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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 35 (32 men) to 46 (43 men). Almost half of our community is over the generally accepted age of “retirement”. Reflecting in Fr. Connelly’s article as well as Fr. Charlie Kohlerman’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 Flanagan, 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.

From the Provincial Superior...

Pillars Takes on a New Look

by Rev. David T. Tyson, C.S.C.
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 tread them slowly. For they had hope. It is the Lord Jesus calling us, ‘Come follow me’” (Constitutions of Holy Cross, Constitution 7. 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 6.5a). 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 1.28). 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 seek and for those who have no one to pray for them.

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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 working and praying as we wish 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 bear 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 transcend. 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.”

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By: Rev. Charlie Kohlerman, C.S.C.
Did you get home to spend Christ- mas with your folks? Sometimes in your writings (perhaps in the CSC magazine) you might discuss how a member of a religious commu- nity’s loyalty to the community and his loyalty to his family both con- flict and complement each other. Jud from Mt.

Boy, that seems like such a simple question, but there’s lots of ways to answer it. I’d say there 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 en- trance into the seminary, that does happen on occasion. The semi- narian 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 ex- ample, 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 visit for home visits during ND’s breaks, but the professed semi- narians usually stay at Moreau and often have special programs unique to the professed religious life. Candidates may spend the sum- mers however they wish, but the professed seminarians are asked to spend the summer work- ing at a CSC parish or institution, or taking specialized educational programs.

During novitiate year, novices are not allowed to leave the novi- tiate 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 re- ligious 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 these 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 limita- tions imposed by the vow of pov- erty, 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 embar- rassed and shamed by his family’s poverty. Charlie, having learned to communicate and share, goes nuts with his family’s argumen- tative 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 con- flict for the religious, and needs to be dealt with in a life-giving way. So, I don’t see tension aris- ing 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 back- ground, and one’s upbringing do bring tension, however, just as they would in a marriage relation- ship. 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 from Rome to a Holy Week visit to our Religious in Haiti. It was profoundly shocking to view the vast, extensive damage due to the 7.3 second earthquake. The capital city of Port-au-Prince has the appearance of a city destroyed through a prolonged period of war. Over 250,000 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 are religious 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, govern- ment buildings and houses can be fully overcome. Haiti will require a prolonged, persistent commitment of outside as- sistance. Your generosity has brought our religious hope and encouragement. Un- fortunately the suffering is so great that such aid and care will be required long into the future.

Congregational Steward Father Carl Eby and I had the opportunity to see first- hand the destruction of so many of our Holy Cross buildings. We then held sep- arate 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 build- ing 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 saying 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 litur- gical 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 country- men and to all of us.

God bless them and all of you.
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 1974 as the Community Infirmary with 46 residents, Holy Cross House moved into a new building on the same site in August 1981, a building that was totally renovated and expanded in 1998-99. When the 1991 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 80s, 49 in their 70s and 24 are in their 60s.

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 Sarnn, RN, a physical therapist, Mary Pat Russ, and an activities therapist, Patty Paczochki. 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 to his office in the Notre Dame Library every afternoon where he answers mail and receives visitors. Brother James Le-kokla continues his work of many years as director of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Lourdes.

and James Blues cover confessions and daily Mass at the Chapel of Faith, Hope and Charity in downtown South Bend. In all seasons, Brother Robert Ewald...to his ordination in 1966 in San Francisco.

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

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Congratulations to Fr. Edward A. "Mork" Malloy, C.S.C., on the publication of his new book, Monk’s Tale: The Pilgrimage Be- gins 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.

Thomas 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.

Guests at Holy Cross House are always welcome, especially those who have known and labored with the residents in the latter's more active days.
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 then 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 live 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.

Reflection No. 2: Serving for 50 years
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. Neuman 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 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. LeRoy Clementich, C.S.C.

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 patronage, and to planned giving donors whose spirit, or yes, creates transformational resources supporting Holy Cross ministries.

A basic definition of a planned gift is a gift in which a donor makes an 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 the contact information below.

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 patronage, and to planned giving donors whose spirit, or yes, creates transformational resources supporting Holy Cross ministries.
During the March 25th Footsteps Campaign dinner at Moroau 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. Tyson described the Deccios' 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 Deccios 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 Decios’ name being the first inductee.

Over 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 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 community leadership phase of the campaign, and events, similar to the Mass and dinner at Moroau Seminary, in locations including Naperville, Illinois; Bonita Springs, Florida; Asheville, North Carolina; Portland, Oregon; and Cleveland, Ohio. Additional events are planned for the future.

During the March 25th dinner, 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 formation, 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 spends 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 Holy Cross in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Mexico offers tremendous hope for religious vocations, but outside of substantial 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 expression 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 we are called to teach.” Mission is life. 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

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- Appropriate Stewardship of the Gifts We Receive
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