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# ✠ Pillars

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Across All  
**BORDERS**

## From the Provincial Superior

My dear friends in Christ,

Given our work in four colleges and universities, high schools and parishes with schools, many people associate *education* as the hallmark of Holy Cross' ministry. Yet our history reflects a commitment and passion for *missionary* service. Years before the Congregation of Holy Cross received its Papal Approbation in 1857, Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., was sending members of his religious community around the world to Algeria, Canada, Poland, Italy, Bengal (now Bangladesh) and the United States. With evangelical zeal, still present in every member of Holy Cross, these pioneers selflessly, and in many cases at the cost of their lives, entered foreign soil to proclaim the Gospel and to serve the people where and how most needed.

I deeply value this legacy of Holy Cross — it speaks volumes to our faithfulness, our charism, our gift to the Church — and it's very close to my heart as I've had the opportunity to serve in Bangladesh and in East Africa and have witnessed desperation, poverty, indignity and helplessness. But I've also seen the power of hope and the transformation of lives made possible by Holy Cross and the outstanding support we've received that empowers our international work.

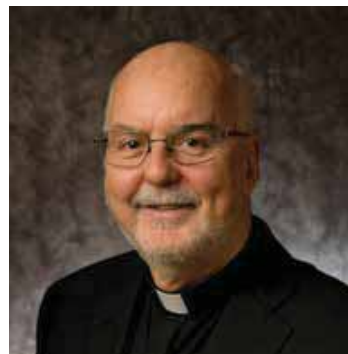
Today, the missionary spirit of Holy Cross is evident in 17 countries and across five continents. The United States Province serves God's people in its three international districts: Chile, East Africa and Perú, along with the Region of México. As members of the international family of Holy Cross, we also have special relationships with Bangladesh and Haiti. Each summer a number of our seminarians experience the Holy Cross mission in various countries in Asia, Africa and South America.

It's difficult to convey the impact of our missions in terms of the lives we inspire through education, or the healing we offer through our clinics, or the souls moved toward greater holiness in our Sacramental ministry. It is possible, however, for each of us to understand hope — hope that Holy Cross brings to all of our ministries and is shared with every life we encounter — hope that you demonstrate through your support of our work.

God bless you and your family this Advent season, and may God continue to bless the Congregation of Holy Cross.

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

*Fr. Tom O'Hara, CSC*



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# Across All Borders

*Holy Cross Mission Center*

Our mission sends us across borders of every sort. Holy Cross Mission Center (HCMC) was established as the Holy Cross Foreign Mission Society in 1923 by several brothers and priests under the leadership of Rev. Michael Mathis, C.S.C., to support the works of Holy Cross in what is now Bangladesh, and later East Africa, in the late 1950s. Today, HCMC supports locations for which the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, has jurisdiction:

- District of Chile
- District of East Africa: includes Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda
- District of Perú
- México

The HCMC has a special relationship, due to its common history, with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Province of Bangladesh, which is now its own province.

As well, the HCMC offers assistance through its services to other jurisdictions of the Congregation, as it did with the Province of Haiti, for example, for the relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake.

Rev. Michael McGrath DeLaney, C.S.C., director of the Holy Cross Mission Center, was gracious enough to answer the following questions about the history and goals of the Mission Center, as well as explain the areas of the world in which we work and why the work of the Congregation is so crucial.

## Q: What is Holy Cross' history in Mission Work?

**DeLaney:** Holy Cross was founded as a missionary community since the time of Blessed Basil Moreau, and what I think is interesting is that the first mission didn't work out ... they went from France to Algeria which was a French colony at the time. They were there a few years and came back. They were sent to the Bengal region - what's now Bangladesh - in the mid-1800s. So even though they didn't feel they had enough personnel, they always responded to the

missionary invitation. So much so that even after the boat carrying the first group of religious to Bengal sank, Fr. Moreau decided to send a second group who, luckily, did arrive. From the very beginning, there has always been that sense of mission. It's in our Constitutions, and it's always been a part of our life to respond. And I trust it will be a part of our future.

## Q: What is the HCMC?

**DeLaney:** HCMC serves to support our international mission. We can help bring people together – our religious, our young men in formation, our lay





colleagues, our students, our alumni from our schools. There's a fundraising component, but there's also the formation and education piece to build onto this internationality. We serve as a bridge between one region and another perhaps with the exchange of personnel, perhaps through a service project. We cross boundaries of every sort – be they political, cultural, or language. In many countries where Holy Cross serves, more than one language is required to serve in the church there. This is becoming more of a reality as well with the changing demographics in the United States. The crossing of boundaries of every sort is in a sense what mission is, and it's been since our origins.

### Q: What is your role with the HCMC?

**DeLaney:** I think there's a three-part role to it:

To be an ambassador within the Province and to Holy Cross in the United States and abroad – helping envision, plan, and coordinate the integration of people. In one week, I may be in touch with religious in eight countries regarding projects, ideas, and exchange of information.

The second part is being an educator – educating our communities, so that more initiatives might arise out of their own desire. I've met with folks who envision a missionary program, and want to know how to get started – what you can do to help people is endless – teach the kids, accompany the students, work with families in parishes, consider the liturgies, the music we play.

The third part is fund raiser. To look for new and creative ways, and continue the many ways, in which our fundraising serves the needs of the many worthy projects in the international missions.

*HCMC efforts provide financial 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.*

### Q: Why do we care about this work?

**DeLaney:** We care about them because we're part of the Church and they are too. It's about education and responding to a great need. Something unique that a religious community like Holy Cross offers the Church – and this is fundamental – is equality. While the world might have walls or preconceived notions of power, equality or opportunity between people by gender, race, ethnicity, economic opportunities, etc. – by our vowed life as religious, we transcend those walls and see one another as equals. This is a very important sign for the people of God to witness whenever they interact with us. A member of Holy Cross in Uganda, Bangladesh or México shares in the same life. It doesn't matter what language we speak, where we open the parish, or where we have our school or our ministry – with the marginalized, disadvantaged or exploited children or the homeless – we are all connected because we're all created by the same God.

### Q: What are some of the most pressing needs of our missions?

**DeLaney:** Finding God. Having hope. Feeling a part of the Church and valued ministries of the Congregation of Holy Cross! In this, education is foremost. Formal education and spiritual formation to young people everywhere but there are other ways in which we respond – we preach and live the Gospel. We are in this to share our faith, and to build up the Church, but we do that very much in respect of the cultures where we serve.

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### Q: What kind of impact have we made?

**DeLaney:** One observation that many have made which I believe holds much truth: wherever Holy Cross serves in the world, it makes a profound impact on the life of the Church, the society at large and the people it serves. Two brief examples from Latin America (and this could be said of everywhere Holy Cross serves): 1) Canto Grande in Perú is a parish that was founded on a garbage dump outside of Lima.

There are 250,000 people there and 19 chapels; all of which have lay leadership and Sacramental leadership. The Holy Cross Community has a school there, a health clinic, and a ministry called "Yancana Huasy" for poor children who are disabled. When you are living in dire poverty, you're even poorer when you have disabilities. To have that as a sign of hope in the middle of all that? That they have a clinic where people can come and get health care. Many of the medical staff grew up in Canto Grande and had great educational opportunities open to them!

2) In Chile, we have Fundamor (Fundación Moreau). Most of the 40 children in residence there have been abandoned or abused physically or sexually, and have lost

their own dignity, some by the age of three. We bring brothers and sisters together when they're removed from the homes, or if their parents have gone to jail, or have simply been abandoned. People offer us help with their schooling and housing and their professional staffing – they have social workers, psychologists. These kids can regain, in some sense, their innocence, as well as a future. Most go on to successful lives in their careers and families.

In every place we are, Holy Cross is often very connected with the local Church and in leadership in Dioceses where we serve, and often sought out by others.

### Q: What do you think the future of these areas would look like without our help?

**DeLaney:** Most of the developing world needs our help for a long time. They do not have the resources to support these ministries, and we can never underestimate our need to pray for this. Also, we don't do it alone. We always talk about mission work in the context of time, talent, and treasure. We have people giving one, two and sometimes all three of them, because they felt called to do so. I hope that's always the case.

Also important to remember is how our future would look without these areas – our lives in the Church and as part of the Holy Cross Family would be much less if we did not have our international ministries, and sisters and brothers as a part of our lives and mission! We all need each other! ✠



**REV. MICHAEL MCGRATH DELANEY, C.S.C.,  
DIRECTOR OF THE HOLY  
CROSS MISSION CENTER**

*Fr. DeLaney recently returned to the United States as director of the Holy Cross Mission Center, after many years as the District Superior for Chile, where his ministry was planted firmly in both Fundamor and Campus Ministry at Saint George's College. Prior to Chile, Fr. DeLaney served for 15 years in Portland, partly as superior of the Holy Cross Community, and as president of Notre Dame High School in Chicago. Fr. DeLaney was ordained in 1987.*

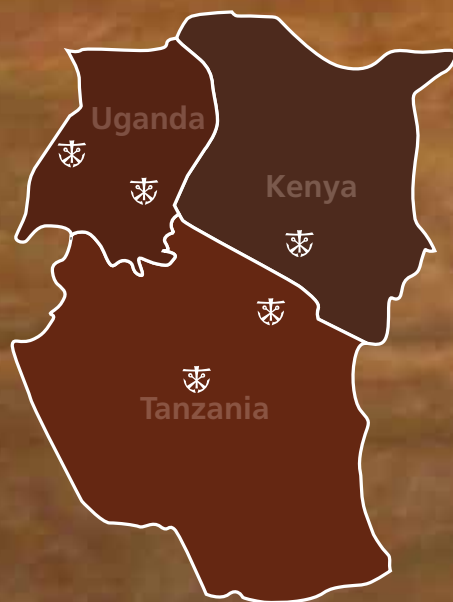


Where we are:

# District of East Africa

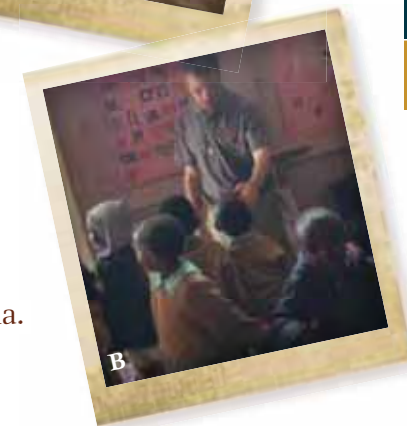
**27,000**

Near total square miles the District spans, serving several thousand parishioners



## Five Established Parishes:

- Holy Cross Parish-Dandora Community (Nairobi, Kenya)
- Holy Cross Bugembe (Jinja, Uganda)
- St. Jude Tadeo Parish (Kyarusozi, Fort Portal, Uganda)
- St. Brendan Parish (Kitete, Tanzania)
- Sacred Heart Parish (Sombetini, Tanzania)



**A** Holy Cross presence in East Africa was first established in 1958 by a group of priests led by Servant of God Vincent McCauley, C.S.C. From these first missionaries, to the most recently professed East African religious, evangelization through the development of parishes and schools in mostly low income areas has been central to the Holy Cross mission in East Africa. Today, Holy Cross is in three East African countries – Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

### Holy Cross Parish-Dandora Community (Nairobi, Kenya)

Holy Cross Parish-Dandora (**A**) is located in Nairobi's densely populated Dandora slums. The city houses a massive dumping site, (**C**) where many scavenge for food, as well as items they can sell to recycling plants. Nairobi has many poor, underemployed and unemployed. Crime is also a challenge to the area. However, these challenges haven't stopped Holy Cross from cultivating a vibrant community in the area. The Holy Cross Parish sponsors Boma Rescue Center for children and Brother André Dispensary. Additional ministries of the parish include St. James Nursery and Primary School, a tailoring school for women, and a microfinance lending program.

The Boma Rescue Center was established in 1996. Most of the children there come from very poor backgrounds or were abandoned at a very tender age. At the center, sponsors help provide basic things like food, clothing and education.

Each day, hundreds of people visit the Brother André dispensary (**B**) to seek medical help for themselves and their children.

Beyond the parishes in East Africa, Formation is going strong. The McCauley Formation house is the formation house for the Congregation's professed seminarians and brothers in East Africa. The house is vital to the long term sustainability of Holy Cross and the Church in East Africa.

The construction of a new formation house in Nairobi is proceeding according to schedule and is roughly 35% complete. The plan at present is to move from rented quarters to the new formation house on July 1, 2016. The dedication is scheduled for October 22, 2016. The new formation house will contain 50 rooms, reflective of the fact that **our formation houses are full and that aspirants to Holy Cross in East Africa are increasing with each passing year.** The chapel will be dedicated to the Sacred Heart and will feature stained glass windows with the images of Blessed Basil Moreau and Saint André Bessette, as well as windows of the Uganda Martyrs and St. Josephine Bakhita.



### Holy Cross Bugembe (Jinja, Uganda)

Located near the source of the Nile River, Bugembe (boo-gehm-bay) is home to Jinja's unskilled work force. The parish has become a role model in the Jinja Diocese by advancing ecumenism through social services to all God's people without discrimination. The parish operates St. Andrew, St. Jude and Holy Cross Primary Schools, Holy Cross Lake View Senior Secondary School, as well as an HIV/AIDS program. There's also a Formation House in Jinja and Queen of Apostles Philosophy Centre - the educational facility for the first three years of Holy Cross Formation.

Located in a rural, poor community in eastern Uganda, St. Andrew's Holy Cross Primary School (A & B) serves a diverse urban-industrial population of poor children. One of their greatest needs is feeding students.

### St. Jude Tadeo Parish (Kyarusozi, Fort Portal, Uganda)

St. Jude Tadeo Parish operates Kyarusozi (ki-ah-rue-sew-zee) Vocational Training School and St. Joseph Hill Secondary School, which draws students from the

outlying villages. St. Jude Tadeo Parish includes some thirty sub-parishes that can only be reached by rough clay roads.

Students at the Kyarusozi Vocational Training School may choose to learn a variety of trades, such as bricklaying, carpentry, knitting, furniture-making, and more — all to help them prepare for jobs.

St. Joseph Hill School (C) draws students from the outlying villages of Kyarusozi, Kyembogo and Kasaba. Some of the 400 students who attend classes at the school walk up to five miles every day to get there. The school is fulfilling Blessed Basil Moreau's vision of educating the hearts and minds of students through such classes as biology, chemistry, math, physics, Catholic religious education, geography, history, economics and English.

As for Holy Cross Formation, Lake Saaka Novitiate is also in the Fort Portal District. Following their three-year candidacy at André House in Bugembe, young men preparing to become Holy Cross brothers and priests spend a year here, learning about and living our common life.

### St. Brendan Parish (Kitete, Tanzania)

St. Brendan Parish in Kitete (ki-tay-tay), is located in a very remote area, which is also home to the Wairaqw (Y-Iraq) and Maasai (ma-sigh) ethnic communities. The area is isolated with roads almost impassable in the wet season, and is disadvantaged by harsh weather. The Kitete area also has an acute

problem with access to clean, drinkable water. With help, Holy Cross was able to install a gravity-flow water system that serves a portion of the area, but the need for water persists.

The parish operates the Audrey Veldman Vocational Training Centre (D) and Lostete Health Care Clinic. At the Centre, students who either cannot afford to or

did not receive high enough grades to attend secondary school, learn carpentry, masonry tailoring, sewing, and knitting. Some students attend from as far away as 429 miles.

Lostete Health Care Clinic provides basic medical care to up to 40 nearby villagers per day, as the nearest hospital is approximately 30 miles away.

## The Wolohan Family Foundation Matching Grant for Lakeview School

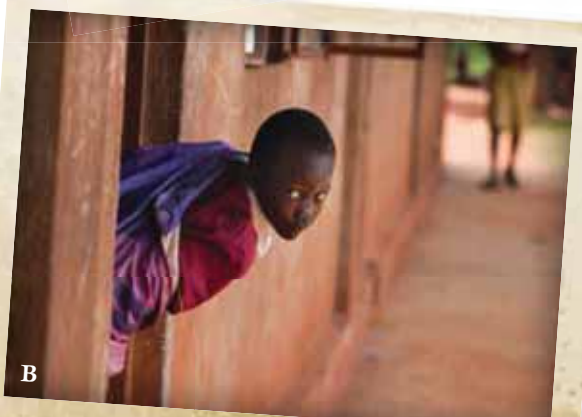
*For more than 15 years, the Wolohan Family Foundation has partnered with the United States Province and the Holy Cross Mission Center in Sacramento, educational, social and economic service to the people of East Africa. In 2014, the Wolohan Family Foundation presented a unique opportunity to Holy Cross by making a three-year matching gift commitment of \$600,000 to propel the planning and construction of a new Holy Cross Lake View Secondary School in Jinja, Uganda. Holy Cross Lake View Secondary School is the cornerstone of the Congregation of Holy Cross' educational mission in East Africa.*

*The current school campus includes several makeshift structures built in response to the school's rapid growth over the past decade. Classrooms, dining facilities, dormitories and the chapel, accommodating 800 children and 80 staff each day, are in dire need of replacement. But rebuilding on the current school site is not an option as the buildings sit on a solid layer of stone making proper drainage and sewage waste disposal very difficult and creating a health hazard to students and to the people of the surrounding area.*

*In 2010, the United States Province acquired nearly ten acres of land less than a mile from the existing school to construct the new school, christened the Holy Cross Lake View Musima campus. In 2011, a new boy's dormitory was built on the site and plans are underway for the expansion of the campus. This is just the beginning of what will become the premier Catholic secondary school in Uganda – with your help and with the matching gift from the Wolohan Family Foundation.*

*To date, over \$454,000 has been committed toward the match. Just \$146,000 from goal, we invite you to join in this special giving opportunity and help complete the match offered by the Wolohan Family Foundation. Your gift does more than meet the visionary challenge made by the Wolohan Family – it will transform the lives of more than 800 students a year, positively impact the future of Uganda and, more importantly, prepare citizens for Heaven.*

*For more information and to make a gift, visit [LakeView.holycrossusa.org](http://LakeView.holycrossusa.org), or call the Holy Cross Mission Center at 574-631-5477. Contributions can also be sent using the envelope inserted in this magazine. Thank you for your prayers and support!*







## A New Ministry in Tanzania



**Above, the Sacred Heart Parish church building. At left, front view of the new proposed health center building.**

### **Sacred Heart Parish** (Sombetini, Tanzania)

In July 2015, the Congregation of Holy Cross took responsibility for the administration of Sacred Heart Parish, Sombetini, Tanzania, in the Archdiocese of Arusha. The new parish strengthens the Congregation's presence in Tanzania, which has been a steady source of vocations for Holy Cross. A two and a half hour drive from St. Brendan's Parish in Kitete, Tanzania, Sacred Heart Parish allows our brothers in Kitete

to visit, run errands, and rest. Regional meetings that were once held in Nairobi and required significant travel can be held in Arusha, saving time, distance, and expense. At a meeting between Holy Cross and Divine Word Missionaries (which formerly ran the parish), the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Arusha stated that he always wanted Holy Cross to serve in his diocese, citing a rosary rally he attended at age 13 where he saw Servant of God Patrick Peyton. "At long last, it is happening." ✠

*Holy Cross men serving at the new parish. From left, Frs. Prosper Tesha, C.S.C. (Pastor), Linus Nviiri, C.S.C., Silvester Makwali, C.S.C., and seminarian Innocent Mwesigwa, C.S.C.*



Rev. Prosper Tesha, C.S.C., pastor of Sacred Heart, sent a letter detailing the location of the parish, the people it serves, and his hopes for the future:



*"Located in the North East of Arusha, Sombetini is a steadily growing suburb of the city. As a growing slum, it poses both blessings and challenges for ministry. Most of its residents are low income earners, some of them working as casual laborers in small business enterprises.*

*The parish has 27 Small Christian Communities (i.e. groups of families which gather for prayer and scripture sharing at least once a week.) The parish has over 5,000 Christians, giving it a fertile ground for ministry and evangelization.*

*We are grateful to the Divine Word Missionaries for the structures laid so far in the running of the Parish. As Holy Cross, we even hope that these structures will be strengthened and improved for better performance and self-reliance. Our aim is to have a healthy parish. The parish has three major projects which need completion: health centre, church structure, and improving the parish environment and compound.*

*Due to the nature and location of Sombetini, we have seen it as an important and urgent necessity of having a perimeter wall protecting parish properties and our lives as men who serve here.*

*As Holy Cross men, we continue putting our efforts, skills and talents to make God known, loved and served. It is my hope and wish that since the mantle is in our hands now, even greater things will happen as we continue being men with hope to bring."*



# A Place at the Table

By Brogan Ryan, C.S.C.

Through the kindness and generosity of benefactors Joe and Barbara Mendelson, the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers is able to send seminarians out on summer placements throughout the world. Holy Cross Seminarian, Brogan Ryan, C.S.C., was placed in East Africa for his summer formation experience. What follows is a detailed account of his impactful visit.

“Over the course of the 2 months we were in East Africa, we were able to visit every single apostolate in the District, except for the new parish in Arusha because it opened the day that we were leaving Tanzania. One of the things I think all of us recognized is that Holy Cross is Holy Cross wherever you are.

We went to the Novitiate at Saaka for Profession of Vows which was a really neat experience – a highlight for all of us. Then, we were able to renew our vows in the presence of the André House community back in Jinja.

We, of course, did different kinds of ministry while we were there: we taught Holy Cross history and spirituality and interacted with the students of Holy Cross Primary School – where there are about 850 students – and the other Holy Cross schools in the area. When we would see our students on the street – because there are a lot of schools in Jinja – we would shout to them ‘Ave Crux!’ They would turn around and give us a big, ‘Spes Unica!’ That was really neat. Twice a week, we went to a school for children with special needs – about a 40-minute walk away. There are about 60 students there with needs of all kinds. Then there was the parish in Kitete ... imagine driving eight hours into what seemed like the middle of nowhere,

turning left onto a dirt road and then continuing on that path for another 45 minutes in the only kind of car that will make it on this type of road. You end up at St. Brendan’s Parish – and it was one of the most beautiful places I’ve ever been.

Everywhere we went – with the brothers, priests and sisters – we were welcomed into the community like family. One of the first nights we were at André House (formation house in Jinja), and we were sitting at a full table when another member of the house showed up. ‘There’s always room at the African table’ one of the local Holy Cross guys said as we made room for the newcomer. There was always a place at the table for me and the other American seminarians who spent our summer in East Africa – at the dinner table and at the Eucharistic table. We were welcomed as family in community, prayer and mission the entire summer and really came to feel at home with the community in East Africa.”



Seminarian Brogan Ryan, C.S.C., takes a “selfie” with school children in front of Holy Cross Parish Church in Bugembe.



Seminarians Karl Romkema Jr., C.S.C., and Brogan Ryan, C.S.C., meet with the Sisters of the Holy Cross during their summer formation experience in East Africa.



# Where we are: District of Perú



**250,000**

The number of parishioners of Lord of Hope Parish. The parish is divided up into 19 chapel communities.



**Approximately  
2,000**

The number of students the Colegio Fe y Alegría School in Lima serves.



**Thousands**

of Peruvians per month receive complete medical care at the Brother André Clinic in Canto Grande, Lima.



A



B

**P**arroquia el Señor de la Esperanza (Lord of Hope Parish), in Canto Grande, Lima, Perú, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1977, a year after the District of Perú was established. It is the hub of the Holy Cross missionary efforts in the South American country.

The parish, which numbers about 250,000 people, is located in one of the most impoverished neighborhoods of Lima. Larger than many dioceses, the parish is organized around 19 Chapel Communities, each with its own house of worship and each with its own pastoral council as well as programs for faith formation, catechesis, Sacramental preparation and celebrations.

The parish carries out the mission of the United States Province through numerous pastoral activities, such as Colegio Fe y Alegría school which serves about 2,000 students, including pre-kindergarten,

technical job training students and special education; the District also began the “Yancana Huasy” project more than 30 years ago to assist the families of children with physical and mental challenges, especially Downs’ Syndrome and cerebral palsy. Yancana Huasy offers daily medical and therapeutic care, basic life and independent living skills and educational and vocational training to about 1,300 students. The District of Perú also has two houses of formation. Rev. Arthur “Bud” Colgan, C.S.C., the first District Superior of Perú, and also recently named Bishop-Elect of Chosica, shared some of his knowledge and experiences in the reflection on the next page.

**A. Youth from Lord of Hope Parish arrive in Canto Grande to lead a procession.**  
**B. A family in Perú leads a Procesoión de Cristo Rey (Procession of Christ the King).**  
*Catholic processions are a form of pilgrimage that remind us that the Christian life is a constant movement toward God and our eternal home.*



# Señor de la Esperanza

(Lord of Hope)

*In 1976, after thirteen years of presence in Perú, the Holy Cross mission became a District. This meant that the presence of Holy Cross religious had stabilized and the group of expatriate priests and brothers was ready to receive local vocations and begin a program for religious and priestly formation. As the first District Superior, it was my task to speak with the Archbishop of Lima, Cardinal Landázuri, to request permission to open a formation house in Lima.*

*The Cardinal received me cordially and said that the condition for allowing us to open the formation house would be to accept the responsibility for a parish. I told the Cardinal that we would like a parish in one of the poorer areas of Lima. In what I consider to be a clear sign of God's providence, the Cardinal told me about a new area on the outskirts of the city where 400 families that had squatted on land in the city had been relocated.*

*The next day, I was able to visit what is now called Canto Grande and see for myself this new neighborhood filled with huts made of straw mats – a neighborhood without electricity or running water. Families there had arrived from the Andean mountain villages, seeking a better life for themselves and their children in Lima.*

*The parish was appropriately called "Señor de la Esperanza" (Lord of Hope). It was the start of a thirty-nine year presence of the Congregation of Holy Cross, accompanying a migrant people as they struggle to establish themselves in this neighborhood on the outskirts of the city of Lima; achieve a life more in accord with their innate human dignity; and discover and celebrate the presence of the Lord of Hope*

*in their lives.*

*Shortly after the start of the parish in Canto Grande, another event took place – painful for the Holy Cross Congregation in Chile, but one that also mysteriously revealed the providential hand of God in human history: several Holy Cross priests had to flee Chile after the 1973 coup because of their outspoken defense of human rights. They were reassigned to Perú. One, Father Bob Plasker, C.S.C., became the first pastor of the Canto Grande parish. Another, Father Phil Devlin, C.S.C., a priest with years of experience as an educator, was asked by the District to begin a school in Canto Grande. After some investigation, the Congregation entered into an agreement with the Jesuit run system of free schools for the poor called "Fe y Alegría" and in 1977 Fe y Alegría 25 School received its first students in a few classrooms made of straw mats and bamboo poles.*

*In the succeeding decades, three other institutions were established as important parts of the Holy Cross missionary, pastoral and educational presence in the Canto Grande neighborhood: Yancana Huasy (in the Quechua language, "House of Work"), a unique center dedicated to the rehabilitation and inclusive integration of children and young people with mental and physical handicaps; the Brother André Health Clinic, providing quality basic medical assistance and programs of preventative medicine for the people of Canto Grande; the Pastoral Institute for the Family, sponsored by Holy Cross Family Ministries that carries on the heritage of the Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., dedicated to providing programs for the spiritual and human*

*development of family life in Canto Grande.*

*Today, the parish serves close to 250,000 people in Canto Grande through 19 chapels and pastoral centers spread around the neighborhood (each of these will one day be an independent parish). The parish pastoral plan emphasizes the formation and empowerment of lay pastoral leaders dedicated to evangelization and the celebration of the faith in Canto Grande. Six Peruvian Holy Cross priests now serve side-by-side with the expatriate priests and brothers. One of them, Father Jorge Izaguirre, C.S.C., was recently ordained as Bishop of the Prelature of Chuquibamba.*

*An ongoing story of Holy Cross in Perú: parish, mission and education as the distinguishing characteristics. A history, like the story of Holy Cross from its beginnings, marked by God's providential presence.*



Fr. Arthur J. Colgan, C.S.C., served for nine years as the Provincial of the Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers, which later became part of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers. As a member of the District of Perú, he served as Vicar General of the Diocese of Chosica. Fr. Colgan was recently appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Chosica.



## Father David E. Farrell, C.S.C., Pavilion

Following a jubilant groundbreaking ceremony, the Father David E. Farrell Pavilion is underway. Actually, in Perú, it is not a "groundbreaking", but rather a "primera piedra", literally the "first stone." The large stone, in this case, bearing Fr. David's name was placed in the ground and then covered with shovelfuls of cement by a delegation of children from the school, as well as teachers, members of the parents association, and a number of our Holy Cross priests and brothers.

The pavilion will be built in three phases with each phase lasting approximately one year. However, the facility will be available for use by the school and parish just as soon as work on the first phase is completed.

To date, slightly over 62% of the \$400,000 necessary for the project has been raised. Amazingly, almost \$30,000 has been raised in Perú. This is a staggering sum given that the monthly per capita income of the parish territory is less than \$200 U.S. dollars. It speaks volumes of the importance of the project and the great love of the people for Fr. David.

If you would like to assist us in completing this project, please visit [PeruPavilion.HolyCrossusa.org](http://PeruPavilion.HolyCrossusa.org) or call the Holy Cross Mission Center at 574-631-5477. Contributions can be sent in using the envelope inserted in this magazine. Thank you for your prayers and support!



*The Pavilion's First Stone is placed in the ground and then covered with shovelfuls of cement by students, teachers, and parents of the Fe y Alegría School.*



# Where we are: District of Chile



*By Rev. Michael DeLaney, C.S.C.*

**M**any have said that to read the history of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Chile, is to read the history of the country! Holy Cross has been intimately connected with the historical, political, social, cultural and Church life in Chile for almost seventy-five years. Its first mission was Saint George's College, serving the elite and upper middle class in education, quickly followed by San Roque parish, a poor and working class parish from the edge of Santiago to – at that time – the border with Argentina.



## 1943

The year that Holy Cross religious arrived in Santiago to administer Saint George's College.



## 2,650

The number of students, grades one through 12 that Saint George's now serves.

Although sub-divided many times into other parishes, San Roque is still a vibrant ministry of Holy Cross today, serving the Peñalolén section of Santiago.

These initial ministries serve a cross-section of Chilean society and are anchors of the apostolic mission. Along with these ministries which have evolved, there are two other parish communities – Nuestra Señora de la Merced in Calle Larga (San Felipe Diocese) and Nuestra Señora de Andacollo, in the center of Old Santiago. The latter parish shares the same property as Colegio Nuestra Señora de Andacollo, another school with students from K-12, serving a working class and poor sector of the city, where the Congregation has been since 1976.

Finally, Fundación Moreau (Fundamor) continues to serve 40 young children who have been abused or abandoned, in family-style residences, and another 180 and their families in innovative prevention programs. Family Rosary International also serves in its mission accompanying families in the parishes and schools across various Dioceses in Chile, to live the fullness of what life offers as a family growing in its faith.

Holy Cross has always been involved in every sector of society in the Chile, and continues to be so, and in that is one of the few true bridges that cross the boundaries that are often imposed on society due to socio-economic differences. God's hand has guided Holy Cross, its ministries, and the religious and lay colleagues over the years in many ways!

Here are just a few, of the many, many additional examples:

- Many of the national political leaders – from the center, the left, and the right – are Saint George's graduates. In the last presidential election, three of the top candidates were Saint George's graduates!
- San Roque Parish continues to seek out the most vulnerable of its parish – serving the homebound, special sacramental preparation for those with disabilities, and food programs for poor families and children – each week!
- Today, both in Colegio Andacollo and the parish of Andacollo, the new immigrant population arriving in Santiago are served by the school and parish. As the society transforms in Chile, Holy Cross is serving in its mission to a diverse immigrant population.

Today in Chile, Holy Cross looks ahead. With the new challenges to the Catholic Church and its ministry to young people and families, the Community continues to do what it has done – discern how best to serve this complex, diverse society, for the betterment of all, and for the inclusion of all, so that together, they may be a part of the Church of the future in this Andean and beautiful nation! ✠



Where we are:

# México



Holy Cross has served the México region for more than

{ 25 YEARS



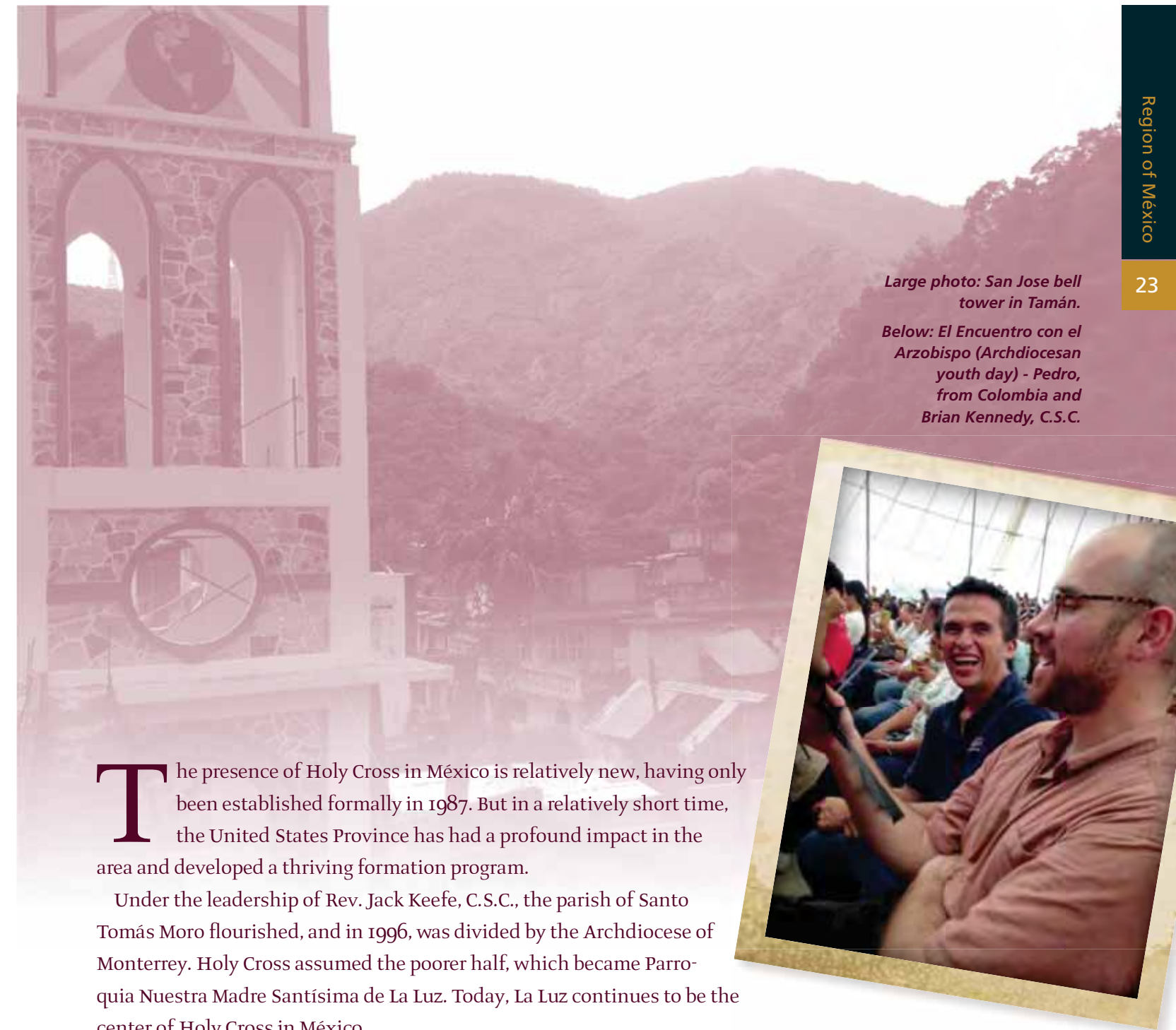
*Holy Cross seminarians Brian Kennedy, C.S.C., and Bryan Williams, C.S.C., are pictured with Fr. Bruce Cecil, C.S.C., and Holy Cross seminarians from México, shortly after Mass. They had an opportunity to renew their vows during this summer formation experience in Monterrey.*

50 PERCENT

UNDER

16 YEARS

Because México is a country with more than 50 percent of its population under 16 years of age, La Luz Parish, a parish of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the Archdiocese of Monterrey, has many activities for children and young people.



*Large photo: San Jose bell tower in Tamán.*

*Below: El Encuentro con el Arzobispo (Archdiocesan youth day) - Pedro, from Colombia and Brian Kennedy, C.S.C.*

The presence of Holy Cross in México is relatively new, having only been established formally in 1987. But in a relatively short time, the United States Province has had a profound impact in the area and developed a thriving formation program.

Under the leadership of Rev. Jack Keefe, C.S.C., the parish of Santo Tomás Moro flourished, and in 1996, was divided by the Archdiocese of Monterrey. Holy Cross assumed the poorer half, which became Parroquia Nuestra Madre Santísima de La Luz. Today, La Luz continues to be the center of Holy Cross in México.

In 2010, Holy Cross accepted responsibility for a second parish, Parroquia San José, in Tamán, located in Yucatan region of Central México. Upon the profession of his perpetual vows in the Congregation of Holy Cross in 2011, Fr. Matthew Kuczora, C.S.C., began an assignment as Director of Postulant Seminarians and as a Vocation Director for his religious community in Monterrey, México. Fr. Matt also served at Nuestra Madre Santísima de La Luz parish. Fr. Matt shares a reflection on his time in Monterrey on the next page.



# San Andres Dining Room

*What do you do when an elderly couple dies with no other family members, leaving you their home? You gather the community to mourn them, celebrate their lives and then ask, 'What would they want us to do with this gift?'*

*That was our situation a few years ago at La Luz parish in México. La Luz is home to over 30,000 parishioners in a working-class neighborhood. It takes 16 Masses every weekend to accommodate all those souls thirsting for an encounter with God, not to mention the countless catechists, youth groups, choirs and outreach efforts.*

*La Luz has a free clinic, a food pantry, a physical therapy center and an incredible social worker on staff. These efforts meet many of the physical needs of those who also come here to satisfy their spiritual needs. After talking with many people in the parish, it was plain that despite the great ministries already available, a place to serve food and hope for elderly residents was still desperately needed. A soup kitchen, run by volunteer cooks and supplied through local donations, could provide food and supplies for hungry stomachs as well as a place to gather, pray and laugh; a place that offered perhaps even more important necessities of dignity, hope and love. And all this to venerable elderly people often living in shame or neglect.*

*Under the hot Mexican sun, few things move quickly. That's especially true of construction and bureaucracy. Still, the community was inspired and joined together to make this wonderful idea a reality. The municipal government approved the zoning and even contributed funds for part of the new construction. Local workers poured cement, rehabilitated the old house and installed additional cooking appliances. A women's group in the area heard about the project and offered to buy tables and chairs. Families from the parish organized themselves into cooking and serving crews. Donations of food poured in.*

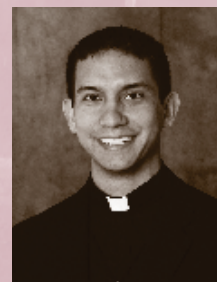
*It was overwhelming to see what people who are inspired and motivated can do. In the end, the building was built, meals were being warmed and elderly parishioners were lining up to celebrate a neighborhood "comedor" or "dining room" where they could share food and fellowship. The only thing left was to name this place.*



*"Why not St. André?" someone asked. St. André Bessette was a simple man. He didn't have much formal education, yet he inspired those he met with his unshakeable confidence in the Cross of Christ and hope in the power of prayer. He lived to be an old man, over 90 years old when he died, yet a fighter even then. He prayed with people and encouraged them to confide in St. Joseph's prayers. St. Joseph, the adopted father of Christ, would be these people's protector and advocate as well. St. André, a religious brother in Holy Cross, would be their constant companion, tireless advocate and inspiration to hope when hope was hard to find. Yes, St. André would be an excellent namesake for this place.*

*And so, if you visit La Luz parish, go to the Comedor San Andres – the St. André Dining Room. Come early and help warm fresh tortillas and heat hearty beans and spicy carne molida. But then stay to sing a prayer of thanksgiving and enjoy the stories and smiles of the people you serve, learn from and love.*

*Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters work side-by-side with the people we serve to bring hope to a world that often lives in the darkness of despair. Wherever we serve, we in Holy Cross are inspired by the words to Christ: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Where there was once death, shame and hunger, Holy Cross works to bring life, dignity and hope.*



*Rev. Matthew Kuczora, C.S.C., is the Rector of Carroll Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. He graduated from Notre Dame in 2005 with a degree in Accounting and again in 2011 with a Master of Divinity. Prior to Carroll Hall, Fr. Matt was a guest scholar at the Kellogg Institute and priest-in-residence at St. Edward's Hall at Notre Dame.*

# Holy Cross in Bangladesh



Holy Cross maintains its oldest-surviving mission effort outside of North America in Bangladesh. Holy Cross has been in Bangladesh since the 1850s, which at that time was called East Bengal. The mission at the time was called, "unquestionably the most destitute in East Asia and perhaps in any other part of the world." The United States Province continues to support work in Bangladesh because of its special relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Province and has been instrumental in building up the Catholic Church in that country.

The primary mission focus in Bangladesh has been providing education and health care in this poverty-stricken country. One of the leading educational institutions is Notre Dame College, in Dhaka, founded in 1949 by Holy Cross. Notre Dame College provides an environment where administration, teachers, staff, and parents work cooperatively to educate each student to their fullest potential, and where all

students are treated with respect and care in a safe and secure learning environment.

Another priority are the 13 parishes - including 10 tribal parishes - located in remote regions of Bangladesh which educate thousands of children. The tribal people of Bangladesh live in small villages separated by large distances from one another. Holy Cross provides a small one or two room mud-walled building in each village or cluster of villages, which serves both as a church and a school. There, a teacher, who may have minimal education themselves, teaches 30 to 40 young children at kindergarten level and grades one and two. For grades three, four, and five, the children walk a few miles to an area-wide school where a more qualified teacher is provided.

Because of the great distance from most villages to parish centers where the high school is located, hostels are provided, one for boys and one for girls. There, the children stay and are provided

with lodging, food, school uniforms, books, paper and pencils. The families that can afford to pay contribute rice at harvest time, and money. Most families have no farm land and are very poor.

Family Rosary International is also present in the area. Through rallies in several parishes in the Dioceses of Dinajpur and Rajshahi, the Family Rosary team has shared a devotion to Our Lady and the importance of the Rosary to deepen Christian faith and strengthen Christian family life. In the newly founded Khalippur Parish, hundreds of families of the Shantal tribe have embraced Catholicism. Recently more than 500 people participated in a recent two-day mission. Family Rosary - Bangladesh is directed by Fr. Parimal Pereira, C.S.C., with the help of diocesan coordinators. ✠

*One of the leading educational institutions is Notre Dame College, founded in Dhaka, 1949 (then known as St. Gregory College). It was established by the Congregation of Holy Cross because of the crisis in the education sector of the new born East Pakistan. In 2014, Notre Dame College, Mymensingh, opened to students. The college's opening fulfilled a long-held dream for a Catholic college in the Diocese of Mymensingh, which was founded in 1987.*





# Holy Cross in Haiti

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Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C., concelebrates Mass with Holy Cross priests on the grounds of the Ensemble Scolaire Père Basile Moreau, in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti.

Above: Rev. Thomas G. Streit, C.S.C., shown above in Haiti, conducted research on the transmission and control of lymphatic filariasis (LF), a mosquito-borne infection that affects more than 120 million people throughout the tropics. He helped establish what is now an international reference center for LF.

**Holy Cross educates more than 5,000 Haitian children each year.**

In 1944, the Congregation of Holy Cross sent religious from French Canada to Haiti to begin a new mission. The first missionaries took over responsibility for the College Notre-Dame du Perpétuel Secours and went on to support two parishes – St. Rose of Lima in Pilate (1949) and St. Charles Borromeo in Borgne (1952). The Congregation's schools continued to improve the quality of education while providing access to poor and under-privileged. This attracted vocations to the Congregation and fed the growth in Holy Cross in Haiti.

Like the rest of Haiti, the Con-

gregation suffered tremendous loss in the 2010 earthquake. One seminarian lost his life, but one school, Ensemble Scolaire Père Basile Moreau, was completely destroyed. Several other of the Congregation's schools were damaged, as were the Congregation's seminary and administrative offices in Port-au-Prince, which was at the epicenter of the earthquake.

Through the generosity of other sectors and apostolates of the Congregation and the zealous work of Holy Cross Religious in Haiti, Holy Cross has been able to build hope for the future.

Building on its reputation in Haiti as a leader in providing high-quality Catholic education, the Congregation opened the Institut Supérieure Marcel Bédard in 2012, which is a teacher's training

institute in Cap-Haïtien run in partnership with the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education.

The work of the Congregation in Haiti spans eight of the country's 10 Dioceses, and two Holy Cross priests now serve in the hierarchy as bishops. The Congregation administers 14 primary and secondary schools. Altogether, Holy Cross educates more than 5,000 Haitian children each year.

The Congregation also serves in eight parishes, and its outreach to the people, who are counted among the poorest in the Western Hemisphere, includes pioneering work in the area public health. The work of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Haiti is conducted by the Province of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Port-au-Prince, Haiti). ☩



*Your questions answered ...*

## Plain ! Speaking

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

**Q:** *How can those who have worked in the missions help the people in this country?*

**A:** **The one thing that has always amazed me about Holy Cross missionaries on home or medical leave is how deeply they want to return to their mission overseas.** I asked Fr. Ed Goedert, C.S.C., (now deceased) about that one time, and his response amazed me. He pointed to the people served by the missionaries as being the reason for the “homesickness”: “Their lives are simple, they care and they share, and are extremely grateful for every blessing.”

That was back in the '80s. So much has changed in American culture since then. American missionaries truly suffer a culture shock when they return to this country. Non-U.S. Holy Cross men who come here for studies are often perplexed by how much we take for granted. There are so many choices in things such as food, housing, leisure time, mobility, and so on.

I often put myself in the shoes of a native Holy Cross religious here in this country for the first time. In Holy Cross houses where I've lived, a staple topic at house meetings is food. The same goes for the community meetings at St. Paul's retirement community where I now live. I keep thinking how a missionary would feel hearing those complaints, knowing that his people back home are deeply grateful just for something to eat. Folks

hit the roof when the water is shut off or the toilet doesn't flush right, not knowing that hundreds of millions of people do not have access to clean water and access to adequate sanitation.

And heaven forbid the electric goes out! A quarter of the world's population has no access to electricity, concentrated mostly in Africa and southern Asia, where Holy Cross religious live and work. Many people do not have access to oil-based fuel, or propane and natural gas. Their only source of fuel and light is wood; even that may not be readily available.

So what can a missionary do for us? Simple: Remind us by word and example that there is a wider world out there that does not have the choices we do. Because there are fewer choices, people learn to depend on each other and help each other. Because basic necessities are often hard to come by, villagers share. And above all, they are grateful for what they have. These are lessons we in the United States would do well to learn and make a part of our daily life, instead of waiting for disaster to strike.

It has always puzzled me why people who have so much and lack for nothing find so much to complain about. Of course, I'm not immune from this: I love to complain about the complainers!

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# Holy Cross Family Ministries

*An International Mission to Support Families*

By Rev. Wilfred J. ("Father Willy") Raymond, C.S.C.

**H**oly Cross Family Ministries (HCFM), a special ministry of the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, serves Jesus Christ and His church by promoting and supporting the spiritual well-being of the family – and has done so, worldwide, for more than 70 years. Our emphasis on family prayer is to build up the family as the basic building block of, not just the Church, but also of society. With mission offices in 17 countries and 5 continents, HCFM reaches out through prayer events and media for families to fulfill founder Servant of God Patrick Peyton's vision that, "the family that prays together stays together."

A candidate for sainthood, Father Peyton was one of the most influential American Catholic priests of the 20th century. Known as the "Rosary Priest," he encouraged millions of people to pray the Rosary daily. HCFM's emphasis on family Rosary and family prayer is very much the product of Fr. Peyton's family and the family of Holy Cross, and a lot of the elements of Holy Cross Spirituality are found in his work, too – the emphasis on unity, passion, zeal for spreading the faith, also modeling everything on the Holy Family.

Faithful to Mary, the Mother of God, Family Rosary ([www.FamilyRosary.org](http://www.FamilyRosary.org)), founded in 1942 by Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., now Servant of God, encourages family prayer, especially the Rosary.

Family Theater Productions ([www.FamilyTheater.org](http://www.FamilyTheater.org)), founded by Fr. Peyton in 1947, uses media to entertain, inspire and educate families. Everything we produce in Hollywood is meant to build up the work that we're doing in HCFM around the world. We share one Board of Directors, and as the president of HCFM,



*Father Joseph Quinn, C.S.C., and Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.*

I supervise Family Rosary as well as all of those various ministry offices throughout the world.

After Fr. Peyton's death in 1992 – also Family Rosary's 50th anniversary – Family Rosary and Family Theater Productions were combined into one organization: Holy Cross Family Ministries while still maintaining their uniqueness.

In HCFM, we see ourselves as very much in support of the local Church wherever we are. We think that we can bring a special quality and emphasis on going deeper into the spirituality of the family, and dealing with some of the critical issues that families face today. The 21st century family in the United States is very different from the post-WWII family that Fr. Peyton was dealing with initially.

We commissioned a study with the Center for Applied Research (CARA) in the apostolate at Georgetown University of young Catholic families in the United States. We looked at adult Catholics, ages 25 to 45 who are parents of a minor child to measure the



*Family Rosary volunteers, like the students pictured here from Stonehill College's Into the Streets Program, craft, package and mail about 200,000 to 300,000 rosaries, by hand, per year. A lot of them are also made in a small village in Ecuador, which is a major source of employment for the villagers.*

practice of faith and use of media in families and to determine the ethnic makeup of this subgroup. All four reports are available for download at [www.HCFM.org/FamilyResearch](http://www.HCFM.org/FamilyResearch). We discovered some very interesting details, as you'll see below.

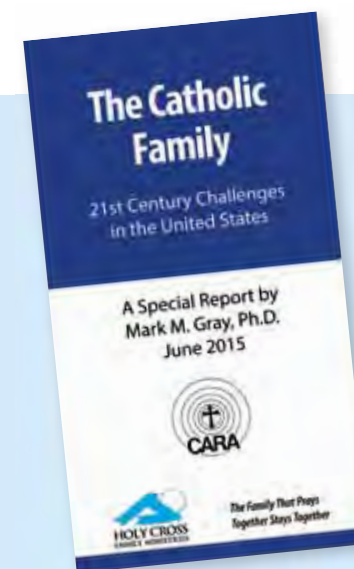
To me, these are major areas of opportunity. We continue to see a more individualized approach toward faith and prayer for young Catholic parents and families, and the findings of this survey indicate less focus on formal religious community yet a strong desire for *more prayer*.

We are using this data in our strategic planning work and shared the reports with all U.S. Bishops and other collaborators in ministry. We also disseminated

this information to the press.

The 21st century family in the United States is not our only focus, of course. Holy Cross Family Ministries is a global mission. We are in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania in East Africa, as is the U.S. Province's Holy Cross Mission Center. And we've had very effective leadership the last several years, like Fr. Fulgens Katende, C.S.C., Fr. Fred Jenga, C.S.C., and Fr. Christopher Letikirich, C.S.C., and now Fr. Leonard Olobo, C.S.C. They've developed a unique way of reaching out to families through children. They put together bands, music, and songs and go to schools introducing prayer and the rosary to them in dynamic ways.

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## Adult Catholics Ages 25-45; Parents of a minor child

**54%**  
of American Catholic families (in this age group) are Latino or Hispanic

**68%**  
of those families do not have their children in any form of religious education; CCD in a parish, or in Catholic high schools

Source: Center for Applied Research (CARA). Published in "The Catholic Family: 21st Century Challenges in the United States" and "The U.S. Catholic Family: Demographics" CARA is a national nonprofit, Georgetown University-affiliated research center that conducts social scientific studies about the Catholic Church. For more information on CARA: [cara.georgetown.edu](http://cara.georgetown.edu) or 202-687-8080.





**REV. WILFRED J. RAYMOND, C.S.C.,**  
**PRESIDENT OF HOLY CROSS**  
**FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Prior to his current role, Fr. Willy Raymond, C.S.C., was the National Director of Family Theater Productions. Before coming to Family Theater Productions, Father Willy served most of his years as a priest as a vocation director and then as Campus Minister, Director of Residence Life and Administrator at Stonehill College. He was ordained in 1971.



In Bangladesh we have a priest who is very active, and he has a representative in all seven of the Dioceses in Bangladesh. They have implemented a lot of traditional programs, praying the rosary with lay groups in parishes, going to Marian shrines, and doing candle-light processions at night. There is very little access in Bangladesh to broadband Internet, so there's less emphasis on social media in that area, but that will come. They also have a retreat center where they do a lot of family ministry.

We've been in the Philippines for over 50 years, and we're on national television there. We have what we call "FRCs," or Family Rosary Crusade Units, in many of the parishes in the Philippines. Those units that have combined the devotion of family prayer with some of the elements from the basic Christian communities of Latin America.

We tend to be just about everywhere where Holy Cross is and even in a couple of countries where there is no Holy Cross presence, such as Uruguay and Ireland. After the University of Notre Dame and perhaps the University of Portland, we are the biggest employer of Holy Cross Religious.

In moments when I dream about where we're going, I think that the more that we can be close to families and see the difficulties that they're dealing with — single parents trying to raise families; grandparents raising children; immigrants coming to this country learning a new culture, language, etc. — the more we can bring the most powerful influence and force that we have — the presence of the living God, into their midst. I have no doubt that this, through HCFM, is one of the most important ministries of Holy Cross anywhere in the world. ✠

## Around Province

### NOTABLE MENTIONS

On Friday, September 25, 2015, **Fr. Chase Pepper, C.S.C.**, appeared on the local television show "PA Live" to discuss the activities of Pope Francis' U.S. visit. "That was when the reality of how beautiful and historic a moment this actually is kind of hit me," said Fr. Chase Pepper. "I was a little emotional and I don't get emotional easily." Fr. Chase was interviewed along with two King's College students.

**Fr. Charlie Gordon, C.S.C.**, and Karen Eifler, co-directors of the Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture, published a guest editorial in the Oregonian newspaper on September 24, 2015, during the visit of Pope Francis, under the title, "A pope with joy to bring".

**Fr. Jeff Cooper, C.S.C.**, assistant professor of theology at the University of Portland, presented his paper, "Quasi

Leprosus: Re-Reading the Conversion of St. Francis through a Girardian-Alisonian Lens" at the World of St. Francis of Assisi Conference, July 16-20, 2015, in Siena, Italy. Earlier in the summer, he presented, "I am His Descent into Hell: Merton, Metaphor and the Descent to Truer Self" at the International Thomas Merton Society 2015 Conference in Louisville, KY.

### EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

On May 22-30, 2015, **Fr. Pete McCormick, C.S.C.**, <sup>1</sup> took 20 Notre Dame Administrators on a Holy Cross Heritage Pilgrimage. The group traveled from Notre Dame to LeMans, France to visit the birthplace of Blessed Basil Moreau. **Fr. John DeRiso, C.S.C.**, the Rector of the International Shrine of Basile Moreau, led the pilgrimage which included Mass in Notre-Dame de Sainte-Croix

and a visit to the grave of Blessed Moreau.

### UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

The University of Portland Beauchamp Recreation and Wellness Center officially opened August 24, 2015. Designed to be a center of campus life, the 72,000-square foot facility includes a cardio training space, a strength and weight training area, three studios for exercise/spin classes, three gymnasiums, a rock wall, a suspended track, and an outdoor pursuits area/bike shop. The rock climbing-wall is a signature feature which was featured at the Dedication and Blessing celebrated during the Regents gathering one month later, when Laurie Kelley, <sup>2</sup> Vice President for University Relations, helped outfit **Fr. E. William Beauchamp, C.S.C.** with the appropriate gear.

### KING'S COLLEGE

**Fr. Tony Grasso, C.S.C.**, Professor of English, read his poem, selected to this year's "Poetry In Transit" (PIT) Series, at the project launch at the Barnes & Noble College Store, downtown Wilkes-Barre, on August 31. PIT highlights the work of local writers, both amateur and professional, and places poems on the Luzerne County Transportation Authority (LCTA) buses. This year's theme was "The River." Below is Fr. Grasso's poem, "Ode to the Susquehanna."

#### The Susquehanna (Lenape word for "Oyster River")

*Relentlessly you wind, snaking through  
mountains, oblivious of borders.  
Your flow unearths the layers of what  
we are, or wanted, or lost.  
You filter objects through your dual strands,  
reshaping our detritus into your pearls.*

— Fr. Tony Grasso, C.S.C., King's College

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### STONEHILL COLLEGE

Through Campus Ministry, nine Stonehill students traveled to Philadelphia for the public Mass with Pope Francis on the city's Benjamin Franklin Parkway. They joined students from King's College. According to Campus Minister **Fr. Tim Mouton, C.S.C.**, who worked with the students, "Our students saw the trip as a spiritual and prayerful journey and they were excited to hear directly from Pope Francis."

### PARISH HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH, PORTLAND, ORE.

Portland's First Lady Nancy Hales **3** spoke at the conclusion of a recent Holy Redeemer Spanish Mass about her recent trip to the Vatican and meeting the Pope. The mantilla (shawl)

she wore was borrowed from a parishioner. Mayor Hales was one of 60 from around the world invited by the Pope to discuss key issues facing large cities.

### ST. IGNATIUS MARTYR PARISH, AUSTIN **4**

St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin, Texas celebrated its 75th anniversary. The anniversary Mass was celebrated by **Bishop Joe Vásquez** on August 9, 2015. **Fr. William Wack, C.S.C.**, pastor, has events planned throughout the academic year to punctuate the parish milestone.

### MISSION HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Holy Father's visit to the U.S. for the **World Meeting of Families** was also a remark-

able opportunity for **HCFM** to further discuss how to help families come together and be strengthened through prayer. HCFM hosted a Rosary Sacred Space and a variety of other activities at the momentous World Meeting back in September. For more details on the visit from His Holiness and HCFM's presence at the meeting, visit: [www.HCFM.org/WMOF](http://www.HCFM.org/WMOF).

### INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT OF CHILE

On Friday, August 28, 2015, **Fr. Joseph E. Ahumada, C.S.C.**, Superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Chile, blessed and inaugurated a new foster home, House San Jose, located in the commune of Peñalolén in Santiago, Chile. This new home replaces a rented house and is the third Fundamor

shelter. It is home to 11 children, who require special care given situations of violence, maltreatment, abuse or neglect by their own families.

### DISTRICT OF EAST AFRICA

On Saturday, August 1, **Rev. Mr. Arnold Jawiambe, C.S.C.**, and **Rev. Mr. Linus Nviiri, C.S.C.**, **5** were ordained to the order of priesthood at St. Augustine's Institute, Kampala, Uganda, by Rt. **Fr. Robert Muhiirwa**, the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Portal. **Fr. Jawiambe** has been assigned to St. Brendan's Parish in Kitete, Tanzania, in the Diocese of Mbulu, and **Fr. Nviiri** has been assigned to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Arusha, Tanzania, in the Archdiocese of Arusha.

The District of East Africa Welcomes the **New Postulants at André House!** 13 new first



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year candidates were officially welcomed to André House of Formation on Sunday, August 16. After completing a five week orientation, the new candidates received their own copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Liturgy of the Hours breviary. They also received a medal of Saint André Bessette, patron of André House of Formation. **Fathers Ronnie Kawooya** and **Michael Mathews** concelebrated the gala Mass and **Br. Neema Evarest** anointed all in attendance with St. Joseph oil. Joining the new candidates were returning second and third year postulants and the Holy Cross Sisters candidates.

As of July 15, 2015, Holy Cross has assumed control of **Sacred Heart Parish, Sombetini, Archdiocese of Arusha**. Before the actual date, Archbishop

Josaphat Lebulu met with a team of Holy Cross and Divine Word Missionary leaders at his residence. He remarked that he once saw **Fr. Patrick Peyton** as a boy at a rosary rally in Moshi and that it had been his dream to have Holy Cross serve in his Archdiocese one day. Now the dream has become a reality.

A new boy's dormitory on Holy Cross Lake View Senior Secondary School's Musima Campus, in the diocese of Jinja, Uganda, **6** was recently completed and the boys have moved in. The campaign to build it began in 2011.

The celebration of Final Vows in Nairobi will take place at Dandora Parish on Saturday, May 21, 2016. The site for the celebration of diaconate ordinations on May 22, 2016 is still to be determined.



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Construction of the new **McCauley House of Formation** **7** in Nairobi, Kenya, is proceeding according to schedule and is roughly 35% complete. The men in formation as well

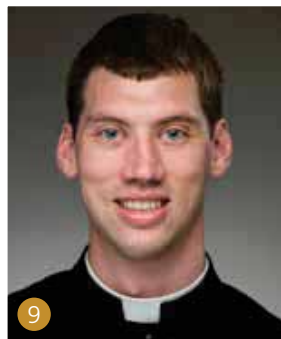
as their staff look forward to moving from their rented quarters to the new house on July 1, 2016. The date of the Dedication Ceremony is set for Saturday, October 22, 2016.

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### DISTRICT OF PERÚ

On May 11, 2015, Pope Francis appointed **Fr. Jorge Izaguirre, C.S.C.**, <sup>8</sup> Bishop Prelate of the Territorial Prelature of Chuquibamba, Perú. Many dignitaries and local authorities attended the ordination along with a large crowd of the Catholic faithful of Perú.

On October 13, 2015, Pope Francis appointed **Fr. Arthur J. Colgan, C.S.C.**, as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Chosica in Perú. Chosica is the diocese in which the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Perú is currently centered. Among other apostolates, Holy Cross administers the sprawling Lord of Hope Parish in Canto Grande, which is divided into 19 churches and chapels, serves more than 250,000 people.

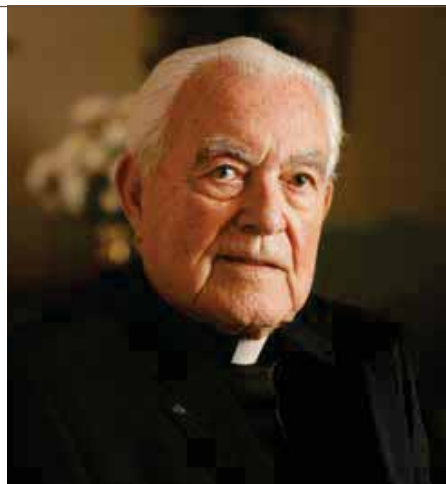
### BANGLADESH

**Fr. Frank Quinlivan, C.S.C.**, in the U.S. from the mission in Bangladesh, made a presentation to **Fr. James Banas, C.S.C.**, at Holy Cross House in July. Fr.

Banas was given, in absentia, a Bangladesh Educator award at a convocation in Dhaka organized by the Education Commission of the Bangladesh Bishop's Conference and the Dhaka Archdiocesan Education Committee. Other Holy Cross members were honored at the same convocation, including Fr. Dick Timm, C.S.C.; Fr. Ben Costa, C.S.C.; Fr. Joe Piexotto, C.S.C.; and Bishop Theotonius Gomes.

### FORMATION

**Br. Joseph DeAgostino, C.S.C.**, <sup>9</sup> entered the Old College Undergraduate Seminary Program in the fall of 2009. He completed his undergraduate studies, and entered the Holy Cross Novitiate in the summer of 2013. On April 14, 2015, Br. Joe petitioned to change from the Priests society to the Brothers society within the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province, and was joyfully accepted by the community.



## Tribute to Father Ted

In honor of Rev. Theodore "Ted" Hesburgh, C.S.C., Jay and Mary Flaherty have established a \$500,000 matching gift challenge. Every gift up to this amount made to the Tribute to Father Ted Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar. This endowment fund will be vital to supporting the education and formation of Holy Cross seminarians and in turn the future of our Church.

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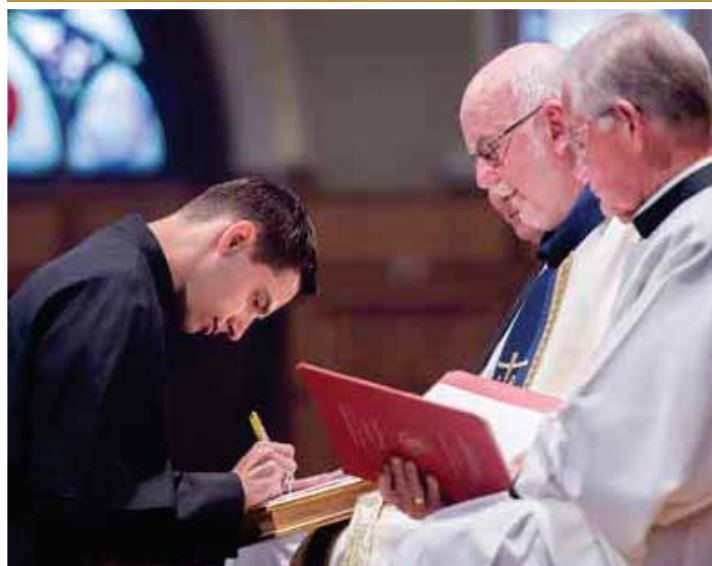


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## FINAL VOWS



On Saturday, August 29, 2015, Holy Cross celebrated the final profession of vows of Matthew E. Hovde, C.S.C. and Dennis A. Strach II, C.S.C. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame. Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C., provincial superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross, U.S. Province of Priests and Brothers, presided at the Mass and received their vows of chastity, poverty and obedience according to the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross. They were ordained to the Order of the Deacon on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015, in the Moreau Seminary Chapel by Most Rev. Daniel R. Jenky, Bishop of the Peoria Diocese. Matthew will serve his diaconate year as assistant rector of Sorin College, University of Notre Dame and in Campus Ministry, University of Notre Dame. Dennis will serve as a deacon at St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church in Austin, Texas.





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**“Lord,** along whatever road you want me to follow  
you in your footsteps, you will always find me  
**ready and willing to walk.”** *-Blessed Basil Moreau*

*Accompanied by Ugandan Postulant Emmanuel Isabirye; Notre Dame students Kelsey Longe and Patrick Couch; and host and traveling companion, Fr. Michael Matthews, C.S.C., Holy Cross Seminarians Christopher Brennan, C.S.C., Karl Romkema Jr., C.S.C., and Brogan Ryan, C.S.C., hike back to St. Brendan's parish in Kitete, Tanzania after a 45-minute trek to the hill above the parish where they could cast an eye over the entire region.*