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Fr. Adam Booth, C.S.C. (left), and Fr. Pat Reidy, C.S.C., are welcomed by the community following their ordination to the priesthood by Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, on April 26, 2014. Please see page 2.



Fr. Peter Walsh, C.S.C., preached at the 2014 Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving. Please see page 3.



Deacon Jorge Armando Morales Trejo, C.S.C., enters his Ordination Mass on June 27, 2014, in México. Please see page 13.





## Two ordained priests of Holy Cross at Basilica

Adam Booth, C.S.C., and Pat Reidy, C.S.C., were ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, on April 26, 2014, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Fr. Adam is the oldest of three children of David J. Booth, Hertfordshire, U.K., and the late Carol E. Booth. Born in London, Fr. Adam graduated in 2004 from the University of Oxford, U.K., with a degree in math. He converted to Catholicism and encountered Holy Cross while studying at the University of California at Berkeley, where he received a master's degree in 2008. Prior to entering the seminary, Fr. Adam taught college mathematics for two years to men in the San Quentin State Prison. He entered formation with the Congregation in 2008 and professed First Vows on July 31, 2010.

Fr. Adam served as assistant director of Old College Undergraduate Seminary (2012-2013). He also served at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, in the marriage preparation and adult faith formation programs (2011-2012). In the summer of 2011, Fr. Adam served at Stone Soup in South Bend. In his first year as a professed seminarian, Fr. Adam offered grief counseling at Ryan's Place in Goshen, Ind. (2010-2011). During his Novitiate year (2009-2010), he was chaplain at Penrose Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo., and also served at St. John Vianney Parish, Goodyear, Ariz. During his candidate year (2008-2009), Fr. Adam served at Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parish in South Bend in the Bible study program and also spent time at Parroquia Nuestra Madre Santisima de La Luz, in Monterrey, Mexico (summer 2009). Fr. Adam earned his M.Div. from the University of Notre Dame in 2013.

Fr. Adam continues to serve at Holy Cross and St.



Fr. Adam Booth, C.S.C., blesses Provincial Superior Fr. Tom O'Hara, C.S.C., after the Mass of ordination.

Stanislaus Parish, where he served his deaconate year.

Fr. Pat continues to serve as rector of Keough Hall and with the Office of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame. A Colorado native, he is the oldest son of the four children of Jean and Michael Reidy of Greenwood Village, Colo.

From 2012 to 2013, Fr. Pat coordinated student leadership development programs and retreats for Notre Dame Campus Ministry. During the summer of 2012, Fr. Pat worked with the Student Affairs Office at the University of Portland (Ore.) on Holy Cross Mission Engagement. He conducted marriage preparation programs at Christ the King Parish, South Bend, from 2011 to 2012. Fr. Pat directed the "Talking Circles" Student Mentoring Group at Rise Up Academy in South Bend the year before. When he was at the Novitiate in 2009 and 2010, he served as a chaplain at Penrose Hospital and at St. André Bessette Catholic Church (then-Downtown Chapel), Portland, while living at the University of Portland and serving with Campus Ministry. During his candidate year (2008 - 2009), Fr. Pat was a RCIA team member at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend.

Fr. Pat earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 2008 from the University of Notre Dame and received his M.Div. in 2013. He entered formation with Holy Cross as a postulant in 2008. He made his first profession of vows on July 31, 2010.



# Jubilee 2014

### Sixty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination

- Rev. George C. Bernard, C.S.C.
- Rev. Edwin J. Kadzielawski, C.S.C.
- Rev. Robert S. Pelton, C.S.C.
- Rev. R.W. Timm, C.S.C. (Sacred Heart of Jesus Province of Bangladesh)

### Sixtieth Anniversary of Ordination

- Rev. David J. Arthur, C.S.C.
- Rev. Richard A. Laurick, C.S.C.
- Rev. Patrick H. Maloney, C.S.C.
- Rev. Charles Wallen, C.S.C.

### Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination

- Rev. William J. Crumley, C.S.C.
- Rev. James W. Thornton, C.S.C.

### Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination

- Rev. Michael T. Belinsky, C.S.C.
- Rev. Richard E. Gribble Jr., C.S.C.
- Rev. W. Patrick Hannon, C.S.C.
- Rev. Robert J. Loughery, C.S.C.
- Rev. Stephen P. Newton, C.S.C.
- Rev. Martin L. Nguyen, C.S.C.
- Rev. Rómulo E. Vera, C.S.C.
- Rev. Peter J. Walsh, C.S.C.



The 2014 Holy Cross Jubilarians celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving and dinner in their honor on May 23, 2014. They are: Row 1 (from left): Rev. George C. Bernard, C.S.C.; Rev. Patrick H. Maloney, C.S.C.; Rev. Edwin J. Kadzielawski, C.S.C.; Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C. (presided at the Mass of Thanksgiving); Rev. Richard A. Laurick, C.S.C.; Rev. R.W. Timm, C.S.C. (Sacred Heart of Jesus Province, Bangladesh). Row 2 (from left): Rev. Rómulo E. Vera Muñoz, C.S.C.; Rev. Martin L. Nguyen, C.S.C.; Rev. James W. Thornton, C.S.C.; Rev. Michael T. Belinsky, C.S.C.; Rev. Robert J. Loughery, C.S.C.; Rev. W. Patrick Hannon, C.S.C.; Rev. Peter J. Walsh, C.S.C. (preached at the Mass of Thanksgiving); and Rev. Richard E. Gribble, C.S.C. Not present: Rev. David J. Arthur, C.S.C.; Rev. Charles Wallen, C.S.C.; Rev. William J. Crumley, C.S.C.; and Rev. Stephen P. Newton, C.S.C.



# Notre Dame



Fr. Bill Miscamble, C.S.C., gave the commencement address at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio, on May 10, 2014. He also received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University.

## Fr. Dowd receives grant

Fr. Robert Dowd, C.S.C., received a \$75,000 grant from USAID to study the link between public health, good governance and democratic politics in East Africa.

Fr. Dowd and a University of Virginia economist are building on a project already underway in western Uganda to examine whether citizens view local leaders who promote public-health initiatives as more popular and effective than other leaders.



## Pope responds to gift of Fr. Pelton documentary

Chilean Bishop Fernando Chomali asked Fr. Bob Pelton, C.S.C., for a copy of his documentary “Monseñor” to present to Pope Francis.

The Pope received it and sent his thanks in Spanish: “The Secretary of State sends greetings and is pleased to receive the gift sent to the Holy Father.

“The same Secretary is grateful for this kind gesture on behalf of His Holiness, who responds with a remembrance in prayer and imparting the Apostolic Blessing, source of many divine gifts.”

## Br. Jo, Fr. Corpora honored

Two Holy Cross religious were among 10 University of Notre Dame educators honored with awards at the University’s annual President’s Dinner May 20, 2014.

Br. Jerome J. Meyer, C.S.C., received the Rev. John Francis “Pop” Farley, C.S.C., Award honoring distinguished service to student life. Known affectionately as “Br. Jo,” he has served as an integral part of student life since 1997, when he became Knott’s first male rector after it was changed from a women’s to men’s hall.

Fr. Joseph V. Corpora, C.S.C., received the Rev. William A. Toohey, C.S.C., Award for Preaching. Students know Fr. Corpora as an advocate who empowers them to become leaders in liturgy and in the Church in general.

## 23rd book by Fr. Dunne available in September

“Dark Light of Love,” the 23rd book by the late Fr. John S. Dunne, C.S.C., will be released by the University of Notre Dame Press in September. It is now available for preorder.

The foreword is written by Fr. Paul Kollman, C.S.C. Fr. Dunne was the John A. O’Brien professor of theology at Notre Dame. He died on Nov. 11, 2013.

# Stonehill

## Bells toll at Chapel of Mary

Alumni from our early history might recall the bells that used to ring from the St. Joseph Chapel in Holy Cross Center, but they haven’t worked for years.

Thanks to generous donations, Campus Ministry has been able to install a new electronic carillon bell system atop the Chapel of Mary. The new bells rang out for the first time on April 15 when the College, in solidarity with churches throughout the region, marked the first anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombings.



On May 2, 2014, the ACE bus visited St. John Vianney Parish and School in Phoenix. Visting at the bus were ACE chaplain Fr. Joe Carey, C.S.C.; parochial vicar (and former ACE teacher) Fr. Paul Ybarra, C.S.C.; and pastor Fr. Tom Eckert, C.S.C. The ACE bus traveled throughout the country on the program’s 20th anniversary tour.

## Fr. Olinger a ND trustee

Fr. Gerry Olinger, C.S.C., has been named one of eight new members of the Board of Trustees at the University of Notre Dame. He will serve a three-year term.

Fr. Olinger serves on the board of directors of both King’s College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and the Association for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and Universities.

# King’s

## Fr. Grasso given teaching award at commencement



Fr. Tony Grasso, C.S.C., was among those receiving teaching awards at King’s College during its 65th commencement.

Fr. Grasso, an English professor, received the Max and Tillie Rosenn Award for Faculty. The honor was established by the late Max Rosenn, former senior circuit judge of the Third District Federal Court, and his wife, Tillie.

## Fr. Gariepy wins Stonehill faculty service award



Fr. Thomas Gariepy, C.S.C., professor and chair of Healthcare Administration, was chosen as this year’s recipient of the Stonehill College Faculty Service Award.

The honor is given to a full-time faculty member whose service has significantly advanced the mission of the College.

Fr. Gariepy, a 1970 graduate of Stonehill, returned to his alma mater to begin teaching in 1985 and was immediately appointed director of the program in the History and Philosophy of Science. In 1998, he received the Student Government Association Faculty Appreciation Award.

Throughout his tenure at Stonehill, Fr. Gariepy has served on numerous committees, several of which he has also chaired. He has also played an integral role in Stonehill’s reaccreditation processes, chairing the NEASC Steering Committee and serving as the lead writer on the College’s five-year NEASC report that is due this summer.



# Portland



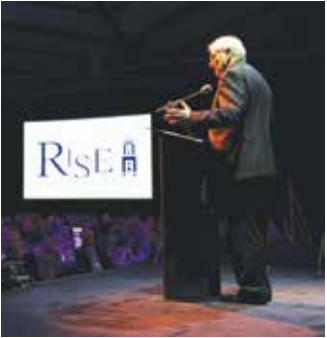
Fr. John Donato, C.S.C., has been offering Mass several times a month for the past three years for Catholic residents at Russellville Park Retirement Home in Portland, Ore., where his mother (in white jacket in foreground) is a resident. Offerings from the Mass are sent to St. André Bessette Parish in downtown Portland. Fr. John is associate vice president for student development at the University of Portland.

## Fr. Beauchamp named fourth assistant provincial

Fr. Bill Beauchamp, C.S.C., officially left his post as president of the University of Portland on June 30 and jumped into his new role as fourth assistant provincial of the U.S. Province.

Fr. Bill is overseeing the Office of Development and also has been asked by Provincial Superior Fr. Tom O'Hara, C.S.C., to assist in developing the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Holy Cross Higher Education. Fr. Bill previously served the Community as provincial steward, delegate to the provincial and general chapters and as a member of several provincial councils.

Fr. Bill told "Portland Magazine" that Holy Cross is "who I am first and foremost. ... Holy Cross is my ministry."



## Frs. Keefe, Korcsmar attend diocesan workshop on multicultural parishes



Fr. Keefe

Frs. John Keefe, C.S.C., and John Korcsmar, C.S.C., were among four people from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend (Ind.) who recently received training in Kalamazoo, Mich., with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Office of Cultural Diversity. Fr. Keefe is from Our Lady of Fatima House in Notre Dame, Ind.,

and Fr. Korcsmar is pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Plymouth, Ind.

The workshop was led by Maria del Mar Muñoz-Visoso, executive director of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church of USCCB. The purpose was to learn to help parishes, schools and other Catholic institutions and communities deal with the changing demographics of the Church in the United States.

The Catholic Church is the most culturally diverse institution in the United States. At present, 36 percent of parishes offer Mass in more than one language.

The workshop dealt with creating a vision of Church as a framework for viewing multicultural parishes, understanding how culture works, what can be some of the obstacles and using an approach of ecclesial integration rather than assimilation.



Fr. Korcsmar



Some of the men of Our Lady of Fatima House enjoy their annual Memorial Day picnic on the patio.

## HCFM honors Fr. Peyton, Fr. Phalen at annual event



In June, Holy Cross Family Ministries celebrated its annual Mass honoring the 22nd anniversary of the death of its founder, Servant of God Patrick Peyton.

The reception that followed also recognized Fr. John Phalen, C.S.C., for his 18 years of service to HCFM.

The afternoon began with the praying of the Rosary at Fr. Peyton's gravesite, followed by the anniversary Mass and the reception in the Father Peyton Center.

Fr. Phalen will become the director of novices for Holy Cross in Lima, Perú in January.

Fr. Willy Raymond, C.S.C., was named the apostolate's new president and officially took over on July 1, 2014. For his contributions to Family Theater Productions where he was director, Fr. Willy was given the Distinguished Leader in Communications Award by Blessed Sacrament School in Hollywood, Calif.



Fr. John Phalen, C.S.C., with Jim and Terry Orcutt of the reception that honored Fr. John's 18 years at Holy Cross Family Ministries.



## Tri-Community Parish offers first women's retreat

Tri-Community Parish in Colorado Springs, Colo., had its first weekend women's retreat May 16-18, 2014, at El Tesoro Retreat Center in Woodland Park, Colo.

The theme was "Chosen and Precious," which was taken from the Sunday's second reading from St. Peter's First Letter. It was a weekend full of grace and many blessings as the Holy Spirit drew together 52 woman spanning almost 60 years in age with many different spiritual gifts and life journeys!

The weekend included fellowship, prayer, talks by Sr. Peg Maloney, bread baking (with Fr. Drew Gawrych, C.S.C.) and Mass.

## Fr. Kohlerman gives keynote on addiction at conference



Fr. Charlie Kohlerman, C.S.C., gave the keynote address July 14, 2014, at the 13th annual Summer Leadership Conference of Guest House and the National Catholic Council on Addictions.

The theme of the conference was "Relationships, Recovery & Spirituality." It was held at the Chicago Marriott Naperville, Ill., July 14-16.

Fr. Charlie's address was "Journey to Recovery for an Alcoholic Priest." It focused on the despair of alcoholism through the hope of recovery to the joy of service in ministry as a wounded healer.





## Memorial Mass for Holy Cross deceased in Easton, Mass.

On May 24, 2014, the Holy Cross Community in Easton, Mass., hosted a Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Province, particularly those who died in the last year.

More than 80 family members attended, as well as many of the C.S.C.s in the area.

The event began with a visit and prayer service at the Community cemetery at Stonehill College and a concelebrated Mass at St. Joseph Chapel in the Holy Cross Center, the old seminary at Stonehill. Fr. Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., presided at the Mass and Fr. Leo Polselli, C.S.C., preached.



## Holy Redeemer student wins Heart and Mind Award



Kiora Ridgeway was recently presented with the Holy Cross Heart and Mind Award by Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Portland, Ore. Helping with the presentation were (from left) Brian Kennedy, C.S.C., Fr. John Dougherty, C.S.C., and Josh Bathon, C.S.C. Brian and Josh are Holy Cross seminarians who are serving at Holy Redeemer this summer. The award was started in 2008 at St. Gregory the Great Church and School in Phoenix by Rev. Kevin Sandberg, C.S.C., in recognition of the first Feast of Blessed Basil Moreau. Fr. John resurrected the award for Holy Redeemer after Holy Cross withdrew from St. Gregory in 2009. Criteria for the award includes promoting Christian values and pursuing excellence in education within the school.



Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C., was the principal celebrant and homilist for the Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass celebrated by the Midwest and Moreau Provinces at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Fr. Rocca's homily focused on how St. Joseph became the patron of the Brothers of Holy Cross. Fr. Peter Jarret, C.S.C., hosted a dinner at Moreau Seminary in honor of the Brothers following Mass. Photo by Br. Charles McBride, C.S.C. (MW)

## Austrian organ donated to Sacred Heart



The Durel and Barbara Reed family of Dallas donated this Reiger organ from Austria, which was being assembled in the Crypt Church, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

## Special Easter decor at Holy Cross House



Residents at Holy Cross House were pleased with the special Easter decorations greeting them during the Church's most sacred feast. According to Fr. Bill Blum, C.S.C., one of the prominent things on the altar was a wooden Cross decorated with garland and a couple of other lily-like flowers. The wooden Cross is also special because of its history: It was created by Fr. Herb Yost, C.S.C., in his woodworking shop some years ago.





# Holy Cross celebrates 30 years at Tri-Community Parish

On the Vigil of the Feast of Pentecost, June 7, 2014, the Most Rev. Richard Hanifen, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado Springs, came to Sacred Heart Church to celebrate and preach the evening Mass. The parish used the feast as an opportunity to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the arrival of the Congregation of Holy Cross to serve in the community.

Bishop Hanifen invited Holy Cross to take pastoral responsibility for the parish.

Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C., the current pastor of Tri-Community, was the first Holy Cross priest to arrive at the parish, when he served as associate pastor. Fr. LeRoy Clementich, C.S.C., was the first C.S.C. pastor.

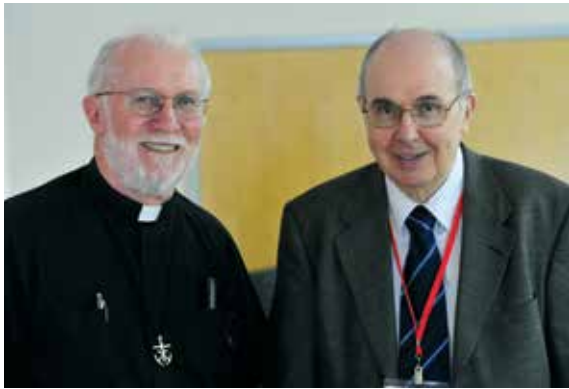
In his homily, Bishop Hanifen encouraged the parish to give the Holy Spirit the chance to work more

in their lives, growing their gifts and harmonizing their differences. He challenged the parish to stop speaking and thinking of “the” poor and to transform their gaze and see them as “our” poor.

Following the Mass, a festive dinner was held in the Parish Center. More than 150 parishioners crowded the gym to attend, along with members of the Holy Cross Novitiate community. Fr. Ron offered inspiring words about how blessed the Congregation of Holy Cross has been to serve at the parish, while he also invited people to be ever more engaged as “the priests come and go – and some of us return – but you are the ones who form this community.” Lea Zorn, who was the parish secretary when Holy Cross arrived, offered reflections on her memories of the transition 30 years ago.



Celebrating the 30th anniversary of Holy Cross in Colorado Springs with Most Rev. Richard Hanifen (center), retired Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado Springs, Colo., are (row 1, from left) Hugh Dowell, C.S.C.; Fr. Ken Molinaro, C.S.C., novice master; Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C., pastor of Tri-Community Parish; Kevin McKenzie, C.S.C.; (row 2 from left) Karl Romkema Jr., C.S.C.; Fr. Drew Gawrych, C.S.C., associate pastor; Fr. Don Dilg, C.S.C., assistant novice master; and Brogran Ryan, C.S.C. Hugh, Kevin, Karl and Brogan were in the midst of their novice year at the time.



Fr. Jim Connelly, C.S.C., and Br. George Klawitter, C.S.C.

## History Conference draws 58

The 33rd annual Holy Cross History Conference took place at Saint Mary’s College/Convent from May 29-June 1, 2014.

Fifty-eight people attended the conference. There were 11 presentations, which included: a discussion on the life of Fr. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., by biographer Fr. Marvin O’Connell, a retired Notre Dame history professor; Sr. Maura Brannick, C.S.C.; Br. Francis Xavier Patois; and Mother Mary Maximilienne. Fr. Bob Pelton, C.S.C., examined Holy Cross’ response in Chile to the Vatican’s call in 1961 for religious communities to send 10 percent of their membership to work in Latin America.

Fr. Chris Kuhn, C.S.C., gave the homily “Where is Jesus” during the final evening liturgy at Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel in Holy Cross Village. He is a member of the board of the association and edits the newsletter. Fr. Jim Connelly, C.S.C., was elected secretary of the organization, and Fr. Bill Blum, C.S.C., was named a new board member.

The 2015 conference will be held at Stonehill College, from June 4 to 7. If you are interested in joining the Holy Cross History Association, email archives@brothersofholycross.com. The cost of membership is \$5 per year.

Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., and Sr. Maura Brannick, C.S.C.

History Conference photos by Br. Charles McBride, C.S.C. (MW)



Brian Kennedy, C.S.C., and Brendan McAleer, C.S.C., assisted during Holy Redeemer’s Corpus Christi procession through the neighborhood.

## Seminarians serve at summer placements

One of the apostolates some of the Holy Cross seminarians spent the summer helping was Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland (Ore.).

Fr. John Dougherty, C.S.C., kept Brendan McAleer, C.S.C., Brian Kennedy, C.S.C., Josh Bathon and Gilly Stoy, quite busy with various tasks.

The four served dinner to a group following Mass celebrated by Archbishop Emeritus John Vlazny; Brendan and Brian assisted in a Corpus Christi procession; and all did the heavy lifting for the parish’s annual rummage sale.



Brendan McAleer, C.S.C., Brian Kennedy, C.S.C., Archbishop John Vlazny, Josh Bathon, Gilly Stoy, Fr. John Dougherty, C.S.C., and Fr. Jeff Cooper, C.S.C., at Holy Redeemer.





Folk dancers in traditional dress and Fr. Peter Logsdon, C.S.C., helped parishioners at St. Rita's Parish in Dade City, Fla., celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Fr. Logsdon is associate pastor at the church.



Photo by Br. Charles McBride, C.S.C. (MW)

## Task forces meet in LaPorte

The Congregational Task Forces on Planning and Finances met in LaPorte, Ind., with Superior General Fr. Dick Warner, C.S.C., in February to begin reviewing survey results and studying structures and lives as Holy Cross religious.

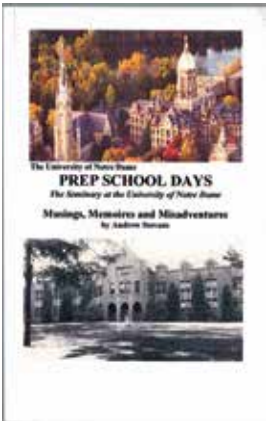
More than 92 percent of the Congregation's members participated in the survey. The study will lead to a draft of a report of proposed structural changes for the 2014-2015 vicariate and provincial chapters.

## 'Prep School Days' available at Hammes bookstore

Prep School Days: The Seminary at the University of Notre Dame is now available at Notre Dame's Hammes Bookstore.

The book, which was originally published in August 2012, was written by Andrew Stevans, a graduate of "The Little Sem." Stevans' desire to give back to Holy Cross and the University led to recording memories that eventually became several dozen abstracts of his personal experiences at the seminary. An alumni friend urged him to elaborate in 2000 and the book came to fruition.

The book is also available online at various retailers, including Amazon and Barnes and Noble.



## Richard A. Papen, former priest, laid to rest in Wis.

Please keep in your prayers, Richard A. Papen, 82, brother of Fr. Gerald Papen, C.S.C., who died March 20, 2014, in Brookfield, Wis.

He was a former Holy Cross priest who made his first vows on Aug. 16, 1952. He professed final vows on Aug. 16, 1955, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1958.

Papen served at Notre Dame High School for Boys; the Mission Band; was assistant superior at Moreau Seminary; was assigned to brothers' formation; and was pastor at St. Bernard's Parish in Watertown, Wisc. He withdrew from the Congregation in 1975.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

## México

## Jorge Armando Morales Trejo, C.S.C., ordained to the priesthood in México



Fr. Armando and Deacon Jacqy Dagobert, C.S.C., before Fr. Armando's "Canta Misa" or "First Mass."

On June 27, 2014, Deacon Jorge Armando Morales Trejo, C.S.C., was ordained a priest by Most Rev. Rogelio Cabrera Lopez, the archbishop of Monterrey, at Nuestra Madre Santissima de la Luz in Guadalupe, Nuevo León, México.

The day of the Ordination Mass carried extra significance, as it was also the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Blessed Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, consecrated the Congregation's seminarians and priests to the Sacred Heart. Archbishop Cabrera, who also ordained Armando a deacon on Oct. 11, 2013, spoke often of Blessed Moreau in his homily at the Mass.

The celebration actually began June 26, with Mass at Nuestra Señora del Roble, the neighborhood chapel near Holy Cross' House

of Formation. At that Mass, the chalice, patent and chasuble that Armando would receive at his Ordination were blessed.

Afterward, more than 70 people gathered at the House of Formation for dinner. The invited guests included members of Armando's family, as well as Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters from the United States, Haiti, Perú, Chile and México who had journeyed to the ordination. Among them was Fr. Tom O'Hara, C.S.C., provincial superior of the United States Province, which oversees the Congregation's mission in México.

In addition to the members of Armando's family, his confreres in Holy Cross and members of the parish community, the Ordination Mass was also attended by five of the six new postulants who will join the Congregation's formation program in Guadalupe this fall. There were also a dozen young men from a discernment group from San Jose in Tamazunchale, Taman, which is the Congregation's other sponsored parish in México.

"The ordination of Fr. Jorge Armando Morales Trejo was an opportunity for all the Holy Cross present -- and there were many from all over Latin America -- to appreciate the unique Catholic culture of México, woven into the Rite of Ordination," said Fr. James McDonald, C.S.C., assistant

provincial and steward of the U.S. Province. "It was, from beginning to end, also a Holy Cross moment, with images of our blessed founder and St. André sheltering the rites."

Later that same afternoon, also at La Luz Parish, Fr. Armando celebrated his first Mass, known in Spanish as a "Canta Misa." Fr. Matt Kuczora, C.S.C., director of the Office of Vocations and the Postulant Formation Program in México, preached.

As a newly ordained priest, Fr. Armando will continue pastoral work at La Luz Parish, where he also worked as a deacon this past year while completing his theological studies. He also will take over Holy Cross' vocation efforts in México from Fr. MattFinals, who is going to pursue higher studies.



Fr. Armando blesses his parents.



## 3 priests, 5 books published by Ave win CPA awards

Several Holy Cross priests and the U.S. Province's publishing ministry fared well in the 2014 Catholic Press Awards sponsored by the Catholic Press Association.



Fr. Kuczora

Rev. Matthew Kuczora, C.S.C., received a first-place award for best essay in a religious order magazine for "Chastity in Real Life," which was published in the *VISION Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide*.

Rev. Daniel G. Groody, C.S.C., received a second-place award for social

teaching, along with Gustavo Gutiérrez, for editing *Preferential Option for the Poor Beyond Theology*, published by the University of Notre Dame Press.



Fr. Groody



Fr. Raab

Rev. Ronald Raab, C.S.C., was along a group of editors who won best special issue, section or supplement for their work for "U.S. Catholic," "Special Issue on Homelessness and Poverty."

Meanwhile, Ave Maria Press, the U.S. Province's publishing ministry, also received a number of awards in various book categories.

- *Atchison Blue* by Judith Valente received a first place in spirituality - soft cover;
- *Rebuilt* by Michael White and Tom Corcoran and Michael White, earned a first place in pastoral ministry and an honorable mention for design and production;
- *Redeeming Administration* by Ann M. Garrido received a third place for professional book;
- *Blessed, Beautiful, and Bodacious* by Pat Gohn earned a third place for gender issues; and
- *Ave Maria Press Fall 2013 Trade Catalog* by John Carson and Chris Tobin won second place for best trade/seasonal catalog.

## Obituaries

### REV. ALBERT A. CROCE, C.S.C. July 15, 1918 - Feb. 22, 2014



Rev. Albert Anthony Croce, C.S.C., 95, died Feb. 22, 2014, at the Holy Cross Community House in North Dartmouth, Mass.

He was born on July 15, 1918, in Brockton, Mass., to Amato and Vincenza (Dantuono) Croce. He was the sixth of eight children.

Following six years of employment as a tool designer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford, Conn., Fr. Croce was received into the Congregation of Holy Cross on Aug. 15, 1943; and made his First Profession of Vows on Aug. 16, 1944. Fr. Croce received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 1946. He made his Final Profession on June 3, 1948; and was ordained to the priesthood on June 6, 1950, after receiving a master's in theology from Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C. Fr. Croce received a master's in English literature from Notre Dame in 1952.

From 1952 to 1958, Fr. Croce was vice president of Notre Dame College, Dhaka, Bangladesh, where he also served as an English professor. From 1959 to 1961, he pioneered Scuola Media in Santa Croce, Italy. In 1961, he raised funds for Notre Dame College, while continuing his education at Boston University. From 1962 to 1963, Fr. Croce was chaplain for the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Rutland, Mass. In 1963-1964, he co-pioneered the mission in Peru. The following year, he taught English at St. George's College in Chile. From 1965 to 1972, Fr. Croce was assigned to teach English at King's College, where he also served as director of student activities. In 1974, he became assistant to the president in development at Stonehill College. Fr. Croce was campus minister and director of Roncalli Hall at the College of St. Joseph, Rutland, Vt., from 1977 to 1979. In 1979, he was assigned pastor of both St. Mary Church in Brandon, Vt., and St. Monica Church, Forestdale, Vt. Fr. Croce retired to the Holy Cross Community at North Easton in 1988, and was appointed Superior of the community house in June 1989. In 1998, Fr.

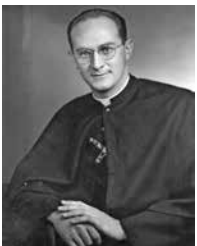
Croce moved to the Holy Cross Community at North Dartmouth, where he continued to assist parishes in the Diocese of Fall River.

In 2010, Fr. Croce celebrated his 60th Jubilee as a Holy Cross priest. As a hobby, Fr. Croce decorated Faberge-style eggs. In 2012, he donated his collection of handmade, handcrafted Easter eggs to fund a scholarship in his name at Stonehill College. He also gave undecorated eggs and supplies to Stonehill's art department so that students could learn the craft.

Fr. Croce's parents, four sisters: Rose (Croce) Keough, Terese (Croce) Meaney, Olga (Croce) Barile, Dahlia (Croce) Perrotta; and his three brothers: Angelo, John and Edmund Croce are all deceased. Surviving family members include his nieces and nephews: Raymond Keough, Maurene Keough, Edward Meaney, Kathie Still, Paul Croce, Edmund Croce, John Croce, Carol Croce, Paula Croce, Lorraine Perrotta and Elaine Happpie. He is also survived by numerous first and second cousins.

Visitation and the Wake Service were held at the Chapel of Mary on the campus of Stonehill College (Easton, Mass.) on Feb. 26, 2014. The Funeral Mass was held at the Chapel of Mary on Feb. 27, 2014. Burial followed at the Holy Cross community cemetery on Stonehill's campus.

### Wake Eulogy for Fr. Albert Croce, C.S.C. By Rev. James Chichetto, C.S.C.



A eulogy – eulogia, Classical Greek for "praise" – is a speech or text written in praise of a person who has recently passed on or has retired. Fr. Al, of course, has passed on, leaving behind a rich legacy of service, faith, hope, good will and many happy memories as a priest of Holy Cross and as a brother, friend, cousin and uncle of an extended family, related by blood and marriage.

We can come to look upon the death of a dear person, a friend or family member with much regret or sorrow because we will miss his/her presence as a dear friend or colleague; miss that person as a mentor or as a brother/sister; or even miss that person as a



witness to our own lives and concerns; to our own jobs, ministries, relationships, securities and insecurities.

I think, however, Fr. Al would not look upon his life that way. That is, I don't think he would want us to have any regrets or sorrow about his life or regrets that he has passed on. Fr. Al had a very full life. His life was as full as it was fulfilling. Like my own mother, he made it to his 95th year.

Fr. Al's life was very full indeed. Before he entered Holy Cross, he was a talented tool designer and engineer for Pratt and Whitney. He was also the son of a gifted artist, who painted and embellished a number of murals in New England. Fr. Al absorbed many of the artistic techniques of his father. Whether Al was oil painting, fixing a clock or decorating an egg, one could always detect the systematic method or procedure he was executing to accomplish his task. Al was an expert craftsman and artist in that sense. He definitely had artistic ability of superior quality.

As a Holy Cross priest and missionary, Fr. Al was vice president of Notre Dame College, Dhaka, Bangladesh, founded a school in northern Italy and taught at and raised funds for other Holy Cross institutions in Chile and the U.S. At King's College, Al taught English (he knew his Shakespeare and Keats very well!) and was later appointed director of Student Activities. Here at Stonehill, he worked in the Development Office as an assistant to the president, raising funds for scholarships. Indeed, Fr. Al was good in all things. When he retired from academics and college, he ministered as a chaplain at a V.A. hospital and then later became a pastor of a small parish in Vermont. He made many friends there and brought a number of people back to the Sacraments by his good will, his faith and his decency. The road was never long to Fr. Al's rectory. It



was always short. If he made a new friend one day, he never forgot the old friends he had made the day or month earlier. He was wealthy with friends and family.

Al was also a kind person and a generous one. Anything he acquired, he would give away. I know he was very generous any time I called on him and asked him to contribute one of his exquisitely decorated eggs to our Alumni Scholarship Auction. He took to heart Acts 20:35 in the New Testament: It is more blessed to give than to receive. He knew that the wise man in this life does not lay up treasure here. The more he gives in this life the more he has in the next.

We can sing so many praises of Fr. Al Croce, our brother in Holy Cross and the beloved uncle, cousin, sibling and friend of so many people. If he could be here this evening, in this chapel, I think Fr. Al would



say, like St. Francis and other generous people of God, that when all is said and done, the real tragedy in life would have been to climb the ladder of achievement or success, as they say, only to discover that the ladder was leaning against the wrong structure, the wrong edifice, the wall of egotism, the rampart of selfishness, the embankment of conceit. Instead, Fr.

Al made sure his ladder leaned against the Gospel of Jesus Christ, trying to make every person feel important, feel accepted as a friend and child of God and loved unconditionally by a merciful and forgiving Father.

In all things, Fr. Al was successful; but his success was counted sweetest with Our Lord.

May Al Croce, our brother in Holy Cross, rest in peace and with his Beloved Savior and ours, Jesus Christ.



## REV. MERWYN J. THOMAS, C.S.C.

Aug. 21, 1940-May 18, 2014



Rev. Merwyn Jerome Thomas, C.S.C., 73, died Sunday (May 18, 2014) at the Center for Hospice Care.

Fr. Thomas was born on Aug. 21, 1940, to Joseph H. and Evelyn M. (Corbat) Thomas in Jacksonville, Fla. He graduated from Bishop Kenney High School

in Jacksonville in 1958 and attended Jacksonville University for a year before transferring to the University of Notre Dame. He was received into the Congregation of Holy Cross on Aug. 15, 1960, and professed first vows on Aug 16, 1961.

Fr. Thomas graduated from Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1963. He made his final vows on Aug. 16, 1964. After four years of theology at Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C., Fr. Thomas was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1967, at Notre Dame.

Fr. Thomas served as a math teacher at Notre Dame High School, Niles, Ill., from 1967 to 1975. He received a Master of Science degree from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas, in May 1978. After a year as chairman of the mathematics department at Notre Dame High School in Niles, he served as rector of Fisher Hall at the University of Notre Dame from 1979 to 1986. He served as associate professor of math at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, from 1980 to 2009. Fr. Thomas also served as an adjunct instructor in mathematics at the University of Notre Dame from 1985-1987. He moved to Holy Cross House in 2009.

Fr. Thomas' parents are deceased. Surviving are his sisters, Alene and Geraldine, both of Jacksonville.

Visitation and the Wake Service were May 20, 2014, at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, Ind. The Funeral Mass was May 21, 2014, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Burial was in the community cemetery.

## Wake Eulogy for Fr. Merwyn Thomas, C.S.C. By Rev. Tom King, C.S.C.

Being able to connect with people is sometimes tough. People who we live with, see on a day-to-day basis or communicate with on a very deep level are sometimes the people with whom we miss the boat most often. It's that way sometimes in religious life; it was that way with Jesus and the apostles, especially Thomas and Philip; and it is certainly that way when you teach high schoolers and college people. You must be structured, firm, knowledgeable, patient, a motivator, a friend, but not a buddy. It's quite a task to be a good teacher. In short, you have to "connect" with your students.

How often do parents and teens fail to connect on an issue that they have discussed and talked about at length? How often do faculty members seem to miss each other's points completely, not understanding a basic truth about each other? Being in relationship with people, coming to know another person in deep and personal ways, is no easy task. It takes time, patience, occasionally conflict and confusion. In the passage from John's Gospel delivered tonight, despite their close association with one another, the Lord became frustrated with and misunderstood by his disciples on more than one occasion. The relationship takes trust. Indeed, it is a quest, the quest of empathy, to be "where another is," to paraphrase Jesus.

I have known Merwyn Thomas for 52 years and I have shared a particular apostolate with him for 43 of those years: first, at Notre Dame High School in Niles for 10 years, then at Notre Dame where we both served as rectors for more than 16 years each and finally at Holy Cross College where we shared faculty positions — he for 30 years; I for a few less.

Fifty-two years is a long time to "connect" with a person. It's a long time to relate to another and come to know another person in both simple and profound ways. We shared similar viewpoints and opinions and occasionally moments of conflict and confusion. In all that, there was trust. There was a relationship of "transparency." If there was a buzz word, that's it. In short, he was authentic, reliable, trustworthy, dependable. He was a friend. I trusted his judgment: It was clear, uncomplicated, reasonable and logical.

A summation always began with his favorite introduction: "Evidently."

Merwyn never authored a book, never chaired a symposium, never was credited with accolades for leadership or recognized for a lofty position, never delivered a position paper or made a presentation at a community assembly or a communitywide event. In fact, he never was the principal celebrant at Eucharist in Sacred Heart Basilica! He was one of those many, less-remembered members of our Congregation who was called "a dutiful religious." In Verdi's opera "Aida," he would have been in the back row as pharaoh came marching grandly by! He was simply a dedicated teacher who pushed himself to excel as a communicator who wanted to meet and motivate his students in the context of his area of expertise — mathematics.

Despite the abstract nature of math, he led his students in an exploration of seemingly improbable discoveries - in geometric theorems, deferential equations, algebraic summations. Yet, you could hear laughter emitting from his classroom and you could see the excitement of raised hands and open discussion about mathematics. His office at Holy Cross was a few doors down from mine and it was a rare night that some confused sophomore wasn't struggling to discover the truth of why some equation must make sense and was laboring at the small blackboard in Merwyn's office. You could hear him: "Now, you've got it. Now you're beginning to see." Always encouraging, always hopeful and positive. But always prodding and pushing him to go further: "Now, why did you do that?" "Do you see why this is done this way?" And, rarely in final frustration: "Are you gonna get better or is this it?" But always a teacher who delighted in the spark of





understanding.

Mathematical discoveries led to other issues. In the context of mathematics, he was priest and counselor to many who asked the big questions: How do you acquire your faith? What made you become a teacher? And then bigger questions: Why did you become a priest? How do you know that God exists? I would hear his conversations at the close of an evening session of math as they walked past my office. I can remember instructions like: “The choices we make dictate the lives we lead.” Or, “The Gospel of Jesus is only the product (all else is byproduct).” Or, “What predicts what a person will be like is values and morals.” It was differential equations with a definite theological twist!

And, when the math classes and private nighttime tutoring sessions could not continue due to a series of strokes, the students would show up at Holy Cross House for a quick refresher course before an exam, some others just pursuing a reputation: “Can you take me to the priest who helps with math?”

But the other side of Merwyn was recognized (by a few), for he was a private person who had great compassion and faith. His compassion was not some squishy sentimentality; it was a solid, dependable and reliable assistance (a “looking out for the other guy”) - a student afraid of a math exam who needed reinforcement, a fellow religious, sometimes a seminarian, who sought his advice or just someone who would push a wheelchair day-in and day-out for another religious in Holy Cross House. Whether it was an academic issue or a pastoral problem, he was always accommodating and helpful, willing to give of his time.

Cards – “Hearts,” in particular, but occasionally “Pinochle” - brought out the humor and sparkle in Merwyn. You could call him “ruthless” at “Hearts;” hell, he was vindictive and merciless. George Rozum, Jerry Knoll, Merwyn and I spent a remarkable number of Friday nights in George’s room in Alumni trying to unseat Merwyn as champion. He didn’t like “Bridge” because conversation and laughter was lost in the serious thinking at the “Bridge” table and the camaraderie, the bantering and the jockeying for insults would never due at the sophisticated “Bridge” table. That’s why our game became known as “Dirty Hearts.”

His faith carried him, supported him, motivated

him to face retirement before he wanted it. It was a faith that propelled him to see the Father. He often told his twin sisters – “the girls” as he called them (Alene and Geraldine) – that he did not want to be hooked up to some machine, to be handicapped and incapacitated for some extended time. “I want to be with the Lord as soon as I can.” Jesus was his way to the Father, because Jesus alone, of all people who ever lived, came from the Father. “Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Jesus was truth for him – truth about the Father. In this day and age, when there is so much confusion about God, what an incredible blessing it is to be able to turn to Jesus and learn the truth about God. God was never some uncaring force, but a loving, merciful Father.

His spiritual journey is not just another routine journey. It was the most important journey that he ever made. It was the journey that we were all created to make. It is the journey to eternal life, where there will be no more death, no more grief, no more tears, no more pain. We could never make that journey were it not for Jesus who knows the way, shows us the way and goes the way with us.

Merwyn was a man of many sides, much depth, filled with self-giving, a very accommodating person. When you felt lonely in this world, there was always Merwyn. For his friends, nothing was too much trouble at any time for him. I called him my friend for over a half a century, for surely he was. Rest now in peace of the Lord, my friend.



Merwyn Thomas is in the middle of the second row with his Final Vows class, Aug. 16, 1964.

## REV. BARRY CABELL, C.S.C. Aug. 1, 1947 - June 16, 2014



Rev. Barry Cabell, C.S.C., 66, died Monday (June 16, 2014) at Brother André House, Austin, Texas.

He was born on Aug. 1, 1947, in Long Beach, Calif., to Edward and Ruth (Miller) Cabell. He graduated from St. Anthony Boys High School in Long Beach and attended the University of Louisville (Ky.) from 1965-1966.

Fr. Cabell was received into the South West Province of Holy Cross Brothers on Jan. 25, 1967. He made his first profession of vows on Jan. 26, 1968; and made his final profession on Jan. 26, 1973, in Hayward, Calif. He received his bachelor's degree from St. Edward's University, Austin, on Dec. 20, 1969. As a Holy Cross brother, Fr. Cabell taught at St. Anthony's High School, Long Beach, in the spring of 1970 and then moved to Moreau High School, Hayward, in the fall and served there until 1974. He received his master's degree from California State University, Hayward, in 1974. He was a school psychologist at St. Anthony's High School from 1975-1976, where he served as principal from 1976-1977. He studied at Penn State University, State College, Pa., from 1978-80. He returned to St. Anthony's in 1981 and served in private practice in San Antonio from 1983-1987.

Fr. Cabell transferred to the Southern Province of Holy Cross in 1987, where he began priestly formation. He was ordained to the priesthood on March 14, 1989, in San Antonio. Fr. Cabell studied Spanish at the Instituto de Idiomas, Cochabamba, Bolivia, from 1989 to 1990. He served as assistant pastor of Parroquia de Santo Tomas Moro, Guadalupe, México, in 1990. From 1990-1991, Fr. Cabell was associate pastor of St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin, where he served as pastor from 1991-1999. From 1999-2001, Fr. Cabell was pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, Canada. In 2001 and 2002, he assisted at the Provincial House in Austin. From 2002-2004, he served as pastor of Holy Family Parish, Copperas Cove, Texas. From 2004-2011, Fr. Cabell was pastor of St. Paul's Parish in Austin. In 2011, he moved to Brother André House in Austin. He was minister to priests in the Diocese of Austin from 2012-2014.

Fr. Cabell's parents are deceased.

The Wake Service was held on June 22, 2014, at St. Ignatius Martyr Church, where the Funeral Mass was June 23, 2014. Burial was in Assumption Cemetery, Austin and a reception followed at St. Ignatius Martyr School.

## Funeral Homily for Fr. Barry Cabell, C.S.C. By Fr. Rick Wilkinson, C.S.C.

As heard last evening, many felt Fr. Barry’s was a calming presence, but I must admit, my first interaction with him was not very calming. I had just arrived to Campus Ministry at St. Edward’s University. I hadn’t even unpacked when I got a call from Fr. Barry. He wanted to see me as soon as possible. St. Ed’s is not a parish, but is administered by St. Ignatius; all the sacramental paperwork goes through here. Unbeknownst to me, for many years, priests were baptizing, marrying and burying without keeping reports, so of course there were sacramental records for a lot of people. Imagine wanting to get married and there is no baptismal record! The parish was stuck with trying to fill in all the gaps. Fr. Barry was not happy. I innocently arrived to be read the riot act, stating that this was never to happen again. Never, ever. Things went uphill from there. He was right to be angry.

Fr. Barry’s priestly ministry reflected his faith in the Good News. His faith and his ministry announced God’s compassion like the prophetic voice of Hosea who portrays the weak spot of God as he relates to the unfaithful and wayward Israel, who here is seen as a wayward child. Israel had tried the Lord with its infidelity repeatedly. God’s anger was fierce. But ultimately God’s compassion is aroused because God is God and not a man. Merciful love trumps justice. Paul proclaims to the Romans that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. God’s love for us is absolute.

Christ died for the sinner in us all. Fr. Barry sought by his life to open those doors of faith into the merciful love of God. We are, after all, created by and for God. We are children of God. There is no other reason why God would have created us.

St. Paul reminds us that even when we are powerless (and that is a general feeling with death), Jesus entered into our humanity to promise us the hope of eternal life. Jesus reaffirmed God’s hope in us.



Jesus is God's expression of how God wants us to be with Him, to be one with us. Remember Jesus' prayer: "I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

If we grow into union with Christ, we shall also be united to him in the Resurrection. That was the deepest desire of Fr. Barry; hopefully it is ours.

Whenever someone dies, it invites us to look into the mystery of death. We are timid with death, especially our own. We fear our own mortality as we age and we wonder what awaits us on the other side. This past week I helped celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for 400 high school students that were part of the Vision program at the University of Notre Dame. One young man, as he got up after confession, quickly sat back down and asked, "Father, is it a sin to doubt?" I said "No," thinking that would be the end of it. He paused and then asked, "How do we know there is a Heaven?" I paused and then said, "I do not know." I gave a pretty good explanation, but basically it came around to "I believe but I do not know." I wished I would have been profound, but at least I was honest.

Pope Francis answered his question with much more wisdom: "If one has the answer to all the questions - that is proof that God is not with him. It means that he is a false prophet using religion for himself. The great leaders of the People of God, like Moses, have always left room for doubt. We must leave room for the Lord, not our certainties; we must be humble."

Life is full of uncertainties. "What we do know is this: It was God's will that brought us into being," writes John Garvey; so "it follows that any being after death will likewise have to be willed by God." Remember Jesus in the garden with his knees sunken in the ground surrendered, "Not my will but yours." Resurrection means "that just as there was no life before conception, there can be no life after death that is not given by God's willing it so. We cannot know what kind of life after death will be like. Otherwise would be to insult God, the giver of life."


In a culture that stresses individualism, it is difficult to convince people that we exist only in relationship to one another. We recently celebrated Trinity Sunday: the mystery of three persons in One God, each person exists on its own but only

in relationship to one another. As a Holy Cross religious, Fr. Barry lived in relationship to others. As we heard last night, he was much beloved. You don't become beloved by selfishness or alienation. His priesthood was one of loving relationship with God and the ones he served in God's name. Eucharist is about relationship with God and the community of faith. It is here God meets us in our hope and fragility, in our grief and our doubts. It is here where the wayward child Israel and sinners are transformed by the absolute love of God.

We Catholics do death pretty well. We commend our loved ones into the hands of God, and we trust, we hope and we believe that having died with Christ we shall also live with Him. That's a big leap of faith for all of us. It is the faith that grounded our brother Barry Cabell's religious life and priesthood. It is a faith grounded in God's unimaginable love. Fr. Barry gave his life to proclaiming this love, believing as Jesus said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love another."

Fr. Barry, thank you for teaching to us be a bit more loving, a bit more Christ like.

**Rev. Alfred F. D'Alonzo, C.S.C.**  
**July 16, 1926-June 27, 2014**



Rev. Alfred F. D'Alonzo, C.S.C., 87, died Friday (June 27, 2014) at Holy Cross House. He was born on July 16, 1926, to Modestino and Michelina (Stanziale) D'Alonzo, in Orange, N.J. He graduated from Orange High School in 1944.

Fr. D'Alonzo entered the University of Notre Dame in 1944. He was a member of the Fighting Irish football team. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on July 1, 1944, and attended Naval Officers' Training School. Fr. D'Alonzo was honorably discharged on July 1, 1946, and entered the Congregation of Holy Cross on Aug. 15, 1946. He made his first profession of vows on Aug. 16, 1947. Fr. D'Alonzo graduated from Notre Dame in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He professed final vows on Aug. 16, 1950. He studied theology at Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C., from 1949-1953, during which he also served as assistant chaplain at the National Training School for Boys, a federal correctional institution in Washington.

Fr. D'Alonzo was ordained on June 12, 1953. He served as prefect of discipline and a teacher at Fr. Baker High

School in Lackawanna, N.Y., from 1953 to 1956. Fr. D'Alonzo earned a master's degree in educational administration and sociology from Notre Dame in 1960. From 1956 to 1963, he served as vice principal and teacher at Notre Dame High School, Bridgeport, Conn., where he also was assistant superior. During that time, he also was a chaplain to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

From 1963 to 1965, Fr. D'Alonzo served as the Holy Cross brothers' chaplain while he was pursuing advanced studies in educational administration, supervision and psychology at Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y. Fr. D'Alonzo also was a part-time school counselor at Mt. Carmel School in the Bronx. He served as headmaster and religious superior at St. Peter's High School, Gloucester, Mass., from 1965 to 1969.

From 1969 to 1971, Fr. D'Alonzo worked as a research assistant during his doctoral studies at the University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. From 1970 to 1971, he served as a counselor and chaplain at Ottawa Teachers' College. He earned his Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Ottawa in 1978. From 1971 to 1981, Fr. D'Alonzo was dean of student affairs at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. In 1982, he returned to Moreau Seminary to work with Old Collegians and from 1986-1989 was a member of the professed formation team. Fr. D'Alonzo served as chaplain in the Campus Ministry Program at Notre Dame and assisted in the Married Student's Village. In 1986, he was appointed to serve as director of the Campus Bible Study. Fr. D'Alonzo also served on the parochial team helping in local parishes, particularly St. Peter's Parish in LaPorte, Ind.

Fr. D'Alonzo also served as a counselor for student athletes. He was an assistant rector at Pangborn and Carroll Halls at Notre Dame from 1989 to 1994. He was a priest-in-residence at Carroll from 1994 to 1999 and moved back to Moreau Seminary in 1999. He moved to Holy Cross House in 2008. Fr. D'Alonzo celebrated his 60th anniversary of ordination in 2013. In 1995, Fr. D'Alonzo was awarded the Distinguished American Award by the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame.

Fr. D'Alonzo is survived by his brother, Frank; nieces Linda, Leonora and Kathy; nephews Frank Jr., Gary, Pete and Michael; and great-nieces and great-nephews, Nicole, Daniel, Christina, Michelle,

Michelena, Felicia, Frank III, John, Matthew, Gabrielle and Michael.

The Visitation and Wake Service were July 1, 2014, at Moreau Seminary. The Funeral Mass was July 2, 2014, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. Burial was in the community cemetery at Notre Dame. Kaniewski Funeral Home, South Bend, handled the arrangements.



**Wake Eulogy for Fr. Alfred D'Alonzo, C.S.C.**  
**By Fr. Randy Rentner, C.S.C.**

Greetings to all the family of Fr. Al, to all his friends and former students and to Fr. Al's brothers in Holy Cross. I first met Fr. Al D'Alonzo back in 1984, when I was 22 years old – and he was even older than I am now – when I first became a candidate right here at Moreau Seminary. Fr. Al was one of my chaplains during my years in seminary formation and I know that there are several generations of Holy Cross priests and brothers today who can tell many stories about Fr. Al, but I am particularly grateful that I am able to speak tonight because since I was 22, I have been a close friend of his and later an adopted cousin within the D'Alonzo family.

In fact, Al had a few important families throughout his life – his natural family, a large and loving clan from New Jersey. His brother Frank, and his many nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and grand nephews, are the



typical Italian New Jersey family: Strong Catholic faith, strong family ties, loud family gatherings where it's almost impossible for even me to get a word in edgewise. And for some people who know me, that's saying a lot!



Al's family was always important to him. In fact, his niece Nora told me that up until a couple years back when Al was no longer able to travel back to New Jersey for the holidays, she and her family had never gone to church for Christmas Day Mass, since Uncle Al had always offered Mass for the D'Alonzo clan in their home.

But as close as his family was to him, Al left home at a young age, the middle of his senior year, to join a new family – that of Our Lady's University. He was recruited while still in high school and came to Notre Dame halfway through the year. He actually got his high school diploma while already a freshman at ND and a lineman for the Irish! In fact, Al is the only Holy Cross priest I've ever heard about who played varsity for the Irish! Al was most proud of his alma mater and Notre Dame has always been a home to him. Getting a letterman's jacket from Notre Dame and prestigious awards from the National Football Association and the College Football Hall of Fame were the culmination of his long-standing relationship as a Son of Notre Dame. And in fact, long before our provinces all joined together, Al had made sure that he would be buried here at Notre Dame, even though he had been a member of the former Eastern Province.

But along with his D'Alonzo family and the Notre Dame family, Al was also part of the Holy Cross family. After football and after his commissioning as an officer in the U.S. Navy, Al changed courses and joined Holy Cross. He worked at two different high schools and as the dean of students at King's College. He was a man's man and a priest's priest. I've heard lots of stories of his imposing personality on the lives of his young charges. That was the way it was with Fr. Al. He always made an impression on people. Later, just before I got to Notre Dame, Al joined the seminary staff here at Moreau. A whole generation of priests in Holy Cross today remembers his strong personality and his eccentric presence, walking down the hall, knocking on random doors before prayer, calling out guys by their nicknames. You know you had really made an impression on Al if he gave you a nick name. There were some odd ones. Rob was Bobo. Charlie was

Chucky-Babe. Tim was Beefy. There were many others. I was Wolfie! We had gone to see the movie "Amadeus" together and because I sang in the Chapel Choir and in the Notre Dame Chorale, he decided to name me after the character of Mozart in that movie. For years, he called for me down the hall, "Wolfie!" But even if he didn't give you a nickname, Al might have just called you, affectionately or not, "The Boy!"

It was a great privilege in my life to have been part of all three of Al's families – Notre Dame, Holy Cross and as an adopted cousin within the D'Alonzo clan, even though I'm not Italian! Al used to encourage me to come visit with him back home on the Jersey Shore. Al's love for the sun was well known, since he always got so leathery tanned each summer. And Al and I would often summer together in Cocoa Beach, sitting there baking in the summer sun of Florida. But I didn't really want to fight the traffic to go to the Jersey Shore (after all, I had plenty of beaches to choose from – my parents live at Virginia Beach and I was born on Nantucket and often spent summers there!) But, of course, I went to Jersey because it was great fun hanging out with Al and his brother Frank and his niece Nora and the rest of the family. After he had moved into Holy Cross House, Al's love for the sun continued and I would take him to our property at LaPorte so that we could tan ourselves and enjoy the pool.

As for the Notre Dame family, I was never a football player, nor even much of a fan, but Al never held that against me because we shared a common love of Notre Dame. And as far as the family of Holy Cross is concerned, as crazy as it may have sounded to some, I often said to others during the seminary that I wanted to be Al D'Alonzo when I got older! Sometimes I think I still do. He was loud, bombastic, passionate, crazy-seeming at times – always the center of attention when he was in the room. But he was a great priest, a compassionate man. And I'm



Fr. Al with three high school friends in 1947.

convinced that my vocation was strengthened by his helpful advice, his great example, by his sincere devotion to Christ, his unending love of the Church and his deep reverence for Mary.

St. Iranaeus is famous for having said, and I'll say it in Latin, since I'm sure that's how Al would have done it: "*Gloria Dei est vivens homo.*" It's sometimes loosely translated as, "The Glory of God is man fully alive!" Well, Al was a man fully alive. At 87, nearly 88, he lived a full life. Not just long, but full. He found joy in so many things. Over the years, he brought life to so many people on a daily basis. He saw God's presence in enjoying other people, enjoying the sun, enjoying football, enjoying scholarship, enjoying prayer and even enjoying New Jersey! His life was filled with awe: awe for life, awe for God's presence in each moment. And he shared his faith fully! When he preached, as many from Moreau at the time will remember, it was with passion and a studied emphasis on each word and expression. He would often Pound the Pulpit in his Passionate Purpose of Preaching the Power of God. For some reason, alliteration worked so well with his preaching style, although I've never tried it myself until this evening!

Once when I had the privilege of being in Rome with Al, he rented a car to take me, I swear, to every single church in Rome. Later, we were able to sit up near the dais in St. Peter's Square for Pope (now Saint) John Paul II's Wednesday audience. Al was walking with a cane then, so we borrowed a wheel chair to make the day easier for him, never realizing that two priests, one pushing the other in a wheel chair, would get whisked through the Vatican Museum and seated very near the Pope along with other folks in wheelchairs. After the Pope's audience, all of us sitting up front were allowed to pass by the Pope for his blessing. It's one of my greatest treasures to have a photo on my wall of the Pope blessing Fr. Al, as Fr. Al, always the priest, is raising his arm in return to bless the Pope! And I, terribly nervous about the whole affair, am caught mid-genuflection with eyes as wide open as a child's on Christmas, not knowing what I was supposed to do when meeting the Pope. Al, of course, wasn't nervous at all, since he saw God's presence every day, in every moment, not just in the Pope. So it was the most natural thing in the world for him as a priest to bless the Pope as for the Pope to bless him!

These are the lessons I take from Fr. Al: To live

life fully; to see God everywhere; to bless those who bless you; and to bless all who need blessing. He had been part of the Charismatic Movement and he saw God as a real and personal presence in his daily life. He was never ashamed or embarrassed about his faith. Frankly, he was never ashamed or embarrassed about anything. I will always remember him singing "Santa Lucia" at socials or just at dinner or walking down the hall, knocking on doors in the seminary. I'm sure he did that at Pangborn Hall and at Carroll Hall, at King's or at St. Peter's High School as well.

Al's unabashed love of life was his charm for me. I remember visiting Philadelphia for the day with him, our first trip together back when I was still a seminarian. For some reason, he decided to play the crazy uncle and I played the ever-patient nephew, constantly apologizing for his confusing, but mostly hilarious comments about the Liberty Bell and other sites we saw. Folks were somewhat taken aback, but were always gracious and friendly to us. And he enjoyed the playfulness of it. That playfulness lasted until the end for him. After Al had moved into Holy Cross House, when I still lived nearby, I would regularly take Al to Martin's grocery down the street to shop for Peligrinos, fennel and Dove chocolates – his favorites. Then we'd get a coffee and a pastry and if the weather was nice, we'd sit just outside by the parking lot, near where all the trucks would gas up with diesel fuel, and we'd enjoy pretending that we were back at the Piazza Navona in Rome, his favorite place on Earth.

Al enjoyed pretending. He enjoyed playfulness. He enjoyed the sun. He enjoyed people. He enjoyed life. And I believe, as Iranaeus believed, that now that Al has died, he is now truly *vivens homo*, a man fully alive, alive in Christ. I can only imagine that as Christ now welcomes him home with a warm abbraccio, Al is embracing Him back with the same passion and joy that he had blessed the Pope.



## Former HCA employee dies

Delma O'Connor, 92, a long-time employee of the Holy Cross Association, died on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014, in Herington, Kan. She retired from the Congregation in 1987.



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Sr. M. Francesca (Kennedy), C.S.C.

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