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## *From the Provincial Superior*

My dear friends in Christ,

In a heart full of gratitude, there is no room for despair, for regret, for disappointment or for want. The grateful heart recognizes and cherishes the many gifts and blessings afforded each day, and in this, it finds contentment and expression.

Living with an “attitude of gratitude,” is a process and it’s not always easy to acquire and even more so to maintain.

Living in gratitude is an act of the will, a choice we make that affects our thoughts and feelings, our actions and our faith. And it’s a choice that, like most of our important commitments, we will re-affirm multiple times in our lives.

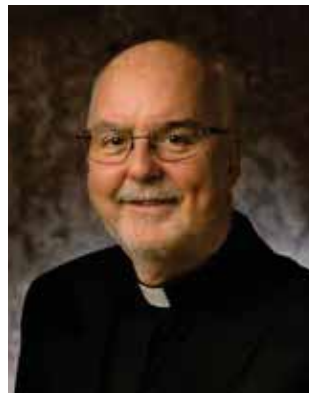
In writing this reflection on gratitude, I run the risk of “preaching to the choir.” I know for many of you it is your grateful heart that motivates your prayers and your financial support of the mission and ministries of the United States Province. I can assure you we are deeply moved and inspired by your generous affirmations which, in turn, fill our hearts with gratitude.

Every day I am privileged to witness my brothers in ministry, to take an accounting of the impact of our work, to hear and see lives moved by our mission. Every day I thank God for the dedication and faithfulness of my Holy Cross family and equally for your partnership, along with the collaboration of others, which empowers so much of what we do. In my gratitude, I dedicate this stewardship issue of *Pillars* to you.

Place yourself in the stories as you read them. As Br. Donald Stabrowski, C.S.C., speaks of our future and opportunities for ministry, offer an additional prayer for vocations. When you read about the recent Ordinations of Fr. Matt Hovde, C.S.C., and Fr. Dennis Strach, C.S.C., be mindful of their multi-year journey in formation and the financial resources you and others have contributed to help them along the way. For our members whose formation continues at Holy Cross House, and who pray daily for you and your intentions, picture yourself at prayer with these faithful servants and know the quality of their care and the peace they encounter in their aging is due, in part, to your kindness. Where the United States Province has men and ministries, so there are you joined with others who invest in our mission.

St. Gregory reminds us that the best way to show God our gratitude and love is to express them by deeds, by the practice of good works. We are blessed by your life of gratitude, by your good works in support of our mission, and we offer our gratitude in prayer for you and in stewarding your gifts for the advancement of God’s Kingdom.

May God bless your grateful heart, and those of your family, and may God continue to bless the Congregation of Holy Cross.



Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C.

*Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C.*

### Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers

We are an apostolic, Roman Catholic community of priests and brothers, who with zeal and a preferential option for the poor, work to make God known, loved and served in our education, parish and mission communities across the United States, and around the world.



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**Our Philanthropic Mission:**  
Uniting those who are called to be witnesses of Christ's love and stewards of His gifts, with our mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God to all.

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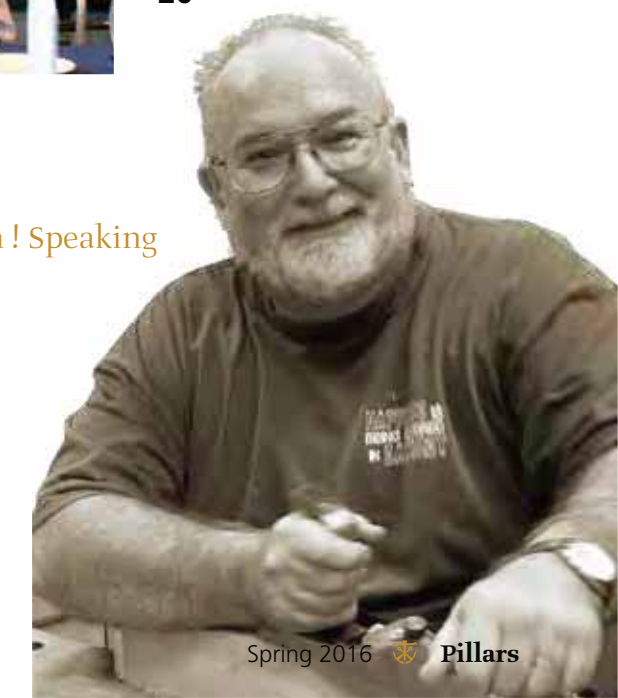
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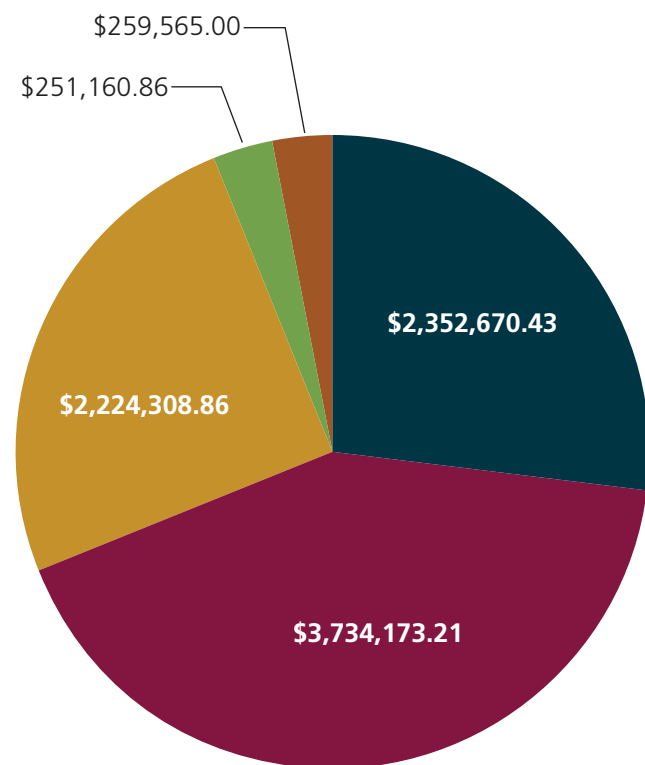
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# 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Overview

The Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers issues this annual report to update you on the progress of the Province's vision, illustrate how your gifts are used, and provide you with concrete examples of how lives are dramatically changed as a result of your generosity.

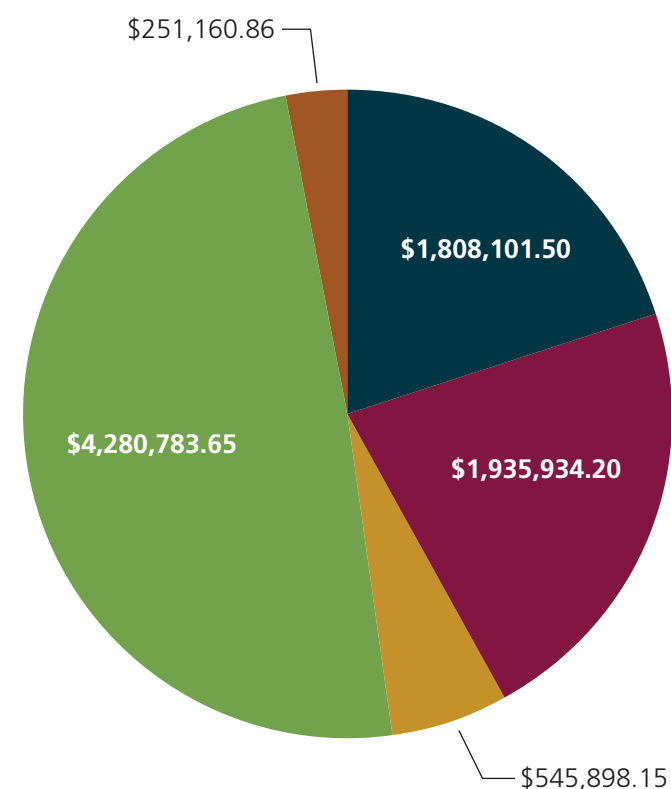
## Sources of Gifts



### 2014-2015

• Footsteps Campaign	\$2,352,670.43
• Annual Gifts	\$3,734,173.21
• Planned Gifts	\$2,224,308.86
• Masses, Prayers, Votives	\$251,160.86
• Grants	\$259,565.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,821,878.20</b>

## Gift Designations



### 2014-2015

• Unrestricted	\$1,808,101.50
• Education, Formation, Vocations	\$1,935,934.20
• Care for Retired Priests	\$545,898.15
• Missions	\$4,280,783.65
• Masses, Prayers, Votives	\$251,160.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,821,878.36</b>

## U.S. Province Operating Expenses - \$23.149 million



**28%**

**Member Support and Housing**  
Provides all basic needs to our priests, brothers, deacons, novices, postulants, and seminarians, including operational costs for all U.S. Province residences



**25%**

**Member Healthcare**  
Operational funding of Holy Cross House; subsidizing of dental and health insurance premiums; assisted living; support of wellness initiatives, health assessments, and development of wellness program strategies; assurance of quality health care and facilities



**14%**

**Missions and Other**  
Includes costs of contributing to international mission and to the annual budget of the Holy Cross Mission Center



**11%**

**Leadership and Administration**  
Includes all administrative and leadership costs including travel, office and staff costs, and legal and professional expenses



**11%**

**Vocations, Education and Formation**  
Includes all costs of vocations, our seminary and novitiate and our undergraduate seminary program at the University of Notre Dame. Also includes the cost of C.S.C. in pursuit of advanced studies



**4%**

**Fundraising**  
Includes all costs of the Office of Development, including staff, travel and the cost of the marketing and communications with U.S. Province donors



**7%**

**Property Management**  
Includes depreciation and costs to maintain properties and vehicles

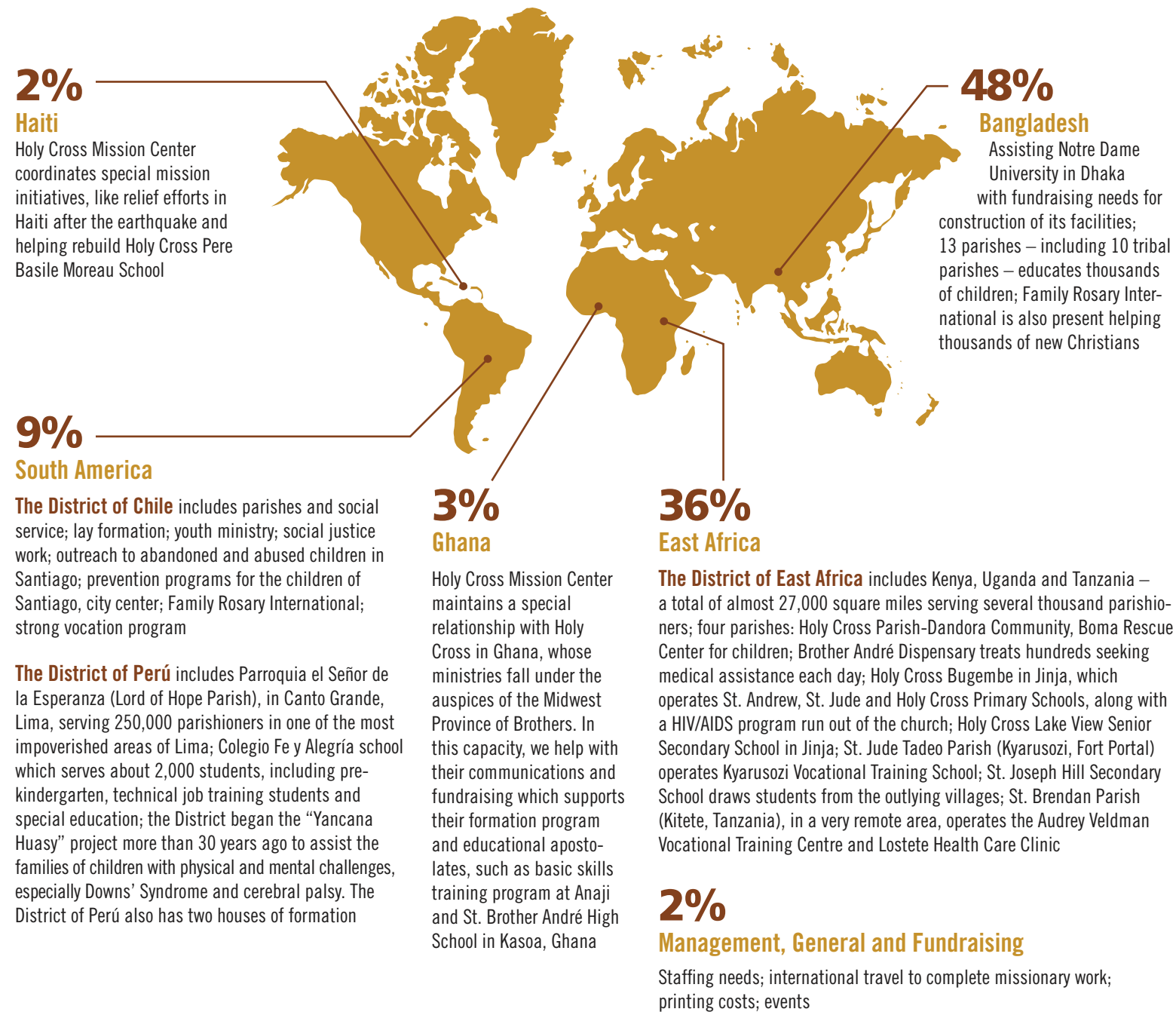
### Thank You!

The United States Province of Priests and Brothers thanks you for your prayers and support. Your commitment and care will not only provide for our current healthcare and mission needs, but also help us educate and prepare your future Holy Cross priests and brothers.



# 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Overview

## Holy Cross Mission Center Distributions



## U.S. Province Endowment Composition \$123 million

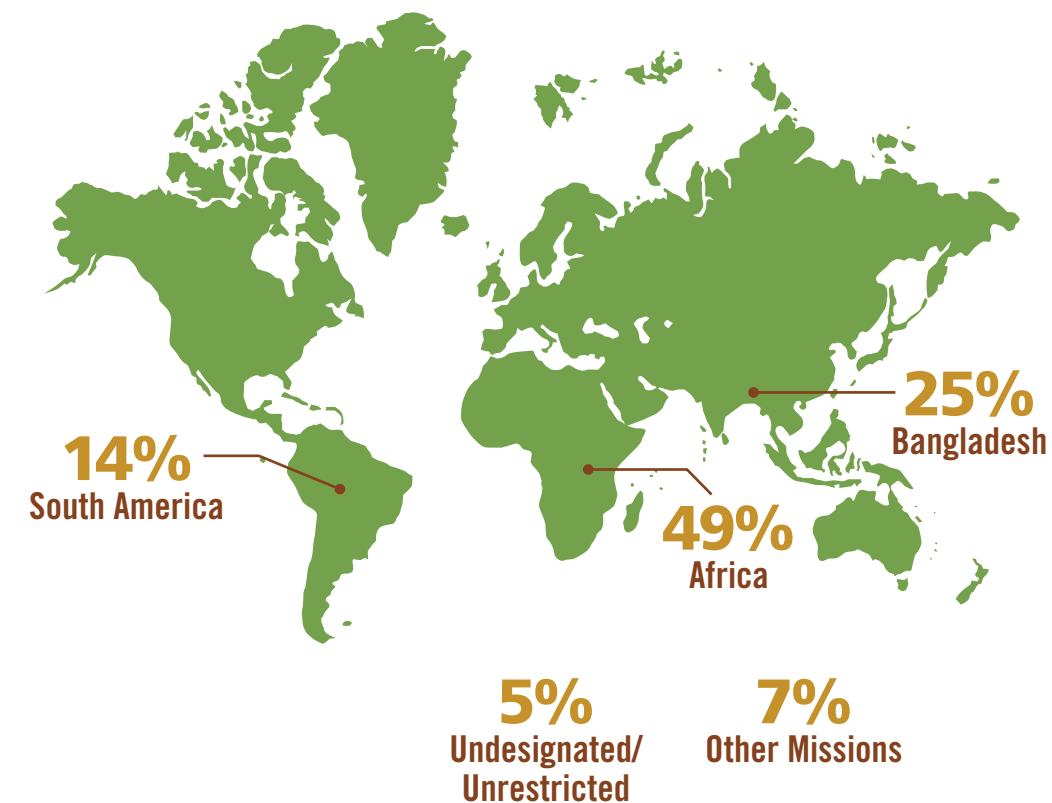


### Notes

The Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers has a general endowment that covers annual capital operating expenses, an endowment for the healthcare needs of our religious in Holy Cross House, and one specifically for education – which is used to fund the formation program and the education of the seminarians, as well as men in advanced studies.

For FAQ on our Holy Cross Endowments, please refer to the 2013-2014 annual report, page 8, at: [annualreport.holycrossusa.org](http://annualreport.holycrossusa.org)

## Holy Cross Mission Center Endowment Composition \$38.283 million



### Notes

Our mission sends us across borders of every sort. Holy Cross Mission Center was established in 1923 by several brothers and priests under the leadership of Rev. Michael Mathis, C.S.C. It supports locations for which the U.S. Province has direct jurisdiction: Districts of Chile, East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda), Perú and the Region of México – as well as areas with which the U.S. Province has a special relationship, for example the Sacred Heart of Jesus Province of Bangladesh and relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake.

Mission Center efforts provide assistance and hospitality; health care; logistical support to members of the U.S. Province and religious from throughout the Congregation visiting the United States; scholarship awards through the Universities of Notre Dame and Portland for Holy Cross indigenous religious; and educational and volunteer opportunities with parishes and schools.

# Holy Cross Into the Future:

*A Q&A with Br. Donald Stabrowski, C.S.C.,  
Assistant Provincial and Secretary, on the  
Outcome of the 2015 Provincial Chapter.*

Unless you are a Holy Cross priest or brother, or a lay colleague, you might be somewhat or completely unfamiliar with Provincial Chapter. Provincial Chapter is a meeting of the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, which takes place every three years over the course of two weeks. Chapter is assembled to review and pass legislation proposed in the Apostolic Plan – a document which speaks to the goals and objectives of the Congregation.

Br. Donald sat down with *Pillars* to answer a few questions about the Provincial Chapter that took place last summer, revealing how it will have an impact and influence on the Province through 2018.

## **Q:** What is the purpose of a Provincial Chapter?

**Stabrowski:** During a Provincial Chapter, we assemble to pass legislation that will govern the Province for the next three years. This legislation is in the form of decrees – that which must be done – and recommendations, which are just that. Reports from our apostolates, houses, and administrative areas are prepared prior to the Chapter and submitted to committees focused on strategic areas like Apostolic Mission and Formation. The legislation that is written is created based upon these reports and the collective wisdom of each committee. This legislation is then presented to the Chapter for

consideration. The vision of the Province is always underscored and has remained the same since our inception. In the words of our Mission Statement:

*“Time, places, and circumstances differ, but the Mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross remains urgently the same: to proclaim the Kingdom of God as educators in the faith with a preferential option for the poor.”*

In living out this mission, we continue to serve the Church through its various ministries - especially in higher education, parishes, international ministries, and other special ministries - which respond to the needs of the Church today.

We take public vows to do the work of the



Church, we take Vows in the Congregation of Holy Cross to do the work of the Congregation, we belong to a Province to do the work of a Province, and then it's the person's talents, abilities and so on that, paired with a Vow of Obedience, we use to do the work of the Province as part of the Congregation and the Church.

## **Q:** Based on Chapter, what are some of the greatest challenges facing the Province today?

**Stabrowski:** The most precious and limited resource we have is our religious. We never have the amount of religious we want. What is the ideal number of priests and brothers? Hmm ... if we satisfied even the requests of our own institutions, we would need – easily – three times the number of men we have (and we are very richly blessed to have over 40 men

in formation in the United States Province.)

Our education apostolates say, “give us whoever you can!” Well, they don't just fall off trees ... it takes a lot of time! The need is insatiable.

It's important to note also that as our priests and brothers in higher education gain tenure, it becomes much harder to move them from place to place, despite evolving needs throughout the Province; tenure is something they work very, very hard for and which benefits the Congregation a great deal.

So, much of our work at Chapter revolved around looking at the “personnel” of the Province – our religious – to make sure assignments are a smart use of talents in the community setting in which they're needed. We made extremely conservative projections based on our men working until age 70 – though we have some guys working to age 90!

Now, when you look at the age of our admin-



istrators, in a lot of places in the secular society, they'd be retired. But when you go someplace like Fatima House or Cocoa Beach, where our guys reside in "retirement houses," you'll notice that those guys go out every day. They're actively retired and doing a lot of work. Many help out in parishes every day of the week! It truly fosters our founder's idea of an auxiliary priest.

Another challenge we have is in our parishes – they've done a great job on paper, but more work is needed to fulfill all of the actions they've intended. About 10 years ago, the parishes created a document, "What it Means to Be a Holy Cross Parish." Today, not all of our parishes fulfill all of the categories that were defined.

There's also a parish and religious personnel connection. Parish personnel are extremely import-



ant to people at important times in their lives – weddings, funerals, Baptisms. We are there in people's time of need and I'm proud of what our congregation and province does. Yet, recognizing the fact that we have limited resources, we have to be very purposeful in how we place men in our parishes. There are huge old churches in need of multi million dollar repairs, to which we still provide priests, and we currently have no presence in the three largest cities in the country – so we must take a look at where we are most effective.

No matter what we do, we must have an evangelical purpose – we are there to help people who need help. In a parish, you run the gamut from the most marginal to the very well off who are in need of spiritual assistance. You can't ignore either – but we try to instill a concern for one another.

### **Q:** How did Provincial Chapter address these challenges?

**Stabrowski:** As it relates to assignments in our education apostolates, we passed a decree regarding higher education intended to bring the presidents of the universities and colleges together, as well as the provosts and student affairs to evaluate the needs of the institution, so we can strategically place our men where they will have the most influence – and thus remain relevant in our institutions.

Where do they need us? Classrooms, administration, student life ... then, the question for us becomes, how can we best assign our religious to those needs? We also formed a second group to work with university and college presidents to generate ideas as to how we can more readily collaborate.

As for parishes, we decreed that a work group be formed for the same purpose. Since Chapter, a



questionnaire has gone out to our parishes asking them a series of relevant questions. Fr. Peter Jarret, C.S.C., our incoming Assistant Provincial, will work with these parishes and be a tremendous assist. Part of the problem, as we've found, is that we aren't fully aware of who among us wants to work in parishes. Answering such questions will benefit our parishes, and our vocations program – as we are seeing the parishes come through in this respect.

As we take the needed action to fulfill our decrees, the prayers and generosity we receive from those who support us in this work is incomparable. It's because of these spiritual and natural gifts that we can move forward so gracefully on the foremost issues facing our Province. We're pleased to be taking some great solutions from Provincial Chapter and implementing them for the benefit of those we serve. ✠

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**Br. DONALD STABROWSKI, C.S.C., Ph.D.**  
ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL,  
SECRETARY

*Br. Donald has devoted almost 50 years of his professional life to Holy Cross educational institutions. For 24 of those years, he served as a professor and an administrator at the University of Portland. More recently, he moved into leadership positions within the Congregation of Holy Cross, U.S. Province of Priests and Brothers, serving in a dual capacity as Third Assistant Provincial and as Secretary. In addition, he serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Ore. Br. Donald professed Final Vows on Aug. 16, 1963.*



# Two Men Ordained Holy Cross Priests

BY REV. NEIL WACK, C.S.C.

Two new priests were ordained on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, conferred the Sacrament of Holy Orders on Rev. Matthew Hovde, C.S.C., and Rev. Dennis Strach II, C.S.C.

“Through the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Blessed Moreau asks us, as disciples of Jesus, to stand side by side with all people,” said Rev. Thomas J. O’Hara, C.S.C., Provincial Superior. “Constitution 2:12 reminds us that, like them, we are burdened by the same struggles and beset by the same weaknesses; yet we are challenged as priests - our Holy Father summons us to go forth to serve and not to be served.”

Here’s some information on our newest priests in the Congregation, Fr. Hovde and Fr. Strach:



## FR. MATTHEW HOVDE, C.S.C.

**Born:** December 27, 1988, Miami, Florida  
**Parents:** Robert and Cynthia Hovde, Miami, Florida  
**College:** University of Notre Dame, B.A., 2011  
**Graduate Study:** Notre Dame, M.Div., 2015  
**Entered Formation:** 2007, Old College  
**First Vows:** July 28, 2012  
**Final Vows:** August 29, 2015  
**Deacon Placement:** Assistant Rector of Sorin College, University of Notre Dame and in Campus Ministry, University of Notre Dame



## FR. DENNIS STRACH II, C.S.C.

**Born:** October 18, 1988, Rochester, Michigan  
**Parents:** Dennis and Carla Strach, Rochester Hills, Michigan  
**College:** Oakland University, B.A., 2010  
**Graduate Study:** Notre Dame, M.Div., 2015  
**Entered Formation:** 2010, Postulant  
**First Vows:** July 28, 2012  
**Final Vows:** August 29, 2015  
**Deacon Placement:** St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church, Austin, Texas

## Growing in the Spiritual Life

At the time of publication, there are 44 men in formation in the United States Province, with several applications submitted, and months to go before everything is finalized for incoming seminarians. As always, we are thankful for this step in discernment our incoming Old Collegians and Postulants are taking, as well as the continued formation of our seminarians. Please continue to pray for our men in formation and for the success of the work of the vocations office. Vocations will continue to offer its quarterly magazine to prospects, current CSCs and seminarians, as well as all others who’ve requested they receive it. Additionally, the Holy Cross Vocations Website, [vocation.nd.edu](http://vocation.nd.edu) will merge with the United States Province Website, [holycrossusa.org](http://holycrossusa.org) in the fall. This combined site will prove to be an extremely easy to navigate site that’s also very aesthetically pleasing.

## Diaconate Ordination 2016

We are pleased to announce that Michael Palmer, C.S.C., and Ryan Pietrocarlo, C.S.C., have been invited to pronounce Final Vows on Saturday, August 27, 2016, with Diaconate Ordination taking place on Sunday, August 28, 2016. These men, who are to become transitional deacons, will give their lives to Christ because they believe in the power of the Holy Cross. They have been touched by Christ’s love. They have been chosen by God to serve the Church and its mission of salvation. We entrust these two men to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the perfect model of discipleship and service of the Church, and pray that she remains always at their side with her motherly love and affection. ✠



Pictured left to right, Ryan Pietrocarlo, C.S.C., and Michael Palmer, C.S.C.



## REV. NEIL WACK, C.S.C., DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

*Fr. Wack has served as Director of the Office of Vocations since 2015. A native of South Bend, Ind., Fr. Neil earned a B.S. in Computer Science at Purdue University ('93) and M.Div. ('02) from the University of Notre Dame.*



# At Home in Holy Cross House

**Built in 1960 and last renovated 17 years ago, Holy Cross House is a residence of the Holy Cross Religious Community unlike any other the United States Province maintains. The residents are mostly senior membership, some of whom are dealing with medical issues – some receiving skilled care, some assisted living, and others freely coming and going according to the positions they hold.**

**Holy Cross House recently hired Mary Beth Beutter, Director of Resident Services, to help ensure that the men at Holy Cross House continue to receive quality care.**

**Pillars sat down with Br. Dennis Fleming, C.S.C., the house superior, and Mary Beth to ask a few questions about Holy Cross House, its residents and staff, and the powerful impact your stewardship has on its maintenance and quality of care. As you'll discover, the level of activity, spiritual and natural, taking place inside and outside of the walls of Holy Cross House is eye-opening, and the impact of your benefaction is vital.**

**Br. Dennis, can you tell us about your role as Superior of Holy Cross House?**

**Br. Dennis:** As the Superior of the house, I deal with spiritual issues for the men, preparing and making sure they have Liturgy and Sacraments given to them, anointings when they are sick, have people come in for Confessions and things of that nature. We also have retreats. The Assistant Superior, Fr. Peter Logsdon, C.S.C., and I work on all that.

We hired Mary Beth Beutter as director of resident services. Mary Beth is responsible primarily for the interdisciplinary team – social services, physical therapy, the nurse practitioner, housekeeping, maintenance, activities, the director of nursing and assistant director of nursing. She makes sure the

team flows well and that the men are receiving what they need.

What's wonderful about having Mary Beth here is that she's a nurse and is able to help with nursing situations through first-hand knowledge. She has a master's as well in management, so she's able to manage all of these departments and people.

**How many Holy Cross Religious are at Holy Cross House?**

**Mary Beth:** Our maximum capacity is 57 - which includes the Superior (Br. Fleming) and Assistant Superior (Fr. Logsdon). That breaks down into 55 rooms, 27 of which are skilled-nursing rooms (with assigned nurses who can provide immediate

response). The rest are residence rooms, which are mostly assisted living - where medication is given "at will."

Right now, we have 51 residents total – that's counting the superior and assistant superior. The current census breakdown is:

- 19 Skilled care
- 8 Assisted living
- 15 Independent with services
- 8 Independent

Our nurse practitioner, April Henry, also runs an outpatient clinic, so men that do not live in residence at Holy Cross House can be treated for medical concerns.

**Can you tell us a little about Holy Cross House health care staff?**

**Mary Beth:** Our staffing ratio is one nurse's aide for eight patients. Most skilled nursing facilities can be one aide to 15-20 patients! While eight patients for one nurse may sound like a lot, many of those men can do a considerable amount for themselves and are somewhat independent. I've talked to people out in the community, and we are pretty much at the same ratio – that says a lot for the Congregation – that we really want to take care of our people.

**You mention other facilities – can you describe the health care our religious receive at Holy Cross House as compared to what they'd find at other facilities?**

**Mary Beth:** We are able to give oxygen, provide hospice care, and we can draw blood, which is different from most skilled nursing facilities. We don't have anyone here with a tracheostomy tube, but we are trained for it. Our therapy department does a wonderful job with those that need extensive rehab. We have a therapy pool which is excellent to get the guys moving and grooving, even those with arthritis. We are the only facility in the area that has anything like that. The pool is heated and it rises up level with the floor, so a person in a wheelchair or walker can be safely and easily brought onto it. With a remote control, the therapist can start lowering the floor and get to whatever depth desired. The floor can also become a treadmill and if you put the jets on full blast, you could literally swim in place indefinitely.

Upstairs in the therapy room, there are bicycles, treadmills, a machine called a "one-step," and a table where they can do stretching of the legs and arms. There's also an area for people that have had surgery for the hips. So we really can do just about everything here - they don't have to go to another center. If, however, someone encounters heart troubles, we cannot do that here, but unlike many other places, we can do intravenous (IV) care.

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***Our therapy department does a wonderful job with those that need extensive rehab.***



**What are some of the biggest misconceptions religious and other folks may have about Holy Cross House? What do you want everyone to know about Holy Cross House?**

**Mary Beth:** I think that when Holy Cross is mentioned, everyone - especially our religious, think it is the “last place,” however, we look at Holy Cross House as a place they may need to come to for immediate medical care. We want to get them back on their feet and as strong as can be, so we can get them back into their ministry, whether it be local in one of the parishes or returning to a mission in Bangladesh or Africa or wherever.

Even many of the religious who are in their 90’s here are still going out to the community celebrating Masses, giving Communion. They are still fulfilling their ministries. Just because they’re here doesn’t mean everything has to stop. Many men are initially upset because they are being pulled out of what they love to do. But, there are also many opportunities for priests or brothers who want to continue their ministry.

*“We want to get them back on their feet and as strong as can be, so we can get them back into their ministry ...”*



**Br. Dennis:** I think everyone would be intrigued to know that we have several men who go out to multiple parishes weekly to celebrate Mass. We also have a priest who teaches class at the Forever Learning Institute in South Bend, Indiana. Some religious work at the soup kitchen downtown.

Patty Piechocki, our Activities Director, has a wonderful program, too, where she brings in college students and Catechumens to play trivia and card games with our men. Some of our men at Holy Cross House also visit folks at local nursing homes – one particular Holy Cross priest who visits those folks is 94!

We also celebrate all of the Community Feast Days with Mass and a special dinner, followed by social time together. We do the same thing for birthdays. We do everything we can to keep an atmosphere of joy that our religious deserve and want.



**With everyone so active and engaged, how do you keep up and continue to modernize the building and technology?**

**Mary Beth:** Since we really want Holy Cross House to seem like home to our religious, there are a number of things we are doing to make things more homey. We are installing shades upstairs so that the men can look out over the lake and those who are trying to read the paper can do so without the sun getting in their eyes. The men upstairs are in wheelchairs and walkers, so we hope to replace the carpeting with Pergola flooring.

As for technology, we are looking at approval for electronic medical records (EMR)! This will enable us to pull up records and notes from other medical facilities and vice versa. It’s a privacy and safety measure also. No matter where our guys are for their care, they’ll always have a list of current medications and medical history available almost instantaneously, and no paper records housed somewhere where they are vulnerable.

Our staff is pretty well trained already to use these EMRs, and we already have a special machine that can copy and scan paper records, thanks to the generosity of our donors. Those who support the men at Holy Cross House should know that this isn’t a gift we take lightly – you are helping us care for the lives of our religious – not just preserving or enhancing the look and functionality of a building.

**Br. Dennis:** We are also moving away from the institutional beige paint color and putting some color on the walls. Even a subtle color makes it feel more like home. We are also looking at replacing some furniture, especially in the dining room and in the library room. All of these changes are to, as best as we can, instill joy and encourage the men to do something they’re not always used to after years in service of God and others – to just relax and enjoy themselves! ✂

*You are helping us care for the lives of our religious — not just preserving or enhancing the look and functionality of a building*



**Br. Dennis Fleming** was assistant superior of Corby Hall, the Holy Cross Community at the University of Notre Dame prior to his role as superior of Holy Cross House. Br. Dennis holds a BA in business administration from Sacred Heart University in Connecticut, and a MA in school administration from the University of Villanova in Pennsylvania. He professed First Vows on July 16, 1965.

**Mary Beth Beutter** is currently Director of Resident Services at Holy Cross House. Prior to coming to Holy Cross House, Mary Beth was Director of Case Management at Kindred Hospital in Mishawaka, Indiana. She has four years’ experience as a Director of Patient Financial Services and extensive knowledge of Palliative Care and Hospice. She received her BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) and MBA from Bethel College, Mishawaka Indiana.







# Custodian of the Cave of Candles

The “Active Retirement” of Br. James Lakofka, C.S.C.

One Holy Cross brother, **Br. James Lakofka, C.S.C.**, has tended to the constant bloom of intentions as custodian of the Confraternity of Lourdes for over 45 years, fulfilling requests for Lourdes water – and in earlier years – lighting candles at the Grotto on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, for people who were not able to go there in person.



Br. James was born on November 16, 1917, on the Northside of Chicago to parents Anthony and Rose Lakofka. The eldest of three children, he was raised in a Polish-Catholic household and attended St. Edward’s School. After he graduated from Roosevelt High School, Brother James went to work at the Johns Manville Corporation until he was called for the draft for the Second World War. Certain he was too small to be selected, he told his mother, with his signature wit, that he’ll “be home for dinner later that night.” With no luck, Br. James was instructed to join

the U.S. Army Signal Corps and returned four years later!

While in France, Br. James was granted furlough and was given the option of touring a spa in the Swiss Alps or visiting the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes – he chose Lourdes, not knowing that trip would later influence his ministry at Holy Cross.

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.

Back in South Bend, Br. James joined the staff of *Catholic Boy* magazine, a publication of Ave Maria Press for American altar servers. Working with Fr. Frank Gartland, C.S.C., Br. James kept the business affairs of the magazine for 19 years while he resided near the office on Miami Road with his dog Ham-bone.

When the magazine discontinued publication after Vatican II, Br. James joined the Our Lady of Lourdes Confraternity.

Between Br. James and his assistant Clara Clements, who passed away in 1995, thousands of candles were lit over the years. Now in his 90s, Br. James still



Br. James Lakofka, C.S.C.

responds to mail and interested patrons, sends shipments of the Lourdes water around the country, and prays for each intention he receives. He no longer makes the trek to the Grotto for prayer, but is as active as ever attending Mass and praying with his fellow brothers and priests at Holy Cross House.

If you’d like request the Lourdes water, please visit: [holycrossusa.org/requests/lourdes-water/](http://holycrossusa.org/requests/lourdes-water/). Each bottle of Lourdes water contains 1 ounce. A minimum of a \$1 donation is required; however, a \$3 donation per bottle is customary to help defray the total shipping and handling costs. ✠

## The History of the Our Lady of Lourdes Confraternity

On February 11, 1858, the Virgin Mary made the first of many appearances to St. Bernadette Soubirous. Today, millions of Catholics from around the world travel to Lourdes, France, to follow Our Lady’s instruction to St. Bernadette to “drink at the spring and wash yourself in it.” St. Bernadette uncovered a hidden spring after the Virgin Mary instructed her to dig at the ground. Lourdes water comes from the same spring at the Grotto of Massabielle where Our Lady of Lourdes appeared to St. Bernadette.

The Confraternity of Lourdes, a ministry of the Congregation of Holy Cross, was established by Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., in 1874, just 16 years after the apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette near Lourdes, France. The purpose of the Confraternity was to distribute Lourdes Water to believers in the United States, accepting donations for the water as a means of raising money to build Sacred Heart Church. This initial effort grew into the ministry it is today, filling requests for the lighting of votive candles at the Notre Dame Grotto and distributing water from Lourdes.





# Holy Cross Association

In the mid-1950s, in an effort to raise charitable gifts for the construction of Moreau Seminary, Rev. Richard Grimm, C.S.C., and Rev. Charles Callahan, C.S.C., established the Holy Cross Associate Family comprised of parents, family and friends of Holy Cross Religious and Seminarians.

The Holy Cross Associate Family was successful in raising money to build Moreau Seminary and in

creating a network of friends and family demonstrating ongoing interest in the work of Holy Cross. In 1964, just six years after Moreau Seminary was dedicated, Rev. William McAuliffe, C.S.C., transformed the Holy Cross Associate Family into the Holy Cross Association (HCA) with a focus on direct mail support for the operational needs of Moreau Seminary and for Holy

Cross House. What made the Holy Cross Association's direct mail program unique was Fr. McAuliffe's pastoral and individual outreach to each name on the mailing list. Along with maintaining its "parish without walls," the Association accepts Mass intentions and offers prayer cards for any occasion, perpetual prayer enrollment, lighting of votive candles at Notre Dame's Grotto, and Lourdes Water from the spring at the Grotto of Lourdes, France.

For the past 30 years, Fr. Herb Yost, C.S.C., has been Chaplain of the Holy Cross Association, keeping its tradition of pastoral and personal direct mail to nearly 10,000 households. Many of you have come to know Fr. Herb as a friend and part of the family,



*Top: Fr. Herb Yost, C.S.C., far right, meeting with Holy Cross donors and Fr. William Dorwart, C.S.C. Bottom: Fr. Herb, center, pictured with Holy Cross lay colleagues, Kim Brunner, left, and Carol Gromski, right.*

and had many a chuckle (and perhaps an eye roll or two) over his puns in the *Cross Links* publication he's authored lo this many years.

Fr. Herb has announced his intention to retire as Chaplain from the HCA, effective July 1, 2016, and Fr. Gary Chamberland, C.S.C., has agreed to step in to assist in the pastoral and fundraising efforts of the Province in this manner.

Thanks to Fr. Herb for his years of dedicated service to the Province in this capacity, and thanks to Fr. Gary for his willingness to take on these additional responsibilities. Fr. Herb would also like everyone to know that they can still stay in touch via ground mail or e-mail.



*Holy Cross Association recording gifts and keeping addresses up to date. From left, Paula Davis, Fr. McAuliffe, C.S.C., and office manager, Delma Bowlan pictured in 1976.*

## Your New Chaplain



**Fr. Gary S. Chamberland, C.S.C.**, was born October 8, 1962, in New Marlborough, MA, one of seven children, to Raymond and Rita (Reagan) Chamberland. He attended public schools in Great Barrington graduating from Monument Mountain Regional High School in 1980. He attended the University of Notre Dame and graduated in 1984 with a degree in American Studies. After a year in Portland, Oregon serving in the Holy Cross Associates Program, Fr. Gary entered the Candidate Program at Moreau Seminary.

After a year of Novitiate in Cascade, CO, he made his first profession of vows and studied theology at the Jesuit School in Berkeley, CA, earning a Master of Divinity in 1990 and a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America. He pronounced his Final Vows on August 31, 1997, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and the next day was ordained to the diaconate at Moreau Seminary.

While serving as a deacon at Christ the King, he was involved with the Confirmation program as well as Marriage and Baptismal

preparations. At other stages of formation he assisted at André House in Phoenix, the South Bend Justice and Peace Center, and was co-director of the Holy Cross Associates in Hayward, CA. He then taught school for two years at St. Philip Neri in Alameda, CA, before moving to the University of Portland where he served as a residence hall director and adjunct instructor in theology from 1992-95.

In 2000, he was named rector of Keenan Hall at Notre Dame. He then returned to the University of Portland in 2009 where he began his role as director of Campus Ministry.

Additionally, he served as interim director of the Garaventa Center from 2013-2013, sat on the Presidential Leadership Cabinet and served as pastoral resident of Kenna and Corrado Halls.

In 2013, desiring to be closer to his parents, whose health concerns demanded more of his attention, Fr. Chamberland returned to the University of Notre Dame as hall rector of Zahm Hall.





*Your questions answered ...*

# Plain ! Speaking

by Rev. Herbert C. Yost, C.S.C.

**Fr. Herb Yost, C.S.C.,** has announced his intention to retire as Chaplain of the Holy Cross Association, effective July 1st. **Fr. Gary Chamberland C.S.C.,** has agreed to be the Chaplain for the Association and to assist in the fundraising efforts of the Province. We thank Fr. Herb for his years of dedicated service to the Province in his capacity with the Holy Cross Association and we thank Fr. Gary for his willingness to take on these additional responsibilities.

When news of my upcoming retirement from Holy Cross Association became public, the reaction from several folks was “Congratulations!” It felt so odd reading and hearing that. I don’t know what reaction I expected, but “Congratulations” wasn’t on the list! Was it because I managed to stick it out for thirty years?

If so, “sticking it out” would not be the term I would use. I thoroughly and completely enjoyed my time walking with and working with benefactors of Holy Cross. There were very few days when the idea of coming to work chilled me. A large part of that was due to my companions in ministry. Carol Gromski worked with me for the entire thirty years. Amazingly, she does not have a single grey hair, even though there were times when my behavior and antics should have caused them. Her mother now lives at St. Paul’s Retirement Community, where I serve as priest-in-residence.

Lori Gorny was part of the team for 20 years, and it was awesome to watch her grow into motherhood with two children. When Lori moved on to the Provincial Accounting Office, Melissa Bates became part of the team, and her two ferrets were a fun part of the day’s conversation. Melissa and her husband moved to Colorado after three years with us. Kim Brunner is in her 11th year with the Association. Her daughter was in 1st Grade when she start-

ed, and is now a high school senior.

I mention their families because this is what makes Holy Cross truly unique. Our Founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., very much had the image of family in mind when he established Holy Cross. It is a concept that we also try to extend to our benefactors. In fact, all the Provincials I worked under never set monetary goals for the Association. They mandated a focus on relationships. That is another reason for the work enjoyment: there was never the pressure to raise X amount of dollars.

Following that guideline, I most often characterize my work as ministering to a nationwide parish family via mail (and now increasingly e-mail). So much of the correspondence that crosses my desk has to do with family matters of all kinds, from the joyful to the sad to the comical. One particular joy is seeing the great number of two-generation families that have been benefactors, and we have several three-generation families as well. Methinks very few fund-raising entities can boast of that!

And speaking of e-mails, when I first started this ministry in 1985, computers were a luxury only large corporations could afford. We used typewriters and magnetic cards to post gifts and generate letters which went to a huge clunker of

a printer that was often a target of some well-aimed kicks on my part. Our first computer was an IBM desktop, with a gargantuan 2 MB hard disk and 5-1/2” floppies. The first office network we had cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$40,000 for hardware alone and it was slow! How times changed!

Our Constitutions call us to be “educators in the faith.” My way of doing that was via the weekly acknowledgment letters, based on the coming Sunday readings, and *Cross Links*, which comes out five times a year. Here is another reason for the great joy this ministry gave me: folks were so supportive and so grateful for those reflections. It is a very special gift to know that one makes a difference in folks’ lives.

This issue of Pillars is dedicated to stewardship, and describes ways in which you helped Holy Cross minister to the Church. But let it be known that you were my educators in the faith ... you had a deep impact on my life. I am the person I am because of your faith, care and love. Letters asking for prayer were followed by letters telling of prayers granted, and now I truly believe that God does hear our prayer. You engaged me in the joys and sorrows of your family and your personal life, and asked about mine. The most striking thing about the sorrowful letters

is this: there is little or no bitterness. Yes, there is sadness, but there is also a quiet, strong hope, faith, and gratitude. And that profoundly altered my own reactions to personal life situations.

So often major national news would be followed by notes asking for prayers, Masses, or enrollments for those affected. Earthquakes, hurricanes and tornados, wildfires, plane crashes, floods - all these affected benefactors or their families and friends. After the 9/11 attacks, 31 condolence letters went into the mail. The two

wars in Iraq and the one in Afghanistan brought many requests for prayers for spouses, children, relatives, or friends who were in harm’s way. You’ve greatly enlarged my world view and gave me the realization that the news is not an abstraction happening out there to some unknown people, but could very easily be affecting a member of the Holy Cross family circle.

It’s been good. However, it’s not time for the rocking chair yet. I’ll be keeping in touch with many of you. At St. Paul’s Re-

tirement Community, there will be a few more projects and more time spent with the oldsters, in addition to more personal quiet time for reflection and reading. I hope to get a second book out, as well as a family history, plus spending a couple more hours in the woodworking shop.

Thank you for being you, and for helping me to become the person and priest that gladdens the heart of Jesus (I hope!!). ☩



Would you like to honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion or support a friend, family member or coworker during an especially difficult time? Visit [holycrossusa.org/requests/](http://holycrossusa.org/requests/) to request a Mass Intention, or a Perpetual Prayer Enrollment, or request a Prayer Card, Votive Candle or Lourdes Water. Every donation received with your request supports the Congregation’s Catholic ministries and missions around the world, assists in educating seminarians; and provides for sick or retired Holy Cross priests and brothers here at home. If you have any questions or concerns while making your request, please feel free to contact us at **574.631.6022**



# Letters to Father Herb

As the news of Father Herb's retirement became available, letters of thanks and kindness began pouring in to the Congregation. Here are a few excerpts from them. Words cannot express Fr. Herb's appreciation for your kind words.

"Thank you for being you!"

"Thank you for all the years of sharing your writing talent and for guiding us to love God more fully."

"God bless you abundantly for your past work and for the future."

"You were the spiritual lifeline that I needed at the time, and I thank you."

"It seems longer than 30 years that you replaced Father McAuliffe at Holy Cross Association. You will be missed!"

"As you retire, you should be aware of the many lives you touched, often I am sure, in ways that you were not aware of..."

"I have no idea how I got on your mailing list... but it's been an effective gift!"

"I read and reread your letter often ... your words eased my pain."

## Holy Cross Priests and Brothers Celebrate

# Jubilee

On Friday, May 27, 2016, 27 members of Holy Cross celebrated their anniversaries of Ordination or profession to religious life – 24 priests and 3 brothers.

The celebration was marked with a Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of Notre Dame.

One Holy Cross priest, Rev. Howard Kuhns, C.S.C., and one brother, Br. Herman Zaccarelli, C.S.C., celebrated their 70th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood and 65th anniversary of Religious Profession, respectively.

Please keep these men in your prayers as they celebrate their Jubilee years. If you wish to make a contribution in honor of one of our jubilarians, please use the enclosed envelope or go to [donate.holycrossusa.org](http://donate.holycrossusa.org)



### SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Rev. Howard A. Kuhns, C.S.C.

### SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Br. Herman F. Zaccarelli, C.S.C.

### SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Rev. T. Philip Devlin, C.S.C.  
Rev. Leon J. Mertensotto, C.S.C.  
Rev. William J. Neidhart, C.S.C.  
Rev. J. Robert Rioux, C.S.C.  
Rev. Patrick J. Sullivan, C.S.C.

### SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Br. Thomas P. Tucker, C.S.C.

### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Rev. Robert C. Antonelli, C.S.C.  
Rev. James William Irwin, C.S.C.  
Rev. Charles J. Lavelly, C.S.C.  
Rev. Louis A. Manzo, C.S.C.  
Rev. Donald P. McNeill, C.S.C.  
Rev. Daniel Panchot, C.S.C.  
Rev. Claude A. Pomerleau, C.S.C.  
Rev. James A. Rigert, C.S.C.  
Rev. Cornelius J. Ryan, C.S.C.  
Rev. Stephen J. Sedlock, C.S.C.

### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Br. Dennis L. Meyers, C.S.C.

### TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Rev. John J. Donato, C.S.C.  
Rev. Marc F. Fallon, C.S.C.  
Rev. David L. Guffey, C.S.C.  
Rev. Fulgens Katende, C.S.C.  
Rev. Paul V. Kollman, C.S.C.  
Rev. Russell K. McDougall, C.S.C.  
Rev. Patrick M. Neary, C.S.C.  
Rev. Timothy L. O'Connor, C.S.C.





Liz Hayden, Congregation of Holy Cross Benefactor

# The Making of Me on the Road to Emmaus

BY LIZ HAYDEN

I came to discover the amazing work of the Congregation of Holy Cross when I entered Stonehill College, a small liberal arts institution founded in 1948 by the Congregation. In the fall of 1972, the admissions leaflet pronounced: “Stonehill - the Making of a Person.” I was intrigued. Forty years later, I can now attest that I had no clue as to the enormous impact the Congregation of Holy Cross would have in the “Making of Me.”

Stonehill is where I met my husband, Jim, as freshmen. It is here our values were cultivated

to grow in the image of God. One of many fond memories is Sunday Mass with Fr. Jack McCarthy, C.S.C. The Chapel, now situated on the center of the main campus, was nonexistent in the school's early days. Mass was said in the basement of the main academic building. Picture, if you will, a low basement ceiling, no natural light, folding chairs, a moveable Eucharistic table. As unattractive as the space was, I loved it! The space cultivated a deep sense of unity, as we were all able to encircle Fr. Jack around the Eucharistic table. Five years later Fr. Jack married us. And again, he was there

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to walk with me when I lost my husband at the age of 47. Fr. Jack was an exemplar of the finest in the “great band of men” who serve students on the Congregation's campuses.

My daughter, Elizabeth, was a sophomore at Stonehill on September 11, 2001, when my husband, Jim, died. My son, John, was a high school senior. Jim was on the second plane flown into the World Trade Center. My family was devastated. Before I had even begun to understand all that had happened, the Holy Cross-Stonehill community was there by my side. The community assessed our needs and offered support of all kinds. The most important aspect to me was knowing that my family and I were not alone, that we would be supported through the trials of an unknown future.

During the months and years after Jim's death, I was constantly drawn back to the abstract readings, discussions, and papers of my philosophy and religious study classes. The “biggie” questions: What gives our life meaning? How do individuals cope under extreme circumstances beyond their control? Why is there suffering in the world? Where is God? I had a framework based in the tradition of Holy Cross through my classes and professors at Stonehill and this provided me support during a critical period of my life's reconstruction.

Where was God? God was at my family's side. Individuals at the Stonehill community and beyond reached out and embraced us in our sorrow and grief along our road to Emmaus.

I found great healing and purpose in setting goals to create a more just and compassionate society. Two years after 9-11, I left my highly coveted teaching position in one of Massachusetts' highest performing school districts and moved to Boston to volunteer full time at an inner-city middle school. I became active in assisting immigrant students to finish high school and to find pathways to continue their education. Through

my parish I traveled to Jamaica to support a sister parish to work with their elementary school. Each of these endeavors deepened my faith and hope.

In 2011, I had the opportunity to travel to Lima, Peru to visit Canto Grande, the Holy Cross parish mission. Fr. David Farrell, C.S.C., enthusiastically hosted our small group and relayed the history of Canto Grande. Four hundred squatters who had fled the countryside to escape terrorists had been relocated from the central square in Lima to the outskirt wastelands of the city. The Parish now consists of 250,000 members. Through the incredible efforts of Holy Cross, this community has survived under the most inhospitable of conditions. One of Fr. David's dreams is to provide a pavilion to allow the community to congregate for Masses, graduations, and other community events while providing protection from the harsh desert conditions. I, along with other faithful Holy Cross supporters, are working together to make this dream a reality. As St. Francis stated, “It is in giving that we receive.”

The Congregation of Holy Cross introduced me to the core questions of human existence, the meaning and purpose of life, and provided mentors and role models of the highest caliber. I cannot imagine what life would have been like without the Congregation's imprint during my college years and their continual support throughout my life. The Congregation's commitment to educate the heart and the mind, to lead lives of justice and compassion, and to show love and mercy to one another makes us authentic followers of Christ.

Thank you, Congregation of the Holy Cross, for the opportunity to realize who I will become as I journey on the road to Emmaus. ✠



Pictured, from left to right: Fr. Bob Wiseman, C.S.C., Liz Hayden, Chari Infante, and Joe Chavara, a friend of Fr. Wiseman and Rotarian whose club in Winter Park, Florida, has completed a number of water purification projects at Colegio Fe y Alegria, a Holy Cross school in the District of Perú.



# Around the Province

## JUST PUBLISHED

The publication of the first edition of “The Cross, Our Only Hope” in 2008 established it as a foundational work of Holy Cross spirituality. This revised edition of reflections, which features many new contributions, is a must-have for members of the Congregation of Holy Cross; its friends, lay collaborators, and benefactors; anyone interested in the spiritual tradition of the religious order; and anyone who wants to come to better know Jesus and the hope He offers.

“The wonderful part of this second edition is that it is a response to demand. The first edition made the National Catholic Bestseller List in 2008 and over 13,000 copies have been distributed worldwide. I still receive notes from readers at the end of the year saying that they continue to read the reflections and are blessed by the wisdom of so many in Holy

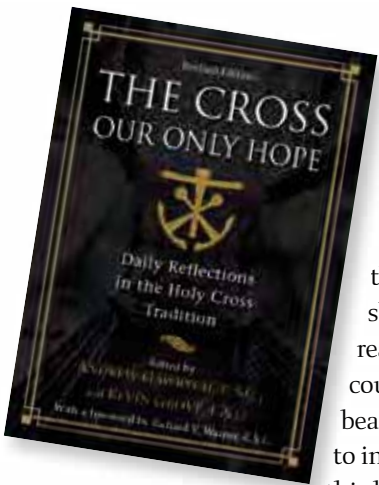
Cross,” said co-author, Rev. Kevin Grove, C.S.C.

Priests and brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross - including pastors, teachers, and administrators - offer an introduction to the rich, vibrant spirituality of the Congregation through a series of daily reflections on the themes of Holy Cross spirituality: trust in God, zeal, compassion, hope in the Cross, discipleship, and education in the faith.

“I have been amazed by the stories people have shared with me about how the first edition helped to keep their marriage together, or inspired them to explore a vocation in Holy Cross, or was their only source of grace during an otherwise dry time in their prayer lives,” said co-author, Rev. Andrew Gawrych, C.S.C. “Those are the stories that inspired us to do this new edition, to keep sharing the hope of our lives as Holy Cross Brothers and

Priests with others.”

This edition includes a new foreword, a new introduction by the authors, new reflections, new contributors (including more international contributors than the previous edition), and quotes from St. André Bessette, who was canonized in 2010, and Blessed Basil Moreau, who founded Holy Cross more than 175 years ago. The reflections for each day are short yet substantive and are designed for busy people who are nevertheless committed to cultivating their prayer lives. A number of people have shared that they read them together with their spouses or their children or their co-workers. Often, the reflections have led to deeper conversations about their own lives. And while the reflections of this book certainly can be read individually, the authors



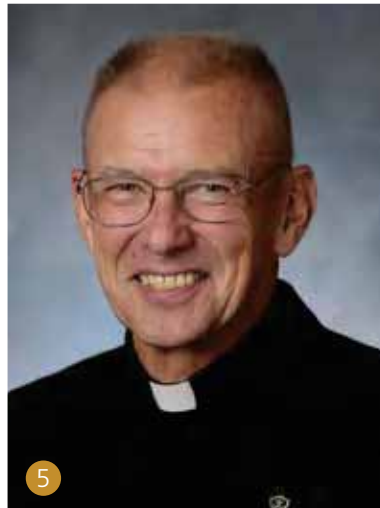
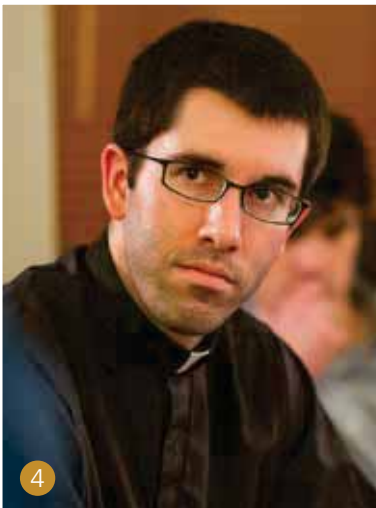
think that shared reading could be a beautiful way to include this book in one's daily prayer life.

“In reading the stories of faith, hope, and love, told by my confreres in Holy Cross, I have been inspired and emboldened to share our spirituality more with the people with whom and to whom we minister. There is something truly life-giving about our spirituality and our life and ministry as religious brothers and priests. It cannot be the light we keep under a bushel basket, or within the confines of our own houses. It is part of the joy of the gospel that I hope to share with the world,” Fr. Gawrych added.

## ABOUT THE AUTHORS

**Rev. Andrew Gawrych, C.S.C.,** was ordained a priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross in 2008. He serves as the director of the Congregation's International House of Formation in Santiago, Chile, after years of working in parishes in the United States. Fr. Gawrych is the editor and coeditor of several Holy Cross books, including the first edition of *The Cross, Our Only Hope*; *The Gift of Hope*; *The Gift of the Cross*; *You Have Redeemed the World*; and *Basil Moreau: Essential Writings*.

**Rev. Kevin Grove, C.S.C.,** was ordained a priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross in 2010. In 2015, he was awarded a Ph.D. in theology from the University of Cambridge. Fr. Grove is the coeditor of the first edition of *The Cross, Our Only Hope*, *You Have Redeemed the World*, and *Basil Moreau: Essential Writings*.



## MINISTRY AND LITURGY MAGAZINE

Artwork from **Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C.,** was selected to appear on the cover of the latest issue of *Ministry and Liturgy Magazine*. Fr. Ron has written a monthly column in the magazine for the last dozen years, called “Bridge-work.” His columns, as well as many feature articles on liturgy and prayer, have appeared in the publication.

## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

**Fr. John Ryan, C.S.C.,** has been elected to the University of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees. Father Ryan has served since 2011 as the ninth president of King's College, a Congregation of Holy Cross institution located in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He previously was dean of the William G. McGowan School of Business at King's. After graduating from college he held a

variety of accounting and management positions for 13 years with Gilbert/Commonwealth Associates Inc. in Reading, Pennsylvania. He was ordained a Holy Cross priest in 1990. Father Ryan has published and presented on ethics, leadership, job autonomy and the moral dimensions of Catholic education. He is a member of the boards of Stonehill College and the University of Portland, both, like King's and Notre Dame, founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross.

On May 1, 2016, the Moreau Community gathered to express appreciation to **Fr. Peter Jarret, C.S.C.,** who completed six years as Rector and Superior of Moreau Seminary. Fr. Jarret is now an Assistant Provincial and resides at the Provincial House.

Earlier in the week, **Fr. John Pearson, C.S.C.,** who has been a resident at Moreau for several years was thanked by the local

community as he prepares to become the superior of the Holy Cross Community at Casa Santa Cruz in Phoenix. **Fr. John Herman, C.S.C.,** is the new Rector and Superior of Moreau Seminary. He was previously Pastor of Nuestra Madre Santísima de la Luz Parish, in Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon, México. He professed Final Vows in the Congregation of Holy Cross on August 27, 1994 and was ordained to the priesthood on April 22, 1995.

**Fr. Patrick Reidy, C.S.C.,** will join the Vocations staff as of July 2016, but will continue to reside in and serve as Rector of Keough Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Fr. Pat, who was ordained April 26, 2014, will focus his guidance among undergraduate and graduate students discerning a call to be a priest or brother. Originally from Greenwood Village, Colorado, Fr. Pat is a 2008 graduate

of Notre Dame and former resident of Sorin College on the campus of Notre Dame.

## UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

**Fr. Thomas Hosinski, C.S.C.,** offered his final public lecture before retirement, “The Sacredness of the Ordinary,” on April 20. The sacred and the ordinary are frequently distinguished and seemingly separated from each other. But reflection on divine omnipresence and on traditional ways of understanding the doctrine of creation and creaturely existence suggests a different view. In this talk, Fr. Hosinski suggested that the sacred and the ordinary actually coincide and incorporate each other. Fr. Hosinski began teaching at the University of Portland in 1978. His publications include

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a book on the philosophy and philosophical theology of Alfred North Whitehead, *Stubborn Fact and Creative Advance* (1993), a book on the contemporary understanding of God, tentatively entitled *God-Talk in the 21st Century* (2017), and numerous scholarly articles. He retired from teaching at the conclusion of the academic year.


## STONEHILL COLLEGE

The *Boston Globe* featured a special tribute to **Fr. Bartley MacPháidin, C.S.C.**, '59, Stonehill's longest serving president, who passed away on March 17. Chronicling his life as a child in County Donegal in Ireland through his time as president at Stonehill, writer Bryan Marquard captured how MacPháidin forever transformed the College. "He

had a great eye for where to place buildings, so the College developed a campus that is extraordinarily beautiful ... his impact on the College was monumental," current President Rev. John Denning, C.S.C. told the *Globe*.

On March 18, Stonehill College Campus Ministry and Holy Cross Family Ministries co-sponsored an event on campus to celebrate Pope Francis' Year of Mercy. The event began with an outdoor Stations of the Cross with a social justice theme on the main college quad. 14 different campus groups each took one of the stations leading a scriptural verse on the stations and reading a contemporary reflection on the theme of the station, followed by a prayer and response. Student, faculty and staff were involved including




athletes, student life, service programs, campus police, etc. Well over 250 people were in attendance including many people who came in from the local parishes. The stations were followed by a simple soup supper, and the celebration closed with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of Mary. The chapel choir led periods of contemporary worship and praise music, and eight priests were available for confession during adoration. **Fr. Leo Polselli, C.S.C.**, and **Fr. Tim Mouton, C.S.C.**, took the lead in planning the event. On March 21, **Fr. Anthony Szakaly, C.S.C.**,  presided over the Tenebrae Service at the Chapel of Mary on the campus of Stonehill College. **Fr. Tim Mouton, C.S.C.**, sang the lamentations.

**Fr. Jim Lies, C.S.C.**, Stonehill's vice president for Mission, was a guest on the Mansfield Cable Access show *The Learning Curve* where he discussed the College's many service initiatives and projects like The Farm, the Center for Non-Profit Management, and the Post Graduate

Service Corps and how they all connect to Stonehill's mission. To see the show in its entirety, visit **stonehill.holycrossusa.org**.

## KING'S COLLEGE

On March 17, King's College hosted the St. Edward's University Ballet Folklorico, which brought the sights and sounds of Mexico's traditional folklorico dances and songs to campus. Ballet Folklorico,  was established in 2002 at St. Edward's University to preserve and show appreciation for the Mexican culture. The group has toured Mexico for the past three years. St. Edward's University, founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross, is a private, Catholic, liberal arts university located in Austin, Texas.

## DISTRICT OF CHILE

On Saturday, April 23, 2016, the Congregation of Holy Cross gathered to bless the construction of its new International House of Formation in Santiago, Chile. Presiding over the Blessing Ceremony was **Fr. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C.**,

Superior of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers. Joining him in leading the blessing were **Fr. Snell Nord, C.S.C.**, Superior of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province (Haiti), and **Fr. Pepe Ahumada, C.S.C.**, Superior of the District of Chile and the District of Perú.

All of the current men in formation of the house participated in the Blessing Ceremony, including five men from Brazil, three from Chile, and three from Haiti. The formation team, consisting of **Fr. Andrew Gawrych, C.S.C.**, Director of the House, **Br. Edson Pereira, C.S.C.**, Assistant Director of the House, and **Fr. Daniel Panchot, C.S.C.**, Director of Postulants, were also in attendance.

The formation house in Chile has already helped form men from Brazil, Chile, Haiti, and Perú, and a seminarian from the United States is scheduled to live and study the second semester this academic year in the house.

"We are an international

Congregation and our Constitutions challenge us to cross borders of every kind in order to serve the Lord," said Fr. O'Hara. "This International House of Formation brings young men who cross national and cultural borders to join each other as Holy Cross men with a broad vision, understanding the differences of each other's cultures but knowing our identity as sons of Basil Moreau transcends those differences."

## DISTRICT OF EAST AFRICA

On April 29, a memorial Mass was celebrated at **Holy Cross Parish, Bugembe**, by **Fr. Serapio Wamara, C.S.C.**, for family members and friends of **Mr. Aristarik Safari, C.S.C.**, and **Mrs. Nanteza Elizabeth Tumwine, C.S.C.**, for negotiating with the city officials of Bugembe, the local police, the families, and the funeral home for their reburial in Bugembe. They are now interred next to Fr. Bob Hesse, C.S.C., on the grounds of the parish church.



May they both continue to rest in peace.

Through the generosity of so many, in collaboration with Holy Cross, the new **Visitation Maternal-Child Health Center** has opened its doors at Holy Cross Parish in Dandora, one of the poorest areas of Nairobi, Kenya. The Maternal-Child Health Center provides a clean and safe place for women in this under-served area to receive prenatal care, to give birth, and to receive postnatal care.

Also, in Nairobi, the new **McCauley Formation House** is taking shape, though slightly behind schedule. The contractor has been granted an extension and, at present, the date for shifting to the new formation house is set for July 9, 2016.

## DISTRICT OF PERÚ

On February 6, the Congregation of Holy Cross in Perú celebrated the priestly Ordinations of **Fr. Elmer Caro, C.S.C.**, and **Fr. Julio C. Arias, C.S.C.** The

Ordination Mass took place in San Francisco de Asís Chapel, which is part of El Señor de la Esperanza Parish in Canto Grande, Lima. The **Most Rev. Jorge Izaguirre, C.S.C.**, Bishop of the Prelatura of Chuquibambá, presided.

## SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**Fr. John Korcsmar, C.S.C.**, was recently honored at the 40th anniversary of IAF in Texas, as a founder of Austin Interfaith/AISC, Austin. The anniversary was also recognized by the Texas State Senate and Press. Austin Interfaith/AISC is made up of primarily religious congregations, including 10 parishes from the Austin Diocese that have come together to address issues affecting families such as education, infrastructure, affordable housing, immigration, health care and job training.

Fr. Korcsmar has also been involved in Capital IDEA (Investing in Development and Employment of Adults), Inc., a nonprofit organization founded in 1998 as a joint project of Austin Interfaith. Capital IDEA helps lift working families out of poverty by sponsoring educational services that lead to lifelong financial independence.

Fr. Korcsmar is originally from Cleveland, Ohio, and was ordained a Holy Cross priest in 1974. He was pastor of inner-city Hispanic parishes in Austin, Texas for thirty-three years. He was also involved in community organizing there for approximately twenty-five years. He is currently pastor of St. Michael Church in Plymouth, Ind.


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**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, VIERA, FLORIDA**

The children of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church were all smiles on Saturday April 16, 2016 when they gathered at the parish to fight against something despicable: hunger in their backyard. Brevard County has the dubious distinction of having many school children being hungry on the weekends.

As part of their Year of Mercy and Heart to Serve projects, the parish has been gearing up to add their strength to fight hunger. The children of the parish showed they cared for their peers by gathering funds as they participated in the walkathon. <sup>8</sup> They succeeded in collecting \$10,000 which will go to support The Children's Hunger Project: Brevard County's Backpack Program.

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH, SOUTH BEND**

On May 22, 2016, St. Joseph Parish celebrated Mrs. Suzanne Wiwi's 32 years of service to Saint Joseph Grade School (27 of those years as principal). Mrs. Wiwi retired at the end of this school year. When Mrs. Wiwi became principal, fewer than 200 students were enrolled. Currently, Saint Joseph serves over 450 students in

kindergarten through eighth grade. The community celebrated with a special Mass and short presentation, followed by an open house. The parish also presented Suzanne with a special parting gift, a scholarship in her name to be awarded to a graduating eighth grader each year, and thank you notes collected from the parish and school community.



**HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH, PORTLAND**

The annual Jogathon <sup>9</sup> challenge at Holy Redeemer was again a success! As in previous years, if the students can raise more money than **Fr. John Dougherty, C.S.C.**, they enjoy a day off school. Fr. John felt confident this year, but again lost to the kids who are tough competitors! Second-grader, Conal, who came up with the winning t-shirt design, is pictured with **Fr. Matt Fase, C.S.C.**, and Fr. John. Conal's mom, Eileen, is a University of Portland grad and member of the Holy Cross Association. His dad, Dave, is a University of Notre Dame and ACE grad, working on his Master's at the University of Portland. He also currently serves as the Director of PACE at University of Portland.

**AVE MARIA PRESS**

**Robert Hamma** had been interested in publishing before he began his second career as an editor at Paulist Press in 1984. His background in ministry and two theology degrees from Immaculate Conception Seminary and the University of Notre Dame drew him toward Catholic publishing. After twenty-five years at Ave Maria Press he will retire in July.

Hamma estimates he's edited about two-hundred books, including those of such notable authors as Sr. Joyce Rupp, Robert Wicks, Henri Nouwen, Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, Msgr. Peter Vaghi, Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, Christine Valters Paintner, Michael Pennock, Judy Cannato, Msgr. Joseph Champlin, Fr. Ed Hays, John Kirvan, Sr. Anne Bryan Smolin, and Br. Loughlan Sofield.

He is still discerning plans

for the future, but Hamma wants to remain involved in publishing in a limited way, possibly to write and teach, and to work especially with Spanish-speaking Catholics. "It's been twenty-five years and I feel like I am in place where I have a lot of energy for new things and I'm ready to make a change and step back from the fast pace."

Ave continues the search for an editorial director to succeed Robert.

**Jon M. Sweeney** has been named executive editor, trade, at Ave Maria Press. In his new position - which he will begin in late June - Sweeney will acquire 20 to 25 new books a year in all trade categories for Ave.

He has been involved in all aspects of publishing during his 27-year career - sales, marketing, editing, acqui-

sition, and writing. He has acquired and edited more than four hundred spirituality and religion books from inspirational theology to poetry and from fiction to children's books.

Sweeney also is the best-selling author of *The Pope Who Quit* and a number of books on popular religious history, spirituality, and St. Francis, including the Ave Maria Press titles *When Saint Francis Saved the Church* and the newly released *The Enthusiast*.

Sweeney has a bachelor's degree in philosophy and medieval studies from Wheaton College. He attended North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago. He lives in Vermont with his wife, Michal Woll, and their daughter, Sima. ✠

# Thank you for your support!

Many thanks to all who made gifts to the Tribute to Father Ted - A Fund for the Future of Holy Cross.

Because of your generosity, we received over **\$660,000** in gifts and pledge payments in honor of Fr. Ted. A total of **976 benefactors** made a gift to the Tribute. Upon seeing the wonderful response to their \$500,000 challenge grant, **Jay and Mary Flaherty matched all gifts to the fund, resulting in over \$1.3 million being directed to endowment** for formation and education for seminarians, priests and brothers of the United States Province.

A special thanks to Jay and Mary Flaherty who presented the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, with this tremendous matching gift opportunity!



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JERRY AND LILLIAN SMITH

A JOURNEY IN  
*Gratitude and Love*

Years before Jerry and Lillian Smith met, they each had a passion for Notre Dame Football. Growing up in Catholic families, the legend of the Fighting Irish captured their fascination and devotion.

It was some time later, after they met, fell in love and were married in 1962, that they made their first visit to the campus to see where Jerry's brother, Tom, would be living and studying as a seminarian with the Congregation of Holy Cross. They soon realized there was much more to Notre Dame than sports – including among them the highlights the Congregation of Holy Cross.

As Fr. Tom Smith, C.S.C., journeyed through his formation, Ordination and ministry in East Africa and the United States, Jerry and Lillian experienced a journey of their own with Holy Cross. They witnessed and began to cherish the unique culture and charism that define the community; they were welcomed as family and many of their family, seven of their eight children, attended Notre Dame, benefitting from the tuition reduction available to nieces and nephews of Holy Cross Religious.

One of the ways their love of Fr. Tom and Holy Cross became tangible was through their financial support, particularly in the missions where Fr. Tom served. As Jerry and Lillian assessed the impact of their relationship with Holy Cross, particularly with regard to the education of their children, their gratitude grew deeper and prompted an assessment of their own stewardship. They began to give back what they knew they had received, and would continue to receive, from Holy Cross.



*Jerry and Lillian Smith pictured on a mission trip to East Africa.*

Their generous annual financial support mirrored their commitment to volunteer with Holy Cross. For three years, Jerry would commute from Nebraska to Notre Dame on weekends so he could offer his CPA experience in support of the financial operations of the Holy Cross Mission Center. In 2005, he and Lillian moved from their Nebraska home to the Notre Dame area to provide more consistent support to his brother

and the Mission Center in managing day-to-day operations and long-term planning. In 2011, they made the trip of a lifetime to East Africa to witness firsthand the work of Holy Cross in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. The impact of their visit was transformational and reinforced their commitment.

Even after their return to Nebraska in 2014, Jerry and Lillian continued their volunteer service as ambassadors for Holy Cross, encouraging friends and family to engage in its mission and ministries. Their commitment to share Holy Cross with others through their parish and network of friends is yet another reflection of their gratitude and love.

Jerry and Lillian's journey with Holy Cross is far from complete. Even beyond their years, their gratitude and love will be present through a gift to Holy Cross in their estate plan, a decision culminating from a rich and profound legacy. Their planned gift will perpetuate the commitment they made to God and Holy Cross some years ago, to live in love and with gratitude as faithful stewards and to do all they can to advance the mission and ministries of Holy Cross. ✠

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# In Memory

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest ...” (Mt. 11:28)*

The prayers of the members of the Congregation and the usual suffrages of the Religious of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers are requested for the repose of the souls of our religious who've passed away since 2015.



**REV. JAMES T. BURTCHAELL, C.S.C.**  
Mar. 31, 1934 – Apr. 10, 2015  
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1956  
Ordained: May 21, 1960



**REV. THOMAS L. BILL, C.S.C.**  
Feb. 13, 1928 – July 15, 2015  
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1951  
Ordained: June 8, 1955



**REV. WILLIAM P. MELODY, C.S.C.**  
Feb. 26, 1929 – Aug. 4, 2015  
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1954  
Ordained: June 10, 1959



**REV. THOMAS E. SEIDEL, C.S.C.**  
Apr. 26, 1930 – Sept. 19, 2015  
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1952  
Ordained: June 5, 1957



**REV. BARTHOLOMEW C. SALTER, C.S.C.**  
Jan. 12, 1939 – Sept. 29, 2015  
Final Vows: Dec. 7, 1970  
Ordained: Apr. 3, 1971



**BR. FRANCIS J. GORCH, C.S.C.**  
Nov. 7, 1922 – Nov. 14, 2015  
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1951



**REV. LAWRENCE A. LEVASSEUR, C.S.C.**  
Dec. 7, 1924 – Dec. 16, 2015  
Final Vows: Jun. 3, 1948  
Ordained: June 6, 1951



**REV. ROBERT J. KRUSE, C.S.C.**  
Nov. 15, 1932 – Dec. 29, 2015  
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1954  
Ordained: Nov. 30, 1958



**REV. BARTLEY J. MACPHÁIDÍN, C.S.C.**  
Sept. 6, 1936 – Mar. 17, 2016  
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1960  
Ordained: Feb. 17, 1963



**REV. DAVID J. ARTHUR, C.S.C.**  
Aug. 6, 1927 – Mar. 24, 2016  
Final Vows: Jun. 3, 1953  
Ordained: June 5, 1954



**BR. CLARENCE J. BREITENBACH, C.S.C.**  
Nov. 12, 1926 – Apr. 15, 2016  
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1955



**REV. EDWIN J. KADZIELAWSKI, C.S.C.**  
Jan. 22, 1922 – Apr. 27, 2016  
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1945  
Ordained: June 8, 1949



**REV. MAURICE E. AMEN, C.S.C.**  
Oct. 19, 1934 – May 10, 2016  
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1957  
Ordained: June 3, 1961

*“May he rest in the peace of Christ.”*

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