Members of the Holy Cross Community in North Easton, Mass., process into Mass to observe the Feast of All Souls. Please see Page 3.


Fr. Carlos Augusto Jacobo de los Santos was born May 7, 1984, in Monterrey, Nuevo León, México. The son of Sabino Jacobo Vásquez and Avelina de los Santos Hernández, Carlos is the second son of four children: Jesús Alberto (Beto), Luis Ramón and Tomás Enrique.

He received his primary education in his local community and his secondary education in Técnica 39, the preparatoria of the Institute Andrés Ambrosio de llanos of the minor seminary in Monterrey. His studies for the priesthood included philosophy in the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Monterrey and theology in the Franciscan Institute of the Friars Minor.

Carlos attended catechism classes in the Santa Cruz chapel and made his First Holy Communion in the chapel of San Matías when Fr. Jack Keefe, C.S.C., was pastor of Santo Tomás Moro. In his youth, he was a member of the choir of the chapel at Santa Cruz: This was an experience which left its mark as the beginning of his call to the priesthood. He also participated in the youth retreats at Nuestra Madre Santísima de la Luz Parish.

He learned about the Congregation of Holy Cross through his friendship with the priests and seminarians who influenced his decision by their commitment of service. Carlos was accepted into the program on Aug. 5, 2001. His first formator was Fr. Leonard Collins, C.S.C. After a little more than a year, he made his petition to enter the Novitiate, which he did on Jan. 6, 2003, in Lima, Perú. He made his novitiate with three novices from Brazil, two from Columbia, two from Perú and one from Chile. He made his First Vows on Jan. 6, 2004. He returned to México to continue his formation and professed Perpetual Vows on Feb. 14, 2010, at La Luz Parish. He was Ordained Deacon there by Bishop Jorge Alberto Cavazos on Sept. 16, 2011, and was assigned to St. John Vianney Parish in Goodyear, Ariz. Carlos was Ordained a priest at La Luz on Dec. 8, 2012, the first priest to be ordained in Holy Cross from the parish.

Fr. Carlos with his parents, Avelina de los Santos Hernández and Sabino Jacobo Vásquez.

Fr. Phalen Meets the Pope

A book with more than 80,000 pledges from people promising to pray the Rosary daily was presented to Pope Benedict XVI in Rome by Fr. John Phalen, C.S.C., President of Holy Cross Family Ministries. The book was given to the Pontiff at the Vatican in December as part of the Year of Faith observation and the 70th anniversary of Family Rosary, which was founded by Servant of God Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

The pledges were collected from people who requested free Rosaries through a special program offered by Family Rosary.
Easton, South Bend Communities Observe All Soul’s

Members of the Holy Cross Community in North Easton, Mass., and South Bend/Notre Dame, Ind., observed All Soul’s Day with Masses and Community gatherings Nov. 2. On All Soul’s, Holy Cross communities across the world gather to pray for and honor deceased Religious.

The North Easton Community Mass, which was concelebrated by 20 C.S.C.s at St. Joseph Chapel in the old seminary, included about 100 family members. The commemoration began with a visit to the Community Cemetery and concluded with brunch at Holy Cross Family Ministries. Fr. Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., presided at the Mass and Fr. Jim Lies, C.S.C., delivered the homily. The Notre Dame/South Bend Community celebrated Mass at Fatima House and then processed to the Community Cemetery nearby to remember departed brothers. After private reflection, the men chanted “Salve Regina.”

Easton, Dartmouth Celebrate End to Year of the Brother

The local Community at North Dartmouth hosted the Easton Community for its annual fall dinner. More than 20 men made the 45-minute drive up to North Dartmouth from Stonehill. Part of the celebration was to mark the end of the Year of the Brother in prayer.
Ave Maria Press, a ministry of the U.S. Province, has ceased its printing operation. The publishing and other works will continue, but the actual printing will be done elsewhere.

Provincial Superior Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., thanked the entire plant staff for their contribution to the ministry of Holy Cross and of the Church during a staff holiday luncheon Dec. 18.

At about 10:25 a.m. the following day, the last book of the last print run at Ave rolled up the conveyor belt from the binder, passed through the trimmer and was put in a carton. Keith Springer and Mike Doll taped up the final box full of “Marriage and Holy Orders,” one of Ave’s high school textbooks, set it on a skid and that was that.

Out of deference to the wishes of the plant crew, the end of printing at Ave was without any special fanfare. The six guys who were there helped shut down the bindery equipment, clean up the scrap paper and bind up the finished skids of books. Then most of them punched out, walked around to say their goodbyes and were gone around noon.

Printing has been part of Ave Maria Press since the first issue of the “Ave Maria” magazine was published by Fr. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., on May 1, 1865. Over the years, in several different facilities, the publishing house has printed the magazine plus books, booklets, pamphlets, catalogs, bulletins and flyers. More than 9 million copies of Ave Maria Press’s most popular publication, “Together for Life,” have rolled off the presses since 1970, when it was first printed.

In addition to handling all of the publishing house’s printing, Ave has done printing for Notre Dame, the Congregation of Holy Cross, plus many other nonprofits in the area. Until the job grew too big, Ave printed “Notre Dame Magazine.”

Ave’s printing equipment was auctioned at the end of January.

All of Ave’s printing employees were given 18 months’ notice that that plant would be closing so that they could begin to plan for their future. Ave also provided financial and career counseling for each employee and made funds available for those interested in retraining.

Russ Honored for Service

Mary Pat Russ received the Rev. Joseph C. Stroot, C.S.C., Memorial Award for Distinguished Service from the Notre Dame College Prep Alumni Association. The award was presented to her at Mass in La Porte, Ind., during one of the monthly outings from Holy Cross House. She was honored for her leadership, service, loyalty and dedication to the school.
St. Rita’s Celebrates 100th Anniversary

St. Rita’s Parish, Dade City, Fla., is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary. The parish, at which Holy Cross priests serve, ministers to both the Anglo and Hispanic communities. For Hispanics, there are monthly retreat programs and Marriage Encounter. There are 110 children in the English Catechism on Sunday mornings and more than 150 children in Spanish Catechism on Sunday evening. There are many Baptisms in Spanish, as well as Quinceañeras, weddings and funerals, most of which are in Spanish. Since the parish is in Dade City, there is a lot of “foot traffic” stopping in the Church and office. St. Vincent de Paul Society is also active in the parish, which is just beginning a jobs’ component, matching employers with clients.

Fr. Pete Logsdon, C.S.C., Associate Pastor of St. Rita’s, visits with a family of migrant workers.

St. Ignatius Marks 75 Years

St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church, Austin, Texas, celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2012. The community put on several events during the year to mark this special occasion, beginning with 75 hours of Adoration.

At “Spring Fling,” parishioners gathered outside on the property for a large picnic and an enjoyable evening together.

In August, more than 150 parishioners participated in “75 hours of service” to the parish, helping to paint, clean, repair, build and spruce up the grounds and buildings. The celebrations culminated in a weekend-long event which saw many former priests and religious returning to the parish, as well as opportunities to socialize, share and pray together.

A highlight was walking the five blocks to the first church building (now a Boys & Girls Club) and reminiscing there. At the end of the weekend, Bishop Joe Vasquez of the Diocese of Austin presided over a Mass of celebration on the Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch. The parish, founded in 1937, continues to thrive thanks to the dedication and faith of so many Holy Cross men and women who have gone before us.

St. Ignatius is an anchor for the Congregation in Central Texas.

Religious celebrate the Mass in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of St. Ignatius.

Parishioners from St. Ignatius walk from the church five blocks to the site of the original church as part of its 75th anniversary celebration.
King’s College

King’s College has been placed on an exclusive list of “Best American Colleges” compiled for “Forbes” magazine by The Center for College Affordability and Productivity. Less than 15 percent of the nearly 4,400 colleges and universities nationwide are included in Forbes fourth-annual ranking.

According to Forbes, the selection is based on post-graduate success, which evaluates alumni pay and prominence; student satisfaction, which includes professor evaluations and freshman-to-sophomore year retention rates; debt, which penalizes schools for high student debt loads and default rates; four-year graduation rate; and competitive awards, which rewards schools whose students win prestigious scholarships and fellowships or who go on to earn a doctorate.

Notre Dame

More than 600 students and 100 faculty, staff and family members from the University of Notre Dame attended the 2013 March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 25, 2013.

Fifty members of the Notre Dame Right to Life Club were asked by march organizers to carry the official event banner along the march route, down Constitution Avenue from the National Mall to the Supreme Court.

Twelve buses took local participants to Washington for the event, which also was attended by Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C., President of the University.

Stonehill College

Two U.S. Province priests are finalists to become the 10th President of Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass.

Fr. John F. Denning, C.S.C., and Fr. David T. Tyson, C.S.C., will be on campus in April to meet with the Presidential Search Committee and participate in two public meetings with the college community. The search committee plans to give its recommendation to the Stonehill Board of Trustees on May 17.

One of the two will replace outgoing President Rev. Mark Cregan, C.S.C., who announced in September, 2012, that he would step down in June. Cregan was inaugurated Stonehill’s President in July, 2000.

Fr. Denning is the Vice President for Student Affairs at Stonehill. He served as Vice President for Mission at the College from 2001 to 2007 and also served as Director of Campus Ministry from 2000 to 2003. He is a doctoral candidate in higher education administration at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. Fr. Denning also is a Trustee of King’s College (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.). He previously served as Director of Vocations for the former Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers, Campus Minister and Teacher at Coyle-Cassidy High School in Taunton, Mass., and as Director of Campus Ministry at Bridgewater State College, where he also served as Director of the Catholic Center.

Fr. Denning was born on Oct. 2, 1959, in East Providence, R.I. He made his Final vows in 1986 and was Ordained in 1987. He received a bachelor’s degree from Tulane University in 1981 and his M.Div. from the University of Toronto in 1986.

Fr. Tyson completed nine years as Provincial Superior of the United States Province in June 2012. From 1990 to 2003, he served as President of the University of Portland (Ore.). Prior to that, Fr. Tyson spent more than two decades at the University of Notre Dame in positions ranging from residence hall staff to Vice President for Student Affairs. He also has been a management professor at both Notre Dame and Portland. Fr. Tyson has served three terms as a Trustee at Stonehill.

Fr. Tyson was born in Gary, Ind., on April 7, 1948. He received a bachelor’s degree in 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 made his Final Vows in 1974 and was Ordained in 1975.
Halloween Comes to Holy Cross House

Every Halloween, the Religious at Holy Cross House are visited by trick-or-treaters. The men sit outside their rooms and await the visitors to give them candy. Afterwards, there is a party in the dining room. It’s difficult to tell who has more fun - the children, the older men or the parents and staff who watch!

Fatima Community Celebrates Christmas

The community at Our Lady of Fatima invited Religious in the South Bend/Notre Dame area to a Christmas celebration with Mass, social hour and dinner. Men from Holy Cross House, Moreau Seminary and the Provincial House came for the celebration. It was a wonderful evening of prayer and community.
East Africa

On Sept. 29, 2012, Fr. Prosper Tesha, C.S.C., was installed as the Pastor of St. Brendan’s Parish, Kitete, Tanzania, by Bishop Beatus Kinyaia of the Mbulu Diocese.

Fr. Patrick Neary, C.S.C., Superior of the District of Africa; Fr. Constantine Changwe, C.S.C., Associate Pastor of St. Brendan’s Parish; Fr. Luke Muhindo, C.S.C., Associate Pastor at Holy Cross Parish, Dandora, Nairobi; and Mr. Linus Nviiri, C.S.C., and Mr. John Mwesige, C.S.C., both in their pastoral year at St. Brendan’s, participated in the installation.

People came from miles around to witness the installation of their new pastor, as well as to celebrate the confirmation of 688 young people from St. Brendan’s that Saturday and another 266 young people at nearby Kambi ya Simba Parish on Sunday.

Chile

On March 1, the District of Chile celebrated its 70th Anniversary. Chile is the longest-running mission still overseen by the United States Province.

“In honor of the men who preceded us in this mission, and gratitude for those that today carry that mission forward, let us celebrate together the common mission we all share in Holy Cross and give thanks for the invitation we first received there and for the fidelity to that commitment for 70 years,” said Provincial Superior Fr. Tom J. O’Hara, C.S.C.

Members of Chile’s formation program with Fr. Rómulo Vera, then-Director of Formation (right); and Fr. Mike DeLaney, District Superior (fourth from right. Chile’s formation program includes three professed seminarians from Haiti and three professed from Perú. There are also three postulants from Chile.
Obituaries

Rev. William J. Brinker, C.S.C.
May 8, 1919-Oct. 21, 2012


Fr. Brinker attended St. Aloysius grade school and St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, Ky. He entered the University of Notre Dame as a freshman in 1937 and entered the Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Ind., on Aug. 15, 1939. He made his First Vows on Aug. 16, 1940. He studied Theology at Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C., from 1942 to 1946. Fr. Brinker graduated from Notre Dame in 1942 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Fr. Brinker made his Final Vows June 6, 1944, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 24, 1946, in Sacred Heart Church at Notre Dame.

Fr. Brinker spent his life's work as a teacher and counselor. From 1946 to 1955, he taught at Holy Cross Seminary, Notre Dame, while earning a Master’s Degree in Education from the University.

Fr. Brinker was one of the founding Religious of Notre Dame High School for Boys in Niles, Ill., where he served from 1955 to 1964, teaching religion, math and physics, while also serving as Athletic Director. At the same time, he conducted conferences for Religious sisters for many years and was active in the Christian Family Movement in the Chicago and South Bend, Ind., areas. He also assisted at two Chicagoland churches for many years, St. Isaac Jogues Church in Niles and St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Park Ridge. Fr. Brinker assisted at St. Isaac Jogues for about 50 years. He also served as Chaplain to the Carmelite Sisters in Des Plaines, Ill., and for the Sisters of Providence in Chicago.

Fr. Brinker served at Holy Cross Seminary from 1964 to 1967 as Assistant Superior and Teacher. When the Seminary closed, Fr. Brinker returned to Notre Dame High School to work as a guidance counselor from 1967 to 1992. Until 2007, he remained at the school and served as Counselor Emeritus.

Fr. Brinker moved to Fatima House, Notre Dame, for one year and then in 2008, moved to Holy Cross House, also in Notre Dame, where he lived until his death.

Excerpts from the Eulogy for Rev. William Brinker, C.S.C.

By Rev. Christopher Kuhn, C.S.C.

For me, Bill Brinker's life was the epitome of a Christian who strived each day to live the Beatitudes.

1. “Blessed are the poor in spirit; theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven”

   Like all of his Holy Cross brothers, Bill took the Vow of Poverty. He lived a very frugal and simple life. He was not concerned about his own comfort or convenience. But he was always solicitous for other's comfort and convenience.

   When Bill and I took a flight to Portland for a Holy Cross History Conference, we checked in our luggage. I had my standard suitcase on rollers. Bill had a small gym bag that held a few clothes and his meds. The woman at the counter wondered where was the rest of Bill's luggage.

   When we reached security we had to remove our shoes. To me, Bill, at 85 years old, did not look like a serious threat. Nevertheless, he had to remove his shoes, so we found a bench where he could sit down. But when a young mother and small child showed up, Bill got up and immediately offered her his seat on the bench.

2. “Blessed are those who mourn; they will be comforted”

   For several years when I drove to visit my brother in southwest Ohio for the Christmas and Easter holidays, I would take Bill to Cincinnati to visit with his sister Margaret. Margaret was Sister Dolora of the Sisters of Mercy. Bill would stay with her at Mercy Center and say Mass for the retired nuns who lived there.

   Margaret and Bill were the closest in age and the last surviving of five siblings. Bill was her little brother. She entered religious life a few years before Bill joined Holy Cross. They were very close. Bill phoned her every night to talk and pray with her. Even after a stroke limited Margaret's speech, Bill faithfully phoned her.

   When Margaret died, I drove him to Cincinnati for the wake and funeral at which he presided. Bill was now alone, the last of his generation. I know that Bill missed Margaret a great deal – the visits, the phone calls. But he recovered and consoled himself with the
knowledge that she had gone home to God. …

3. “Blessed are the meek; they shall inherit the earth”

When members of Notre Dame High School’s faculty, staff and alumni would describe Bill Brinker, they would often use words such as “gentle, kind, humble.” Our young men at NDHS were called “the Dons,” Spanish for “gentleman.” Bill Brinker was truly a “Gentle” man. …

4. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for Righteousness”

Bill was a prayerful man. He had a spiritual hunger and thirst that could only be satisfied by God. He was dedicated to his daily Mass, Breviary and prayer.

On our many drives and cross-country trips, we prayed the Breviary and Rosary. It was so integral to his life; I don’t think he ever missed his daily spiritual exercises.

When we lived at NDHS and Bill was not in his room or office, people automatically checked the School Chapel, because they knew of his dedication to prayer.

5. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy”

For many years, Bill served as the Confessor at two parishes in the Chicago area: St. Paul of the Cross in Park Ridge and St. Isaac Jogues in Niles. He was renowned for his compassion, understanding and kindness as a Confessor. He embodied the mercy of God. …

Also during his years in Chicago, Bill was a Confessor and Chaplain for the Carmelite Sisters of Des Plaines and the Sisters of Providence at Guerin High School. He also conducted retreats and days of recollection for the sisters.

6. “Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God”

His colleagues at the high school often described Bill as a “man without guile.” I knew Bill for 35 years. I cannot recall a single person he regarded as an enemy. It was also was said of Bill that … “He never said an unkind word about anybody.”

7. “Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be called Children of God”

Both in the school and the Community, Bill was a peacemaker. He was committed to working for reconciliation. He was known to be fair minded and he was sought out for his wisdom and advice. When there was a dispute, both sides would try to enlist him for their side. But he would work to bring the two sides together.

He tried to find the basic goodness in people. He tried to accentuate the positive no matter how bleak the situation looked. Sometimes his patience with people and conditions was confounding. But he operated on God’s clock instead of man’s. He was for everyone who knew him, “a man with hope to bring.”

8. “Blessed are those who suffer persecution; theirs is the Kingdom of God.”

During his long life, Bill certainly knew his share of suffering. His unflagging cheerfulness was not due to a lack of suffering in his life. One of his greatest trials was leaving NDHS where he had served for 49 years in 2007. He confided to me “I will never understand this decision, but with God’s help, I pray that I can accept it.” That was the secret of Bill’s resilience. It helped him to overcome his suffering. It enabled him to carry his cross with Christ. …

Today, let us give thanks for our friend and brother Fr. Bill Brinker. He gave us a model of being Christ for others during his 93 years of life. …

Rev. James C. Fahey, C.S.C.
July 22, 1929 – Nov. 30, 2012


He was born on July 22, 1929, in Cleveland, to James C. Sr. and Elizabeth J. (Hendrickson) Fahey. Fr. Fahey attended elementary school in Barberton, Ohio. He graduated from St. Vincent High School, Akron, Ohio, in 1947.

That fall, he enrolled at the University of Notre Dame as a freshman and also entered the Seminary for the Congregation of Holy Cross. On August 15, 1948, Fr. Fahey entered the Novitiate in South Bend, Ind. He graduated from the University in 1952 with
an A.B. degree in Philosophy and was Ordained to the priesthood at Notre Dame on June 6, 1956.

After his Ordination, Fr. Fahey taught at Notre Dame High School in Niles, Ill. In 1957, he became Chaplain and taught Scripture and the Sacraments at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, for the next two years. From 1959 to 1962, Fr. Fahey served as Assistant Pastor at St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church, Austin. He returned to South Bend, serving as the Assistant Pastor at Christ the King Parish and Chaplain of Columba Hall while continuing his graduate studies at Notre Dame. In 1964, he earned a M.A. in Sociology, after which Fr. Fahey was assigned to parish and hospital ministry in Trujillo, Perú, where he also became involved in the Christian Family Movement.

Fr. Fahey returned to the United States after two years to teach at Notre Dame High School; and then in 1967, he joined the Congregation's Southern Province. He worked in Campus Ministry at Northwestern University in Natchitoches, La., while also serving as Pastor at Holy Cross Church. After eight years in Louisiana, he was asked by then-Southern Province Provincial Superior Rev. Chris O'Toole, C.S.C., to found a parish in the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, Texas. On June 1, 1976, Fr. Fahey established St. James the Apostle Parish in Spring, Texas, with 250 families. Masses were held at Teague Middle School until February 1979. Construction of St. James began in January 1978 and the church building was dedicated on June 10, 1979. When Fr. Fahey left St. James as Pastor in 1981, there were more than 1,300 families. From 1981 to 1985, Fr. Fahey studied liturgical architecture the University of Notre Dame. From 1985 to 1990, he served as Chaplain and Assistant Pastor of St. Francis Hall in Mishawaka, Ind., and St. Hedwig's Parish in South Bend. In 1990, Fr. Fahey returned to Texas to serve as Pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Burnet for two years. He then went to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in New Orleans as the Assistant Pastor from 1992 to 1993. He moved back to South Bend in 1994 to again serve as Assistant Pastor at St. Hedwig's Parish until 1996. Fr. Fahey also worked at St. Adalbert Parish for seven years. From 2003 to 2009, he served in parish ministry in Texas and Louisiana.

In 2009, Fr. Fahey returned to South Bend to live at Our Lady of Fatima House and later moved to Holy Cross House in 2012, where he died.

Fr. Jim Fahey was born in Cleveland on the near West Side. If you are from Cleveland, you know that that area at that time had a special character and flavor of different ethnic groups with mostly working-class families. Family life and social activities often revolved around one of the ethnic parishes. Jim's family belonged to St. Malachi's Parish, just off the west side of the Detroit-Superior Bridge.

Jim went to St. Vincent High School in Akron. That school, now St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, is a school that has always had students who excelled. Most of you already know of some other people who also went to school there: Fr. Dave Burrell, C.S.C., and LeBron James. Their school won the state championship in football in their division this year.

I really don't know, but I suspect there were two things that drew Jim to Holy Cross, instead of another community or to the diocesan priesthood.

One was his interest in academic life. Jim was not particularly drawn to academia, but he was interested in the world of ideas and how that world could affect people's lives.

The second was the variety of apostolic works. Indeed, Jim's apostolic life involved a great variety of different works. After Ordination, he was assigned to Notre Dame High School for Boys in Niles, Ill. He taught and founded the astronomy club there. He was assigned as University Chaplain and a teacher at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He studied Spanish at Cuernavaca at CIDOC. There are many language schools in Cuernavaca, but CIDOC was more than a language school. Founded by Ivan Illych, it was a place where a lot of new ideas and viewpoints were exchanged.

Jim went to Peru and worked in our missions there. He did some parish work and was involved in Movimiento Familiar Cristiano (Christian Family Movement). He got locked out of the parish house one day. He crawled back in through a window high on the wall or a sky light. He fell and broke his ankle. It wasn't long after that he headed north back to the United States.
He spent some time as Chaplain at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La.

Jim was probably best known for founding St. James Parish in Spring, Texas, and building the church. He was challenged by the idea of starting a community where he could start ministries the way that he thought they should be done. Starting something new meant that there weren’t any “old ways” of doing things that had to be corrected or modernized to a Vatican II approach.

Jim was very involved in the planning and details of building the new church. He made sure he knew and had input on every detail. He would take Fr. Len Collins, C.S.C. (from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Houston) out to the open field and point out exactly where different rooms — even the drinking fountains — would be.

He became so interested in this that he used his sabbatical to begin research on a book on how churches were built after Vatican II. He researched well over 1,000 parishes that rebuilt or built new churches. Although he never published the book the way he wanted to, he had amassed a great deal of data that one day will be used by somebody.

Jim said that he was impressed by the words of St. Augustine: “Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.” He felt that these words, written on the wall at St. Augustine’s Parish in Akron, Ohio, had something to do with his vocation and the vocations of so many others to priesthood and religious life.

Now, Jim, it is time for you to rest peacefully in the Lord.

Rev. Matthew M. Miceli, C.S.C.
Jan. 2, 1923-Dec. 9, 2012

Rev. Matthew Mitchell Miceli, C.S.C., 89, died Sunday (Dec. 9, 2012) at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, Ind. He was born on Jan. 2, 1923, in San Giuseppe Jato, Italy, to Carmelo and Maria (Migliore) Miceli. The family settled in upstate New York when Fr. Miceli was six years old.

He graduated from Oswego High School, Oswego, N.Y., in 1942. He was received into the Congregation of Holy Cross on Aug. 15, 1943, at the Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Ind., and made his First Profession of Vows on Aug. 16, 1944. Fr. Miceli received a Bachelor’s Degree in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 1947; a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Gregorian University, Rome, in 1949; and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Catholic University, Washington, D.C., in 1952. Fr. Miceli made his Final Profession on Aug. 16, 1947, and was ordained into the priesthood on Feb. 9, 1952, in Washington, D.C. He also studied theology at Holy Cross College in Washington from 1952 to 1954.

After studying in Washington, Fr. Miceli taught at Notre Dame from 1954 to 1962. He also served as Rector of Stanford Hall for three years. In 1962, he taught at the University of Portland (Ore.). Fr. Miceli taught at Notre Dame for the next 30 years, from 1963 to 1993. He also served as Rector of Cavanaugh Hall from 1963 to 1990, holding the record at the time as longest-serving Rector of the same residence hall. A Cavanaugh alumnus set up a Rev. Matthew Miceli Scholarship in his honor and 17 children have been named after him: 16 Matthews and one Matthea. Following his stint as Rector, Fr. Miceli lived in-residence at Notre Dame, helped with student hall and garden management and regularly celebrated Mass in chapels across campus and in retirement communities in South Bend. He also kept up with wine making and his small vineyard on Bulla Road. Fr. Miceli moved to Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, Ind., in 2007, where he remained until his death.

Excerpts from Eulogy for Rev. Matthew Miceli, C.S.C.

By Rev. William Miscamble, C.S.C.

We gather here to pray for Fr. Matt, who sought to live truly as a servant of the Lord throughout his life. No doubt he will be called to give an account of himself before God, as will each one of us. ...

Matt Miceli understood in the depths of his heart and soul that Christ died to secure our salvation and that He rose again so to become “Lord of both the dead and the living.” Matt’s faith was strong and it provided him with both a steadfast foundation and essential guidance for his life. He was not a man given to doubt or confusion, whatever the challenges he faced. ...

When I first moved to campus from Moreau Seminary in the late 1980s, I came to meet Fr. Matt Miceli, but I must confess I didn’t get to know him that well. He was this rather roly-poly, older priest who taught theology and gave all the guys from his own beloved Hall high grades in his courses — or so, at least, the legend had it. ...

Sometimes when we don’t know folk up close we can
have a virtual caricature view of them and Matt was in some ways an easy target for caricature. Fortunately for me, I came to know Fr. Miceli much better when, after his retirement from the rectorship of Cavanaugh, he moved all the way across a courtyard to Zahm Hall and he took up residence there on the fourth floor.

Along with Tom King and Br. Tom Tucker, and also Fr. Ray Klees, when he was with us, we constituted a kind of variation on a small Christian community within the larger Holy Cross endeavor on campus. Our crucial weekly meeting occurred when Tom King hosted us in his room late on Sunday evenings after Mass - these gatherings were more spirited than spiritual and were helped along by some spirits - but they surprisingly formed the basis for my friendship with Matt, which then developed over the years.

As I came to know him better, I also came to appreciate him as a remarkable priest – one of that great Holy Cross generation who threw themselves into guiding the residential life which has helped make the Notre Dame experience so distinctive and beneficial for its students.

Matt was an immigrant to the United States. He arrived in this country as a 6-year-old on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1929. He was devoted to his parents, Carmelo and Maria, and to his brothers Sonny and Frank, and to their families throughout his life. He was, as his niece Maria has rightly noted to me, someone who came and gave himself fully to his ministry in Holy Cross at Notre Dame without in any way detaching or distancing himself from his own family.

Matt was a person who experienced a number of major transitions in his life. Of course, he journeyed across the Atlantic Ocean to a new life in America.

As a little boy and without a word of English, he transitioned into the American school system.

As an 8-year-old, he left his dear parents in upstate New York and traveled to Notre Dame to enter Holy Cross as a postulant - meeting, I might add, Fr. Tom Tallarida on the very train that brought them both here. Then there was formation and on to his various studies and his initial assignments and the various moves involved.

But Fr. Matt Miceli also had to make transitions that were much more challenging and demanding on him: He had to navigate all the changes that came to religious life in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council - and, so too, all the changes in the sacred liturgy and also in student life in the aftermath of the ‘60s. It was NOT always easy for him in the midst of the turbulence, but he soldiered on.

Fr. Matt knew that large decisions and forces were at work that he could neither control nor influence. Yet he had the courage and the insight to discern that in the midst of all the changes, he could go on being the priest of God he was ordained to be. He knew he could laugh or cry and he determined to keep on laughing and to encourage others to do the same.

He kept on with his teaching and he introduced many students to the serious study of Scripture. Matt especially loved the book of Job and its insight into human suffering and divine will. That is hardly something I would have predicted on first meeting him.

Of course he kept on with his legendary service in Cavanaugh Hall - all 27 years of it. Think of all the students who passed under his supervision and all the meetings and events he attended and all the counseling he offered. He exemplified what Jim King called in his book on dorm life at Notre Dame “the ministry of the Good Shepherd.” He knew his residents by name and he cared for them - even when he told them “NO” or when he enforced the rules in his own inimitable and sometimes irascible way. Students knew that ultimately he wanted the best for them and they reciprocated this with affection and loyalty and with a lot of good-natured imitation! His love for and pride in Cavanaugh Hall ran so deep that I occasionally wondered if he was joking when he said he would lie in front of the metaphorical bulldozers that eventually came to change Cavanaugh from a men’s to a women’s hall. He had poured himself out in that hall and we can say for certain that his blood was in its bricks. It always will be.

There was much more he did behind the scenes - unnoticed acts of kindness and compassion which help reveal the full measure of this good man. These, of course, continued when he made his big transition from Cavanaugh to Zahm and after his move to semi-retirement, which he always did not find easy because he was so used to being so busy in the dorm and beyond.

His concern always extended beyond the students - much as he cared for them. He always had a particular concern for those who do some of the less-noticed, but still essential, work around here - the janitors and the maids and the grounds crew. He cared for them as persons and offered them real friendship and visited them when they were ill.
He loved to preside at weddings of former dorm residents and to Baptize their children and those of family members and friends. He took special pride in seeing some of his former residents follow him into the priesthood - men such as Fr. Steve Kempinger and his treasured friend Fr. John Raphael whom he was deeply honored to vest. Matt also was a compassionate confessor, as I know to my benefit.

But most especially Matt was defined by his devotion to the Eucharist. His day was organized around his saying Mass. He loved to gather folk in the Chapel — first in Cavanaugh and then in Zahm. It might be just a few of his devoted friends like Loretta Murray and Maria Anglade or a full chapel of students, but he was always gathering people around the Lord’s Table. He saw it as his duty to pray for people at Mass and he often prayed for benefactors, both known and unknown, because he understood how often we benefit from the generosity of complete strangers. ...

As we know, one of Fr. Matt’s last transitions was to Holy Cross House, where he benefitted from the wonderful care of the staff. His sense of humor remained strong and he kept on laughing even though he knew he was declining, as it is euphemistically said. And, of course, he kept repeating to his visitors his familiar mantra: “Dear Lord, help us and forgive us.” He began to speak more of his parents and to think with grateful heart for all they had sacrificed to give him and his brothers a chance at a better way of life in America.

My hope and prayer is that he will be reunited with them now and able to convey his gratitude directly. For he has made the final passage from this life to the next: This is the transition for which all the others are preparations along the way. Matt’s fidelity in following the Lord on his pilgrim way in this life will surely aid him. He tried to serve the Lord as his Master by serving others. I try to imagine all the people whose lives he has touched for the good, both directly and indirectly, across the long span of his own life. May their prayers assist him. For he has now gone to meet the Lord — the One who died and rose for him and for us. May the dear Lord help him, forgive him and bring him close to Himself.

Rev. Thomas C. Tallarida, C.S.C.
Sept. 17, 1923 - Jan. 5, 2013

Rev. Thomas Cajetan Tallarida, C.S.C., 89, died at approximately 10:30 a.m. Saturday (Jan. 5, 2013) at Holy Cross House.

He was born on Sept. 17, 1923, in Rochester, N.Y., to Giovanni and Tomasina (Maroca) Tallarida.

Fr. Tallarida graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1942. He was received into the Congregation of Holy Cross on Aug. 15, 1943, and made his First Profession of Vows on Sept. 3, 1944. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 1947. Fr. Tallarida made his Final Profession of Vows on Sept. 4, 1947, and continued his studies at Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C., from 1947 to 1951. He earned a master’s in history from Notre Dame in 1956. Fr. Tallarida was Ordained to the priesthood on June 6, 1951. His first assignment was to Columbia Prep in Portland, Ore., where he taught and was a Prefect. He assisted at Holy Cross Parish in South Bend from 1954 to 1955. In 1955, Fr. Tallarida was among the first Holy Cross religious assigned to teach at Notre Dame High School for Boys in Niles, Ill. He remained there until 1968. After two years at University of Ottawa in Canada, where he received a master’s in religious studies, Fr. Tallarida was assigned to Notre Dame as Rector of Zahm Hall for 10 years, and eventually served as Director of Off-Campus Housing and then Director of the Foreign Students Program. In 1980, he became Assistant Superior at Moreau Seminary and in 1984, returned to Notre Dame High School as Superior. From 1987-88, Fr. Tallarida directed the Old College Undergraduate Seminary Program at Notre Dame. He assisted at St. Raphael Parish in San Rafael, Calif., from 1988 until 1993, when he moved to Corby Hall at Notre Dame. During the summers, Fr. Tallarida assisted at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Novato, Calif. He moved to Holy Cross House in 2011.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Frank; and his two sisters, Mrs. Rose Quadrini and Mrs. Fannie Bevilacqua. Fr. Tallarida is survived by his brother, Victor (Rose) Tallarida; sister-in-law Connie Tallarida, wife of his brother Frank; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.
Excerpts of the Eulogy for Rev. Thomas Tallarida, C.S.C.

By Rev. Francis Cafarelli, C.S.C.

Fr. Tom was a faithful believer and member of the Holy Cross Community and he practiced that faith in his personal life and in the works he did—particularly in his work with and for the students. He really knew the men in the hall, and he was ever alert to be helpful in whatever way might be needed: advice and counsel, encouragement and strong admonition. He was concerned with all phases of their lives—academics particularly—and was acquainted with the academic scene on campus and could offer more than passing advice on these matters.

Moreover, he was a good guide in helping the men to focus their lives and to pursue good ways, always looking forward to what they would best do now so as to be ready for living good lives after Notre Dame. He made Zahm a welcoming place for the women of the North Quad and I think was helpful to them also in the early years of co-education. Other Rectors looked to him for assistance and he was known and knew people campuswide that could be of help to students and colleagues.

He was sometimes a bit excitable and volatile, but he was a kind man who had, I think, a good eye for qualities of character present in people, particularly the students in the hall and qualities lacking that needed to be developed. I particularly recall the process of choosing R.A.s for the Hall. He knew what was needed and what he wanted and I will tell you that in the years I was with him in the hall, we had the very best R.A.s on campus. I always told those men that they were the luckiest on campus because they had been chosen by the Rector of Zahm because they were the best.

There was always, it seemed to me, a certain restlessness about Tom Tallarida. He was sometimes too quick to try to move on and accomplish things. This may have got in the way at times, but he was more times than not eager to accomplish some good for an individual or for the whole Hall and was impatient for getting to the goal. Sometimes his thoughts got ahead of his speaking and this caused some confusion with the R.A.s. They did not quite get what he was trying to accomplish. It occurred to me that the problem was that in the items from A–L, Tom sometimes began with B and C, leaving out A. I suggested that the men listen carefully to B and C and quickly figure out what A might be and then they could follow the rest of it. In all this, however, Tom always listened to what they had to say and encouraged their initiatives.

There was, too, the Sunday routine in his room. One might go in there in the afternoon and find this scene: the Cub’s game on TV with the sound off; an opera on the record player and Tom reading the New York Times from front to back. And, you had the sense that he knew what was going on with all three. ...

He gave a great effort to what he had to do and he saw to it, in his own life and in the lives of the students, that he and they put their faith first and worked to develop the character that would distinguish himself and them as good and decent men—himself and them as men who would give their lives for the good of others.

Tom, we thank God for your life, for your life with us, and we send you on to your eternal reward—to the fullness of life with God.

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(As of March 1, 2013)

Sr. Viola Marie (Byrnes), C.S.C.
Christopher Mumo, the brother of Mr. Sebastian Mulinge, C.S.C.
Sr. Miriam (Eckenrode), C.S.C.
Br. Gerard Faucher, C.S.C. (C)
Frank Tallarida, brother of Fr. Thomas Tallarida, C.S.C.
Mary Zaken, aunt/godmother of Rev. George Piggford, C.S.C.
Cynthia June Zaken, cousin of Rev. George Piggford, C.S.C.
Sr. Martha Neeser, C.S.C.
Br. Norbert Lengerich, C.S.C. (M)
Rev. William J. Brinker, C.S.C.
Rev. James C. Fahey, C.S.C.
Br. Donald Patrick McIntyre, C.S.C. (MW)
Rev. Matthew M. Miceli, C.S.C.
Mary Thalackan, mother of Fr. Roy Thalackan, C.S.C. (NE)
Sr. Dolora Marie (Walker), C.S.C.

Sr. M. Bernadette (Sneeringer), C.S.C.
James F. Zimmerman, brother of Rev. Thomas Zimmerman, C.S.C.
Marie Papen Vollman, sister of Rev. Gerald Papen, C.S.C.
John Papen, brother of Rev. Gerald Papen C.S.C.
Rev. Thomas C. Tallarida, C.S.C.
Sr. Margaret Flaherty, C.S.C.
Sr. Mary Louise Gude, C.S.C.
Br. Joseph E. Umile, C.S.C. (MW)
Rev. Charles Delaney, C.S.C.
Br. Robert E. Gilroy, C.S.C. (M)
Rev. Harry Stocks, C.S.C. (ECV)
Sr. Francis Helene (Fox), C.S.C.
Sr. M. Ambrose (McCracken), C.S.C.
Rev. John F. Kurtzke, C.S.C.