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Vocation Retreat in LaPorte, IN: Hearing the Call

On Christ the King weekend, the Office of Vocations hosted its annual College Discernment Retreat at the Holy Cross Center in La Porte, IN. This year was the first year that the retreat was opened up to students beyond Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame, and a record 19 students attended. Nine of those students came from universities around the country, including King's College in Wilkes Barre, PA, and the University of Texas in Austin.

The retreat provided the students with some quiet time away from the business of campus to begin to find the answer to the critical, life-defining question: "What is God calling me to do with my life for Him?" It covered the basics of how to hear God's call and provided the students with opportunities to deepen their discernment through prayer, including personal reflection time, Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, and daily Mass. The retreat also offered a great chance for the young men to interact with Holy Cross priests and seminarians, as they joined the retreat for some panel discussions and meals.

Upon leaving the retreat, the attendees remarked, to a man, that the retreat had helped clarify for them the next steps they need to take in discerning God's will in their lives. Several of those men have begun the application process with Holy Cross this year.



Fr. Jim Gallagher, C.S.C., Director of Vocations, preached the homily at the closing Mass.



Nineteen college students from across the country attended the Office of Vocation's College Discernment Retreat in November 2010.



A panel of Holy Cross religious -- Fr. Brad Metz, C.S.C., Fr. Chris Cox, C.S.C., Fr. Bill Lies, C.S.C., and Fr. Ralph Haag, -- share on the congregation's mission as men with hope to bring in parish, education and mission settings.

Monterrey



Dan Panchot, C.S.C., with his Eminence Don J. Francisco Cardinal Robles Ortega, Archbishop of Monterrey, who celebrated the "sending" Mass at the chapel in the formation house chapel.

After serving the Congregation of Holy Cross in Monterrey, Nuevo León, México for 19 years, Father Daniel Panchot, C.S.C. has left México and gone to Santiago, Chile. Daniel has served as vocation director, director of candidates, director of the professed, associate pastor at Santo Tomás Moro and then Nuestra Madre Santísima de la Luz, and as director of Family Rosary in México.

There were many "despedidas" (farewells and sending ceremonies) for Daniel. Each of them was packed with people wanting to thank him and wish him well. The Holy Cross community gathered at the formation house on February 21, 2011 to celebrate Dan's energetic ministry in Mexico and to ask God's blessings on him for his journey and ministry with Holy Cross in the District of Chile.



Dan Panchot, C.S.C., departs for Chile.

Thanks to help from the Province Justice and Peace Fund, the Holy Cross community in La Luz parish in Cd. Guadalupe, México has been able to implement several programs to help the families of handicapped persons. First was a program of "special catechetics" for special children and their families prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation. Then came sessions of group meetings of mutual support for the families of handicapped persons.



Another felt need was that of making physical therapy available at a local level. They have been able to secure the services of a young, enthusiastic therapist, Marisol Gutiérrez. They are fortunate, because Marisol has been active in apostolic activities in the parish for several years. Most recently she is part of a group of Youth Liturgy and is a member of one of the groups of youth-retreats. So, she understands the apostolic part of this service of physical therapy. Since she is young, she has energy and enthusiasm, and has a personality that inspires confidence both in the patients and their families, whom we try to involve in this work, as they can complement the therapy with exercises in their homes. Therapy is a challenge, because each person is different. All of the people treated are monitored in the San Matías Clinic to assure the correct therapy.

San Andrés Bessette, C.S.C., is the principal patron of this project.



Seminarians Armando Morales, C.S.C. and Juan Ramón Alcudia working with a patient

Mass in Honor of St. André at the Cathedral in Monterrey, Nuevo León, México



Auxiliary Bishop Jorge Cavazos after the Mass with Holy Cross priests, seminarians, and sisters



Fr. Aaron Michka, C.S.C. at the reception



Family Rosary Members with St. André



Fr. Alfredo Olvera, C.S.C. during the anointing of the sick during the Mass



Of course there were mariachis at the Mass and reception



The La Luz matachines dance at the Mass.

Portland

The downtown chapel, St. Vincent de Paul, has been renamed **St. André Bessette Church** in Portland, OR. As far as we know it is the only parish to be so named.

The Archdiocesan celebration for the Day of Consecrated Life was organized by the Holy Cross religious from the University of Portland, St. André Bessette Parish, and Holy Redeemer Parish. The celebration of evening prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral honored St. André.

There was a large turn out of religious from the archdiocese. Archbishop Vlazny presided.



Fathers Olinger and McCoy leading the procession and Bro. Thomas Giumenta, C.S.C. carrying the icon



Bro. Donald Stabrowski, C.S.C. proclaiming the reading



Fr. Michael Belinsky, C.S.C. incenses some of the Holy Cross religious.

John Soisson, special assistant to the President at the University of Portland, received the Spirit of Holy Cross Award on January 20, 2011 in the Blessed Moreau Chapel of Christie Hall. The award acknowledges the critical importance that 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.

"No lay person in modern University history has done more than John Soisson to energize Oregon's Holy Cross university's rise to national prominence, said University president, Rev. E. William Beauchamp, C.S.C.



Fr. Frank Murphy, C.S.C. along with Fr. Michael Belinsky, C.S.C. presents the award to John Soisson with his wife Barbara, son Peter, and daughter Annie.



Fr. Frank Murphy, C.S.C.; Fr. Pat Hannon, C.S.C.; John Soisson; Bro. Donald Stabrowski, C.S.C.; and Fr. Gerry Olinger, C.S.C.



John Soisson with his son, Peter, on the left, and his daughter, Annie, and his wife, Barbara

The Father Charles Miltner, C.S.C., Award was established by the University of Portland in 1973 to honor employees who have been of outstanding service to the University. Beginning with the first recipient, the legendary Father John Hooyboer, C.S.C., the award has been presented to diligent and creative men and women who have gone to sometimes extraordinary lengths to further the mission of the University. These men and women - people like Bill Reed and Rita Lambert, Dan Reilly and last year's winner, Rachel Barry-Arquit - care deeply about the University and strive relentlessly to make it great. They are truly inspiring to their colleagues. The Miltner Award is the highest administrative honor and the University's most sincere way to say thanks for leadership in our efforts to be a university unique in the world for its creativity, zest, and grace.



Renowned for his calm professionalism, instant response to even the nuttiest questions, gentle smile and piercing intelligence, he will also be remembered as a man admired and respected by all for the manner in which his life and work expresses and testifies to his faith in the Risen Christ, every hour of the day, every day on The Bluff forever for the herculean task he faced when he began his extraordinary labors for the University, and the incredible achievement his hard work, endless cheerful patience, and broad creativity have accomplished. It is no exaggeration to say that the winner of this year's award quite literally saved our story, preserved our long and colorful past, and captured the amazing history of the University before it would have been irretrievably lost. Ladies and gentlemen, the 2010 Miltner Award winner - **Father Bob Antonelli, C.S.C.!**



Baptism at Holy Redeemer, Portland, OR

Holy Redeemer Parish



Mr. George Galati, a strong supporter of the mission of Holy Cross at Holy Redeemer and the University of Portland, received his Spirit of Holy Cross Award at the parish school Mass.

He is pictured here with Holy Cross novices Chase Pepper (left) and Matt Chase (far right) and Fr. John Dougherty.



The burning of the palms for ashes on Ash Wednesday is taken in stride at Holy Redeemer.



Fr. John Dougherty, C.S.C., pastor, and Mrs. Anna Raineri, school principal, observed St. Patrick's Day.

Africa

The government claimed the property of the McCauley Formation House in Kenya, allowing less than a month to get out and tear it down at our expense. The government claimed that Holy Cross never owned the land and had been scammed. They are now planning to build a major road through our property. These photos are of what remains of McCauley House after we tore it down. We were able to salvage a lot of the materials and resell them to help defray some of the cost or for use when we build a new house.



All that is left of the community dining room of the McCauley Formation House in Nairobi, Kenya



The seminarian wing of the McCauley Formation House in Nairobi, Kenya

Fortunately through the great efforts of Fr. Pat Neary, C.S.C., and Bro. John Flood, C.S.C., we were able to quickly secure a two year lease on buildings owned by the Consolata Fathers. This will give us time to decide how to proceed. The rented buildings are ample for our needs providing enough bedrooms, community space, library, chapel and offices etc.



The courtyard of the rented formation house in Nairobi, Kenya, looking at the community\dining room



The front of the chapel at the rented formation house



Pat Neary, Ed Obermiller, and James Burasa inside the chapel



The professed formation community with Tony Szakaly and Ed Obermiller



The novitiate at Lake Saaka



The new residence for all of the Holy Cross men teaching at Holy Cross Lakewide Secondary School



The novices and formation staff at Lake Saaka with Ed Obermiller



The new parish church at Kyarusenzi with Fr. Potthast looking on proudly from the left



The Holy Cross community enjoying a "sundowner" at the new residence



Fr. Willy Lukati, Fr. Dick Potthast, Fr. Ed Obermiller, and Fr. James Burasa

Notre Dame

All Souls' Memorial

The Holy Cross priests, brothers, and seminarians in the South Bend area gathered together to pray for those in Holy Cross who have gone before us.

Father Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., assistant provincial and steward, presided.



Above: Father Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., presides.

Left: Father Kevin Grove, C.S.C., preaches.

Below: the community at Mass.



The procession to the cemetery



Father Tom Jones, C.S.C., left and Father Tony Szakaly, C.S.C.

Congratulations to Father Bob Nogosek, C.S.C. on his recent publications:

--"Religious Life as an Acceptable Sacrifice," in Review for Religious, Fall 2010

--"Fruitful Participation in the Eucharist," Emmanuel, March\April 2011.



Students add to Fr. Austin Collins, C.S.C.'s work of art, creating their own version of Frosty the Snowman.

Vocation Pilgrimage to Oratory

This spring break, the Holy Cross Office of Vocations teamed up with Campus Ministry at Notre Dame and Holy Cross College to lead students on a pilgrimage to the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal as part of the ongoing celebrations of Saint André Bessette's canonization. Fifty-one students joined Fr. Jim Gallagher, C.S.C., Fr. Drew Gawrych, C.S.C., and three campus ministers on the pilgrimage. Among the students were 11 Holy Cross seminarians, consisting of nine Old Collegians and two candidates from Moreau.

On the way up to Montreal, the pilgrimage stopped in Toronto where the pilgrims were hosted by Fr. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B., and Salt + Light Television, which produced the moving documentary on Saint André entitled *God's Doorkeeper*. In fact, there was a screening of that documentary as part of the visit to Toronto, which also included a stop at the site of World Youth Day 2010 and Sunday Mass with the Newman Centre Community at the University of Toronto.

The pilgrimage spent two full days in Montreal, including over a day and a half at the Oratory itself, where the pilgrims heard talks from Fr. Claude Grou, C.S.C., and Fr. Mario Lachapelle, C.S.C., celebrated a healing prayer service in the main basilica, and joined the Montreal community for one of the novena celebrations in anticipation of St. Joseph's Feast Day. On the way back from Montreal, the pilgrimage was warmly received by St. Kevin's Parish in Welland, Ontario, which is a Holy Cross parish currently under the leadership of Fr. Jim Mulligan, C.S.C. The group stopped there for Mass and a continental breakfast before boarding the buses for a quick stop at Niagara Falls and then the long drive back to Notre Dame.

As the students were told prior to the trip, this was no ordinary spring break trip but a pilgrimage – a time for them to journey with the saints and with our Lord and to grow in holiness through prayer and through learning more about their faith, especially through the Holy Cross tradition and the life of Saint André Bessette. Each day the pilgrimage celebrated Mass and prayed together morning prayer, evening prayer, and night prayer as well as a novena to St. Joseph. The pilgrimage also included 11 short talks on various topics pertaining to our faith, including "Pilgrimage in the Christian Tradition", "The Call to Holiness and the Saints", "Saint André's Families: The Bessettes and the Congregation of Holy Cross", "The Power of Healing", and "The Legacy of Saint André".

One Notre Dame student wrote after the trip, "My very first pilgrimage was truly an amazing experience! I do not think I have ever before prayed as intensely as we did during the trip: praying morning, evening, and night prayer, along with the Novena for Saint Joseph, daily Mass, and personal rosary prayer. And it was wonderful. Along with the spiritual strength I received, I developed some wonderful friendships. Despite not knowing anyone prior to the trip, I think we were all able to bond quickly due to our strong faith. I am so lucky to have met them, and especially my leaders! ... 2011 Lenten Season will be treasured in my heart forever."



The pilgrims take a picture with the parishioners of St. Kevin's Parish in Welland, Ontario, who welcomed them for Mass and breakfast.

Phoenix



The combined choirs of St. John Vianney Parish and Christ Presbyterian Church

St. John Vianney Parish had a Christmas concert. There were Christmas carols in English, Polish, Italian, French, and German.

There was also a handbell choir.



Ms. Katazyna Hornsberger, St. John Vianney music director, does a solo in Polish.

The R.C.I.A. (English) and R.I.C.A. (Spanish) programs at St. John Vianney went on a retreat in Prescott, AZ.



Mr. Brian Ching with the leadership group.

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Reynoso with the R.I.C.A. group.



Rev. James Thornton, C.S.C., accompanied a pilgrimage to the Holy Land last year. They went from the end of October through the early part of November. The pilgrimage started in Los Angeles with a flight to Rome. There they had a twelve hour lay-over, and a bus took them around to see some of the Basilicas of Rome: St. Paul's outside the Walls and St. Peter's Basilica.

They returned to the Ciampino airport for the flight to Cairo. They arrived late at night and were quickly transported to the hotel. When they opened the drapes in the morning, they saw the Pyramids right across the street!

In Cairo, besides the Pyramids and the Sphinx and the National Museum, they visited several historic



Christian (Coptic) churches including one at which a number of people have witnessed the Blessed Mother walking in the Church or around it.

Not all of the witnesses have been believers, at least one (perhaps the first to report having seen her) was a Muslim. They all agree on what she looked like and that it was clear to them that the person they were seeing was the mother of Jesus. When arrived at the Sinai, they spent a night at St. Catherine's Monastery, the site of the Burning Bush theophany of Moses. They were able, not only see the reputed bush, but also many of the ancient (dating to the fourth century) icons and treasures of the monastery. Then it was on to Jordan and Petra for a day and then to the Holy Land.

They had a little over a week in the Holy Land. They celebrated Mass at the Holy Sepulcher, the Garden of Olives, the Church of St. Joseph in Cana in Galilee, where they not only had Mass, but the married couples were able to renew their marriage vows.



Fr. Thornton saying Mass at the Mount of the Beattitudes

South Bend

Congratulations to Father Neil Wack

The National Catholic Education Association has awarded **Rev. Neil Wack, C.S.C.**, the Distinguished Pastor Award for his outstanding support of Catholic education. Since taking the helm at Christ the King, Father Wack has enacted a five-star plan for school improvement, eliminated the parish debt, implemented a bullying prevention program, and personally raised funds for a safe new playground for students. Additionally, he has initiated a twinning relationship with a parish in Bangladesh. "Not only does this encourage global learning for the students, but provides them with the opportunity to practice Christian works of charity," said school parent Kathleen Kloska.

Under Father Wack's leadership, Christ the King school was recognized nationally in 2008 by the U.S. Department of Education earning the status of Blue Ribbon School.

Father Wack begins every school day in the parking lot opening car doors, greeting students and parents. He is frequently seen in the classrooms and school hallways, and is the regular presider at all-school Masses. He engages the children in a faith-filled experience each time. As a teacher I can't help but notice how my students light up when Father begins his homily with a grand "Good Morning" and their exuberant response resonates throughout the church," said Jean Watts, third grade teacher.



On November 19, 2010 Mayor Steve Luecke of South Bend, along with several local politicians, presented **Rev. Chris Cox, C.S.C.**, with the key to the City of South Bend. The event, attended by 400 parishioners, took place at Fr. Cox's farewell celebration from St. Adalbert's and St. Casimir's in South Bend.

Joint Council Meeting

The provincial councils of the Eastern and Indiana Provinces met in joint session on Friday, December 3, 2010 in Laporte, Indiana to discuss issues related to the merger of the Eastern Province into the Indiana Province, establishing the United States Province of Priests and Brothers. The two provinces will become the United States Province of Priests and Brothers on July 1, 2011, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Rev. John DeRiso, C.S.C., pastor of St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, giving a prayer card of Saint André Bessette to a student at the parish school.



A presentation by Ms. Donna Lamberti to the councils.



An agreement is reached!

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Mrs. Dorothy M. Streit, the mother of Rev. Thomas Streit, C.S.C.
Mr. Michael Walsh, the uncle of Mr. Nicholas Senz, C.S.C.
Mrs. Lois Connors, the mother of Rev. Michael Connors, C.S.C.
Mr. Carl Kimmerling, the brother-in-law of Rev. Michael J. Heppen, C.S.C.
Sr. Marjorie (Jones), C.S.C.
Mr. Daniel D. Stachowski, Jr., uncle of Mr. Anthony Stachowski, C.S.C.
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