Parish in Guadalupe (Monterrey), Nuevo Leon, Mexico recently.



Generally, professions, minor ministries, and ordinations are celebrated in the parish as a way of emphasizing vocations.

Carlos, on the left, was approved for perpetual profession of vows at the end of January.



At the end of Mass, all of the Holy Cross religious present--priests, brothers, and sisters--confirmed their own vows in Holy Cross as a witness and as a support of those who had just renewed their vows.



# All Souls Day



Each year members of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the Notre Dame-South Bend area gather to remember and pray for those who have gone before us.

Father David Tyson, C.S.C., provincial superior, greets the assembly and begins the liturgy.



Father Peter Rocca, C.S.C. prepares the procession.

Father Ralph Haag, C.S.C., preached the homily.



The procession from Fatima to the cemetery



The sign of peace



Father Tyson leads the prayer in the cemetery.

**Photos courtesy of Bro. Charles McBride, C.S.C.**

*We heard a summons to give over our lives in a more explicit way. It was a call to serve all people, believers and unbelievers alike. We would serve them out of our own faith that the Lord had loved us and died for us and risen for us and that He offers us a share in his life, a life more powerful and enduring than any sin or death.*

*-Constitution 1*



# Bangladesh

Fr. Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., Fr. Tom Smith, C.S.C., and Fr. Leonard Olobo, C.S.C., went to Bangladesh for the provincial chapter there. Fr. Smith and Fr. Olobo are the outgoing and incoming directors of the Holy Cross Mission Center.

While they were there, they were able to meet with many Holy Cross religious and see many Holy Cross places.



Fr. Quinlivan and Fr. Olobo at the provincial house



Social hour



Apu Solomon Rozario and Ponkoi Savier Nokrek with Fr. Quinlivan and Fr. Cleary after professing their perpetual vows



Fr. Quinlivan and Fr. Cleary with the papal nuncio

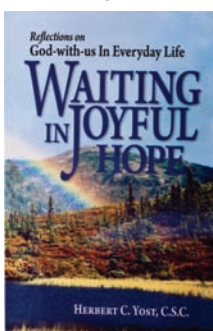
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## Publications

**Rev. Bruce Cecil, C.S.C.**, published an article, "Parish Revival," in the December 21, 2009 issue of *America*, exploring what Catholics can learn from Protestant megachurches. Fr. Cecil describes the three-pronged strategy he and his staff at Our Lady of Soledad Parish in Coachella, CA, have implemented to renew parish life: 1) enhanced the quality of Sunday worship, 2) developed mini-retreat workshops to help parishioners deepen their faith, 3) supported other ministries which flow from the first two steps. Fr. Cecil concludes, "Ultimately, success depends on God. I am convinced, however, that God wants Catholic parishes to be alive and vibrant, full of committed, growing Christians. Pastoral leaders can learn much about this from our Protestant brothers and sisters in the megachurches across America."



**Rev. Herbert C. Yost, C.S.C.**, has published a collection of his essays. *Waiting in Joyful Hope* contains 49 essays, including: "Forgiveness," "Why Be Catholic," "The Meaning of Christmas," and "The Cross We Must Carry."

It is available from Corby Publishing, P.O. Box 93, Notre Dame, IN 46556, (574)784-3482, or [www.corbypublishing.com](http://www.corbypublishing.com).

**Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C.**, also has a new book out: *Democratic Governance in Latin America*, which he co-edited with Scott Mainwaring. It is available from Stanford University Press, [www.sup.org](http://www.sup.org).

**Rev. Robert Nogosek, C.S.C.**, has an article in *Emmanuel* magazine, "The Identity of the Vatican II Priest."



**Rev. John Ford, C.S.C.** has an article in *Ecumenical Trends*, January 2010, "Immigration Ministry: An Ecumenical Opportunity?"

## Thank you!!!

Heartfelt thanks to all who took the time to respond with the survey on the Province Review. There were many responses. The most frequent areas of interest were the individual Holy Cross religious and their apostolic works.

## Notre Dame



**Rev. Daniel G. Groody, C.S.C.**, assistant professor of theology and director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture in the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies, was one of seven academic experts selected to participate in the Vatican's sixth World Congress on the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees,

which was held November 9 to 12 in Rome.

The theme of the meeting, convened by the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, was "a pastoral response to the migratory phenomenon in the era of globalization." Fr. Groody helped write its concluding document, or "instruction."

In an article in the September 2009 issue of the journal *Theological Studies*, Fr. Groody argues that theology should take a role, along with economics, politics, geography, demography, sociology, psychology, law, history, anthropology and environmental studies, as a core discipline in the relatively new field of migration studies.

Fr. Groody pioneers what he calls "the foundation of a theology of migration and refugees," the subject of a book on which he is now at work. At the core of this theology is the notion of the *Imago Dei* (the "Image of God"), God's creation of human beings in his "image and likeness" as recounted in the first verses of scripture (Gen.1:26-27).

"No text is more foundational or more significant in its implication for the immigration debate," Fr. Groody says. "The *Imago Dei* is the core symbol of human dignity, the infinite worth of every human being, and the divine attributes that are part of every human life, including will, memory, emotions, understanding, and the capacity to love and enter into relationship with others."



The statues of Fr. Joyce and Fr. Hesburgh in the snow in front of the Hesburgh library.

--photo by Fr. Bill Blum, C.S.C.

## Fr. Calhoun Inducted into the Hall of Fame

Rev. Lawrence Calhoun, C.S.C. will be inducted into the United States Fencing (U.S.F.A.)'s Hall of Fame. This honor is based on his accomplishments as a coach for over 43 years.

While doing graduate work in biology and education at the University of Notre Dame, Fr. Calhoun became the chaplain to the fencing team. Upon graduation in 1966 he took his first fencing lesson from Professor Michael DeCicco, the team coach.

Starting with his assignment to Notre Dame High School, Niles IL, which lasted from 1966 to 1973, Fr. Calhoun started a fencing club. The club became a varsity sport the following year. From then until 1975, they never had a losing season. The team won two state championships and several second places. In 1972 Fr. Calhoun got permission to found the U.S. Junior Olympic Fencing Championships, which were held at N.D.H.S..

In 1997 Dr. Ralph Zimmerman, the vice-president of the United States Fencing Association, said of Fr. Calhoun's Junior Olympics: "The Junior Olympics... is the single most important achievement in the entire history of our organization. And his program has become the cornerstone of our national efforts to both achieve results and provide healthy athletic competition for our youth."

Fr. Calhoun was assigned to St. Francis High School in Mountain View, CA from 1975 to 1976. His team there won the mythical state title by going 12-0, defeating all the teams in the San Francisco area.

While teaching science at Le Mans Academy, in Rolling Prairie, IN, Fr. Calhoun went to Culver Military Academy to teach chemistry, earth science, and fencing from 1979-1985. While there his team won the Midwest Men's Epee and Sabre Championships twice and Women's Epee once.

In 1987 Fr. Calhoun went to Chaminade College Prep in West Hills, CA. For the next 17 years he worked with the high school and middle school there. His teams won 6 state championships, one national high school championship, and a western states championship.

Besides being the chairman of the Junior Olympic Committee at its inception, Fr. Calhoun has been U.S.F.A. chairman of Illinois, Indiana, and Southern California divisions. He is an honorary member of the Masque de Fer de Lyons, France. In all his years his win-loss record for teams is 1,332-535.

He has been a U.S.F.A. fencing official since 1970 as well as at N.C.A.A. events. The Junior World Fencing Championships were held four times in the U.S., all either at the University of Notre Dame or at the Century

Center in South Bend, IN. Fr. Calhoun worked with Coach DeCicco in all these events, as well as being only one of two state volunteers for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles who was a Piste Captain.

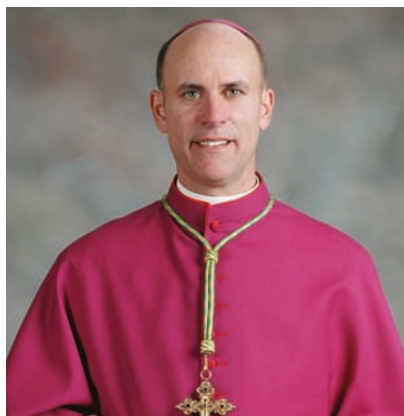
Over the years, Fr. Calhoun had 15 fencers on N.C.A.A. team championships. He has had 19 teams win U.S.F.A. championships.

From 1977 to 1979 he was assistant coach at the University of Notre Dame, when fencers from N.D.H.S. helped Notre Dame to two N.C.A.A. championships.



Fr. Calhoun with his fencers at Chaminade

## New Bishop of Fort Wayne--South Bend Visits Notre Dame



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, presided at Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on February 9, 2010.

Bishop Rhoades, formerly the bishop of Harrisburg, PA, was installed as the ninth bishop of Fort Wayne-

South Bend on January 13.

The new bishop studied in Rome and was ordained a priest in 1983. His first assignment was parish work and the Spanish speaking apostolate. He later returned to Rome and earned degrees in theology and canon law. He taught courses on these subjects, as well as on Hispanic ministry, at Mount Saint Mary's. He was appointed rector there in 1997. He became bishop of Harrisburg in 2004.

He has worked to increase the number of seminarians in the Harrisburg Diocese, strengthen Catholic schools, and improve pastoral outreach to Hispanics.



# Alliance for Catholic Education



The University of Notre Dame has a long tradition of making an impact far beyond the campus itself.

Seventeen years ago, Fathers Tim Scully, C.S.C., and Sean McGraw, C.S.C., founded The Alliance for Catholic Education

(ACE) to strengthen Catholic primary and secondary level education. This work has grown so that ACE has now become the most prominent provider of resources and talent to Catholic schools across the nation. What began as a program forming faith-filled teachers for economically challenged Catholic schools has expanded to include additional goals: forming leadership candidates and principals for Catholic schools, engaging Catholic schools and systems in strategic planning, designing new models for school reform and advocating reform in public policy.

ACE sponsors several different professional formation programs in support of Catholic Schools:

## ACE Service Through Teaching Program



The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Service Through Teaching Program is a two year service and professional formation program offering college graduates the opportunity to serve as full-time teachers in under-resourced Catholic

schools and to acquire Master's level formation and licensure. Each year, ACE sends nearly 200 qualified new teachers into the classroom. Over 70 percent of the program's graduates are still in education, and many have found their vocation as lifelong Catholic school teachers.

## The Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program

The Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program provides an intensive 26-month Master's degree in Catholic school leadership formation, focusing on cultivating the



dispositions of becoming a professional administrator, fostering school community, and promoting spiritual formation among the school's faculty, students, and the broader school community. Since its inception

seven years ago, the program has sent over a hundred experienced and committed professionals into the field to serve as Catholic school leaders across the United States.

## English as a New Language Program

The English as a New Language Program

responds to the need for enhanced language training and cultural awareness among Catholic school educators. ACE conceived this certification program which equips experienced teachers with best practices in reaching the increasing numbers of English language learners in Catholic classrooms.



## Play Like a Champion

The Play Like a Champion Program was founded to engage coaches, parents and student athletes in the formation of character through participating in athletics.

## Task Force Initiatives

To address the emerging needs of Catholic schools, ACE has sponsored a number of national initiatives:

### Notre Dame Task Force on Catholic Education

In 2005, Fr. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., assembled a task force to come up with a blueprint to guide the University, and the Church community, in addressing the challenges facing Catholic schools in the United States. Chaired by Fr. Timothy Scully, C.S.C., the Task Force on Catholic Education included fifty Catholic educators, diocesan representatives, philanthropists, investment specialists and Notre Dame faculty and staff.

In December 2006 on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception the Task Force released its final report *Making God Known, Loved and Served: The Future of Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools in the United States*. To date, over 10,000 copies have been distributed, renewing a nationwide discussion on the future of Catholic education.

### Task Force on Latinos in Catholic Schools

On December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 2008 the University of Notre Dame commissioned the Notre Dame Task Force on the Participation of Latino Children and Families in Catholic Schools. The work of the Task Force focused on a central question: *What can be done to narrow*



# ACE: Educators in the Faith



*the Latino academic achievement gap, by extending the teaching advantages of Catholic schools to more Latino students? The*

goal is to increase the number of Latino children attending Catholic schools from 290,000 (3% of the students in Catholic schools) to over one million (6% of students) by 2020, thus enhancing the lives of thousands or even millions of Latino families. Fr. Joseph Corpora, C.S.C. will lead the implementation of this initiative. He has developed working relationships with interested (arch)dioceses across the United States.

## Institute for Educational Initiatives

In 2007 ACE convened a national conversation of leaders in educational research and policy at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Learning, in an effort to create an academic field of research on Catholic education that would make a case for the benefits of an education in a context of faith and also define areas for improvement. To advance these efforts, Notre Dame created the Institute for Educational Initiatives, founded and directed by Fr. Scully.

## ACE Technology Initiative

Recognizing also that Catholic schools must respond to advances in technology, ACE formed the ACE Technology Initiative. The program aims to strengthen the use of technology-enhanced teaching in a number of pilot dioceses, including Memphis and Pensacola. It has received significant support from the Calder Foundation and Sun Microsystems.

## ACE Consulting

ACE Consulting at the University of Notre Dame is a non-profit organization established to serve Catholic schools and (arch)dioceses in the United States.

ACE Consulting's work is rooted in research-based, data-driven decision making, and the organization's aim is to assist Catholic schools and (arch)dioceses with achieving excellence in all areas of school life based on established benchmarks to ensure their future vitality.

## ACE Advocates for Catholic Schools



With well over a thousand graduates, the ACE Advocates for Catholic Schools was founded to strengthen the work of Catholic Schools nationally. This group has

grown dramatically over the past few years under the leadership of Fr. Lou DelFra, C.S.C., who is the Director of Spiritual Life of the ACE Program. ACE Advocates gather in two dozen cities every month across the United States for prayer, friendship, and apostolic service to at-risk Catholic Schools.



ACE Advocates sharing a prayer

## Partnership Program

The Diocese of Tucson and the University of Notre Dame have designated three Tucson parish schools as the nation's first Notre Dame Academy (NDAA) schools.

This partnership deepens the relationship between the Diocese of Tucson and Notre Dame that began in 2001, when the Notre Dame ACE program began providing teachers to Tucson Catholic schools.

The NDAA model is oriented around the three pillars of ACE: educational excellence, the experience of community, and faith formation in the Catholic tradition.



# Holy Cross House

Holy Cross House is a very busy place. There are always several kinds of activities going on, some in the house and some in other places.



"Put me in, coach!! I'm ready to play!!"



When some little children and infants came for a visit, Father Miceli showed the same care he gave when he was the rector of Cavanaugh Hall.



Brother James Lakofka, C.S.C., out for a stroll



Some of the Sisters of the Holy Cross from St. Mary's came over for a "field day."



Above: Winters can be cold at Notre Dame. We find ways at Holy Cross House to keep warm!



Left: Fr. Ed Kadzielawski is presented with a small cake and makes his wish before blowing out the candle. Fire regulations limit the number of candles.



# Moreau Celebration



The Holy Cross community gathers.



Left: Bro. Walter Gluhm, C.S.C., and Sr. Jean Lenz, O.S.F. were the readers.

Right: Fr. Greg Haake, C.S.C. calls us to prayer. He was the presider and homilist.

Below left: Fr. Peter Jarret, C.S.C. reads the inscription on the *Spirit of Holy Cross Award* and invites Susan Steibe-Pasalich to come forward so that Fr. David Tyson, C.S.C., provincial superior, can present her with the award.



Photos courtesy of Bro. Charles McBride, C.S.C.



Susan Steibe-Pasalich and her husband



# The Spirit of Holy Cross

The Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province has named the recipients of the 2009 Spirit of Holy Cross award to lay collaborators and religious who serve with the Congregation in the United States and abroad. The award was created to acknowledge the critical importance lay collaborators of Holy Cross and others play in living out the vision of Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, C.S.C., to make God known, loved and served in education, parish and mission settings. The award is given each year on September 15, the solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows, the feast day of the Congregation.

"Thousands of lay collaborators and others assist in fulfilling the important work in Holy Cross apostolates throughout the world each year," said Rev. David T. Tyson, C.S.C., Provincial Superior. "The Spirit of Holy Cross Award provides a special opportunity to recognize extraordinary effort in living out the Holy Cross mission. We thank all who are helping to make a positive difference in the world."

Recipients are recognized by the local communities of the Congregation of Holy Cross and receive a proclamation of gratitude signed by the Provincial Superior on behalf of the entire Indiana Province.

Recipients of the 2009 Spirit of Holy Cross Award:

**Frances Amabisca** is a long time parishioner of St. John Vianney Parish in Goodyear, AZ. As the superintendent of the local elementary school district, Frances was instrumental to the first Holy Cross priests who came to St. John Vianney. Throughout the years, Frances has served as the primary Spanish tutor of at least nineteen Holy Cross priests, deacons and seminarians, which has greatly benefited both those religious and the Spanish-speaking people of the parish. She also has been a mentor to several Holy Cross priests who pursued graduate studies after serving in the parish.

**Monseñor Cristian Precht Bañados** completed his initial education at St. George's College in Santiago, Chile, a Holy Cross apostolate, and since that time has had a very close relationship with the Congregation. He was ordained in 1967 and has dedicated his life to human rights and service to the Church, not only in Santiago and Chile, but throughout Latin America. He is seen as a true leader in service and is respected widely throughout Chile. He has kept a close professional, ministerial and personal relationship with Holy Cross throughout the years.

**Matt and Kate Barrett** have been parishioners of St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, IN since 1994. Matt has served on the parish Pastoral Council, the Capital Campaign Steering Committee and the parish Development Committee, and helped to formulate the parish Pastoral Plan. Kate was a member of the Christian Life Commission, served on the parish Pastoral Council, and shares her musical gifts as a Sunday Mass cantor and as director of the St. Joseph School Children's Choir. Matt, Kate, and their four children also serve the parish as Hospitality Ministers, greeting parishioners as they arrive at church for the Sunday 8 a.m. Mass. (cf. related story on page 14).

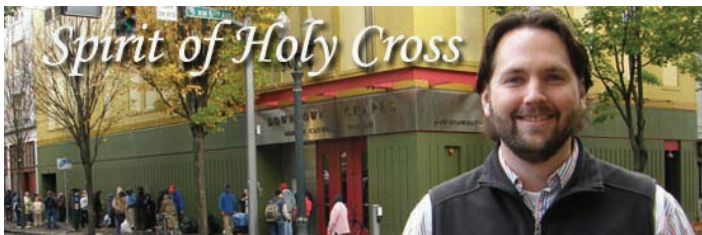
**Sr. Maria Ciriello, O.P.**, served as Dean of the School of Education at the University of Portland for 13 years. She also served as coordinator of the Catholic School Leadership master's program jointly operated by Catholic University and the Archdiocese of Washington, and led Pacific Alliance for Catholic Education, which provides teachers for underserved Catholic schools in the United States. The university, under Sister Maria's leadership, graduated about 1,200 teachers and 100 principals. She has recently started a new assignment coordinating her religious community's relationship with its three colleges, four high schools and several grade schools.

**Adelaido "Lalo" Avila Gómez** has helped to fulfill the Holy Cross mission at Holy Cross parishes in Guadalupe – first at Santo Tomás Moro and now at Nuestra Madre Santísima de La Luz – since 1987. His support was most clearly felt at one of the chapels in La Luz parish, Capilla San Matías. When Holy Cross purchased land and built a large chapel in the neighborhood now known as San Matías, Lalo was instrumental in its success. Through Lalo's leadership this economically poor community found the courage to take on this monumental task. Lalo currently serves the community as lector, minister of communion, commentator and usher.



"Lalo" Avila Gómez with his family and Fr. Tom Zurcher and Fr. Pete Logsdon





**Andrew Noethe**, pastoral associate of St. Vincent de Paul Downtown Chapel Parish in Portland, OR, has worked with various Holy Cross institutions for over a decade. After graduating from Notre Dame in 1998, Andrew served at St. John Vianney parish, Moreau Seminary and the University of Portland. At the Downtown Chapel, Andrew oversees outreach and hospitality programs to people suffering from homelessness, addictions, mental illness, and other issues. Under his leadership, the parish now connects with dozens of high schools, universities, and seminaries. Most recently, Andrew completed a Masters of Nonprofit Administration at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

**Susan Steibe-Pasalich** has served as Director of Student Affairs, University of Notre Dame for almost three decades. Additionally, over the years, she has supported the Holy Cross Office of Vocations by assisting with screening applicants to the Holy Cross seminary programs. She has brought a high level of professionalism to this task and has contributed immeasurably to ensuring that the next generation of Holy Cross religious are well-rounded and well-equipped for their lives of service. (cf. p.11)

**Cardinal Emmanuel Wamala**, Archbishop Emeritus of Kampala, Uganda, is a renowned servant-leader known for his piety, humility, calmness, availability and approachability. A true collaborator with Holy Cross in East Africa, Cardinal Wamala welcomed Holy Cross in Kampala. He offered the land where the current District Centre in Kampala is located and has been part of Holy Cross at various functions, presided over Eucharist at Holy Cross gatherings, and ordained several Holy Cross men. Throughout his ministry, Cardinal Wamala has given special attention to the promotion of education.

**James Gibbons** is a long-time supporter of Holy Cross. He served as assistant vice president for University Relations and director of special events and protocol at the University of Notre Dame until his retirement in 1999. He was awarded a Presidential Citation in 1979 for outstanding contributions to the University and in 1988 received the Notre Dame Alumni Association's James E. Armstrong Award, which honors a University graduate and employee for distinguished service. He regularly attends Mass at Holy Cross House and volunteers for several local charities.

## Chile



### District of Chile Retreat

The religious of the District of Chile gathered at the end of the school year (December) for their community gathering and retreat.

Rev. Rick Wilkinson, C.S.C. (EP), the campus minister at St. Edward's University in Austin, TX, came to direct the retreat.



Fr. Joe Dorsey, C.S.C., seems to enjoy the community gathering.



A group of students from St. George's on a mission immersion in south Chile



# South Bend

## St. Joseph Parish Celebrates the Spirit of Holy Cross



Pictured (from left to right) are Deacon Kevin Grove, C.S.C., Maggie Barrett, Kevin Barrett, Fr. John DeRiso, C.S.C. (Pastor), Luke Barrett, Kate Barrett, Wilson Barrett, Matt Barrett, and Fr. Ed Obermiller, C.S.C.

On January 17, 2010, St. Joseph Parish of South Bend celebrated the Votive Mass of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C. Fr. Edward Obermiller, C.S.C., Assistant Provincial of the Indiana Province, presented the 2009 Spirit of Holy Cross Award to Matt and Kate Barrett.

A redecorated meeting room in the church was blessed and dedicated as the Basil Moreau Room. It will serve as a classroom for the parish school, for Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word and for welcome receptions for new parishioners. As part of the dedication, a picture of Blessed Basil Moreau, with an accompanying plaque, was unveiled. The Feast also saw the completion of the newly refurbished church baptismal font. Italian marble was applied to the exterior. The design includes a bronze inlaid seal containing images and words associated with the parish's Holy Cross heritage: the cross and anchors, the Words *Ave Crux, Spes Unica* (Hail the Cross, our Only Hope), and the letters JMJ (Jesus, Mary, Joseph).



While on a trip to Chiapas, Mexico with other pastors in a project of the Lily Foundation, Fr. Chris Cox, C.S.C. has the opportunity to concelebrate Mass with Archbishop Samuel Ruiz.

## Transforming Action Through Power

On Sunday afternoon, October 25, 2009, TAP (Transforming Action through Power) had its Public Meeting at Little Flower Parish in South Bend, IN.



Fr. Chris Cox, C.S.C.--who had helped organize the congregations into the organization--was a leader of the event. Fathers Len Collins, C.S.C., José Martelli, C.S.C., and John Korcsmar, C.S.C., were in attendance.

There were several hundred in attendance with a number of public officials present: the mayor of South Bend, the superintendent of the South Bend public schools, a state senator, and a school board member.



The TAP agenda included:

**Economic Development:** Mayor Steve Luecke



committed to working with TAP by co-sponsoring an economic summit to which public officials and business leaders from Michiana will be invited.

**Civil Rights for Immigrants:** TAP will work with allies in the General Assembly to ask for a Legislative Study Committee to review the impact of Indiana denying some immigrants the opportunity to pass a driver's test and obtain valid insurance. State Senator John Broden committed to sponsor the legislative study.



Tom Whipkey from Zion UCC, Maria Naranjo from St. Adalbert's, and Maria Kil from Little Flower present the education agenda.

**Education Reform:** TAP, in conjunction with South Bend public schools, will research the best practices for engaging parents in improving their children's education. Together they hope to create a training model that will fit the needs teachers are facing daily when dealing with children with unique physical, behavioral, and cultural needs.

School superintendent James Kapsa and school board member Stephanie Spivey agreed to work with TAP to develop the training models for teachers.



Left: board member Stephanie Spivey, Center: superintendent James Kapsa

# Phoenix



The original André House

In early January, 2010, André House celebrated 25 years of service to the homeless of Phoenix. Fr. Eric Shimmel, C.S.C., current director, invited all the

former directors as well as many others to a three-day celebration. At the concluding Mass a plaque was presented to Brother Richard Armstrong, C.S.C.,



recognizing his 23 years of ministry. What began as a single meal on Christmas night in 1984 has become in 2010 an evening meal offered six nights a week, serving an average of 600 people a night. Other services have evolved as well in response to the needs of guests and the community.



Left: Some of the people who were at the celebration at André House

Right: Fr. David Guffey, C.S.C., a former director of André House





# Earthquake in Haiti

The devastating earthquake in Haiti has had a ripple effect on communities across the globe, including the Congregation of Holy Cross. There is a large number of religious priests, sisters, and brothers residing and ministering in the country.

The Congregation of Holy Cross has been serving the poor in Haiti for more than 60 years. Holy Cross missionaries from Canada first came to Haiti in 1944 to direct an existing secondary school in Cap Haitien. That initial mission, now called College Notre-Dame, sparked the establishment of other Holy Cross educational, social, and parochial ministries throughout Haiti, now organized as the Province of Notre-Dame du Perpetuel Secours, with 70 religious members, including two Holy Cross bishops.



Ensemble Basile Moreau

Provincial Superior Rev. Michel Eugene, C.S.C., reported that massive damage has destroyed the Congregation's school, Ensemble Scolaire Basile Moreau, and the provincial house in Haiti.

Several hundred students in both grade school and high school attend the school, which opened in 1989 to serve the poor in Port-au-Prince. One member of the Congregation of Holy Cross, a seminarian who recently took his vows, has been confirmed dead. The young religious was taking a course at Quisqueya University and was killed by falling rubble.



The Provincial House in Haiti



A statue of Blessed Bro. André at the provincial house



Seminarians (from other religious communities and from dioceses) and people who collaborate with Holy Cross came seeking a place to stay. Some have left, and others have come.

All University of Notre Dame students, faculty and staff known to be serving in Haiti—including Fr. Tom Streit, C.S.C.—survived the January 12 earthquake and have returned to the United States.

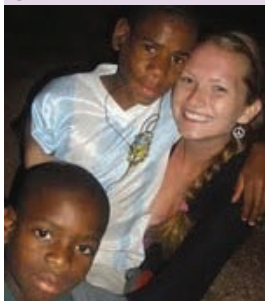
The Notre Dame Haiti Program works in conjunction with Hôpital Sainte-Croix on a major initiative to eradicate lymphatic filariasis, a debilitating mosquito-borne disease that affects some 120 million people around the world and manifests itself as elephantiasis.

The Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross is collecting funds to assist the people of Haiti. 100% of all monies collected will go directly to relief efforts in Haiti. To make a gift or for further information please contact the Holy Cross Mission Center phone: (574) 631-5477, e-mail: [hcmc@nd.edu](mailto:hcmc@nd.edu), web: [www.nd.edu/~hcmc/index.htm](http://www.nd.edu/~hcmc/index.htm), mail: P.O. Box 543, Notre Dame, IN 46556.



# Portland

The tremors of the earthquake in Haiti touched the community of the University of Portland. Two graduates of the university earthquake. Molly Hightower, 22, died, and Rachel Prusynski was injured. They had graduated in May of 2009 and were volunteering at Friends of the Orphans in Haiti. At the time of the quake they were both in the building where they lived and worked, but were on different floors.



Molly Hightower with Haitian children

Molly Hightower had majored in psychology, sociology, and French studies. She went to Haiti last June to work with children with disabilities. She died in the collapse of the building.

Rachel Prusynski, the valedictorian of her graduating class, was severely injured. At first she was taken to a hospital, but they would not treat her because her injuries were not life-threatening and because the hospital itself was damaged and the staff was trying to deal with many, many patients. She was taken to the U.S. Embassy and was treated there. Later she was flown to Guantanamo, Cuba and then on to the U.S. She is expected to recover.

Rachel is the niece of Fr. Chester Prusynski, C.S.C., the oldest Holy Cross religious at the University of Portland.

The UP community gathered at the Chapel of Christ the Teacher to celebrate Mass for Molly and to pray for Rachel.



Rachel and Fr. Prusynski, C.S.C.



Signing the Book of Condolences for Molly Hightower

## Holy Redeemer Parish



Rev. John Steele, C.S.C., Rev. John Dougherty, C.S.C. and novice Chris Ochoa bless the throats of the students in the parish school.

## Holy Cross presence at North American Academy of Liturgy

Three Holy Cross priests took part in the recent annual meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL) in Milwaukee, WI. Rev. Richard Rutherford, C.S.C. has been a charter member since 1976 and is the 2009-2010 president of the academy. Rev. Stephen Wilbricht, C.S.C. was making his third visit to the annual event while Rev. Michael Wurtz, C.S.C. was a first time visitor. Upon completion of their doctoral studies they will be eligible for full membership and will bring a Holy Cross continuity to the NAAL.



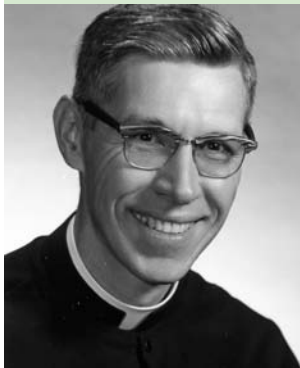
Rev. Michael Wurtz, C.S.C. (on the left) and Rev. Richard Rutherford, C.S.C.



# Niles

## Father Bill Brinker, C.S.C. receives Sancta Crux Award

Notre Dame College Prep, in Niles, Illinois, has honored Rev. William Brinker, C.S.C. with the 2009 Sancta Crux Award. This award is presented each year to an individual or individuals who witness to the mission and values of Notre Dame College Prep (formerly Notre Dame High School for Boys), where faith, scholarship, and culture interact, and where the individual is cherished and respected.



The presentation was made at the President's Dinner on Saturday, November 7. Fr. John P. Smyth, president, said, "As one of our Founding Fathers, Fr. Brinker has touched thousands with his wisdom and grace. He educated the minds and hearts of many Dons, contributing to the men that they are today."

In 1955 Fr. Brinker joined fifteen other Holy Cross priests in founding the new high school in Niles. After serving as teacher and athletic director, he became the assistant principal. Throughout 49 years of service to Notre Dame High School, he inspired countless Dons to believe that God loved them and that they could achieve anything.

Fr. Brinker said, "You want to make a student somebody better than he is. You want to bring out his talents and to help him become a better person, to become someone who's concerned about helping people. You want the student to look at you and say, 'There's a person who not only taught me geometry or algebra, but who was interested in me.'"



# Obituary

## Rev. Eugene A. Burke, CSC

**December 23, 1922 – December 26, 2009**

Rev. Eugene A. Burke, C.S.C., passed away on December 26, 2009 at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, IN. He was 87 years old.



Fr. Burke was born in Chicago on December 23, 1922 to Joseph and Agnes (Sammler) Burke. He moved with his family to Fremont, Nebraska and attended St. Francis Xavier grade and high schools.

Fr. Burke enlisted in the Navy in February 1943 and was given an Honorable Medical Discharge in October 1944. He joined the Congregation of Holy Cross at the University of Notre Dame in 1945 and entered St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, IN that August. After professing first vows on August 16, 1946, Fr. Burke then returned to Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, IN, and graduated from the University in 1949.

After four years of theology at the Foreign Mission Seminary in Washington, D.C., Fr. Burke was ordained a priest at Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame, on June 10, 1953. Following ordination, he served as a prefect in a residence hall



Reception Day

at Notre Dame while earning a Master's degree in Mathematics. For the next 15 years he taught math and headed the department at Notre Dame College in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He was also plant manager of the college and managed its Muslim Hostel for eight years. He served as site overseer for the construction of Mathis House, the Holy Cross Community residence at the college. In his "spare time" he served as prefect of discipline and assistant superior.

In 1971 Fr. Burke returned to the States. During the 1971-72 school year, he lived at Moreau Seminary while studying for a Master's degree in Counseling at the University of Notre Dame. After serving two years as a counselor at Notre Dame High School in Niles, IL, he joined the Holy Cross Novitiate Staff in Bennington, VT. In 1975 he returned to Notre Dame High School and was appointed superior and Director of Counseling.

Fr. Burke returned to Moreau Seminary in 1982 to



assist the formation staff. In 1984 he moved to St. Joseph Parish, South Bend. A teacher at heart, in 1986 he moved to the Casa Santa Cruz in Phoenix, AZ and taught math at Bourgade Catholic High School. He retired from teaching in 1990 and remained in Phoenix, offering assistance at many parishes and using his well-developed building skills to assist the late Br. Ludger Schaub, C.S.C., in maintenance at the Casa Santa Cruz.

Returning to his missionary roots, Fr. Burke worked in Dominica in the West Indies from 1994-95, after



## Homily at Gene Burke's Funeral

**December 30, 2009**

Rev. Patrick Maloney, C.S.C.

As we recall the challenge of Christ and of his apostle John to choose to be poor in spirit, to be merciful and clean of heart, to be a peacemaker, to do the will of God, we also hear certain promises that go with them: "Whoever does the will of God remains forever" and "Your reward will be great in heaven."

The story of our lives is often told by the choices we must make in the course of our time on this earth. When shall we make them? How shall we make them? How shall we follow through on them? Whose lives will we have touched?

Gene Burke was ahead of me in life - perhaps by 5 ½ years. Though he was my senior, we shared many years in religious formation and in preparation for the priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross. Above all I admired his dedication to the life he had chosen, a life he chose to live for others. Life is always an exciting business, and it is most exciting when it is lived for others.

His was a life in which he chose not to love this world. In fact he rejected it. His was a life dedicated to the mission of priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross.

His was not a pretentious life. It was a life dedicated to others, teaching in high school here and in foreign lands, a life dedicated to the poor and suffering, to those who did not yet know Christ except through Gene Burke, the servant of the Lord. Through him they came to know Christ, God's Son!!! What a great mission is that!

His was also a life dedicated to the service and growth of seminarians in the Congregation of Holy Cross and to his brother priests in Arizona.

And then it came: the life of sickness, suffering, silence and isolation when communication became much more difficult.

And now, dear Gene, friend and companion:

The "enticements of this world have all passed away," priest of Holy Cross, parish priest, teacher, missionary, counselor of the young, skilled handyman, and mechanic and much more – all in the service of the Lord; strong and faithful servant that you are. "Blessed are you for you have conquered the evil one." May you be forever with the Lord whom you chose to serve so many years ago.



Mass in the Holy Land

which he returned to Phoenix. From 1998-2000 he assisted at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Havasu City, AZ. He then returned to the Casa Santa Cruz in Phoenix. True to his strong desire to help whenever and wherever he could, Father continued to provide assistance to local parishes.

Due to failing health, he moved to Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, IN in 2003.





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Bro. Germain (Ubaldo) Parr, C.S.C. (C)  
The mother of Bro. William Dooling, C.S.C. (SW)  
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Peter and Paul Kunditani, brothers of Bro. Ken Kunditani, C.S.C. (MW)  
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Sofia Alicia Bitter, the niece of Joella Bitter, a Holy Cross Overseas Lay Minister teaching in Uganda  
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