The University of Notre Dame Board of Trustees, including Fr. Richard Warner, C.S.C., superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross and trustee emeritus, had an audience with Pope Francis at the Vatican on Jan. 30, 2014. The Trustees were in Rome for a board meeting. President Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C., presented the Pope with a bronze statue of The Visitation designed by the late Fr. Anthony Lauk, C.S.C.

Seven men professed Final Vows in Uganda on Jan. 5, 2014. Six of them were also ordained deacons. Please see page 4.

Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., and Deacon Pat Reidy, C.S.C., incense a painting of Blessed Basil Moreau during the Moreau Day Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame on Jan. 20, 2014. For more Moreau Day photos, please see pages 2 and 3.
Moreau Day: Jan. 20, 2014

Notre Dame community photos by Br. Charles McBride, C.S.C. (MW)


Confreres celebrate in communities worldwide

Holy Cross communities throughout the world celebrated Blessed Basil Moreau around his feast day, Jan. 20, 2013.

At Stonehill College, our founder was celebrated at all of Campus Ministry’s Sunday Masses at The Chapel of Mary with special music. On his feast day, the local Holy Cross Community celebrated Mass in the residence chapel, with Fr. John Denning, C.S.C., president of Stonehill, presiding. Fr. Denning later welcomed the community to the newly renovated president’s house for a surf-and-turf dinner. About 30 people attended.

Priests, brothers and sisters in the Notre Dame area had a solemn Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Jan. 20. Provincial Superior Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., was the principal celebrant and homilist. The community had dinner at Moreau Seminary following the Mass.

The Midwest Province of Brothers also had a community celebration for area Holy Cross religious the weekend prior to Fr. Moreau’s feast day. It included a prayer service in the St. Joseph Chapel of Holy Cross Village, followed by dinner in the various dining rooms of Andre Place.

Family Theater Productions offered Mass and lunch for all Holy Cross religious in the Southern California area on Jan. 25. The event included reflections on Blessed Moreau.


At the new Shrine of Blessed Basil Moreau in Le Mans, France, the faithful gathered around the tomb of our founder on the vigil of his feast day to pray and ask for his intercession. Fr. John DeRiso, C.S.C., (third from left) is rector of the shrine. The Holy Cross Mother Church celebrated Mass and other activities in honor of Fr. Moreau as well. (Photo courtesy of ©Assoc. des amis de Basile Moreau)

Carrying on a tradition that goes back at least 10 years, Holy Cross religious in the Southern California area gathered at Family Theater Productions on Jan. 25.


Community dinner at Moreau Seminary.
Fr. Phalan in Africa, India

Fr. James Phalan, C.S.C., director of Family Rosary International, was in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and North East India in January and February.

Fr. Jim joined a “Peyton Prayer Guild” meeting in Kampala, Uganda. Fr. Jim also met with the Family Rosary staff in the Diocese of Jinja, Uganda, and Bishop Charles Martin Wamika to coordinate mission work with the diocese. Fr. Jim also visited the parish of Butiti with the Family Rosary team of the Diocese of Fort Portal, Uganda.

The mission trip also took Fr. Jim to rural Tanzania. In Kenya, Fr. Jim spent a morning at one of the three prisons served by the Family Rosary Team in Nairobi. He prayed the Rosary and sang hymns with prisoners.

In early February, Fr. Jim led Rosary Rallies in a number of parishes in North East India, including St. Paul’s Parish in Kumarghat, Tripura.

Seven profess Final Vows in District of East Africa

Seven men in the District of East Africa professed Final Vows in the Congregation of Holy Cross on Jan. 4, 2013, at St. Augustine’s Center in Kampala, Uganda.


In preparation for their Final Vows, the seven men made a retreat before Christmas directed by Fr. Tom Smith, C.S.C., novice master at the Holy Cross Novitiate at Lake Saaka.

Receiving their vows were Provincial Superior Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., and Br. Bill Zaydak, C.S.C., superior of the Moreau Province. Fr. Tom presided and preached at the Mass.

Of the seven who professed Final Vows, Patrick Mugabo is a brother.

The other six were seminarians and on Jan. 5, they were ordained deacons. The Ordination Mass was also held at St. Augustine's Center, and the Most Rev. Charles Martin Wamika, bishop of Jinja, Uganda, presided.

“It has been my privilege to journey with these seven men who made their Final Profession in Holy Cross,” said District Superior Fr. Pat Neary, C.S.C. “They welcomed me to the District of East Africa when I first arrived at McCauley Formation House in Nairobi in June of 2010. Now it is my privilege to welcome them as brothers for life in Holy Cross. Knowing them and the kind of good and zealous young men they are, the future for Holy Cross in East Africa continues to look bright.”
Memorial commissioned in South Carolina for Fr. Joyce

A memorial has been commissioned for Fr. Ed Joyce, C.S.C., in Spartanburg, S.C. Fr. Joyce retired in 1987 after serving 35 years as the chief financial officer of the University of Notre Dame. He graduated from Spartanburg High School and worked with the I.C. Dodge accounting firm after he graduated magna cum laude from Notre Dame in 1937. Fr. Joyce died in 2004.

Duncan Stroik, ND professor of architecture, has been commissioned to design the memorial. It will be a free-standing bell tower adjacent to the new St. Paul the Apostle Parish, which he also designed. Fr. Joyce was the first person from South Carolina to study at ND.

New tile flooring in Basilica

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart was closed from Dec. 26 through Jan. 19 to replace flooring. Carpet in the sanctuary was replaced with beautiful slate tile. Basilica Rector Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C., said the new floor will enhance the acoustics in the Church and eliminate the need to replace carpeting every decade. The Basilica was last renovated in the early 1990s.

After an unexpected, two-day delay, the Basilica reopened Jan. 20 in time for the Moreau Day Masses, including a solemn Mass for the U.S. Province, Midwest Province of Brothers and the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Work continued nightly following the reopening of the main Church as crews replaced the flooring in the Lady Chapel, other side chapels and the corners of the Basilica.

During ...

Moreau Day Mass, Jan. 20, 2014

On Dec. 3, 2013, we gathered to bless and dedicate the Rev. Patrick Maloney, C.S.C., Music Collection in the Moreau Seminary Library.

The collection includes more than 1,000 CDs, spanning genres such as vocal, choral, symphonic and opera, among others. Fr. Pat assembled the collection over decades of teaching and performing music. The collection includes many gifts from friends, former students and fellow CSCs.

Fr. Pat beamed as he spoke about what music has meant to him over the years. Thanks to the hard work of Moreau librarian Tom Cashore, CSCs may check out discs or listen to them on the provided portable player in the Moreau Library. Fr. Pat’s legacy of love for music will inspire others for years to come!

Fr. Maloney shares music collection with Moreau

Fr. Mark Poorman named 20th president of UP

On Jan. 27, 2014, The University of Portland community celebrated Fr. Mark Poorman, C.S.C., who was named president-elect of the University on Jan. 25.

Fr. Mark will succeed Fr. William Beauchamp, C.S.C., after the end of this school year as Portland’s 20th president. Fr. Beauchamp has been UP’s president since 2003.

Fr. Mark has been executive vice president at UP since 2011. He also has served as a professor of theology and pastoral resident of Schoenfeldt Hall. Prior to arriving on The Bluff, he served as vice president for student affairs, a faculty member in the theology department and pastoral resident at the University of Notre Dame.

Fr. Mark said he is humbled, yet excited, to take on the next challenge, leading a University that has “an exceedingly bright future.”

Fr. Mark grew up in Phoenix, Ariz., Bakersfield, Calif., and Springfield, Ill., where his father was the founding president of Lincoln Land Community College in 1967. He has described those early years as
Formative, helping to shape his belief in the value of education.

Fr. Bill, who has known Fr. Mark since the two were in the seminary together, describes him as “a devoted Holy Cross priest, an accomplished administrator and a very popular teacher. He understands the mission of a Catholic University and he appreciates the importance of student affairs.”

Fr. Mark first began to seriously consider entering the priesthood as a junior at the University of Illinois, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in English. He was received into the Congregation on Aug. 13, 1977; professed First Vows on Aug. 12, 1978; and professed Final Vows on Sept. 4, 1981. He earned a master of divinity degree from Notre Dame and was ordained on April 17, 1982. Shortly thereafter, he served as rector of Dillon Hall, associate director of campus ministry and instructor in theology, all at Notre Dame.

He later studied at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., where he earned a doctorate in Christian ethics, then returned to Notre Dame to serve full-time on the faculty of the theology department, later becoming director of the master of divinity program.

New wellness center to be named for Fr. Beauchamp

A new recreation and wellness center at the University of Portland, set to break ground in May 2014, will be named in honor of Fr. Bill Beauchamp, C.S.C.

The University’s president since 2003, he has been a strong supporter of the new center, expected to be completed by May 2015.

The Beauchamp Recreation & Wellness Center is estimated to cost $23 million, with $20 million raised as of late 2013. It is funded through the RISE Campaign, one of the largest development campaigns ever for a Pacific Northwest private college or university at $175 million.

Fr. Bill is credited with raising more money for scholarships and bricks and mortar than any president in the history of the University. His tenure will officially end on May 9, coinciding with the end of the RISE Campaign. The annual gala will be Fr. Bill’s sendoff.

Fr. Fallon honored for work with immigrants

Fr. Marc Fallon, C.S.C., who is celebrating 10 years working with immigrants through Catholic Social Services in New Bedford, Mass., was featured in the Jan. 6 edition of SouthCoastToday.com.

Fr. Fallon is an advocate for immigrants, particularly those from Central America. He has helped obtain Church funding for local, immigrant-led groups, including Centro Comunitario Trabajadores and the Maya K’iche’ Organization.

His 10-year anniversary was celebrated during a Dec. 29, 2013, Mass at St. Kilian Church, central to the city’s Mayan Indians. About 100 people attended.

Four priests contribute to new book on homiletics

Four Holy Cross priests have contributed to a new book released in January by Liturgical Press. “We Preach Christ Crucified” is edited by Fr. Michael E. Connors, C.S.C. Fr. Connors is a pastoral theologian and director of the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgies at the University of Notre Dame.

The book gathers contributions from a wide variety of theologians and practitioners based on a conference on Catholic preaching in June 2012 at Notre Dame.

Fr. Connors also wrote the preface and the afterword for the book. Fr. Joseph Corpora, C.S.C., Fr. William Wack, C.S.C., and Fr. Ronald Raab, C.S.C., contributed to a chapter called “Preaching Among the Poor: A Panel of Holy Cross Priests.” Fr. Corpora is director of university-school partnerships with the Alliance for Catholic Education at Notre Dame, as well as coordinator of Latino student ministry with ND Campus Ministry. Fr. Wack is pastor of St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church in Austin, Texas. Fr. Raab is pastor of Tri-Community Catholic Parish of Colorado Springs, Colo., and formerly served as associate pastor at St. André Bessette Catholic Church in Portland, Ore.

The 60 days of Christmas

The Christmas season at St. Rita Parish in Dade City, Fla., begins Dec. 2 with a nine-day novena up to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12). The nine days of “Las Posadas” follow from Dec. 16-24. Epiphany falls on Jan. 6 and the season concluded on Feb. 2, the Feast of the Candalaria (Candlemas Day). From Dec. 2 to Feb. 2, there were celebrations every day in a neighborhood or at church.

On Jan. 6, students from Guardian Angels Catholic School in Clearwater, Fla., helped us make the rounds to visit children in the Farmworkers’ Migrant Camps of St. Rita Parish. Fr. Daniel Kayajan C.S.C., Fr. Pete Logsdon, C.S.C., Sr. Martha Flore, MHML, and Sr. Norma Cime, MHML, along with the Three Kings from the parish and the school children brought truckloads of presents, food and clothing for the families in the poorest area of Central Florida.

Holy Cross novices Karl Romkema (second from left) and Charlie Holden-Corbett (leaning forward on right) put on “Theology on Tap on Vocations” at Stonehill College during their winter placement. The two also assisted with the College Senior Retreat, Senior Discernment Group and liturgies for Campus Ministry, as well as several other functions while working full-time at My Brother’s Keeper. Also participating in the program were Frs. Tony Szakalay, C.S.C., Steve Wilbricht, C.S.C., and Foster Burbank, C.S.C.
Advent, Christmas around the Province

The Holy Cross Community at North Easton, Mass., got into the spirit of the season. Above, the community tree decorators gather after completing their work.


Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Easton, Mass., donated 700 gifts for those in need through the annual Giving Tree. The parish also raised $1,300 for Lord of Hope Parish in Canto Grande, Lima, Peru.

Sacred Heart Church, part of the Tri-Community Parish in Colorado, celebrated Advent Vespers on Dec. 15, 2013. Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C., is presiding, and Sue Gerlach, director of Music Ministry and Liturgy coordinator, is preaching.

Fr. Steve Willbricht, C.S.C., assistant professor in the Religious Studies Department at Stonehill College, presided at the College’s Lessons and Carols on Dec. 6, 2013.

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Students from Guardian Angels Catholic School in Clearwater, Fla., helped St. Rita’s Parish in Dade City, Fla., bring presents, food and clothing for families in the Farmworkers’ Migrant Camps on Jan. 6, 2014. The children joined St. Rita’s Three Kings and Frs. Daniel Kayajan, C.S.C., pastor, and Fr. Pete Logsdon, C.S.C., associate pastor, in visiting St. Rita’s migrant camps. Those living in the camps are among the poorest in Central Florida.

Fr. William Dornwart, C.S.C., Catholic Chaplain for Naval District Washington, prayed the invocation during the Dec. 6, 2013, National Christmas Tree Lighting near the White House, which was broadcast live on the Internet and later on PBS stations across the country. This is a screen shot taken live during Fr. Dornwart’s prayer.

You may recognize these men: They are the 2013 Novitiate class and staff in the Colorado snow. This photo was on their Christmas card.
Obituaries

Rev. William H. Donahue, C.S.C.


Fr. Bill Donahue was born on Aug. 22, 1922, in Philadelphia to John Leo and Mary (Drum) Donahue. He was the oldest of seven children. He graduated in 1940 from West Philadelphia Catholic High School for Boys. In September 1940, upon the advice of his aunt, Sister M. Katherine, C.S.C., Fr. Donahue enrolled in Our Lady of Holy Cross Seminary for the Congregation of Holy Cross in Easton, Mass. Two years later he entered the Novitiate in North Dartmouth, Mass., and was received into the Congregation on August 15, 1942, professing his First Vows on Aug. 16, 1943. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1946 with a bachelor's in philosophy and made his Final Vows on June 9, 1947. Fr. Donahue was ordained on June 7, 1949, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., where he studied theology at Holy Cross College. In the fall of 1949, he took undergraduate courses at King's College (which had been founded by Holy Cross just three years before in 1946) in biology, chemistry and physics in preparation for graduate school. From 1950 to 1953, he attended the Catholic University of America, earning a master's and Ph.D. in biology.

Fr. Donahue was on the faculty in the Biology Department at King's College from 1953 to 1974. During that time he served King's in a number of roles: vice president, chairman of the Biology Department, tenured professor, director of athletics, member of the Administrative and Academic Councils, College Senate delegate, prefect and counselor in the student residence halls and pre-professional advisor for medical, dental and other health-related fields. During that time, Fr. Donahue was involved in research over the summers supported by the National Science Foundation. He had a faculty fellowship at the University of Texas Austin and at its Marine Institute from 1971-1972, and again in the summer of 1973. Fr. Donahue's area of scientific research included plant ecology and marine biology; his articles were printed in a number of scientific publications. During his time at King's College, Fr. Donahue was also involved in pastoral ministry, serving as chaplain to the Sisters of Christian Charity at St. Anne's Academy from 1960 to 1971 and serving each weekend in the four missions out of Bear Creek in the nearby Pocono Mountains.

From 1971-1989, Fr. Donahue was rector of St. Mary's Cathedral in Austin, Texas, and led the historic restoration of the Cathedral. From 1976-1986, he served on the Marriage Tribunal for the Diocese of Austin and was also a diocesan consultant. Fr. Donahue organized the Catholic Chaplaincy program for one of the Austin's largest hospitals, Brackenridge Hospital. As rector for the Cathedral, he also ran marriage preparation programs.

In 1989, Fr. Donahue began his service as pastor of Holy Family Parish in Copperas Cove, Texas, where he celebrated his 80th birthday before leaving in 2002. Holy Family was the only Catholic parish in the city of 30,000 adjacent to Fort Hood, one of the Army's largest installations with a population of 40,000. For a number of years, Fr. Donahue was the only priest in the parish.

In 2002, Fr. Donahue moved to Christopher Lodge, Cocoa Beach, Fla., and assisted at two local parishes. He moved to Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, Ind., in 2007.

Over the years, Fr. Donahue also served in positions within the Congregation of Holy Cross. He was on the Boards of Trustees for Stonehill College (1965-1973) and St. Edward's University in Austin (1977-1981). He served several terms on the Provincial Councils of both the former Eastern Province (of which he was a member) and the former Southern Province, including one term as an assistant provincial. Fr. Donahue is survived by two sisters, Margaret DeLisle (Florida) and Dorothy Creighton (Pennsylvania). His parents and other four siblings are deceased.

The Visitation and Wake Service were Oct. 2, 2013, at Moreau Seminary. The Funeral Mass was Oct. 3, 2013, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

Eulogy for Fr. William Donahue, C.S.C.

By Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C.

I wish to begin by quoting from our Constitutions on "mission."

"For many of us in Holy Cross, mission expresses itself in the education of youth in schools, colleges and universities. For others, our mission as educators takes place in parishes and other ministries. … "Our mission sends us across borders of every sort. Often we must make ourselves at home among more than one people or culture, reminding us again that the farther we go in giving the more we stand to receive."

Bill Donahue was a splendid example of this Holy Cross mission. He was a teacher and researcher at the university level. He earned his credibility in the academic and administrative fields and then he received a call. This call was somewhat similar to the call of our own Holy Cross religious in South India who are entitled the "St. Thomas Christians" – those Christians who claim that their heritage was initiated and influenced by St. Thomas the Apostle. Our Holy Cross confreres there decided to go on a permanent "internal mission" in India by assisting their Holy Cross colleagues in North East India in order to establish a center of academic excellence, even like Fr. Sorin did in the United States. These Indian Holy Cross Religious have made a permanent commitment to this project … this "internal" mission of the Congregation.

Like these religious who responded to a call, so too Bill Donahue answered his call from Pennsylvania to Texas. He too was a missionary – an "internal" one. In Austin, he led the historic restoration of the Cathedral where he later became the rector. From there he also guided marriage preparation courses. Later he became the pastor of Holy Family Parish in Copperas Cove. Bill had truly become an "educator in the faith."

Later, when Bill came to Holy Cross House, I would visit him there together with other classmates. He would ask me disarming questions such as: "When are you coming to Holy Cross House? You certainly look old enough!" Then: "Do you speak Spanish?" I would reply: "Yes. I spent eight years in Chile." Then he would say: "And you call that speaking Spanish." At that point I felt that it was better to quit when I was behind.

Yes, we ‘40ers have been missionaries both within and without of our country. In our class we also have Timm, Gillespie and Bride going to Bangladesh. We have Archbishop McGrath, Carlos Delaney and myself going to Latin America.

For all of us of the class of 1949, as our Constitution on mission says, our broader experience has allowed us to appreciate various cultures and to also realize that no culture of this world cannot be our abiding home. Bill, you now have gone to your abiding home. Only four of us of 21 are left and we ask that you pray for us and our permanent mission in our abiding home. We thank you for your ministry and look forward to our next class reunions. Amen.

Rev. Ronald R. Tripi, C.S.C.
May 14, 1935 - October 31, 2013


Fr. Tripi was born May 14, 1935, in Buffalo, NY, to Joseph and Jenny (Castiglia) Tripi. He graduated from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Buffalo, in 1953 before attending Notre Dame. After his freshman year, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross' Sacred Heart Novitiate in Jordan, Minn., on Aug. 15, 1954, and made his First Vows a year later on Aug. 16, 1955. Fr. Tripi then returned to Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame. He graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and then studied theology for four years at Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C., where he received a master's degree in sacred doctrine.
From the time of his Ordination until 1985, Fr. Tripi
served as an assistant and teacher at Little Flower Seminary in Bandhura. In 1986, Fr. Tripi returned to the United States and served as associate pastor to St. Stanislaus Parish in South Bend, Ind., for 15 years. In 2001, Fr. Tripi moved to Christ the King Catholic Church, South Bend. He has served as associate pastor for the past 12 years until he moved to Holy Cross House on Oct. 29, 2013. While at Christ the King, Fr. Tripi assisted with Masses at nursing homes in the area, visited with homebound parishioners and served as chaplain to the elementary grades at Christ the King School. Fr. Tripi celebrated his 50th Jubilee in 2012.

His parents and his brothers, Carl and Howard, are deceased. He is survived by a sister-in-law, Wendy King (widow of Howard) and several loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

The Visitation, Rosary and Wake Service were Nov. 5, 2013, at Christ the King. The Funeral Mass was Nov. 6, 2013, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

Eulogy for Fr. Ron Tripi, C.S.C.

By Fr. Neil Wack, C.S.C.

"Have something to say, say it, and sit down." … "Speak slowly and clearly so everyone in the church can hear you." … "Don't sweat the small stuff." These "Tripi-isms" and many others have been going through my mind for the last couple of weeks or so. Fr. Ron wasn't much for long homilies and he didn't like people gilding the lily by saying how wonderful someone was and never mentioning their relationship with Jesus Christ. In light of his standards, I'll do my best, but even if I could ask his opinion, I know he would say his automatic response — "whatever!" We priests here at Christ the King have gone to many functions together, whether meetings or fundraising dinners, conventions, prayer or some combination of them all. Regardless of how anyone might have been feeling about a particular event, whenever we pulled up to a function, I would always say "now remember. Fr. Ron, our objective here is NOT to be the last ones to leave." He always responded with something like "I'm not running for governor" or "Father, as long as St. Peter knows my name, that's all that matters." But, at the end of the evening, invariably I would have to almost drag him away because it seemed like he knew everyone in the building.

"So happy would he be to see everyone together here in God's house! But seeing you all here with our Lord would have been the sole source of his happiness. He would have tried in every way he could to deflect attention away from himself. Nothing changed who he was — he was the same with everyone, steady as a rock, steadfast in his faith in Jesus Christ. That was clear throughout his brief illness — he didn't change anything about what he said or who he said it to, no matter what situation he was in. When he first got to the hospital, he was in the emergency room for much of that first day and so of course we got to know a lot of people that came in and out — nurses, aides, doctors, janitorial staff. It didn't matter what their position was, Fr. Ron wanted to know their name, what parish they were going to and how they were related to someone that he knew who was related to someone who had a connection with the west side of South Bend. I remember when one woman came in. Fr. Ron said "I know you!" and she responded "I should hope so, you witnessed my marriage 17 years ago!"

I must say, I tired quickly of trying to remember every detail about every person that came in, so I asked him why he always did that. And he said something that will stick with me for the rest of my life. I think: "you can always learn something from everyone you meet, if you take the time." And that was the key, he always had time for people, caring for them and bringing them the Sacraments. He was never in a hurry because he was secure that he was about the business of Jesus Christ. On his bedroom door, there's a quote from St. Ignatius of Antioch: "A Christian is not his own master; his time is God's." (St. Ignatius of Antioch to Polycarp)

Maybe that was why it seemed odd that he didn't want visitors or phone calls in the hospital. I know that was difficult for many of you, but that was just Fr. Ron. Even when he knew it was a very serious situation, it didn't change what he had to say or what his attitude was. He always had complete trust that God would provide and everything would turn out the way it was supposed to.

When we knew things had taken a turn for the worse, he told me, "I worked hard in my lifetime and I'm tired. I don't need an extra 30, 100 days on this earth." I was a bit stubborn, and asked him "But Ron, what if they say you could live for 10 more years?" And his response was perfect: What are they going to put that in writing like I'm a muffler or something? He didn't need that; he was ready to go to the Father's house. He knew the hope that comes from the Cross, the hope that Saint Paul speaks of in his letter to the Romans.

What is hope, after all? It's not just wishful thinking — to hope for something means we have already had some experience of it, maybe just a small taste of what the reality is, but a taste nonetheless. As people of faith, each of us hope in the Lord because we have experienced Him here on earth, in our daily lives and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and so we have at least a taste of what is to come at the heavenly banquet. In fact, I remember Ron stopping by the chapel whenever he passed by just to spend a minute or two in conversation with the Lord. These momentary visits were the simple actions of real hope. Fr. Ron had hope in the Cross, because he experienced Christ in the joy and suffering of so many people, including his own.

Again, from Saint Paul: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." As Fr. Ron would say, the rest is small stuff, really. There's much I could tell you about his ministry here at Christ the King or at St. Stanislaus or Bangladesh. Many, many folks have talked to me or emailed me, including the pastor of Corpus Christi in Jalchatra, Bangladesh. At last count, there were well over 100 emails, cards and phone calls. Everyone remembers him and his great witness of faith. And really, that's the most important thing we have to remember. The details are good for us to know, but whenever we ask Ron about any of his previous ministries, he would always say "that was long ago and far away." All we really need to say is that he loved everyone and delighted in knowing them, because he saw Christ in them.

He always trusted in God. Even though the end came quickly, he was ready for the Lord to bring him home. I am quite sure that when he reaches Heaven, he will be met by our Lord, who will say to him "I know you! Welcome home, Fr. Ron!"

Rev. John S. Dunne, C.S.C.

Dec. 3, 1929 - Nov. 11, 2013


Fr. Dunne was born on Dec. 3, 1929, to John Scribner and Dorothy (Vaughn) Dunne in Waco, Texas. He attended St. Edward's Academy in Austin, Texas, from 1943 to 1945, and then moved to Holy Cross Minor Seminary at the University of Notre Dame (Ind.) for his senior year of high school. Fr. Dunne was received into the Congregation of Holy Cross on Aug. 17, 1946, and made his First Vows on Aug. 16, 1947. He studied philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, where he graduated in 1951. Fr. Dunne made his Final Profession of Vows on Aug. 16, 1955.

Fr. Ron Tripi, C.S.C. (left), in Bangladesh.
Wake Eulogy for Fr. John Dunne, C.S.C.
By Rev. Paul Kollman, C.S.C.

Fr. John Dunne once became angry with me. I know, it's surprising! I was questioning him with importunate questions typical of young and callow theologians like, “What is the basis for this assertion? How does this claim fit in with other claims made by you and others?”

Fr. John Dunne in 1954.

All of the sudden, he grimaced and I was caught off guard by the flash of temper—something most definitely out of character! Looking at me closely, he said, with obvious frustration, “Paul, you are trying to understand what I say as an argument. Arguments! Who was ever convinced by argument? Be led by insights, not arguments.”

Insights not arguments. John was very good at very important things (he was not very good at some other things, like clothing himself)—but good at important things like friendship (hence all of us here and the stream of visitors over the past months) and the generation of insights. And John lavished us with his obedient attentiveness to God and to the divine presence is too rarely pursued and discerned.

Fr. John Dunne returned to Notre Dame in 1957, where he began teaching and prefecting. He studied at Princeton University from 1960 to 1961, and also served as a chaplain at Our Lady of Princeton. He returned to Notre Dame to teach from 1961 to 1967. He taught at Moreau Seminary on the campus of Notre Dame from 1969 to 1970 and then again at Notre Dame from 1970 to 1972. Fr. Dunne was a visiting professor at Yale University from 1972 to 1973 before coming back to Notre Dame to teach from 1973 to 2013. He spent several sabbatical years at the Holy Cross Center, Berkeley, Calif., throughout his tenure at Notre Dame. Fr. Dunne was the John O’Brien Professor of Catholic Theology at Notre Dame. He published numerous books and received several awards from the University, including the 2013 Presidential Award, the Sheedy Award and the Danforth Foundation Harbison Award. He is credited by the Notre Dame Theology Department as having taught more students than anyone else in the University’s history. In 1999, Fr. Dunne was named as one of the most influential spiritual writers of the 20th century. Fr. Dunne also received a first place award for his book, “Eternal Consciousness,” from the Catholic Press Association in June 2013.

Fr. John Dunne’s parents are deceased. He is survived by his sister, Carrin Mary; brother, Patrick (Margaret); nephews James and John (Rebecca); and grandnephew and grandniece, Catherine and Nolan.

The Visitation and Wake Service were Nov. 14, 2013, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame. The Funeral Mass was Nov. 15, 2013, at the Basilica.

Offering, at Corby Hall. Evening meals at Corby Hall, a few days per week with friends at regular restaurants. Many of us are instinctively wary of such near-obscene routines. Yet our friend John followed the view of Friedrich Nietzsche, who praised such a life: “What is essential ‘in heaven and on earth.’” Nietzsche wrote, “seems to be… that there should be obedience over a long period of time and in a single direction: given that, something always develops, and has developed, for whose sake it is worthwhile to live on earth; for example, virtue, art, music, dance, reason, spirituality — something transfiguring, subtle, mad, and divine.” (Beyond Good and Evil).

Long obedience in the same direction. I think it’s as good a description of John’s life as I can imagine. And John’s “long obedience in the same direction” yielded much that was transfiguring, that spoke to us of the subtle and the divine. John was obedient to his routines, allowing him to be obedient for a long time to God’s voice, God’s self-revealing. John developed over decades a deep correspondence between the Christian (and broader human) record—a vast compendium of literature and references and thinkers, art and music—and the fruit of his prayerful reflection on the very particular dynamics of his own mind and heart. This was the source of his insights: From God, through his life, for us. Over time, John’s own “journey with God in time” could speak powerfully to our journeys with God in time.

John’s obedient attentiveness to God and to the very particular details of his personal life meant an unblinking, courageous encounter with life in all its fullness. John did not shrink from the agonies that belong to being mortal and embodied and uncertain. Because he was so attentive and articulate, so long obedient in the same direction, his very personal striving for faithfulness before his mortality, his embodiment, and his uncertainty could teach us all. Because he was so focused, John’s longing for life amid pierced awareness of death resonated with us. Because he was so attentive, John’s pursuit of love shaped by loneliness echoed in our hearts. Because he was so alert, John’s discernment of light despite deep darkness illumined our own wandering journeys.

I have so appreciated that John in his personal and theological pursuits moved to frontiers—to death and loving (especially as a celibate person) and other religions and other cultures, poverty and violence, and math and science and music—frontiers where the divine presence is too rarely pursued and discerned. John knew God would be there and trusted to find God there. And find God he did, bringing insights to us.

For one such insight, let’s consider the Gospel we just heard. Jesus’ appearance to Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection in John’s Gospel—one of John’s favorites in recent years. How to understand Jesus of Nazareth, the only begotten Son of God, long preoccupied John. Once, after John had written an article about Jesus, he was walking down the street in Berkeley and another theologian cried from across the way, “Lower your Christology!—an unusual cry in streets that have many unusual sounds! The theologian found John’s way to talk about Jesus to be too exalted, not human enough.

John used to say that there were two ways to think of what Jesus does for us: Jesus takes our place, standing in for us, or we take His place, able to stand in for Him. John believed the more fruitful approach was the latter. John saw Jesus inhabiting an intimacy with God, Abba, into which all of us were invited, to share the same intimacy Jesus knew. And this Gospel was a favorite, for he loved Jesus command to the weeping Mary Magdalene: “Go tell my brothers and sisters, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Our brother John, our Friend John, our teacher John, has gone to his Father, and Jesus’ Father, and our Father, to his God and Jesus’ God and our God. All his life was a preparation for this and so privileged have we been to witness that preparation. Like Mary Magdalene, many of us weep, and have wept, as this culmination of John’s journey approached. May we all hear Christ say to us, as He said to Mary Magdalene and to John Dunne so clearly, “I go to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” His heart’s desire, our hearts’ desires, fulfilled.

Alleluia!
Fr. Walsh became the vicar at Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Bennington, Vt. He helped with the parish merger of Sacred Heart, in North Bennington, and Saint Francis de Sales in 1995 before being assigned to Most Holy Trinity Parish in Saco, Maine. Fr. Walsh then transferred from the English Canadian Province to the Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers in 1995. In 2008, Fr. Walsh returned to Vermont to serve as the administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish in North Bennington. Fr. Walsh moved to the Holy Cross Community at North Dartmouth, Mass., in 2011, and later moved to Holy Cross House in 2012.

Fr. Walsh’s parents are deceased. He is survived by his brother John (Rosaria) of Portland and many nieces and nephews.

The Visitation and Wake Service were Dec. 19, 2013, at the Chapel of Mary on the campus of Stonehill College (Easton, Mass.). The Funeral Mass was Dec. 20, 2013, at the Chapel of Mary.

Eulogy for Rev. Patrick Walsh, C.S.C.

By Br. Jim Branigan, C.S.C.

Patrick Walsh, you certainly rest in the loving arms of our God, given the life you have lived. No doubt in my mind. Patrick, you know my thinking of you; can’t help but bring me to words about you and the gift you were to our educational ministry.

Our founder, Basil Moreau, gave us the core from which all our educational outreach should grow from — Moreau’s words — “To be true to our calling which all our educational outreach should grow from scene in ‘69 from just graduating from Stonehill. Tumultuous, for sure — great challenges dealing on scene in United States history. I arrived in the ‘70s led our community through one of the most tumultuous times in United States history. I arrived on scene in ‘79 from just graduating from Stonehill. Tumultuous, for sure — great challenges dealing with youth. I was one of them. Just think: a young brother sneaking up the hill of the old Stonehill Administration Building one evening with his buddies, pulling down the American flag and putting it back up upside down. Patrick certainly had his hands full, not only with student crazies, but with many young brothers/teachers who would be as crazed. Patrick’s ways were the ways of Moreau. No doubt in my mind, nor in my heart, our school life thrived during Patrick’s time. Patrick was always in a “hurry” — every day energized to be there for all of us with his presence and positive support — always.

Patrick walked the talk.

A number of years ago, our Notre Dame High School in West Haven recognized Patrick with our Notre Dame Knight of Honor. Our community loved Patrick. When I told members of our faculty who knew Patrick from his days with us of his passing, just about every one of them had a tear move to their eyes. As I informed our elder brothers in West Haven — the same. Patrick served our community as its fifth principal from 1987 to 1974. The Notre Dame he left in 1952 after one year as a beginning English teacher was population was over 1,100.

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Please pray for those who have died
(As of Feb. 11, 2014)

Rev. William H. Donahue, C.S.C.
Br. Robert Hampton, C.S.C. (M)
Br. Eagan (Donald) Hunter, C.S.C. (M)
Sr. M. Josepha (Mary Rita Cullen), C.S.C.
Mary Mulligan, aunt of Fr. George Mulligan, C.S.C.
John Bertone, father of Fr. Tom Bertone, C.S.C.
Ralph Segreve, brother of Rev. Richard Segreve, C.S.C.
Rev. Ronald Tripi, C.S.C.
Sr. M. Laurinda (Jasica), C.S.C.
Br. Kenneth Hayward, C.S.C. (M)
Br. John Christian Kuchenbrod, C.S.C. (M)
Rev. Patrick Walsh, C.S.C.
Rev. John S. Dunne, C.S.C.
Msgr. Edward M. Miller, brother of Br. James Miller, C.S.C.

Rev. Daniel Mungua, C.S.C. (NEI)
Br. Joseph Kelly Lahare, C.S.C. (M)
Sr. M. Ann Patrice (McGinley), C.S.C.
Rev. Gilles Sauvé, C.S.C. (C)
Sister M. Joellen (Sabin), C.S.C.
Br. Thomas Minta, C.S.C. (MW)
Sr. Marie Eva Marchand, C.S.C.
Sr. Regina Ciukaj, C.S.C.
Sr. Lorna Mary Swisher, C.S.C.
Fr. Gilles Labelle, C.S.C. (C)
Sr. M. Dorine (Nichols), C.S.C.

Jack Dubridge, grandfather of seminarian Matt Fase, C.S.C.