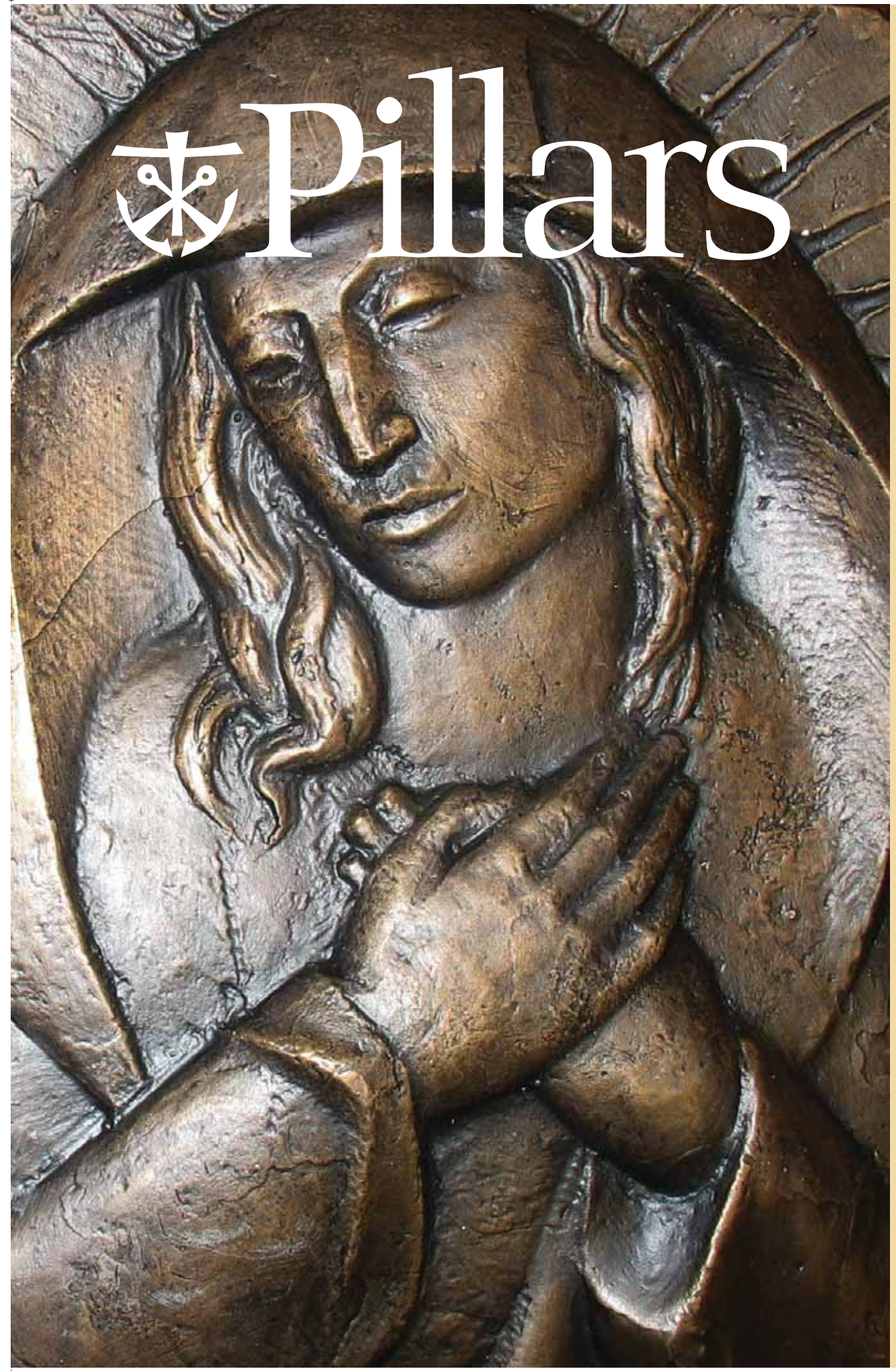




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our mission to
proclaim the
Kingdom of
God to all.



From the Provincial Superior...

Pillars Takes on a New Look

by Rev. David T. Tyson, C.S.C.

Greetings, my friends!

On behalf of my brothers in Holy Cross, I extend to you blessings and gratitude for your prayers and support which sustain and inspire our continued mission of proclaiming God's Kingdom.

I trust you noticed something distinctly different about this issue of *Pillars*. It has been completely redesigned as part of an overall communications strategy approved by the Indiana Province and under the direction of Assistant Provincial, Fr. Ed Obermiller, C.S.C. One of Fr. Ed's primary responsibilities is communication for the Province, and he is strategically re-evaluating all external and internal methods of communication to bring some consistency to each, and to add some design enhancements to make our publications inviting and "user-friendly". I think he accomplished the task with *Pillars*.

In March, the Indiana Province of Holy Cross officially launched its major fundraising campaign - *Following in the Footsteps of a Great Band of Men* - with an event held at Moreau Seminary. This event was special in many ways. It provided an opportunity to open our house of formation, home to many young men in formation, to friends and benefactors in a way we haven't before. The Holy Spirit was definitely present among all gathered as we shared the story of Holy Cross, outlined the needs of the community for the future, and invited those in attendance to walk with us in their ministry, prayers, and

through their financial support.

In the two prior issues of *Pillars*, we examined two of the three areas of focus of the *Footsteps* campaign - international missions and the education and formation of Holy Cross priests and seminarians. It is fitting that this issue highlights the remaining area - the care of elderly and retired priests and brothers. These are a great band of men whose footsteps we aspire to follow.

Fr. Jim Connelly, C.S.C., Superior of Holy Cross House, provides a great overview of the unique charism of the house and of the wonderful men who reside there. He brings to light a rather startling statistic that supports the motivation for us to more actively pursue resources necessary to care for our aging community. Since 1961, the number of members over 65 years of age has grown from 9% (52 men) to 48% (163 men). Almost half of our community is over the generally accepted age of "retirement".

Reflected in Fr. Connelly's article as well as Fr. Charlie Kohl-



erman's, C.S.C., insightful writing on what retirement means for Holy Cross, is the spirit of its priests and brothers who live as one body, in community holding up one another, united in continuing the mission of Holy Cross. They embrace their evolving roles in the Church as their bodies and minds change with age.

I'm pleased to introduce to you David and Christine Nowak who share their story of lives closely woven with Holy Cross through their special relationship with Fr. Greg Green, C.S.C., and Fr. Jim Flanigan, C.S.C. Their history spans nearly 25 years together, and captures what I hear often about Holy Cross, that we are there in good and bad, in celebration and in sorrow, present as needed.

I draw your attention to a hope-filled reflection by Fr. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C., Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, written after his recent visit to Haiti. As you know, the January 12th earthquake was responsible for the loss of an estimated 350,000 lives, and thousands of injuries. The suffering was great. Yet through the tragedy, through the pain, God's Grace was manifested in the outpouring of prayers and support for the people. Fr. Cleary reflects on Holy Cross' response to the need.

I close with my prayers for you, joined by those of my brothers in Holy Cross, for your gracious and heartfelt allegiance with the mission of Holy Cross. May God continue to inspire your days.

Long-term care is a commitment...

Retirement for Our Priests & Brothers

by Rev. Charlie Kohlerman, C.S.C.

"The footsteps of those men who called us to walk in their company left deep prints, as of men carrying heavy burdens. But they did not trudge; they strode. For they had hope. It is the Lord Jesus calling us, 'Come follow me'" (Constitutions of Holy Cross, Constitution 8, The Cross, Our Hope)

As young men who are candidates for religious life in the Congregation of Holy Cross study and learn the Constitutions, traditions, life and history of the Congregation, these are the last words we read in the Constitutions of our community. We are invited to walk in the footsteps of the men who have gone before us. We walk together learning from the "deep prints", the legacy of inspired brothers who "strode" before us. We become aware that we are instruments of God for work among his beloved people.

In our journey through lives of active ministry, the Spirit continues to unfold, but often with some difficulty. As we become more involved in our work, our prayer life and our journey with God may become less prominent and apparent as

we strive for God's people entrusted to us.

Our journey continues as we age, and we begin to realize our increasing dependence on God and the Spirit and we begin to appreciate, more fully, our need to accept a life of less active ministry, a life more fully focused on God through a ministry of prayer.

The Policy on Retirement and Aging in Place of the Indiana Province tells us that "...The manner in which each religious moves through life is unique. 'The journey begins before our profession and ends only at our resurrection.' (Constitution 6.59). There are points in the life of each religious that call for a realignment of activity and responsibility."

The policy continues; "When a religious reaches that point in life whereby his level of activity and responsibility in the apostolate needs to be altered, consideration then needs to be given to his place of residence. It is the intent of the Indiana Province to allow a religious to age gracefully in a community setting within an active apostolate. Elder religious are a

repository of knowledge, competencies, skills, and spiritual awareness that have been tested by time; tempered by experience. 'All of us are involved in the mission... those in the fullness of their strength and those held back by sickness or by age... All of us as a single brotherhood are joined in one communal response to the Lord's mission.' (Constitution 2.18) The decision to remain in an active house allows the individual to continue to contribute according to his abilities and condition to the ministry and community life.

Our journey in religious life and the priesthood offers many opportunities to minister to the people of God in the Church in a way that corresponds to our abilities and energies. As we age our focus shifts from highly demanding ministries to those which take advantage of our "knowledge, competencies, skills, and spiritual awareness that have been tested by time; tempered by experience." Our focus changes to truly reflect spiritual and ministerial maturity allowing us to mentor others with a faith that has become the true source of our nurturing and growth.

At such a maturity, we are more energized by God's love and with a deepening appreciation for the true needs of God's children we are able to assume the role of elder.

Prayer, counseling, mentoring, spiritual direction and most especially, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist have taken on a much deeper relevance in our own lives as has the need to share these gifts with others either directly or indirectly.

Hopefully at these later stages of our lives, we will discover the reality that what is truly important on our journey is "who we are becoming," and not "what we have done or accomplished." Such discovery challenges us to fully appreciate the priceless value of prayer and the tremendous gift we have to offer our prayer to all those who ask and for those who have no one to pray for them.



Fr. Joseph Browne, C.S.C., demonstrates perfect form on the chair weight lift.

Life for us elder religious and priests need not be overly somber as we discover the joy of being able to "play" and be nourished by the simple joys of life. This is a time to develop our hobbies and that "creative" side of us that has probably been stifled by our need to "produce and achieve." These are times for writing articles and books developing in us for many years.

One of the most important discoveries of our aging is that our call to serve the Lord never ceases but evolves and continues in our desire to serve God and the Church according to our abilities and circumstances.

In the later stage of our lives in Holy Cross we find ourselves working more intensely as chaplains and pastors and "elder" priests in residence in parishes and schools, more deeply involved in sacramental ministry, working in prisons, chaplains in long-term care centers, writing and publishing, consulting and

speaking, "emeritus" administrators and faculty in our educational institutions, continuing to assist in our emerging missions outside the US, and a whole host of other ministries.

When our need for medical, physical, or psychological assistance warrants, we turn to an environment of prayer and fulfillment of the Spirit, Holy Cross House. Here we accept our ultimate ministry, the ministry of prayer and of mentorship. We are now called to let go of our "active" ministry among God's beloved people, and are asked to pray for God's people, and to reflect and discern the deep meaning of the wisdom and experience that God has given us in our "active" ministry so that we can pass this along to those who follow. Our days are centered on the Eucharistic as we gather with the people of God in worship and praise. We remember those for whom and with whom we minister including our community, friends, relatives and benefactors.

Holy Cross House, is a dynamic religious home for our "elders" and others in need of special care. It is an outstanding facility where the daily needs of all of the brothers and priests are met to the degree possible. The physical, medical, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of each of our men is addressed so that we can continue the work God called us to do at the beginning of this journey.

At Holy Cross House we continue the "calling" and the journey through a focused "ministry of prayer." Here we come home to be nourished by God's presence, love, and compassion and to hear with great clarity the meaning of the words of our founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, "spes unica", "the Cross, our only Hope."

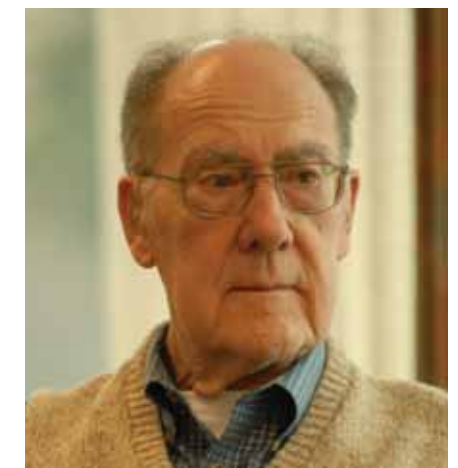
When we arrive at Holy Cross House we also find a priceless dimension of our religious life, "our family of brothers and priests." As young men we were attracted to the community life, the family life of Holy Cross. We are related to every member

of the Holy Cross House community as a "brother", and we discover our "active ministry" is in ministry to our religious family, our brothers. We read to those whose eyesight is diminishing; we open mail and cut up food for those whose hands and fingers have been crippled; we push wheelchairs for those whose legs have worn out; and ultimately, we sit and pray at the bedside of those whose journey is taking them "home" to the God who loves them with an infinite love.

Our final goal in our journey as religious and priests is given to us in this admonition from our Constitution on the Cross: "But we do not grieve as men without hope, for Christ the Lord has risen to die no more. He has taken us into the mystery and grace of this life that springs from death. If we, like him, encounter and accept suffering in our discipleship, we will move without awkwardness among others who suffer. We must be men with hope to bring. There is no failure the Lord's love cannot reverse, no humiliation he cannot exchange for blessing, no anger he cannot dissolve, no routine he cannot transfigure. All is swallowed up in victory. He has nothing but gifts to offer. *It remains only for us to find how even the cross can be borne as a gift.*" ■



Religious at Holy Cross House exercise routinely for physical, mental, and spiritual wellness.



Fr. Bob Hoffman, C.S.C., awaits instruction from the physical therapist.



Your questions answered...

Plain!Speaking

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

Did you get home to spend Christmas with your folks? Sometime in your writings (perhaps in the CSC magazine) you might discuss how a member of a religious community's loyalty to the community and his loyalty to his family both conflict and complement each other.

Jud from MI

Boy, Jud, that seems like such a simple question, but there's lots of ways to answer it. Folks will no doubt be thinking of what Jesus said: "If you are not willing to leave home, family, mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters, you cannot be my disciple."

I would suggest that one can be loyal to both his natural family and his religious community (think, for example, of a couple's relationship with their respective in-laws). The exception would be if parents oppose their son's entrance into the seminary...that does happen on occasion. The seminarian has some hard choices to make in terms of loyalty.

Conflicts can arise, however, in the area of **obligations** to one or the other. Jesus never wavered in his loyalty to his family, but at times he did have to ask them to back off for the sake of his ministry.

In religious communities such as Holy Cross, practices have changed over the years. When I entered the seminary, for example, we could go home for Christmas, Easter, and the summer. During the school year, family visits were limited. Now families can visit a seminarian at any time.

Our candidates are allowed to leave for home visits during ND's breaks, but the professed seminarians usually stay at Moreau and often have special programs unique to the professed religious life. Candidates may spend the summers however they wish, but

the professed seminarians are asked to spend the summer working at a CSC parish or institution, or taking specialized educational programs.

During novitiate year, novices are not allowed to leave the novitiate to visit families unless there is an emergency or death. That's a Canon Law requirement, and is not unique to Holy Cross. Visits and contact with families are not discouraged, but the novice is expected to be prudent in those contacts.

In my own experience, the only tension I've ever felt occurred when I served in parishes or a chaplaincy. Christmas and Easter are extraordinarily busy times for a parish priest or a chaplain, so one simply doesn't leave to spend time with family, nor can they take entire summers off. Here a sense of responsibility to the folks one serves does conflict with a desire to be with one's family. I can handle Thanksgiving and Easter OK, but Christmas...that's much harder. Christmas is all about family, after all.

Generally speaking, Holy Cross is very good about helping a religious meet family obligations. If my Mom or Dad were incapacitated, for example, and wanted to stay at home for as long as possible, the community would probably grant me the time to help with their care.

There are limits, however. As an example, I live at Fatima House on the ND campus. If a member of my family lived in South Bend, and I was at their place three or four times a week for dinner, then I would be challenged on that. The expectation is that you be with your local community.

Finally, I'm thinking of another area where family and community can sandpaper or complement

each other, but am not sure what to call it...human interaction, maybe? If Joe comes from a large family, he is probably going to do well in religious life, because he has learned to pitch in, to share, to give and take. Sam, however, may be an only child and thus somewhat spoiled – he might have a more difficult adjustment. Pete comes from a wealthy family, and might strain against the limitations imposed by the vow of poverty, whereas poor John would be in heaven by what he sees as an all-expense-paid life.

It goes the other way too. Paul, having learned to give and share, grows resentful at a lazy sibling who won't lift a finger to help out. John becomes embarrassed and shamed by his family's poverty. Charlie, having learned to communicate and share, goes nuts with his family's argumentative ways.

One's life with his natural family does have an effect on his life in religious community, and vice versa. This can be a source of real conflict for the religious, and needs to be dealt with in a life-giving way.

So, Jud, I don't see tension arising from loyalty to natural family and religious family. As long as there is reasonable balance, Holy Cross doesn't insist it be one or the other. Obligations, family background, and one's upbringing do bring tension, however, just as they would in a marriage relationship. These latter things have to be resolved, and sometimes the price can be high.

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From the Superior General...

A Story of Tragedy, Suffering, & Hope

by Rev. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C., Superior General

The January 12th earthquake in Haiti produced a story of human tragedy and suffering that continues to unfold. The people, the Catholic Church, and Holy Cross in Haiti experienced devastating losses, but in the course of the days and weeks following, hope was to be found. After a recent visit to Haiti, Fr. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C., Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, offered this reflection of gratitude to the Holy Cross family.

Easter joy and peace!

Yesterday I returned to Rome from a Holy Week visit to our Religious in Haiti. It was profoundly shocking to view the vast, extensive damage due to a 35 second earthquake. The capital city of Port-au-Prince has the appearance of a city destroyed through a prolonged period of war. Over 350,000 people lost their lives; it seems inevitable that more bodies will be discovered as the rubble is cleared.

The city is now home to thousands of tents housing those who lost almost everything they possessed. Many of these homeless refugees are living on the properties of our Holy Cross institutions

and those of the Holy Cross Sisters. We can be justly proud of their tireless efforts assisting the displaced. It will be years upon years before the horrific destruction of churches, schools, hospitals, government buildings and houses can be fully overcome. Haiti will require a prolonged, persistent commitment of outside assistance. Your generosity has brought our religious hope and encouragement. Unfortunately the suffering is so great that such aid and care will be required long into the future.

Congregational Steward Father Carl Ebey and I had the opportunity to see firsthand the destruction of so many of our Holy Cross buildings. We then held separate meetings with the Province's Mission Committee, Finance Committee and Provincial Council to discuss planning for the immediate future.

I am simply writing now to tell you how enormously grateful our Haitian Holy Cross religious are to all of you for your overwhelming outreach of prayer, love and financial assistance during their time of great need. They never tired of

expressing their gratitude during the time of our visit... Our religious in Haiti truly sense your love for them.

A poignant, heart wrenching moment came when visiting the grave where our Holy Cross religious in initial formation, Emmanuel Guillaume, was buried alive with other students when a school building collapsed over them. Emmanuel and some of the other students were still alive in the rubble immediately after the earthquake. Rescue workers report that they heard him giving prayerful words of hope to those sharing his plight. Sadly they could not be reached and rescued before they died. Emmanuel is a model for all of us in Holy Cross as we bring hope to others caring for them first and foremost before thinking of ourselves.

As we live our Easter faith in this liturgical time leading to Pentecost let us keep the suffering people of Haiti ever in our prayer and let us be intensely inspired by the hope our Holy Cross religious in Haiti bring to their countrymen and to all of us.

God bless them and all of you. ■



Haitian refugees gather outside the Basile Moreau School, owned by Holy Cross, for comfort and solidarity.

A Deeper Understanding...

Holy Cross House

by Rev. James Connelly, C.S.C.

“Old soldiers never die,” the saying goes, “they just fade away.” Holy Cross priests and brothers are mortal, but as they age, they do not just fade away. Usually, they stay on in retirement at the site of their last pre-retirement assignment. If they prefer a warmer climate, they might relocate in retirement to Casa Santa Cruz in Phoenix. If they prefer to return or stay in the Notre Dame/South Bend area, they might take up residence at Our Lady of Fatima Residence at Notre Dame. If they need medical support or assistance they come to Holy Cross House on St. Joseph’s Lake at Notre Dame.

Opened in 1934 as the Community Infirmary with 16 residents, Holy Cross House moved into a new building on the same site in August 1961, a building that was totally renovated and expanded in 1998-99. When the 1961 building was opened, 52 members of the Indiana Province, 9 percent of the membership, were over 65 years of age. The oldest man was 85, 7 others were in their 80s, and 27 were in their 70s. In March 2010, 163 members of the province, 48 percent of

the membership, are over 65, the oldest of whom at 93 is Father Ted Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame from 1952 to 1987. Six others are in their 90s, 49 in their 80s and 74 are in their 70s.

Today Holy Cross House is home to 43 permanent residents. In addition, other men come for a time as they deal with injuries or recover from surgery. Holy Cross House has a full-time nursing staff headed by Margaret Lammers, RN, a physical therapist, Mary Pat Russ, and an activities therapist, Patty Piechocki. There is a housekeeping staff under the direction of Dina Cruz and the dining room is served by the Notre Dame Food Service under the supervision of Jackie Coleman.

While age and illness may restrict their activities, the residents of Holy Cross House are not exactly fading away. To mention a few, Father Hesburgh goes every afternoon where he answers mail and receives visitors. Brother James Larkofka continues his work of many years as director of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Lourdes. Fathers Joseph Browne



Fr. Paul Wendel, C.S.C., enjoys the annual “Mardi Gras” party at Holy Cross House.

and James Blaes cover confessions and daily Mass at the Chapel of Faith, Hope and Charity in downtown South Bend. In all seasons, Brother Robert Ewald faithfully supplies the numerous bird feeders along the north shore of St. Joseph’s Lake. Father William Melody serves as the unofficial assistant pastor of St. Mary’s Parish in Niles, Michigan, as he has for more than twenty years. Father Andrew Sebesta works at the Notre Dame Library and provides Sunday Mass for the residents of Holy Cross Care and Rehabilitation Center. Father Timothy O’Connor serves as associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame. Father Leroy Clementich offers Mass at the graduate student residence at Notre Dame. Others serve as spiritual directors and spiritual friends to people in the South Bend area.

Above all, Holy Cross House is a religious house of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The residents gather daily for communal morning and evening prayer and for daily Mass. Three meals a day are taken together in the dining room and other rhythms of the common life in a religious community are observed. The Kentucky colonels, Father James Connelly and Charles Lavelly, serve as superior and assistant superior.

Visitors to Holy Cross House are always welcome, especially those who have known and labored with the residents in the latter’s more active days. ■



Fr. José Martelli, C.S.C., celebrates Mass with the men at Holy Cross House

Around *the* Province

Notre Dame/South Bend

Congratulations to Rev. Edward A. “Monk” Malloy, C.S.C., on the publication of his new book, *Monk’s Tale: The Pilgrimage Begins* published by the University of Notre Dame Press. This is the first of what is planned to be three volumes of his autobiography and it covers his life from birth to his earning a doctorate in Christian Ethics at Vanderbilt University.

Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C., also has a new book out: *Democratic Governance in Latin America* which he co-edited with Scott Mainwaring. It is available from Stanford University Press, www.sup.org.

Praying From The Heart Of Holy Cross Spirituality written by Bro. Joel Giallanza, C.S.C., has recently been released from Ave Maria Press. This book of meditations is the first popular presentation of the spirituality of Blessed Basil Moreau. It is a month’s worth of morning and evening reflections with the key themes of Holy Cross spirituality – trust in God’s providence, faith, persistence in prayer, charity, and hope in the cross.

Several Holy Cross priests have recently had articles featured in various publications. Rev. Robert Nogosek, C.S.C., has an article in *Emmanuel* magazine, “The Identity of the Vatican II Priest.” Rev. John Ford, C.S.C., has an article in *Ecumenical Trends*, “Immigration Ministry: An Ecumenical Opportunity?” Rev. Bruce Cecil, C.S.C., has published an article, “Parish Revival” in the December 21, 2009 issue of *America*.

Rev. Leroy Clementich, C.S.C., was featured recently in *General Aviation Serves America* magazine. Fr. Clementich spent many years ministering in Alaska. The article highlights how he, another priest, and Archbishop Francis Hurley were the only Catholic clergy who

were able to fly single-engine planes in Alaska making it possible for them to minister to people in many remote areas.

There are nearly 200 million people worldwide who have been displaced from their homelands by wars, genocide, famine, natural catastrophes, and collapsed or withering economies, according to Rev. Daniel Groody, C.S.C., assistant professor of theology and director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture in the University of Notre Dame’s Institute for Latino Studies. Fr. Groody was one of seven academic experts selected to participate in the Vatican’s sixth World Congress on the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees, Nov. 9th - 12th in Rome.

The United States Fencing Coaches Association (USFCA), a member of the Academic D’Armes Internationale, has conferred the title of “Fellow of the USFCA” on Rev. Lawrence Calhoun, C.S.C., He is the first to receive this award. This honor recognizes his more than 40 years of dedicated service to USFCA, including 26 years as the awards chairman, 22 years as NCAA Championship statistician, and coaching excellence during all those years. Fr. Calhoun has coached at Notre Dame High School in Niles, Illinois; LeMans Academy, Rolling Prairie, Indiana; Culver Military Academy; Chaminade College; and the University of Notre Dame.

In April, Rev. Kevin Grove, C.S.C., and Rev. Gerry Olinger, C.S.C., were ordained to the priesthood. Fr. Kevin is assigned to Saint Joseph Parish, South Bend, and Fr. Gerry to the University of Portland. Congratulations to Fr. Kevin and Fr. Gerry!

Portland

Ring Out Your Joy, an album produced by the University of Portland

and celebrating the new campus bell tower has been released. The album features 15 tracks of music, all of which are performed by members of the University community and several of which are written by campus ministry associate director of music Maureen Briare. The album was recorded in the Chapel of Christ Teacher on campus and features the voices and musical talents of over 100 members of the University community – faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends. All songs feature bells, and the actual sounds of the bell tower can be heard interspersed throughout the recording.

Phoenix

In early January, André House celebrated 25 years of service to the homeless of Phoenix. Rev. Eric Schimmel, C.S.C., current director, invited all the former directors as well as many others to a three-day celebration. At the concluding Mass, a plaque was presented to Bro. Richard Armstrong, C.S.C., recognizing his 23 years of ministry. What began as a single meal on Christmas night in 1984 has become a ministry which serves evening meals six nights a week to an average of 600 people a night. In addition, other services have evolved over the years in response to the needs of guests and the community.

Other News

Blessed Brother André Bessette, C.S.C., the “Miracle man of Montreal,” will be canonized – officially declared a saint – in a ceremony to be held October 17, 2010. Blessed Brother André was a religious brother of the Congregation and will be the first member of the Holy Cross order to be canonized. The cause for sainthood began in 1940 and culminates in the ceremony in Rome in October.

Their life in ministry...

Four Religious Reflect

Reflection No. 1: An interview

Fr. Ted Hesburgh, C.S.C.

Q: How long have you been living at Holy Cross House?

A: I've lived at Holy Cross House about 4 years now I guess.

Q: Tell me a little bit about life at HCH?

A: Any religious community would be lucky to have something like Holy Cross House, but most don't. It's an absolute gem. And, it's a community house, like any other that we live in. When I moved from Corby - where I spent 40 or 50 years of my life - the transition was rather easy, as the days are spent in similar fashion. We pray together, we go off and do our jobs, whatever that may entail for us, and we share meals together.

Q: What were your initial thoughts when it was time to move to HCH?

A: Well, nobody likes to think of retiring. But the care is first class and professional. And the days haven't been so different from some of the days I had at Corby; except the company is a little older.

Q: What would you describe as being the greatest assets of the house?

A: The men. They are a living memory or representation of what the Congregation of Holy Cross is all about. There are men there who have spent years in foreign missions, such as Africa, Bangladesh, Peru, Chile, and others. There are men who gave their lives to parish ministry. And others like me who spent most of their time involved in education. The stories these men can tell are incredible.

Q: What do you do to stay active?

A: As I mentioned, we live in community together and pray together. The chapel at Holy Cross House is set up to accommodate men who are in wheelchairs, men with walkers, and we are all active in our



prayer. I still head to the office daily. Most weeks I'll give 2 or 3 talks to students or professional groups that come to campus. Though I suffer from macular degeneration, I have people who help me keep up with world news by reading the *New York Times* and other periodicals. I get letters every day, and we work hard in this office to reply and get something back out the same day. It's a full life, and I'm grateful that I came to Holy Cross. It's a wonderful family, and many of my best friends in life are Holy Cross religious.

Other Notes / Quotes:

I feel close to Moreau, our founder, when I'm on this campus. I'm practically sitting at his desk. We're an aging community, and so our needs at Holy Cross House are increasing.

Reflection No. 2: Serving for 50 years

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

He has been a Holy Cross Brother since 1950, and has resided at Holy Cross House since 2005. Prior to becoming a Holy Cross Brother, Br. James served in the Army and went on to work at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, Illinois. Br. James has run the Lourdes Confraternity since 1970, continuing a legacy of distributing water from Lourdes, France begun by Fr. Edward Sorin in 1876.

Since 1970, the Lourdes Confraternity



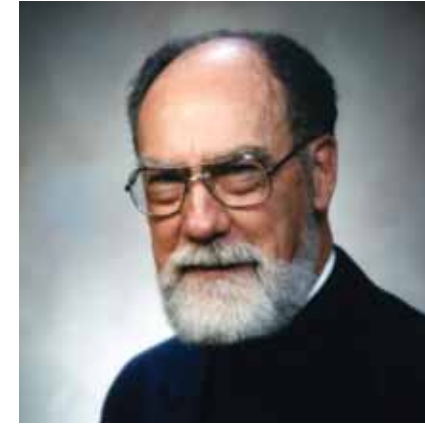
has grown to offer not only Lourdes water, but to facilitate Mass intention requests and candle lighting at the Grotto on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Br. James is an avid Cubs fan and will be celebrating his 60th Jubilee this year. Of the many blessings for which Br. James expresses his gratitude, first and foremost are the Holy Cross priests and brothers who have helped him throughout his consecrated years.

Reflection No. 3: Dedication in healing

Fr. Robert Hoffman, C.S.C.

In 2005 I developed a sore on my left foot that would not heal. The nurses here at Holy Cross House disliked changing the dressing on my wound because they could see how excruciating the pain was at these times. Ultimately the doctors at the Wound Healing Center informed me that only the amputation of my foot would stop the pain.

For me the decision was easy: the pain in my foot was so extreme at times. I discussed the matter with our Physical Therapist Mary Pat Russ. I did the same with Dr. Neumann and Fr. Charlie, and confirmed my decision to have the amputation. Although later I was told that I had been informed that after the amputation I might not be able to walk again, I don't remember that element. Probably I ignored it as I had great confidence in



Mary Pat's rehab skills. In 2002 she had brought me from the paralysis of a stroke to the ability to drive a car again.

After the amputation, as my surgeon had assured me, I felt no more pain.

There was a set-back, however. A small portion of the scar broke open when the staples were removed. To hasten the healing it was recommended that I take daily two hour hypobaric oxygen treatments. After a month and a half the wound healed and I was fitted with a prosthesis. With Mary Pat's skill and encouragement I was able to walk again. Occasionally I preside at our Community Mass using a walker.

Without doubt I got the best medical care. Above all the dedication of our nursing and physical therapy departments made recovery possible.

Deo gratias!

Reflection No. 4: Caring & Compassion

Fr. LeRoy Clementich, C.S.C.

"Geez, I wonder what it would be like living in that house?" That house, of course, being Holy Cross House. Those thoughts crossed my mind as a young, self-assured twenty five year old seminarian living in another century. Me!

In my thoughtful hubris it never occurred to me that some day I might, indeed, live in that house when I reached the mature age of wisdom and discern-



ment, but also the age of physical weakness, confusion, despair and sometimes tears...yes in that house, Holy Cross House.

So, it has, indeed, happened in the 8th decade of my life. However, long gone are the fears of living with a "bunch of old guys," some that do not think like I do, feel like I do about life and happiness, spirituality, pain, and insecurity. For two years I have lived happily in "this house" I once so grimly feared.

Given realities of age and infirmity it was the most fortunate decision I ever made. Here, I listen to the lives and stories of my brothers whom I have not seen since seminary, and yes, here I also face death up close.

Here, I see how the Congregation of Holy Cross cares for its men who have spent years in the service of the Kingdom. Here, I am faced each day with the infirmities of others, but also their peace, humor and laughter. Without doubt, this is the happiest house in the C.S.C. community.

Do we always "get along" with each other? No! Do we sometimes rub up against each other's feelings? Sure! Are we always at peace? No! Nonetheless, it is a house where we can literally bear each other's pain and share each other's joys. It is a house where I have found community in the deepest sense. I hope the boss never sends me anywhere else. ■

Planned Giving

For decades, Holy Cross, has been blessed with a number of estate gifts from friends and family whose values and faith mirror that of Holy Cross. The size and impact of these gifts have been substantial, and have been foundational in sustaining and growing the work of Holy Cross.

In recognition of the past, present, and future support through planned gifts, the Indiana Province has formalized its planned giving program under the title, *Associates of Our Lady*, a title fitting to Holy Cross through its patroness, and to planned giving donors whose fiat, or yes, creates transformational resources supporting Holy Cross ministries.

A basic definition of a planned gift is a gift in which a donor makes arrangement during his or her lifetime with the benefit to Holy Cross realized at some point in the future. Examples include bequests, life insurance, and gifts that produce income to the donor, such as charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts.

Donors who create or have created a planned gift legacy with Holy Cross will be members of the *Associates of Our Lady*, the benefits of which are many, and include the opportunity to participate in an annual gathering with other *Associates of Our Lady* members.

Associates of Our Lady will be featured in future issues of *Pillars*, but for more information, or to discuss a planned gift with Holy Cross, or to alert Holy Cross of an existing planned gift, please call, write, or email using the contact information below.

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A Special Couple

During the March 25th *Footsteps Campaign* dinner at Moreau Seminary, two very special friends of Holy Cross were honored for their lifetime contributions to Holy Cross.

Art and Pat Decio, instrumental in advancing the work of Holy Cross for decades, were recognized by Fr. David T. Tyson, C.S.C., on behalf of the entire Holy Cross community.

Fr. Tyson described the Decio's philanthropy in saying, "Art and



Pat embody the ideal of Christian stewardship, and at the same time, represent the Holy Cross vision of lay collaboration in its mission."

Fr. Tyson presented Art and Pat with a personalized copy of the *Liturgy of the Hours*, the book of daily prayer used by all consecrated religious in the Catholic Church. Fr. Tyson assured Art and Pat that in using the *Liturgy of the Hours*, they are further in union with Holy Cross, embraced by the daily prayers and reflections of its members.

In addition, the Decio's were named first inductees into "The Cross, Our Hope" society, honoring lifetime giving to Holy Cross. The newly created stewardship initiative provides the opportunity for Holy Cross to gratefully and permanently recognize donors whose lifetime contributions fall into one of four levels, with the Decio's philanthropy to Holy Cross at the highest level. Formal plans for the construction of a stewardship plaza are forthcoming.

Donor interview...

David and Chris Nowak

In 1986, Christine Nowak departed from the familiar landscape of New York to assume a pioneering position as a non-religious rector of a residence hall at the University of Notre Dame. Uncertain as to the specific responsibilities her new job would include, Chris arrived with a determination to lend her talents to the young women residing at Lewis Hall.

One expectation of her new role was caring for the spiritual life of the hall residents, and central to the spiritual life of the residence was the Mass. While a lifelong Catholic, Chris faithfully participated in the Mass, but never had to plan for the Mass. As rector, she was charged with the task of arranging celebrants. With little more than a directory of Holy Cross priests at Notre Dame, Chris made a series of calls to find help. Among the first to extend a welcome and a helping hand was Fr. Greg Green, C.S.C., and shortly after, Fr. Jim Flanigan, C.S.C.

Little did Chris know that from this point forward, her life would be intimately linked with Fr. Greg, Fr. Jim, and with Holy Cross.

Through changes in her work and career, Holy Cross was there.

In her marriage to David in 1994, Holy Cross was there.

In times of crisis and loss, Holy Cross was there.

In travels to Sicily, Rome, and East Africa, Holy Cross was there.

In daily joys and celebrations, Holy Cross was there.

And without question, Holy Cross will be present to Chris and David in the future.

Their twenty-four year history has been transformational in ways neither expected. While difficult to summarize a story whose end is yet written, David and Chris reflect upon their time with Holy Cross with genuine gratitude and thanksgiving.

It is in this spirit that David and Chris chose to honor their relationship with Fr. Greg and Fr. Jim through a multi-year



Top image (left to right): Fr. Jim Flanigan, C.S.C., Chris Nowak, David Nowak, and Fr. Greg Green, C.S.C., at the Nowak wedding in 1994. Bottom image (left to right): Fr. Greg Green, C.S.C., Chris Nowak, David Nowak, and Fr. Jim Flanigan, C.S.C., in 2010.

financial commitment to Holy Cross, through the *Footsteps Campaign*. Acknowledging that no monetary figure can represent what these two priests mean to David and Chris, it is but one concrete gesture of appreciation they felt called to make.

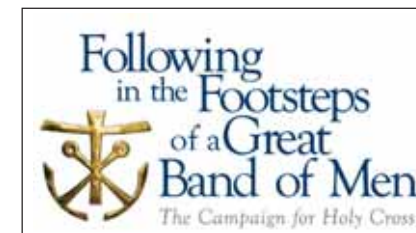
Fr. Greg and Fr. Jim attest that David and Chris have given as much as each has received. The Constitutions of Holy Cross state, "And, as in every work in our mission, we find that we ourselves stand to learn much from those whom we are called to teach" (Mission:16). Through their ongoing friendship with David and Chris, Fr. Greg and Fr. Jim have learned much, and are equally grateful for the many blessings shared.

There is no greater comfort in life than the assurance of God's Grace. For David and Chris, a genuine manifestation of God's loving presence is found in Fr. Greg and Fr. Jim and the charism they own through Holy Cross. Past, present, and future, David and Chris are assured Fr. Greg, Fr. Jim, and Holy Cross, will be there. ■

The goal is \$6.5 million...

The Campaign for Holy Cross

Following in the *Footsteps of a Great Band of Men*, the campaign for Holy Cross, officially debuted on March 25th, 2010 at an event held at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, Indiana.



More than 300 guests and religious convened for Mass and dinner to share in the story of Holy Cross, to understand the financial challenges facing the Holy Cross community, and to offer their commitment of prayerful and financial support through the *Footsteps Campaign*.

Fr. David T. Tyson, C.S.C., Provincial Superior, along with Mr. John Rosenthal, Regional Events Chairman, and Ms. Kathy Beeler, South Bend Event Chair, announced the goal of the campaign as \$6.5 million, of which nearly \$3.2 million has been committed to date. Gifts and pledges have been received through the individual leadership phase of the campaign, and from events, similar to the Mass and dinner at Moreau Seminary, in locations including Naperville, Illinois; Bonita Springs, Florida; Asheville, North Carolina; Portland, Oregon; and Cleveland, Ohio. Additional event cities are planned for the future.

On behalf of the community of Holy Cross, Fr. Tyson expressed his gratitude to the 150 plus families who have demonstrated their support of Holy Cross to-date through their generous and heartfelt commitments. With just another 150 similar commitments, the goal of the campaign would nearly be met.

The *Footsteps Campaign* was launched to proactively meet anticipated financial needs of the Indiana Province. The three areas, or pillars, in which the Province is seeking support include *vocations and for-*

mation, that being recruiting, housing, and educating future generations of Holy Cross priests and brothers, and providing for the advanced education of professed religious.

The Indiana Province recognized that within 5 to 7 years, its financial reserves for the education of Holy Cross seminarians and professed religious will diminish to virtually zero. The Indiana Province expends nearly \$2 million annually for both undergraduate and advanced degrees which are necessary to insure the continued and vibrant presence of Holy Cross as educators at the University of Notre Dame and the University of Portland, and to prepare priests and brothers to best serve the Church and its faithful.

A second pillar is *international missions* with a particular focus on the work of Holy Cross in the growing region of East Africa and in Mexico. The growth of the Church and of Holy Cross in East Africa, an area with very limited internal financial resources for ministry, will best be supported by an endowment to underwrite the day-to-day operations of Holy Cross in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Mexico offers tremendous hope for religious vocations, but outside of spon-

sorship by the Indiana Province, has no financial support. The campaign will assist the formation program in Mexico with facility improvements and endowment for ongoing formation needs.

The third pillar is the *care of elder and retired religious*. The Indiana Province expends approximately \$2 million each year for the care of its members residing at Holy Cross House, with few external sources of funding. The overall retirement fund for Holy Cross is expected to fall short some \$7 million within 3 to 4 years. Serving those who served with quality care is a priority of the Indiana Province.

To learn more of the campaign and its priorities, visit the *Following in the Footsteps of a Great Band of Men* website at www.footstepscampaign.com. At the site, you will also be able to watch the compelling campaign video, download the campaign brochure, and learn how you can help advance the work of Holy Cross. To discuss volunteer opportunities, your gift to the *Footsteps Campaign*, or ask questions, contact the Office of Development, toll free, at 877-631-1539 or email at info@footstepscampaign.com. ■



Over 300 gather for the opening Mass in the Moreau Seminary Chapel, March 25. Fr. David T. Tyson, C.S.C., Provincial Superior, presides, accompanied by 35 concelebrants.

Our Five Pillars

- Appropriate Stewardship of the Gifts We Receive
- Formation and Education of our Brothers
- Ministry to the Poor and Oppressed in the United States and Abroad
- Care for Our Elder and Infirm Brothers
- Ongoing Facility Requirements to Serve our Mission

- I would like more information about the Priests of Holy Cross, Indiana Province (please specify):
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