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.

Two ordained priests of Holy Cross at Basilica

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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 (2012-2013). In the summer of 2012, Fr. Adam served at Stone Soup in South Bend. In his first year as a professed seminarian, Fr. Adam offered grief counseling at Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parish, where he served his deaconate year.

Fr. Pat continues to serve as rector of Keghou 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 2006 from the University of Portland, Ore. 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 Santísima de La Luz, in Monterrey, Mexico (summer 2009). Fr. Adam earned his M.Div. from the University of Notre Dame in 2013.

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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.

**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.

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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.”

**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.**

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

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**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 Roseen Award for Faculty. The honor was established by the late Max Roseen, former senior circuit judge of the Third District Federal Court, and his wife, Tillie.
Frs. Keefe, Korcsmar attend diocesan workshop on multiculturals parishes

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 multiculturals parishes, understanding how culture works, what can be some of the obstacles and using an approach of ecclesial integration rather than assimilation.

Fr. Beau champ named fourth assistant provincial

Fr. Bill Beau champ, 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.”

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 gravestite, 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, Peru 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.

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


The theme of the conference was “Relationships, Recovery & Spiritualité.” 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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‘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 alumnus 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.


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.

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.

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

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 Guadalajue, 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 de la Concepción de la Luz. There were also a dozen young men from a discernment group who also continued with the Congregation’s formation program in Guadalajue this fall. There were also a dozen young men from a discernment group in 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 and Deacon Jacoy Dagobert, C.S.C., before Fr. Armando’s “Canta Misa” or “First Mass.”

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México

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Notre Dame Press. published by the University of Gutiérrez, for editing Awards sponsored by the Catholic Press Association. Several Holy Cross priests and the U.S. Province's publishing ministry fared well in the 2014 Catholic Press Awards. 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 Rev. Ronald Raab, C.S.C., was also awarded 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; • *Relewing 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 of Vows 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-founded a school in northern Italy and taught at and served as director of Student Activities. Here 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 appointed 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 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, Dalia (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 Happnie. 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, 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
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 Kenny High School in Jacksonville in 1968 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 1980. 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 to 1987. He moved to Holy Cross House in 2009.

Fr. Thomas’ parents are deceased. Surviving are his sisters, Alice 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 bus 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, differential equations, algebraic summations. Yet, you could hear laughter emanating 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 his time. Merwyn. You could call him “ruthless” at “Hearts;” “Pinochle” – brought out the humor and sparkle in his time.

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.

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, Guadaloupe, Mexico, in 1990. From 1990-1993, 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. In 2002-2004, he served as pastor of Holy Family Parish, Copperas Cove, Texas. 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 at 150, where the Funeral Mass was celebrated 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 there. 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 in me." 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 he 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 cannot know what kind of life after death will be 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. 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. Exegesis 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 a bit more loving, a bit more Christ like.


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 Micheline (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. 25, 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 1975, 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 1971 to 1977, 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 1981, he returned to Moreau Seminary to work with Old Collegians and from 1986-1989 was a member of the professor 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 pastoral 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 Punogburn 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...
There were some odd ones. Rob was Bobo. Charlie was guys by their nicknames. You know you had really and his eccentric presence, walking down the hall,Holy Cross today remembers his strong personality staff here at Moreau. A whole generation of priests in He always made an impression on people. Later, just young charges. That was the way it was with Fr. Al. stories of his imposing personality on the lives of his ND. He actually got his high school diploma while already a freshman at ND and his niece Nora and the rest of the family. After he had moved into Holy Cross House, 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 fun hanging out with Al and his brother Frank and his niece Nora and the rest of the family. After he had turned 18, 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 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 lineaner 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 Notre Dame Student Government 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.

As for the Notre Dame family, I never was 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 because he was such a fun person and he always wanted to make others happy. 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, I was able to pass by the museum and seated very near the Pope along with 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, I was still nearby, I would regularly take Al to Martini's grocery down the street to shop for Pellegrino's, 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 with the Lord, 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.

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 fun hanging out with Al and his brother Frank and his niece Nora and the rest of the family. After he had turned 18, 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 lineaner 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 Notre Dame Student Government 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.

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Fr. Al with three high school friends in 1947.
Please pray for those who have died
(As of July 1, 2014)

Barbara Weed DeWitt, grandmother of Timothy Weed, C.S.C.
Rev. Albert A. Croce, C.S.C.
Rev. Edmond Gallant, C.S.C., (C)
Sr. M. Francesca (Kennedy), C.S.C.
Rev. Jacques Choquette, C.S.C. (C)
Br. Grégoire Rousseau, C.S.C. (C)
Doug Miscamble, father of Rev. Wilson Miscamble, C.S.C.
Sr. Theresa Jane Beliner, C.S.C.
Delma O’Connor, long-time employee of the Holy Cross Association

Br. Louis-Stanislaus Moreau, C.S.C. (C)
Br. James Sullivan, C.S.C. (M)
Rev. Merwyn Thomas, C.S.C.
Herbert C. Yost Sr., father of Rev. Herb Yost, C.S.C.
Br. Thomas Shaughnessy, C.S.C. (M)
Rev. Pierre Benoit, C.S.C. (C)
Br. Réjean Bastrash, C.S.C. (C)
Rev. Barry Cabell, C.S.C.
Br. Philip C. Armstrong, C.S.C. (MW)
Rev. Alfred F. D’Alonzo, C.S.C.
Br. Eli Pelchat, C.S.C. (M)