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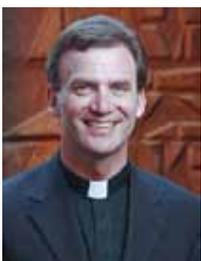
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Fr. Tyson completes 9-year tenure as Provincial

Rev. David T. Tyson, C.S.C., will complete nine years of service as Provincial Superior of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers at the end of the Provincial Chapter on June 22.

During Fr. Tyson's tenure, vocations to the Province have increased and there has been a renewed interest in and strategies for preparing Religious for roles in parish, higher education and mission in Holy Cross apostolates. Resources have been increased toward the work of Holy Cross in México, while also maintaining a strong presence in East Africa, Chile and Perú.

Fr. Tyson also led the way for the Southern Province of Priests to return to the Indiana Province in 2006 and the former Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers to merge into the Indiana Province, forming the new U.S. Province, in July 2011. The ministries of the Province now include four colleges and universities and numerous parishes and ministries in the United States, México, Chile, East Africa and Perú.

The U.S. Province also began a \$30.9 million fundraising campaign in 2008 to support education of seminarians and religious, international missions and health care for elderly Holy Cross priests and brothers. To date, the first phase of the Footsteps Campaign has raised more than \$17 million.

Fr. Tyson was born in Gary, Ind., on April 7, 1948. He received a bachelor's degree in higher education sociology in 1970 from the University of Notre Dame, where he also earned a master's of theology in 1974. Fr. Tyson received a doctorate in higher education administration from Indiana University Bloomington in 1980. He took his Final Vows in 1974 and was ordained at Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame in 1975.

Prior to serving in Provincial Administration, Fr. Tyson served as President of the University of Portland from 1990-2003. During his 13 years at Portland, Fr. Tyson oversaw a major expansion of its campus, a tripling of its endowment and improvement of the University's national standing. He also served on the Board of St. Edward's University, the President's Commission of the NCAA, the NCAA Special Committee on Sports Agents and Amateurism and a number of other religious and academic boards. He was also as a management professor at UP. While Provincial, Fr. Tyson also served on the Board of Regents and was recently elected a Regent Emeritus of the University of Portland.



Portland President Rev. William Beauchamp awards Rev. David T. Tyson with the Christus Magister medal.

At the University of Notre Dame, he served as Vice President for Student Affairs from 1984-1990; Executive Assistant to Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame, from 1982 to 1984; and Director of Sophomore Year of Studies for College of Business Administration from 1980-82. Fr. Tyson has also served as an Associate Professor of Management in the College of Business Administration, on the staff of Dillon Hall and on a variety of committees for Notre Dame. He has been a University Fellow and Trustee at Notre Dame for 19 years and was also recently elected Trustee Emeritus of the University.

In recognition of Fr. Tyson's dedication and support of Catholic higher education and his leadership in the Congregation, he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in May 2012 from Notre Dame during its commencement. The University of Portland also awarded him the Christus Magister Medal, the University's highest honor, during its commencement. Fr. Tyson previously received an honorary degree from Portland. Additionally, the Tyson Distinguished Professorship was established at Portland by gifts in honor of Fr. Tyson. The professorships recognize a career of teaching, scholarship and service to UP.

In his role as Provincial, Fr. Tyson has also served on the boards of other Holy Cross schools and apostolates: King's College (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.), Stonehill College (Easton, Mass.) and Holy Cross Family Ministries.

Fr. Tyson has served on the board of the U.S. Air Force Air University.

"I have faith that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless Holy Cross and the U.S. Province by continuing to grow our vocations and inspiring us to teach with zeal as we bring the message of *Ave Crux, Spes Unica* to the world," said Fr. Tyson.

Ordinations

On April 14, the United States Province of Priests and Brothers celebrated the Ordination of its brother, **Rev. Matthew C. Kuczora, C.S.C.**, to the priesthood at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

Provincial Superior Rev. David T. Tyson, C.S.C., presented Kuczora for Ordination to the Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, who conferred the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Fr. Kuczora made his Final Profession of Vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in August 2011. With those vows, he already committed to live in communion with the life and the work of the Congregation. As a Holy Cross priest, he will now focus his discipleship through a life of making God known, loved and served across all borders.

“As Fr. Jacques Dujarié, a driving force in the formation of Holy Cross, once said, ‘I am a priest to be father to the orphan, the consolation of the widow, the support of the poor and the friend of the suffering.’ I am overjoyed to celebrate a call fulfilled and a new life of service begun,” he said.

Fr. Kuczora, the oldest of five children born to Paul and Pamela Kuczora, grew up in Marion, Ind., where he and his family were members of St. Paul Catholic Church. He attended Marion High School and graduated cum laude in 2005 from Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy. He also received a Master of Divinity degree from Notre Dame in May 2011.

Fr. Kuczora’s family members and close friends participated in his Ordination Mass. His parents, along with Drs. Michael and Meaghan Keller

(brother-in-law and sister) and sisters Madeleine, Molly and Meredith were Gift Bearers.

For the past year, Kuczora served as a Deacon at Nuestra Madre Santísima de la Luz Parish, a Holy Cross parish in Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. He also served as Director of Postulants (a program to provide candidates with an introduction to the history, spirituality, charism, life and work of the Congregation of Holy Cross).

Since his Ordination, Fr. Kuczora has returned to Mexico, where he is Director of the Office of Vocations.

Chile

Rev. Rodrigo Valenzuela Rios, C.S.C., was ordained in the District of Chile on April 21, 2012, by



Archbishop Ricardo Ezzati of Santiago, Chile. Fr. Rodrigo teaches theology at Saint George’s College in Santiago and serves as a campus minister there. He also assists at Nuestra Señora de la Merced, a parish in

Calle Larga, near Santiago.

In the year before being ordained a priest, Fr. Rodrigo spent 10 days on a mission trip to a village in Chile called Quilacahuín. It was among the people of this small, rural village that Fr. Rodrigo discovered just what kind of priest he was called to be. Quilacahuín sits among winding and unpaved roads in rural southern Chile and people there live in wooden houses that often do not outlast the winter winds and rain. Villagers suffer from a lack of a steady supply of drinking water and extremely hot weather in the summer.

During his mission trip, Fr. Rodrigo blessed houses and helped to celebrate the Mass. He even walked for many miles to bring the Eucharist to the sick and elderly who were unable to travel to the village chapel.

“For the people we visited ... and for me personally, it was unforgettable,” Fr. Rodrigo said. “There, fatigue did not bother me, nor did having few hours of sleep. The main thing was to share this immense joy of proclaiming a Christ who is alive. I believe this was one of the experiences that ... helped me decide the type of Holy Cross priest I have been called to be.”

Serving the people of Quilacahuín changed Fr. Rodrigo and set a course for his priesthood. He went from “being a missionary to being missioned to,” he said. “Without a doubt, it has been a time of grace, in which God has used our hands and our voices to proclaim his Gospel and to proclaim his Good News.”



Newly ordained Fr. Kuczora gives the traditional blessings to his fellow priests.

Congratulations to these Holy Cross priests and brothers who are celebrating anniversaries this year!

Sixtieth Anniversary of Ordination

Rev. Matthew M. Miceli, C.S.C.

Sixtieth Anniversary of Religious Profession

Br. Clarence J. Breitenbach, C.S.C.

Br. Robert C. Ewald, C.S.C.

Br. Louis F. Hurcik, C.S.C.

Br. John J. Platte, C.S.C.

Br. Ronald G. Whelan, C.S.C.

Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination

Rev. Harry C. Cronin, C.S.C.

Rev. James J. Denn, C.S.C.

Rev. Jerome C. Esper, C.S.C.

Rev. James F. Flanagan, C.S.C.

Rev. Gregory A. Green, C.S.C.

Rev. Lawrence J. Herry, C.S.C.

Rev. William R. Persia, C.S.C.

Rev. Chester S. Prusynski, C.S.C.

Rev. David Sherrer, C.S.C.

Rev. Ronald R. Tripi, C.S.C.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination

Rev. Michael M. DeLaney, C.S.C.

Rev. John F. Denning, C.S.C.

Rev. Thomas E. Gaughan, C.S.C.

Rev. Charles B. Gordon, C.S.C.

Rev. Thomas P. Looney, C.S.C.

Rev. Robert E. Roetzel, C.S.C.

For biographies of these men, please see
<http://bit.ly/MDVJsB>.



The Provincial Council after its last meeting

Portland

The University of Portland honored **Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C.**, with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Fr. O'Hara concluded a 12-year term as President of King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., (his alma mater) last year. After earning his master's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame and a Doctorate in Political Science from American University, Fr. O'Hara taught at King's and at the Philosophical Centre of Jinja in Uganda.

During his tenure as president of King's, the college earned national honors for its academic programs and service to the community, welcomed the largest freshman classes in its history and greatly expanded its campus. King's has been included on the national President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the past three years, was named to a national list of the nation's top "best neighbor" colleges and universities and conducted the most successful capital campaign in its history.

Fr. O'Hara was born on March 16, 1949, in Hazleton, Pa. He took his Final Vows on Sept. 3, 1977. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 10, 1978.

King's College

Rev. Patrick Sullivan, C.S.C., Executive Secretary-Chaplain of the Labor Guild of the Archdiocese of Boston and a member of the U.S. Province's Easton Community in North Easton, Mass., will receive the John F. Kennedy Memorial Award from the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

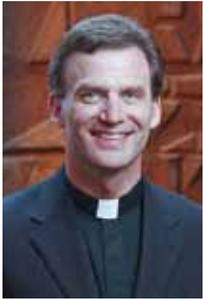
The award will be given to Fr. Sullivan at the groups' national convention in July in Verona, N.Y.

Fr. Sullivan entered the Congregation on Aug. 15, 1948, and was ordained on June 8, 1956, in Fall River, Mass. He earned academic degrees from the University of Notre Dame, Fordham University and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He served as Chairman of the Sociology Department at King's College and Director of the Undergraduate Program in Sociology at Notre Dame. Fr. Sullivan also has served as Director of Personnel and Planning for Holy Cross Fathers.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest Irish Catholic Fraternal Organization in the United States.

Notre Dame

Father Groody Receives Touchstone Award



Rev. Daniel G. Groody, C.S.C., associate professor of theology and director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies, has received the 2012 Touchstone Award from the National Federation of Priests' Councils (NFPC).

The NFPC annually gives the Touchstone Award to a Catholic priest "whose service in the Gospel of Jesus Christ exemplifies the purposes and goals of the Federation."

In announcing the award, the NFPC, which represents 26,000 priests nationwide, praised Father Groody's work in the Latino community and his scholarship in migration issues and theology.

Father Groody spent many years doing pastoral work and research in Latin America and along the U.S.-Mexican border, particularly in the Coachella Valley of California, where he worked from 1997 to 1999. In addition to the numerous books and articles he has written on U.S. Latino spirituality, globalization and the relationship of Christian spirituality to social justice, he has produced documentary films including "One Border, One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist" and "Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey."



Rev. Ollie Williams, C.S.C., went on a safari in Africa with a Notre Dame Alumni tour.

Published Works

Maryknoll Press published *John Henry Newman: Spiritual Writings* (May 2012). **Rev. John T. Ford, C.S.C.**, wrote the general introduction as well as introductions for the individual selections from Newman's writings.

Rev. Bob Nogosek, C.S.C., presented a paper entitled "Martin Buber and the Teaching of Vatican II on Dialogue" on May 4, 2012, at the conference "Vatican II Reconsidered" at Walsh University, North Canton, Ohio. His paper will be published in the September 2012 issue of *Emmanuel* magazine.

Stonehill College



Rev. Jim Lies, C.S.C., will take over as Vice President for Mission at Stonehill College on Aug. 1.

Prior to his appointment, Fr. Lies was a member of the Stonehill Board of Trustees and served at the University of Portland as Executive Director of the Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture.

Fr. Lies was also an Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Portland, a position to which he was recently promoted and tenured. With his recent appointment at Stonehill, President Rev. Mark Cregan, C.S.C., President of Stonehill, also named Fr. Lies to the Psychology Department as a tenured Associate Professor.

Fr. Lies has a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Minnesota, a Master of Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and a Master of Arts in counseling from the University of Notre Dame.

Telescopes: Watching the skies

To satisfy an itch for astronomy, **Rev. Jim Fahey, C.S.C.**, has designed and fabricated telescopes since 1984. Recently he completed a 7-foot-tall, 12-inch Newtonian reflecting telescope for the Michiana Astronomical Society, using a mirror from an old scope. Over the years he has designed, made and renovated other refracting telescopes. Most years he takes the instruments to Land O'Lakes, Wisc., where the only light pollution is the Aurora Borealis.



A 4-inch aluminum fork mount scope



Fr. Fahey with the Newtonian telescope



A 3-inch scope in its case



A 3-inch brass, single-arm telescope



A 3-inch scope set up

Obituaries



Rev. Cajetan T. Holland, C.S.C., passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2012, at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, Ind. He was 91 years old.

He was born in Lawrence, Mass., to Thomas and Annie Holland. He was baptized at St. Mary's Church, Lawrence. In 1936, Fr. Hol-

land graduated from Lawrence High School and for the following four years he worked at Pacific Print Works. In 1940, he entered the Holy Cross Brothers as a Postulant at St. Joseph's, Valatie, N.Y. On August 15, 1941, he entered Holy Cross Novitiate, North Dartmouth, Mass. He made his Final Profession on August 16, 1945, in Sacred Heart Church, North Dartmouth. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1946. In 1968, he obtained a master of science from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.

From 1950 he taught for five years at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago. He then moved to Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Ind., where he taught until going to Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Conn., in 1958. From 1958 to 1973, he taught at Notre Dame, West Haven, with the exception of two years, 1965-1967, during which he taught at Vincentian Institute, Albany, N.Y.

In 1970, Brother Cajetan became the Religious Superior of the Holy Cross Brothers in West Haven and in 1973, he was appointed Director of Saint Joseph's Spiritual Life Center, Valatie.

In 1975, he entered Pope John XXIII Seminary for delayed vocations in Weston, Mass., to begin studies for the priesthood. During his studies, he worked as a part-time chaplain at Bon Secours Hospital, Methuen, Mass., and at Danvers Mental Hospital, Danvers, Mass.. He had also spent summers working at Holy Cross Parish, South Easton, Mass., and Most Holy Trinity Parish in Saco, Maine.

As a Deacon, Fr. Holland worked as a chaplain at Saint Raphael's Hospital, New Haven, Conn., where he also assisted at Saint Martin De Porres Parish. Following his Ordination on June 9, 1979, he spent many years serving as hospital chaplain and assisting at parishes in Connecticut and Vermont until 1993, when he moved to Christopher Lodge, Cocoa Beach, Fla. In 2007, Fr. Holland moved to Holy Cross House, Notre Dame.

Rev. Cajetan Holland, C.S.C.

Eulogy by Br. Dennis Fleming, C.S.C.

"As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

Good evening everyone. My name is Brother Dennis Fleming, and I lived with Father Cajetan Holland in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

First I wish to welcome two of Father's nephews, Tom Holland and Terry Holland. We are very pleased to have both of you present with us this evening and tomorrow. We know that you represent many nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces, as well as Father's youngest brother Jerome (who is 85) and his wife Mariette. It is wonderful when one's blood family and religious family can be together for support and consolation at a time of loss for both of us. Thank you! Secondly, I wish to welcome the Holy Cross Community. I thank you for your presence also.

Father Holland began his religious life here in Indiana, entering the community in 1940 at the age of 20. He received the religious habit in 1941, professed his first vows in 1942, professed his perpetual vows in 1945 and graduated from Notre Dame in 1946. Other than a brief period of teaching in Chicago and Indianapolis, Father spent very little time in the Midwest. He is really not well known by many community members here at Notre Dame. After most of his life on the east coast, Father returned to Notre Dame about six years ago to reside at Holy Cross House. Thus he has made a full circle: he began here in 1940 and died here in 2012.

In the 1950s, the Congregation of Holy Cross was expanding eastward. Several ministries and educational institutions were being established; and since Thomas Holland, now known as Brother Cajetan, was from Massachusetts, he joined the move east. For 37 years Brother Cajetan served in a variety of high schools staffed by the Holy Cross Brothers. He had an extensive career as a teacher, counselor, artist and religious superior.

He was proud of his artwork; he was an oil painter. Much of his work was religious subjects. He was especially proud to paint portraits of Brother André Bessette (who is now a saint in the Church) and Blessed Pope John Paul II. These two holy men were great examples and heroes for Cajetan.

In the early '70s Cajetan began discerning a call to priesthood. He was living in Valatie, N.Y., at Saint Joseph Center. A local diocesan priest asked for Brothers

who would volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers to those in hospitals and in homes. Brother Cajetan loved his new ministry and did an outstanding service to the people. He did so well, the diocesan priest suggested that perhaps Brother should consider becoming a priest. Brother Cajetan left Valatie and began studies for the priesthood at Pope John XXIII Seminary in Massachusetts. After his studies, he joined the Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers.

When he was ordained, he loved his religious name so much, he kept Cajetan rather than returning to his baptismal name, Thomas. Now as a priest, Father Cajetan served in several parishes staffed by Holy Cross but eventually he was able to return to his great love for serving the sick in hospital. He spent many years ministering to the sick in a hospital in the Derby/Ansonia area of Connecticut. The hospital staff and patients loved him. He received many awards and commendations for his dedication, care and service to the sick and dying.

Eventually Father Cajetan was called to Florida. A local diocesan pastor was going on a sabbatical and he needed a replacement for three months. When Holy Cross asked Cajetan if he was willing to take the three-month assignment, he generously agreed. That assignment lasted three months—and 14 years! After being the pastor for three months, Cajetan stayed in Florida at Christopher Lodge, a residence for Holy Cross Priests and Brothers. He continued his service to the local Church, at Our Saviour's Parish and Patrick Air Force Base in Satellite Beach, Fla.

When he developed some health issues, Father Cajetan moved to Holy Cross House here at Notre Dame in 2006. He died just 10 days shy of his 92nd birthday, which would have been on April 25th. He had been a brother for 37 years, a priest for 33 years, a total of 70 years as a Holy Cross Religious.

To this very day, Father Cajetan Holland is well loved and remembered throughout Cocoa Beach, Fla. The parishioners and military personnel would always ask me: "How is Father Caj doing?" He is the most frequently asked for religious priest or brother out of all those who ever lived in Cocoa Beach in the 40 years that Holy Cross has been present in the Orlando Diocese. He will always be remembered for his paintings, his preaching, his jokes, and his pipe smoking!

In a verse or two just before the reading we heard this evening, Saint Paul tells us all to "always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of the evangelist, carry out your ministry fully." And that is exactly what Cajetan Holland has done.

And therefore we can also say: Cajetan has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, he has kept the faith, and because of this the Lord has reserved for

him a crown of righteousness which is given to him this day.



Rev. Chester Stephen Prusynski, C.S.C., passed away on April 22, 2012, at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, Ind. He was 91 years old.

Fr. Prusynski was born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc., to Stephen and Josephine (Muras) Prusynski on May 16, 1920. He was baptized at St. Lawrence Parish,

Wisconsin Rapids, in 1938. After graduating from Lincoln High School, he entered the United States Army. Because of the G.I. Bill, he was able to attend Marquette University, Milwaukee, graduating in 1950. He later received his M.S. in Business Education from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc., in 1953.

In 1956, Fr. Prusynski joined the Congregation of Holy Cross when he entered Sacred Heart Novitiate in Jordan, Minn., and made his First Vows there a year later. After a year at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, and four years of studying theology at Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C., he was ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 1962 in The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee. Fr. Prusynski would have celebrated his 50th anniversary of Ordination with the Holy Cross community at the Jubilee Celebration on May 25, 2012.

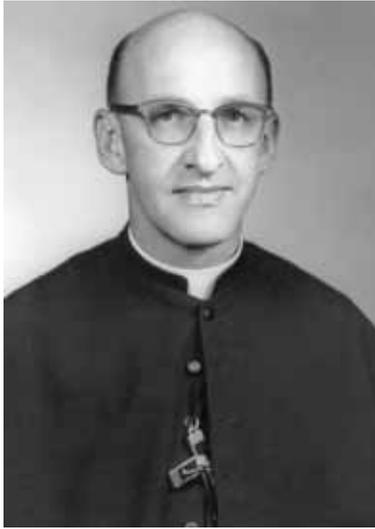
Following a year in the pastoral apprenticeship program at the University of Notre Dame, a year of teaching and prefecting in a student residence hall, Fr. Prusynski was assigned to the University of Portland in 1964. During his long service, he taught accounting, served on the Board of Regents and became the Steward of the local Holy Cross Community. He also assisted in various parishes in the Portland area.

While at the University of Portland, he enjoyed watching his students grow in and out of the classroom. Upon retiring from teaching, he was able to spend more time supporting the students on the playing field. He enjoyed spending countless hours at the athletic facilities around campus. Fr. Prusynski was one of the Portland Pilots soccer team's biggest fans.

Eulogy for Fr. Prusynski, C.S.C.

by Rev. Claude Pomerleau, C.S.C., and read by
Rev. Charles Kohlerman, C.S.C.

(This eulogy was written by Fr. Claude Pomerleau, C.S.C., and delivered by Fr. Charles Kohlerman, C.S.C. The sections enclosed with { } were comments by Fr. Kohlerman. The rest is from Fr. Pomerleau.)



{We welcome and extend our sincerest sympathies to the family of Fr. Chester Prusynski, in a special way to his sister, Verna, and his brother, George. We welcome Fr. Chet's many friends, especially those who have traveled here from other parts of the country and who have come to know and love him throughout the years; and we welcome

all the members of his Holy Cross family who have come to celebrate the life of this kind and gentle religious, priest and human being. In a special way, we extend our welcome and thanks to those members of the Holy Cross House staff who are with us and who cared for him with such diligence and love during these past years when he lived at Holy Cross House.

This eulogy for Fr. Prusynski was written by Fr. Claude Pomerleau from the University of Portland, who could not be with us tonight. I have taken the liberty of inserting a few comments about Fr. Chet, most of which come from his own comments written in the spring 2004 Portland Magazine, the magazine of the University of Portland.

Fr. Chet was born in 1920 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc., and as he wrote in the magazine article cited above, he "was born in a Wisconsin town so tiny with only six kids in his grade school class. I worked in the town paper mill for a couple of years and then came the war {World War II}, so I went into the Army Air Corps. I got sent all around. I was on Guam with a B-29 bomber group when the atom bomb was dropped on Japan. It was a Sunday morning. I was in the Army four years, one month, eleven days and five hours. After the war I went to Marquette and earned two degrees and then taught typing and bookkeeping and shorthand and math at Lodi High in Wisconsin. Then I earned another degree at the University of Wisconsin and taught at Riverside Poly Tech in California. And

then this vocation thing began to bug me. I'd never ever considered such an idea. It just came bubbling up in me. I remember standing in the snow in the mountains of Utah and realizing I was going to have to do something about it. I was ordained at age 42 {May 1962}, and I came to The Bluff in 1964 to teach accounting. I was hall director in Shipstad and Kenna, and that's how I came to be sort of the unofficial athletics chaplain, I suppose. I've been here 42 years {as of 2004}, which is amazing. Nowadays I am sort of a teacher at large, a witness to holiness wherever I can see the Lord, you know? I listen to the students. It seems to me that spiritual conversations start up anywhere and everywhere here, especially outdoors.}



{Fr. Pomerleau's reflections pick up from here.}

I write these reflections from my apartment at the University of Portland, next to the spot that was home for Fr. Pru (this is what everyone called him in Portland, but mostly, just Pru) during the last twenty years of his life. From his apartment, after retiring as teacher and administrator, he faithfully served the university and the Holy Cross community in Oregon.

I became friends with Fr. Pru when I arrived at the University of Portland in 1991. Fr. Pru was already a respected presence, an elder, an icon of stability and faithfulness. If anyone needed information about academics, students, sports, gardening or community life, Fr. Pru was ready to offer directions and give advice. However, in the last couple of years, he became more dependent on others to get around. A few mild strokes and the inevitable effects of aging forced him to use a motorized chair specially fitted to his needs. This allowed him to get around Holy Cross Court and the campus as desired.

Before my arrival at Portland, Fr. Pru had served as rector of a student residence and taught accounting at the University. He also served on the local religious house council. As a result, he helped introduce me to the world of religious and academic customs, but especially to that other world which was outside of

my traditional horizons: Portland athletics. Fr. Pru was the source of all information for the worlds of soccer, basketball and baseball in Portland.

After he left for Holy Cross House at Notre Dame, I sent him a weekly package of sports and other information about university activities. After receiving his package, he usually called me around 6:30 in the morning. On those days, I didn't need to set my alarm clock. Fr. Pru called to comment on his new life at Holy Cross House, and to comment on, and ask about, events in Portland. I don't believe that I read the sports pages of the newspapers during the first seventy years of my life, since my world rotates around music. So this became a special challenge. To keep Fr. Pru informed, I took to carefully reading the sports sections of *The Oregonian* and *The Beacon*, a student newspaper, and cutting out all news relating to his favorite Portland teams. I did this discreetly, late at night. But colleagues who knew my illiteracy in all things athletic, and spotted me clipping sports articles, wondered out loud if I too might not soon need to leave for Holy Cross House.



With Lech Walesa in 1987

I recently called some of Fr. Pru's close friends to ask them to reflect on the meaning of his life and ministry for them. Among his very close friends was Bill Reed who always made sure that he got around the campus or was transported to his desired destination. Bill tells me that Father Pru gave him his first job as an R.A. in his student residence. Interviews in those days were no big deal. A pleasant, relaxed conversation in his room, followed by a call telling him "You're hired!" Today, Bill Reed is Director of University Events and a 2011 recipient of the Spirit of Holy Cross Award. Nice going, Fr. Pru.

Also, two generous benefactors of the University of Portland, Earle Chiles and Harry Merlo, are closely associated with Fr. Pru. Their names identify significant athletic buildings on campus. On numerous occasions, Pru spent time recovering from serious surgery under their care. He became a bridge between these generous donors and the university's athletic programs. In

the past few days, I have listened to enthusiastic stories, especially from Earle and Harry, about Pru's spontaneous generosity, his devotion to his former students, his sly sense of irony, and of course, his role as religious guide and mentor to them and to others. Both Earle Chiles and Harry Merlo recalled that Pru always carried a small transistor radio glued to his ear for all the games. This allowed him to follow the away games while sitting in his favorite seat, as he watched and cheered the soccer, baseball or basketball teams to victory – or lamented their loss.

{The university's practice soccer field has been named after him with a plaque as tall as he was.}

In the past few years, Pru's apartment became a focus of visits from former students, relatives and families with whom he maintained close friendships. There were also parish leaders who maintained close and regular contacts with this generous chaplain of the university. During special events, his apartment became the focus of intense public relations.

I must mention Pru's acquired interest in gardening. This suggests that not everything to which he directed his energies resulted in great success. According to one local chronicler, Pru was celebrating Mass one day in the Holy Cross Court chapel at the University of Portland. As he looked out the window, he saw that the terrain appeared to be ragged and neglected. This, he quickly concluded, was a challenge not to be ignored. He began gathering pans, leftover pots, and asking friends to donate flowers and bushes. He began digging and transplanting all around Holy Cross Court. There seemed to be no end to his energies. He whispered to me that his guide and model was a painting by Claude Monet. Of course, landscaping is not a simple task. The result more closely resembled the passage of the Lewis and Clark expedition through Holy Cross Court than Monet's delicate water lilies.

Pru's gardening career eventually brought him in conflict with his nemesis, a dog named "Blue." In those years, Fr. David Sherrer had a pet mongrel that took to wandering Holy Cross Court in search of food, liberally offered by some residents of the Court. Since Blue frequently chased squirrels {and other rodents} who were also looking for the same handouts, through Pru's flowerbeds, Pru was frequently seen chasing Blue with a rake or a broom. In time, a deep mutual resentment developed between Pru and the fat, overfed mongrel. I rarely heard Pru complain about anything, but on various occasions, he phoned me in the morning, or collared me in the chapel, to complain about this destructive and annoying dog. He explained that Blue was barking at his guests and destroying his flowers and bushes. "Why can't you, as religious superior, fix this?" he challenged. And he wondered, "Where would this all end?" Well, both Blue and Pru have gone to their respective rewards. Perhaps there, they will find reconciliation.

Pru left many wonderful memories in Portland. He was regularly seen walking around Holy Cross Court, reciting his office, checking his flowers, greeting his guests. He was frequently present in the chapel, meditating, celebrating Mass, reading prayers—and calling me over to help him fix a flowerpot, or rearrange some flowers outside the chapel, or join him in a meal with his friend Earle.

In closing, I can attest that the spirit of Pru is alive on campus, and in many individuals and households in the Portland area. I am sure that upon arriving in heaven, he will soon be commenting on all types of sports activities occupying the heavenly hosts. One thing, however, is certain: St. Peter is not likely to assign him the task of gardening.

{We thank Fr. Prusynski for all that he has done for so many of us, family members, students, friends, brothers in community, and ask God to grant him eternal peace in the company of Jesus and Mary whom he served so well.}

Rev. Joseph L. Walter, C.S.C., passed away on Wednesday, April 18, at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago. He was 82 years old.

Fr. Walter was born in Braddock, Pa., to Joseph and Marie (Kausler) Walter. He was baptized at St. Joseph Parish in Braddock and attended St. Thomas



High School. He graduated from Duquesne University in 1951. Following graduation from Duquesne, Fr. Walter entered the University of Pittsburgh on an Atomic Energy Fellowship, gradu-

ating in 1955 with a Ph.D. in Chemistry. Just 10 days after earning his Ph.D. and prior to entering the Novitiate, he studied at the University of Notre Dame for one year in preparation for entering the Congregation of Holy Cross.

He spent one year, 1955-1956, with Rev. T. J. Lane, C.S.C., at Notre Dame on a post-doctoral appointment. In 1956, he attended the Holy Cross Novitiate in Jordan, Minn. He studied theology from 1957-1961 at Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C., and was ordained to the priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross on February 4, 1961, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

Fr. Walter taught at the University of Notre Dame each summer session during the years from 1958 to 1961. He was appointed Assistant Professor in September 1961 and Associate Professor in September 1966. He taught various courses in Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry,

Inorganic Chemistry, Inorganic Preparations, graduate Inorganic Chemistry and Coordination Chemistry. He was also fortunate in obtaining funding from two grants from the National Institutes of Health which enabled him to run a graduate program that produced 30 research papers in inorganic chemistry and medical education, as well as being able to deliver many papers at national meetings.

In 1971, Fr. Walter was appointed Chairman of the Department of Preprofessional Studies while allowing continuing research and teaching. During that time he was also appointed to the Executive Board of the Central Association of Advisors to the Health Professions and became one of the early leaders in the professional development of prehealth advisors through his involvement in the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions and the CAAHP. The CAAHP Award for Outstanding Advising is named the "Father Joseph L. Walter Award" in his honor, and goes each year to the person who typifies the qualities that he brought to the health advising profession. Fr. Walter was also initiated as a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the honorary premedical society, and became the national Vice President of 168 Chapters with 130,000 members in 1980, and national President from 1984 until July 1992. He also served as the editor of the AED National Newsletter from 1988 to 2000. He was elected in March 1994 to be the life-time honorary national President of Alpha Epsilon Delta, as well as being a lifetime member of Sigma Xi and Phi Lambda Epsilon, honor societies of the sciences. In 1983, Fr. Walter received the President's Award from Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., and the University of Notre Dame. Fr. Walter became Professor Emeritus in May 2005.

Fr. Walter is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Marie Walter, and two brothers, Bernard and Regis. He is survived by several nieces and nephews and three great nieces and nephews.

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