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This year, 21 members of Holy Cross celebrated their anniversaries of Ordination to religious life - 18 priests and 3 brothers. The Jubilee celebration was marked with a Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of Notre Dame on Friday, May 22. One Holy Cross priest, Rev. Richard Teall, C.S.C., and one brother, Br. James J. Lakofka, C.S.C., celebrated their 65th anniversary of Ordination into the priesthood, and religious profession, respectively.

Below is the full list of 2015 Holy Cross Jubilarians, along with excerpted bios of each Jubilarian. You can read all of the biographies in their entirety on the U.S. Province website, www.HolyCrossUSA.org.

Congratulations and God's richest blessings to this “great band of men” who’ve dedicated their lives to serving God and His people.

**Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of Ordination**
Rev. Richard Teall, C.S.C.

**Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of Religious Profession**
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**Sixtieth Anniversary of Ordination**
Rev. Thomas L. Bill, C.S.C.
Rev. Rudolph V. Carchidi, C.S.C.

**Sixtieth Anniversary of Religious Profession**
Br. Jerome F. Matthews, C.S.C.

**Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination**
Most Rev. Theotonius Gomes,
Aux. Bishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Rev. William G. Blum, C.S.C.
Rev. Francis T. Cafarelli, C.S.C.
Rev. James T. Connelly, C.S.C.
Rev. James J. Ferguson, C.S.C.
Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C.
Rev. Laurence M. Olszewski, C.S.C.
Rev. H. Richard Rutherford, C.S.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Silvia, C.S.C.
Rev. John A. Struzzo, C.S.C.

**Fiftieth Anniversary of Religious Profession**
Br. Dennis J. Fleming, C.S.C.

**Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Ordination**
Rev. Daniel J. Issing, C.S.C.
Rev. Randall C. Rentner, C.S.C.
Rev. John J. Ryan, C.S.C.
Rev. Richard Teall, C.S.C.

After Ordination, I expected to be assigned to a leper colony operated by the Order in Bangladesh. I even learned the obscure language of the region in preparation. Instead, I was sent to teach English Literature at St. George's College in Chile. Not knowing a word of Spanish, at the age of 26, I traveled to Chile and spent five days a week teaching the works of Tennessee Williams to South American teenagers. My love of teaching drew me closer to the people of Chile, and soon I was fluent in Spanish.

Eight years after arriving in Chile, I contracted polio. I was hospitalized for a year, but polio only made me stronger spiritually. Polio did not stop me from ministry; in fact, it drew me to take a radical stance of life, and the people I was serving ...

Rev. Thomas L. Bill, C.S.C.

“My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on his lowly servant … The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His Name.”

After coming to the University of Portland in 1962, I was searching for a deeper Christian life. My life did not measure up to the Christian life spelled out in the Scriptures. On May 13, 1969, a Holy Cross priest and layman led me into the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, a conversion experience that enables Christians to more fully cooperate with the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. At 41, my life finally became what it should have been at 21. I learned to be reliant on the Holy Spirit! The Holy Scriptures became alive ...

Br. James J. Lakofka, C.S.C.

... After the war, he briefly returned to work at Johns Manville before deciding he wanted to be a religious brother. While looking for the right religious community, he was sent to South Bend to visit an aunt at Christmas. When he mentioned his difficulty finding an order to join, she sent him to visit her pastor, a Holy Cross priest. Within a month, he was on a train to Massachusetts as a candidate with Holy Cross and professed his First Vows in 1950 ...

A humble and devoted servant of God, he prays often for his fellow brothers and priests within the community of Holy Cross, and for the Chicago Cubs, who he hopes will see a World Series in his lifetime.


During our annual retreat in my senior year, the Passionist Father who was our retreat master gave us a stirring conference on vocations, in which he suggested that whatever we might want to do in life, we could accomplish it within a religious community of priests or brothers. By this time, I was enamored of the physical sciences, especially chemistry, and thought that teaching high school chemistry would be a great career. I spoke to the retreat master about this and he suggested that I investigate the Jesuits and Holy Cross Fathers, who ran Notre Dame. I wrote to Notre Dame, and within a week, Fr. John Lynch, the Province Director of Vocations at the time, was at my home talking to me and to my parents ...
Rev. Rudolph V. Carchidi, C.S.C.

In 1991, I was assigned to teach mathematics at Stonehill College. One Sunday, the pastor of the parish where I was assisting introduced me to the Congregation.

After Mass, a woman came up to me and said, “You are a priest, why are you teaching mathematics?” I prefer the question, “Why am I, who happens to be a priest, a mathematics professor?” By the grace of God, I have achieved the two goals I set while in 8th grade: I am a priest and a teacher ...

Br. Jerome F. Matthews, C.S.C.

While in high school, a family friend gave my family a subscription to The Sign, which was a Catholic magazine. I enjoyed reading some of the articles, but my attention was drawn toward the many advertisements for religious communities that were in the United States. I wrote to several different religious orders, but one advertisement intrigued me the most—the Congregation of Holy Cross located in Stonehill ...

Rev. Francis T. Cafarelli, C.S.C.

Since I entered the seminary in 1958, it more and more became clear that this is the most complete and satisfying form of education, and, in Holy Cross, the carrying out of the desire of Fr. Basil Moreau that we attend to the education of the minds and hearts of people in order that they find right direction, understanding, and meaning in their lives ...

I am grateful for the opportunity that the religious life and priesthood in Holy Cross has given me: to try to make some contribution to the lives of people who need God’s blessings ...

Rev. James J. Ferguson, C.S.C.

After finishing high school in Buffalo, New York, I went west to study engineering, all the way to South Bend, Ind. and Notre Dame. Eventually, I entered the seminary program there. During the Novitiate, we were advised to correspond with lonely missionaries in the new Holy Cross foundation in Uganda, East Africa. Fortunately, my missionary pen-pal responded and piqued my interest in becoming a missionary ...


Jim Treplanier entered Holy Cross Seminary at the University of Notre Dame. He had grown up an only child of loving parents, and after the first days in the seminary, he wrote home that, “I’ve found a whole lot of brothers who are a wonderful group trying to love God and others. I feel this is where God wants me to be.”

Looking back on his sixty years as a priest, Jim recalled the words of Dag Hammarskjold, the former U.N. Secretary General, “For all that has been - Thanks. To all that shall be - Yes!”

Rev. William G. Blum, C.S.C.

When I was a senior, I had to take the College Boards. I only thought in terms of colleges in Pennsylvania ... I listed these as places for the sending of the scores. My dad noticed and said I was supposed to list three ... Dad insisted I list Notre Dame as a third recipient ... I listed ND and forgot about it, until one day, a letter from ND arrived ...

Rev. James T. Connelly, C.S.C.

On my return from East Africa in 1980, I was assigned to serve as the archivist for the Indiana Province and spent thirteen years in the Province Archives in addition to being steward at Moreau Seminary (1980 - 82), local superior at Holy Cross Mission House (1982 - 88) and chaplain at Keenan Hall (1988 - 93).

My fifty years as a Holy Cross priest have been more fulfilling than I could have ever imagined. All things considered, I think that I have weathered the years tolerably well.

Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C.

... It was from the Holy Cross community of spirited, young priests at Father Baker High School - closer to my home, the school my friends attended - that my C.S.C. vocation came ...

For all my fifty years as a Holy Cross priest, I have been active in Holy Cross life ... I am, at base, a Holy Cross religious. That is at the core of my self-understanding ...
Rev. Laurence M. Olszewski, C.S.C.

In 1956, I enrolled at Stonehill College. I enjoyed my life as a college freshman. One day, a classmate from South Carolina asked me to go with him to visit a Holy Cross priest, Joe Quinn, who was the vocation director. He was interested in entering the seminary. Joe was a happy and outgoing person, and a great example of a good and generous priest. The result of this visit: I entered and he went on to be a physician. Talk about the workings of the Holy Spirit ...

Rev. H. Richard Rutherford, C.S.C.

Holy Cross brought new lasting friendships with confrères from every corner of the Congregation. Opportunities to study languages opened my eyes to the real world ahead ... Ordination in December 1964 in Rome was joyous and pivotal; a milestone reached yet unsure where the priesthood would take me ...

Theology with a concentration in the early Church and liturgy became my career field. Through it, I realized that Holy Cross was now in my DNA ...

Rev. Kenneth J. Silvia, C.S.C.

When the “Barn Community” at Stonehill was created ... I served as its first director. It’s been gratifying to see it grow and flourish over the years since its inception ... I’ve gotten to meet so many extraordinarily holy people who would never describe themselves as such but who surely are. What a blessing this has been for me - perhaps the greatest of all!

Rev. John A. Struzzo, C.S.C.

Jesus loves us more than we can desire. It is not a sterile love, but an active love watchful and solicitous. It is passionate. Consider a mother with her firstborn. She constantly watches over him, always showing solicitude for every aspect of his welfare. This cannot match the tender solicitude of Christ. Not for one moment does our Lord turn His eyes away from us ...

Br. Dennis J. Fleming, C.S.C.

While my classmates and friends were looking into colleges or universities to attend, I looked into religious communities of priests and brothers that served in educational ministries.

I arranged for a visit and interview at Holy Cross Seminary, and was overjoyed to see a group of men who were happy in what they were doing; who laughed and joked; who were regular guys ... Right away, I felt at home and knew Holy Cross was the right fit for me ...

Rev. Daniel J. Issing, C.S.C.

There are so many to thank after 25 years, for the life of a priest is encounter, an encounter with Christ ... There are those who became friends or remained brothers, despite my failings and sins. There are those who taught life-lessons. There are my students and colleagues. There is Holy Cross ... After twenty-five years as priest, I hear the sweet song of resurrection that plays at the center of being. I joyfully sing this resurrection song ... Let us go now to prepare a place for the Lord. Peace be to you!

Rev. Randall C. Rentner, C.S.C.

... it wasn’t until after a semester abroad in England, and after I had graduated as an English major from Notre Dame, that I finally decided to enter what was then called the Candidate Program ... It was then that I first met a priest who would become a great mentor and friend to me, Fr. Al D’Alonzo, C.S.C. He just died this past summer, and I only hope to aspire to be the kind of priest he was to so many people ...

Rev. John I. Ryan, C.S.C.

As I gaze from my office window at King’s College, I see the high school from which I graduated in 1967. Two blocks further, I can see the college from which I graduated in 1971 with a B.S. in accounting. Directly across the street, I notice a metal statue of a white-tailed deer, the Pennsylvania state animal, on which I sat at age 3 or 4 to have my picture taken. From my window-gazing, it appears I have not traveled far from my hometown of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. ...
NOTRE DAME, Ind. -


Rev. Thomas J. O’Hara, C.S.C., provincial superior of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers, presented the six deacons for Ordination during the 2 p.m. Mass, and at the Celebration of Lucernarium on Friday prior to Ordination, he shared these words with the Ordinandi in the sight of their family, friends, and fellow priests and brothers:

“You will have the deep privilege to help people see our God more clearly in their lives as you administer the Sacraments … It is surely an awesome privilege, a humbling experience that will forever change your life …

Never lose that sense of awe at any point in your lives of having the privilege of celebrating the Sacraments and presiding at the Eucharist. God loved you from the moment He created you. God has been with you through all the ups and downs of your formation, is lovingly with you tonight, will be with you as hands are imposed tomorrow and all the days that lie ahead in your lives.”

Rev. Matthew Fase, C.S.C., is the second youngest of five children of Steve and Patty Fase of Rockford, Mich., and the first man from his home parish, Our Lady of Consolation, to be ordained a priest. He entered formation with the Congregation in 2006 and professed First Vows on July 30, 2011.

Prior to his Ordination as a transitional deacon, Matthew served in religious education at Christ the King Parish (2007-2008), Sunday hospitality at American College in Louvain, Belgium (2008), and tutor at the South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility (2009). He also served as an RCIA team member at Christ the King Parish (2009-2010), hospital chaplain at Penrose Hospital and St. Francis Hospital in his Novitiate year (2010-2011), and served at Our Lady of the Road Drop-in Center in South Bend (2011-2012) as well as marriage preparation at St. Pius X Parish, Granger, Ind. (2012-2013) and as a grief counselor in Campus Ministry at the University of Notre Dame (2013-2014). Matthew earned his M.Div. from the University of Notre Dame in 2014.

As he begins his priestly ministry, Fr. Matthew is very much looking forward to spending his life in service of the Lord and His people. “I want the people of God whom I serve to know where to find me. My home is the Church, and I wouldn’t want it to be any other way. This is my home, this is my life.”

Fr. Matthew served his diaconate year at Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Ore.

Fr. Matthew’s first Mass as a priest was April 12, 2015, at Moreau Seminary Chapel. Other Masses included Our Lady of Consolation, Rockford, Mich., April 19, 2015.
Rev. David Halm, C.S.C., an Ohio native, is the only son of four children of Deborah Kuns and John Halm of Clyde, Ohio. Fr. David served his diaconate at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Goodyear, Ariz.

Prior to his diaconate year, David also served as a fifth-grade CCD teacher at Sacred Heart Church in Lakeville, Ind. (2000-2001), participated in the Notre Dame study abroad program in Rome (2001-2002), assisted with freshmen retreats for Campus Ministry (2002-2003), ministered to the sick at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend (2003-2004), tutored in math at Notre Dame High School, Niles, Ill. (summer 2004), and served in the Namaste Alzheimer’s Center in Colorado Springs during his Novitiate year (2004-2005). He also served at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Phoenix (2005) and as counselor at Stone Soup Center, South Bend (2005-2006). Before returning to formation and professing vows again on July 30, 2011, David left formation in 2006 and worked in Columbus, Ohio, at Huntington Bancshares, where he was a member of St. Andrew Parish in Upper Arlington, and a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus.


David earned a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame in 2004 and received his M.Div. in 2013. He entered formation with Holy Cross in Old College in 2000. He made his First Profession of Vows on July 30, 2005.

As he begins his priestly ministry, Fr. David’s prayer is simple, “I pray that I will be a good priest, a priest who is always available and generous. It is Jesus who blesses and comforts His people through us. I cannot imagine a greater privilege and joy than to serve Him - and my brothers and sisters - as His priest.”

Fr. David celebrated his first Mass as a priest April 12, 2015, at St. Mark Catholic Church in Niles, Mich. with Rev. Thomas King, C.S.C., and his second at Fisher Hall, University of Notre Dame, Ind., April 12, 2015. Other Masses included St. Andrew Catholic Church, Columbus, Ohio on April 18, 2015 with Msgr. Stephan Moloney, and St. Mary Catholic Church, Clyde, Ohio on April 19, 2015.


Tim spent his diaconate year as a campus minister at Stonehill College in North Easton, Mass., where he also lived in residence in a freshman dorm. Holy Cross Center, or more affectionately known as “the Sem.” Prior to his diaconate year, Tim served in Bible study at Holy Cross Parish, South Bend (2009-2010), as hospital chaplain at Penrose Hospital, Colorado Springs (2010-2011), as youth mentor at Rise Up Academy in South Bend (2011-2012); then marriage preparation at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend (2012-2013) and as student teacher at St. Joseph High School, South Bend (also 2012-2013). Tim earned a
bachelor's degree in 2010 from the University of Notre Dame and received his M.Div. in 2014. He entered formation with Holy Cross in Old College in 2006. He made his First Profession of Vows on July 30, 2011.

As he begins his priestly ministry, Fr. Tim is truly overjoyed and at peace: “I have come to learn that in the deepest recesses of my heart is a sense of joy; a sense of the joy and wonderment at the beauty of creation and all the incredible things that we can do with God's help, a sense of joy and love shared between all the friends and family that I have been blessed to walk this journey with, and a sense of joy and peace in the realization that God truly dwells at the heart of my joy. Not a joy of action or of receiving, but simply a joy of being. A joy of being loved by God and called to follow Him in the way He wants me to.”


Rev. Stephen Chase Pepper, C.S.C., is the older of two sons of Barry K. and Lorrie S. Pepper of Huntsville, Ala. Chase served his diaconate year at King’s College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Fr. Chase celebrated his first Mass as a priest April 12, 2015, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart with Rev. Tom Looney, C.S.C. Other Masses included Christ the King Chapel, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. on April 19, 2015 with Rev. Tom Looney, C.S.C.; and Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Huntsville, Ala. on June 7, 2015, with Fr. Michael MacMahon and Fr. Vincent Bresowar.

Rev. Daniel Ponisciak, C.S.C., is the middle of three boys of Dorothy and Michael Ponisciak of Fox Chase Manor, Pa. Daniel served his diaconate year at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin, Texas.

Prior to professing his Final Vows, Chase served in adult faith formation Bible study at Christ the King Parish, South Bend, Ind. (2009-2010), at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, the following summer (2010), as well as parish ministry at Sacred Heart Church (2010-2011) and as a chaplain at Penrose-St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs (2011-2012). He also served at the Catholic Worker drop-in center as a first-year professed seminarian (2012-2013) and at Our Lady of the Light Parish, Monterrey, Mexico the summer of his first year (2013). His second and third years as a professed seminarian, he served as a marriage prep minister at the University of Notre Dame (2013-2014).

In 2007, Chase earned a bachelor’s degree and graduated summa cum laude from Seton Hall University with departmental commendations in political science and Catholic studies. He received his M.Div. from the University of Notre Dame in 2014. He entered formation with Holy Cross as a Postulant in 2009. He made his First Profession of Vows on July 30, 2011.

As he begins his priestly ministry, Fr. Chase keeps in mind Pope Francis’ three aims for the present Year of Consecrated Life: “Gratitude. Passion. Hope. These are the three directions I find my mind moving in. That is what is on my heart. That is what I want my priesthood to be about.”

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André House in Phoenix late summer of his second year. Daniel also coordinated preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation at Notre Dame in his final year as a seminarian.

Daniel earned a bachelor’s degree in 2002 from the University of Richmond, an M.Ed. from the College of William & Mary in 2005, and his M.Div. in 2014 from the University of Notre Dame. He entered formation with Holy Cross as a Postulant in 2009. He made his First Profession of Vows on July 30, 2011.

As he begins his priestly ministry, Fr. Daniel is humbled unto the Lord and to the people of God: “Being called to be the instrument by which Jesus is made present to the people that he loves so very much is truly amazing. They come to the Lord in their suffering and in their pain. They come with everything they have and they lay it at the feet of the One who is able to heal them. It is a humbling experience and one that I will treasure forever.”


Rev. Christopher Rehagen, C.S.C., is a native of Jefferson City, Mo., a twin, and the oldest of four sons of Mark and Susan Rehagen.

Chris spent his diaconate year at Christ the King Parish, South Bend, Ind.

Prior to this deacon assignment, he served as a team member for the Notre Dame Confirmation Program (2009-2010); chaplain at Penrose Hospital, Colorado Springs, where he assisted with liturgies; and RCIA at Our Lady of Woods Parish, Woodland Park, Colo. He also assisted at St. John Vianney Parish, Goodyear, Ariz., during his Novitiate year (2010-2011); Stone Soup Community in South Bend, Ind. (2011-2012); St. André Bessette Catholic Church (summer 2012); and RCIA team member at Christ the King Parish (2012-2013). Chris also served as assistant director of the Old College Undergraduate Seminary at Notre Dame (2013-2014).

Chris earned a bachelor’s degree in 2009 from the University of Notre Dame and received his M.Div. in 2014. He entered formation with Holy Cross through the Postulant Program in 2009. He made his First Profession of Vows on July 30, 2011.

Fr. Chris celebrated his first Mass as a priest April 12, 2015, at Christ the King Catholic Church, South Bend, Ind., with Rev. Neil Wack, C.S.C., and at his home parish, St. Peter Catholic Church, Jefferson City, Mo., on May 23, 2015.

As he begins his priestly ministry, Fr. Chris is able to trace exactly how Jesus Christ led him to where he is today: “I can see how He blessed me with a loving family who brought me up in the faith and taught me to pray. I can see how He brought me through my college years, putting mentors in my life who helped me grow in relationship with God and who encouraged me to think seriously about the priesthood. And I can see how He guided me through my seminary years, providing me with formators and resources that helped me conform my life to His and confirm that my calling was an authentic one.”
Positio for Fr. Peyton’s Cause for Sainthood Presented in Rome

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Just over a month ago, on April 21, 2015, the cause for sainthood for Servant of God, Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., took an important step forward as the Positio (Position Document) on his life and holiness was presented to the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints in Rome, Italy. The Positio was received by the Prefect of the Congregation, Cardinal Angelo Amato.

The presentation was made by Fr. Willy Raymond, C.S.C., president of Holy Cross Family Ministries; Fr. David S. Marcham, vice postulator of the Cause; and Dr. Andrea Ambrosi, postulator of the Cause. They were joined by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila, Philippines, who is a key and enthusiastic supporter of Fr. Peyton’s cause.

The Positio is the result of a four-year study of Fr. Peyton’s life and ministry. It is the synthesis of the 6,000 page report completed by the tribunals in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and 34 other dioceses around the world.

“We are very pleased to see progress in Fr. Peyton’s Cause,” said Fr. Raymond. “Many people regularly tell me we need a ‘Saint for Families’ and that Father Peyton is the appropriate candidate.”

If the Congregation for the Causes of Saints determines that Fr. Peyton lived a life of heroic virtue and holiness, his cause will be advanced to the Holy Father who can then confer the title of “Venerable” upon him. The declaration of “Venerable” is the last step before beatification, which includes a miracle attributed to the person’s intercession.

Known to many as the “Rosary Priest” for his tireless, global promotion of the rosary and family prayer, Fr. Peyton first proclaimed the phrases ‘The family that prays together stays together’ and ‘A world at prayer is a world at peace.’ At the time of his death, Peyton had preached to more people in person - an estimated 28 million - than any other Catholic. He was also a leading pioneer in using the media to spread faith and the Gospel.

Special thanks to Holy Cross Family Ministries for contributing to this news story.
Ghana
Final Professions
(Midwest Province)


The Mass of Final Profession took place on the grounds of the Holy Cross District Center in Brafoyaw, which serves as the headquarters for the Congregation's District of West Africa (Cape Coast, Ghana). The Most Rev. Matthias Nketsia, Archbishop of Cape Coast, presided at the Mass.

Following the homily, the two candidates for Final Vows were presented. After both stated their intent to profess Final Vows according to the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the Litany of the Saints was sung as the men lay prostrate on the earth. Then, after a concluding prayer, both men knelt one at a time before Br. Chester Freel, C.S.C., the Superior of the Midwest Province of Brothers (Notre Dame, Indiana), which oversees the District of West Africa, to profess the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

As a sign of their Final Profession as religious brothers in the Congregation, Br. Biney and Br. Gillette received from Br. Freel a St. Joseph Medal to be worn with their religious habit. Following the Mass, the celebration continued on the grounds of the District Center with a reception.

Bangladesh
Final Professions
(Sacred Heart of Jesus Province)

On Thursday, April 16, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Province (Dhaka, Bangladesh) celebrated the Final Professions of three of its men. Fr. James Clement Cruze, C.S.C., the Superior of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Province, received the men's vows according to the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross in a Mass held at the Chapel of the Holy Cross Scholasticate in Rampura, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The three men who professed their Final Vows were: Mr. Ashish Aloysius Rozario, C.S.C.; Mr. Paschal Babu Sarker, C.S.C.; and Mr. Joseph Bagnar Gonsalvez, C.S.C.


The Sacred Heart of Jesus Province also celebrated the Silver, Golden, and Diamond Jubilees of members of the Province. Those celebrating 25 years of religious vows were: Fr. Shanker Leonard Rozario, C.S.C. and Fr. Sushanto Anthony Gomes, C.S.C. Bishop Gomes, and Fr. Gilbert Lague, C.S.C., rejoiced in 50 years of religious life. Fr. Eugene Homrich, C.S.C., marked 60 years of priesthood.

Perú Final Vows
(District of Perú)

On January 31, 2015, the Holy Cross community in Peru joined together with the sisters of the two other Holy Cross congregations in the area and hundreds of lay collaborators and family members to celebrate the perpetual vows of three of its religious: Julio Arias Valdivia, C.S.C., Elmer Caro Aguirre, C.S.C., and David Olarte Carrasco, C.S.C., during a Mass celebrated at San Francisco de Asis Chapel of El Señor de la Esperanza Parish in Canto Grande.
The McCauley Formation House Chronicles: “Becoming Part of the Landscape”

“What is the Holy Cross way of doing things?” has been a common question especially among the temporarily professed religious in East-Africa. The formation staff in response to this has incorporated in the formation program, regular updates on Holy Cross heritage. Last semester, there was a presentation by Rev. James Burasa, C.S.C., on “the uniqueness of Holy Cross parishes”.

On March 10, 2015, during his visit, Br. Thomas Dziekan, C.S.C., vicar general, gave a presentation to the members of the post-novitiate community at McCauley Formation House in Nairobi on the Holy Cross model of Christian education. Drawing from our rich heritage, Br. Tom informed members that wherever we minister as educators in the faith, we become part of the landscape with key qualities that each Holy Cross educator should have and bearing in mind the key qualities of a Holy Cross school according to the vision of our founder, Blessed Basil Moreau.

Bishop McCauley and the Catholic University of Eastern Africa

Servant of God Vincent McCauley, C.S.C., was among the pioneers of the Holy Cross mission in East-Africa. He was the first bishop of Fort Portal and served the Church in Eastern Africa in various capacities. He helped start the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA). In recognition of his contributions, the university library was named after him.

Blessed Basil Moreau Day Celebrations

On January 20, 2015, the Post-Novitiate community in Nairobi, Kenya celebrated the feast day of our founder Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C. The colorful celebrations began with Mass presided by Rev. Cyprian Binaka, C.S.C. As a way of honoring our founder, a portrait having the first class relic of Moreau was blessed by Rev. Binaka. There were guests invited especially formators from various religious communities and students from Tangaza College among others. Guests were able to get to know who we are, our charism and the rich heritage of the Congregation of Holy Cross.
Construction of the New McCauley Formation House

The construction of the new McCauley Post-Novitiate House officially began in November last year with the ground breaking ceremony. The house is being built in the Karen neighborhood in Nairobi on the three-and-a-half acre plot. Upon completion, the house will contain fifty rooms for seminarians and brothers, six staff and finally professed rooms and two guest rooms. In addition, it will have a chapel, a library, a classroom, dining room, a community room, and offices. Construction is expected to take 70 weeks with the hope for a move in date of early 2016. Below is an architectural drawing of the new house.

Justice and Peace Efforts in McCauley Formation House

“The Church in Africa in Service to Reconciliation, Justice and Peace” was the theme of the 2009 second African Synod - a task of the Church in Africa. In response to the call of the second African Synod, the Post-Novitiate Community at McCauley Formation House is involved in justice and peace initiatives with the guidance of the Justice and Peace committee. This year, the community has participated in a number of events which include the following: the social transformation conference at Tangaza University College, the Justice and Peace Commission trip to Rwanda and other outreaches at the local level.
The Ave Maria magazine ceased publication in 1970, but the publishing ministry continues in earnest, making Ave one of the oldest, continually operating Catholic publishing houses in the country. The company has evolved as a leader in publishing Catholic high school religion textbooks, parish resources, and books on prayer and spirituality. In the tradition of Holy Cross, Ave strives to make God known, loved, and served through the spiritual, pastoral, and catechetical books that are at the core of its publishing mission.

Ave’s all-time bestselling book, *Together for Life*, was updated in 2012 (the fifth edition) with fresh commentary and contributions from Fr. Peter Jarret, C.S.C., who was also recognized at the dinner.

Fr. Drew Gawrych, C.S.C., is not only an Ave author, but a member of Ave’s board. He was recognized for his work with Fr. Kevin Grove, C.S.C., on *The Cross, Our Only Hope* (with the contributions of many Holy Cross priests and brothers), which laid the foundation for a series of books exploring the spirituality and history of Holy Cross, including the recent *Basil Moreau: Essential Writings*.

Other Ave authors who are members of Holy Cross include: Frs. Kevin Grove, Nicholas Ayo, Lou DelFra, Kenneth Grabner, Richard Gribble, Patrick Hannon, Thomas McNally, Bill Miscamble, Robert Pelton, John Phalen, and Ron Raab.

On May 1, 2015, Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, presided and preached at Mass at Moreau Seminary.

King’s Leaders Past & Present Greet Each Other in Portland

Fathers Charles Sherrer, James Lackenmier, Thomas O’Hara, and John Ryan were photographed recently as they attended a board meeting at the University of Portland. Fr. Sherrer served as King’s President from 1974-81, Fr. Lackenmier from 1981-1999, and Fr. O’Hara until 2011. Fr. Ryan is the current president of King’s College. Collectively, they represent the leadership of King’s for almost 70% of the College’s history.

King’s College Establishes Award Honoring Rev. Patrick J. Sullivan, C.S.C.

Known affectionately as “Sully” by those he mentored and supervised at the college’s Hafey-Marian Hall, Fr. Sullivan combined fairness and compassion with discipline when dealing with those in his charge.

The award named in his honor was established through the efforts of former King’s football players - many of whom lived at Hafey-Marian Hall during Father Sullivan’s tenure. The Rev. Patrick J. Sullivan, C.S.C. Award will be presented to a member of the football team who not only has a strong moral compass and demonstrates hard work, discipline, and leadership as a member of the King’s College football team, but also reflects the stated values of the greater King’s College/Holy Cross Community.
King’s College Hosts Annual President’s Dinner

Four King’s College students were honored and hundreds of donors recognized at the school’s annual President’s Dinner. The students honored this year were Nicole Lawler, Ryan Boyle, Zachary Kosak and Bornfase Omuwra, all seniors.

The dinner and award is conferred annually to graduates who have distinguished themselves through exceptional achievement. For instance, Lawler will study at the University of Virginia Law School, and Omuwra is a 31-year-old marathon runner, father, and native of Kenya, who plans to attain his master’s degree while working full time at the New York branch of Price Waterhouse.

Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., who has been the president of King’s for four years, looked forward to this event. “A theologian once asked, ‘What’s the key to success?’ The answer is friends,” Ryan said. “This is a night of appreciation, to show our friends where their time and resources have gone.”

From left to right: Ryan Boyle, B.S. B.A.; Nicole Lawler, B.A.; Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C.; Bornfase N. Omuwra, B.A. B.S.; Zachary J. Kosak, B.S.

King’s College Celebrates 2015 Commencement

Pictured below from left: John D. Moran, honorary degree recipient; the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L, Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton; Reverend John J. Ryan, C.S.C., King’s President; Kathleen McCarthy Lambert, a 1983 graduate of King’s, honorary degree recipient, and Commencement speaker; Rev. Thomas P. Looney, C.S.C., College Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry; Thomas R. Smith, a 1977 graduate of King’s and the Chair of the College’s Board of Directors.

Holy Cross Priest Receives King’s College Teaching Award

Five King’s College faculty members recently received teaching awards or were named to endowed professorships. Among them were Rev. Dan Issing, C.S.C., associate professor of theology, who was named the recipient of the Rev. Donald Grimes, C.S.C., Annual Award for Service-Learning Teaching Excellence.
Portland

Ash Wednesday


Rev. Matthew Fase, C.S.C., Holds First Mass at Holy Redeemer

On April 26, 2015, Holy Redeemer held a wonderful celebration for Father Matt’s first Mass at Holy Redeemer ... and another the following weekend as he joined their Spanish speaking community at the noon Mass.

Holy Redeemer Jog-a-Thon

Each year, Fr. John J. Dougherty, C.S.C., challenges the students of Holy Redeemer Catholic School to raise more money than he will, while also meeting the previous year’s total.

Burning Palms

Fr. John J. Dougherty, C.S.C., burning palms at Holy Redeemer School for Ash Wednesday.

Fr. Dougherty lost to the students this year for the sixth year in a row, surpassing last year’s total of $17,000!

Each year, you can encourage others to donate a fixed amount online to support a student, or support Fr. John’s effort to out-raise (and out-run!) the entire student body!

Blessing Throats

Fr. Matthew Fase, C.S.C., (then Deacon) and novices Zach Rathke and Jim Maslar blessing throats at Holy Redeemer Catholic School on the Feast of St. Blaise.
Stonehill

Winter Placement at My Brother’s Keeper

Novice Gilly Stoy was in the Stonehill community for a month during his winter placement from the Novitiate in Colorado, working at My Brother’s Keeper, a local ministry that gives furniture to the poor.

In addition to working at My Brother’s Keeper, he also assisted with senior class retreat, weekday dorm liturgies and worked with Moreau student ministers.

Fr. Tim Mouton, C.S.C., Right at Home on Stonehill Campus

Prior to his priestly Ordination, Father Tim had come to Easton as part of his diaconate assignment.

“I saw the community at My Brothers Keeper and I saw the students, and not being that much older than they, I could relate to what they were going through ... I saw myself in campus ministry here,” said Fr. Tim.

The Holy Cross Community saw that as well, and after his ordination in April, he was returned to the Easton campus where he serves as athletic chaplain, assistant baseball coach and a campus minister.

“Every day I see something that encourages me that these students are going to make the world a better place ... It’s incredibly humbling to be able to see people who are so passionate ....”

Fr. Willy Raymond and Gabriel Award Recipient, Actor Gary Sinise

A couple of years ago, on the set of CSI:NY, Fr. Willy Raymond met with actor Gary Sinise, who memorably starred as Lt. Dan Taylor in Forrest Gump with Tom Hanks. Sinise, a convert to Catholicism, was presented with the Gabriel Award for Personal Achievement in honor of Father Peyton by the Catholic Academy for Communication Professionals. Fr. Raymond was on the Board of the Academy at the time. For over thirty years, Sinise has stood as an advocate of America’s servicemen and women and is the founder of the Gary Sinise Foundation.
In Memoriam

REV. JAMES F. BLAES, C.S.C.
Sept. 16, 1926 - Dec. 14, 2014


He was born to Frederick and Agnes (McNellis) Blaes on Sept. 16, 1926, in Indianapolis, Ind. He attended St. Joan of Arc Grade School and Cathedral High School, run by the Holy Cross Brothers, graduating in 1944. With WW II ongoing, Fr. Blaes attended the University of Notre Dame for four months, followed by a stint in the U.S. Army. In 1946, he entered the pre-seminary program at Notre Dame. He was received into the Congregation on Aug. 15, 1947. He professed vows on Aug. 16, 1948. Fr. Blaes returned to Notre Dame and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 1951. He professed Final Vows on Aug. 16, 1951, and then moved to Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C., to study theology. Fr. Blaes was ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 1955, in Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame, by Bishop Leo Pursley.

Fr. Blaes is survived by his sister, Joan B. Clark of The Woodlands, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents Frederick and Agnes (McNellis) Blaes.

1955-1956 Holy Cross Seminary  Notre Dame, IN
1956-1966 Notre Dame High School  Niles, IL
1966-1967 Holy Cross Seminary  Notre Dame, IN
1967-1968 Borgess Hospital  Kalamazoo, MI
1968-1970 St. Francis Xavier  Burbank, CA
1970-1974 St. Mary’s Cathedral  Austin, TX
1974-1978 Notre Dame High School  Niles, IL
1978-1979 St. Joseph Hospital  Houston, TX
1980-1981 St. Matthew Parish  Indianapolis, IN
1981-1982 St. Francis Hospital  Beech Grove, IN
1983-1985 LeMans Academy  Rolling Prairie, IN
1985-2014 Holy Cross House  Notre Dame, IN

REV. EUGENE F. GORSKI, C.S.C.


Eugene Francis Gorski was born January 7, 1932 to Eugene Gorski and Frances (Palewicz) Gorski. A native of Chicago, Ill., he graduated from St. George High School as Valedictorian of his class. From the University of Notre Dame, he received a Ph.B. (magna cum laude) in finance, with the equivalent of a major both in finance and philosophy. At the same University of Notre Dame, he pursued graduate studies and was granted a Master of Music degree (with a concentration in music theory). He entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1955 and was sent to Rome, Italy, where he was ordained a priest in 1960 and granted the Licentiate in Sacred Theology by the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Fr. Gorski was preceded in death by his parents Eugene Gorski and Frances (Palewicz) Gorski and his sister Dorothy Moloney.

1955-1961 Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome
1961-1962 University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
1962-1971 Institut Catholique de Paris, Paris
1972-1995 University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
1980-1982 Angers Program, Angers, France
1995-1999 King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, PA
1999-2015 University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
REV. THEODORE M. HESBURGH, C.S.C.
May 25, 1917 - Feb. 26, 2015

President Emeritus of the University of Notre Dame Rev. Theodore Martin Hesburgh, C.S.C., 97, died Thursday, February 26, 2015, at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, Ind.

Fr. Hesburgh was born on May 25, 1917, in Syracuse, N.Y. He was the second of the five children to Theodore Bernard and Anne Marie (Murphy) Hesburgh. He graduated from Most Holy Rosary High School in Syracuse in 1934. He knew from a young age he wanted to be a priest. When he was an eighth grader and an altar boy at Most Holy Rosary Parish, Rev. Tom Duffy, C.S.C., and three other Holy Cross missionaries visited Fr. Hesburgh’s parish.

He professed his Final Vows with the Congregation of Holy Cross on Aug. 16, 1939, and was ordained on June 24, 1943. Fr. Hesburgh celebrated his 70th Jubilee in May 2013. Upon his death, Fr. Hesburgh was the oldest and longest-serving member of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters - Mary, Elizabeth (Betty), and Anne - and a nephew, Robert D. O’Neill. Survivors include his younger brother James (Jimmy) and six nieces - Maureen Ann O’Neill (Martin McGovern), Elizabeth A. McCaughey, Ann E. Hesburgh, Maureen Hesburgh Ryan, Mary Hesburgh Flaherty (Jay) and Monique Hesburgh Watts - and five nephews - Michael A. O’Neill, Timothy D. O’Neill, Patrick O’Neill, James M. Hesburgh (Liza) and Christopher W. Hesburgh.

1943-1945 Study, Catholic University, Washington, D.C.
1945-1949 Religion Instructor, Chaplain of married veterans, University of Notre Dame
1948-1949 Rector of Farley Hall, Chairman of the Religion Dept, University of Notre Dame
1949-1952 Exec. Vice President, Notre Dame
1952-1987 President, University of Notre Dame
1987-2015 Pres. Emeritus & Assist, Univ. of Notre Dame, Reside, Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, IN

REV. JAMES T. BURTCHAEll, C.S.C.
Mar. 31, 1934 - Apr. 10, 2015

Rev. James T. Burtchaell, C.S.C., 81, died Friday, April 10, 2015, at Holy Cross House.

He was born to James T. Burtchaell, Jr. and Marion M. (Murphy) Burtchaell on Mar. 31, 1934, in Portland, Ore. He attended All Saints and Columbia Prep School. He was received into the Congregation on August 15, 1952. He professed vows on August 16, 1953 and graduated with a bachelor degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1956. He also held a degree in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy; an L.S.S. in Sacred Scripture from the Biblical Commission in Rome, Italy; and a Ph.D. in Divinity from Cambridge University in Cambridge, England. Fr. Burtchaell professed Final Vows August 16, 1956 and was ordained May 21, 1960.

Fr. Burtchaell is survived by his brother, Robert K. Burtchaell of Portland, Oregon, and sister, Martha Burtchaell Bernadelli of Seaside, Oregon. He was preceded in death by his parents James and Marion (Murphy) Burtchaell, and by a sister, Margaret Burtchaell of South Bend, Indiana.

1960-1961 University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
1961-1964 Ecole Biblique, Jerusalem
1964-1966 Cambridge University, England
1966-1968 University of Notre Dame, Teach & Assist
1968-1970 Univ. of Notre Dame, Chairman, Theology
1970-1977 University of Notre Dame, Provost
1977-1980 University of Notre Dame, Teach
1980-1981 Sabbatical
1981-1985 University of Notre Dame, Assist
1986-1990 University of Notre Dame, Teach
2000-2001 Holy Cross Center, Reside, Berkeley, CA
2001-2009 Casa Santa Cruz, Reside, Phoenix, AZ
2009-2015 Reside, Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, IN
Please pray for those who have died
(January 1 through June 30, 2015)

Br. David Grant Andrews, C.S.C. (MW)
Mrs. Mary Lynn Bielinski, sister of Brothers Joe and Roger Berg, C.S.C. (MW)
Rev. James F. Blaes, C.S.C.
Br. Stephen Carter, C.S.C. (MW)
Sr. Vivian Marie Coulon, C.S.C.
Br. Raymond Dufresne, C.S.C. (MW)
Mrs. Cecilia Foldenauere, grandmother of Br. Christopher Torrijas, C.S.C.
Mrs. Alice Gilman, mother of Br. Richard Gilman, C.S.C.
Rev. Eugene F. Gorski, C.S.C.
Br. Thaddeus Gottmoller, C.S.C. (MW)
Br. Charles Gregg, C.S.C.
Br. Raymond Harrington, C.S.C. (MW)
Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.

Br. James Kinsella, C.S.C. (MW)
Br. Albert Kern, C.S.C. (MW)
Br. Charles Krupp, C.S.C. (MW)
Br. Charles Lewis, C.S.C. (MW)
Br. Eduardo Michalik, C.S.C. (MW)
Br. Isaac Jogues Motz, C.S.C. (MW)
Sr. Mary Elizabeth Niesen, C.S.C.
Sr. Margaret Ann Nowacki, C.S.C.
Br. James Roth, C.S.C. (MW)
Sr. M. Clare Anne (Rumschlag), C.S.C.
Br. Thomas Henry Scheurer, C.S.C. (MW)
Br. Henry Peter Skitzki, C.S.C. (MW)
Mary Jo Stabrowski, sister of Br. Donald Stabrowski, C.S.C.
Br. John Stout, C.S.C. (MW)