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The "Cross and Anchors" - The Emblem of Holy Cross

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- ◆ Notre Dame High School

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- ◆ Arizona
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- ◆ Indiana
- ◆ Oregon

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- ◆ In the Printed Word through Ave Maria Press
- ◆ Campus Ministries
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- ◆ Holy Cross Association
- ◆ Holy Cross Associates

International Ministries

- ◆ Bangladesh
- ◆ East Africa
- ◆ Chile



My dear friends in Christ,

This summer, many priests and brothers of the Indiana Province came together, as we do every three years, for

the Province Chapter, our meeting to review the immediate past and to plan our immediate future. We are still in the process of finalizing the legislation, recommendations, and decrees resulting from the Chapter and will share the highlights with you as they become available.

While busy with the Chapter, wonderful news regarding the beatification of our founder, Venerable Basil Anthony Mary Moreau, C.S.C., came from the Vatican. In all likelihood Fr. Moreau's beatification will take place in 2007 in Le Mans, France, the birthplace of our Congregation. In preparation for this historic occasion, the entire Holy Cross community joins in a year of *Rejoicing and Spiritual Renewal*. It's an opportunity for us to celebrate the heritage of Holy Cross and renew our charismatic legacy that began with Fr. Moreau and continues through the priests, brothers, and sisters who make up the Holy Cross family.

Fr. Moreau was a visionary, a fact poignantly evident in his lasting work in Christian Education. This issue of **PILLARS** looks more closely at his philosophy and how Holy Cross, to this day, continues a tradition in Christian Education faithful to our founder while deeply forming those served by it.

During my years as President of the

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University of Portland, I spent countless hours in the Chapel of Christ the Teacher, aptly named for the One who gave us a model for all life instruction. Repeatedly, being present in that Chapel, I was reminded of the role Holy Cross readily assumes as teachers, as educators in the faith. With gratitude I would acknowledge Fr. Moreau for his understanding of Christ, the Teacher, and for instilling in our Congregation a passion to share this teaching with others.

Today, through the educational ministries of the Indiana Province, which range from parish elementary schools to universities, Holy Cross priests and brothers continue to follow Fr. Moreau's philosophy, "An education that is complete is one in which the hands and heart are engaged as much as the mind. We want to let our students try their learning in the world and so make prayers of their educations."

Fr. David Sherrer, C.S.C. shares the story of Holy Cross in higher education in the following pages, while Fr. Michael Mathews, C.S.C. reflects on our role in elementary schools. You will also read of Fr. Paul Kollman, C.S.C. who has integrated his desire for intellectual pursuit with his hunger for Christian truth and service. Fr. Paul's story captures the importance of ongoing education for Holy Cross as a community. In addition to these features, I'm pleased to share the wonderful story of one family's commitment to see a vocation in Holy Cross realized, along with an announcement on the official Indiana Province website, www.cscip.org.

I close with the following thought: The role of "educators in the faith" is one we all share. For Holy Cross, it often takes place in institutions of learning, in parishes, in witness to the poor and infirmed. For you, it may take the shape of a life well lived, in volunteer service, in weekly worship. Whenever and however we educate, we are forever mindful of our greatest Teacher who we know in scripture and through those we encounter daily.

Please remember us in your prayers and know that you are continually in ours.

(Rev.) David T. Tyson, C.S.C.
Provincial Superior

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Fulfilling a Vocation - One Family's Journey

■ The Story of the Lanspa Family's Vocation to Holy Cross



The late Donald and Victoria Lanspa

Eight year-old Maurice Amen would ride his bicycle across the small Western Nebraska town of Scottsbluff to go to church. Born into a poor German Lutheran family who didn't attend church, Maury was convinced he needed religion in his life and ventured off on his own to find it.

At the age of 14, Maury became a Roman Catholic and went to see his parish priest to talk about a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Maury knew he wanted to be part of a religious community of priests, so his local parish priest arranged for Maury to meet Mr. Donald Lanspa, a parishioner and local businessman who had a son attending the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. Lanspa was familiar with the Priests of Holy Cross through his son's enrollment at Notre Dame and shared what he could about Holy Cross with Maury. Realizing that Maury's family had no money to send him to college, Mr. Lanspa called a Holy Cross priest he met while accompanying his son to Notre Dame the year before, Fr. Ted Hesburgh. Mr. Lanspa explained the situation to Fr. Hesburgh and sought his advice as to what could be done to pay the tuition for Maury and see his vocation to the priesthood realized.

An agreement was reached. Mr. Lanspa would pay the first two years of tuition for Maury and the Priests of Holy Cross would cover the rest. With that, Maury was enrolled at Notre Dame for the fall semester of 1952.

The Lanspa family was not wealthy and sending two young men to college was a stretch financially, but it was a commitment not unlike many Don Lanspa and his family would make to care for others. Don Lanspa and his family were genuinely loving, deeply faithful and filled with Christian desire to serve others.

As generous as Mr. Lanspa was in paying Maury's tuition, he went even further. When Maury needed to travel, Mr. Lanspa paid the way. When Maury lost three of his front teeth, Mr. Lanspa covered the dental expenses. He made sure Maury had what he needed to be successful at Notre Dame and in his pursuit of his vocation.

Maury successfully completed his studies at Notre Dame, was ordained as a Holy Cross priest in 1961, and received an advanced degree in Canon Law. He is still, at nearly 72 years of age, active in teaching.

Just a few years ago, Fr. Maury had the opportunity to celebrate Mass for the Notre Dame Class of 1955. Present at the Mass was Don Lanspa's son. Fr. Maury publicly and gratefully acknowledged the generosity of the Lanspa family for their instrumental role in fulfilling his religious vocation. "Had it not been for the Lanspa family, I would not have become a Holy Cross priest".



Fr. Maurice Amen, C.S.C. and Don Lanspa, '55, reunited in 1998

Since that time, Don (Class of '55) and Barbara Lanspa, son and daughter-in-law of Don Lanspa, established the *Lanspa Family Seminarian Scholarship Fund* through the University of Notre Dame. The fund, not yet fully endowed, honors Don Lanspa and the entire Lanspa family, and perpetuates the Lanspa legacy of support begun with a young man from Scottsbluff, Nebraska in 1952. Eventually, the *Lanspa Family Seminary Scholarship Fund* will support the Holy Cross formation program long into the future, and will help future "Fr. Maury's" realize their religious vocation.

Editor's note: If you would like to make a financial gift to help fully endow the fund so it will support priestly formation soon, your support is greatly appreciated. Please send your tax deductible donation, payable to the University of Notre Dame for the Lanspa Family Seminary Scholarship to: University of Notre Dame Office of Development, 1100 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Or, if you would like to learn more of the Lanspa Family Seminary Scholarship Fund or have a similar story to share, please contact the Office of Development at 574/631-6731 or by email at indcsdv@nd.edu.

We Will Not Cultivate the Mind at the Expense of the Heart: Holy Cross' Educational Tradition - Higher Education

■ Rev. Charles David Sherrer, C.S.C.

It is not surprising that well over a hundred years after Fr. Basil Moreau sent his religious into the forests of North America that his followers discovered that he had expressly anticipated a certain dualism would exist in Holy Cross institutions of higher education.

The “education of the heart as well as the mind,” as Fr. Moreau put it, has become an appropriate expression of what Holy Cross experiences as its mission—a mission of intent beyond mere arbitrary decision. Holy Cross religious working in the college and university setting seem to follow instinctively the founder’s direction as they answer the call to prepare students of faith and of wisdom for the human lives to which their Creator calls them.



The University of Notre Dame, established in 1842

Education was close to the heart of Fr. Moreau. It was intrinsic to the mission of the religious community he was founding in the first half of the nineteenth century, first in France, and then in spots across the world. As the world grew and changed in those days, Fr. Moreau and many other religious leaders became conscious of the needs of the growing middle class. He and others saw both the practical needs of the young to be prepared for a world in which they would make their living and the spiritual needs of those who were going to survive with faith in a modern world that increasingly relied on science and commerce.

The arrival of Holy Cross in North America in the 1840’s may be seen as an act of Providence. The anchor of Holy Cross potential was plunged deeply in the power of education, first at elementary and secondary levels and, soon enough, at higher levels. This resource proved helpful both in its primary purpose of preparing the young for responsibilities and professions they would assume in mature life and also in the vision it gave to ministries aimed more directly at immediate spiritual and social needs.

Holy Cross, by and large, went where it was called in the United States—to Indiana, to New Orleans, to Oregon, to Pennsylvania—and tried to meet the various needs it found in the Catholic communities of those places. And, more and more, Holy Cross was asked to bring its educational charism, born in a boarding school outside Le Mans, France, and carried and transformed by the original vision of its founder.

The emergence of post-secondary education, first at Notre Dame, but soon at other locations (some of which had later to be abandoned) sprang, no doubt, from the need to prepare teachers and leaders in other professions. Notre Dame was never heavily influenced by the national technical approaches that finally took the form of schools of education in the United States. Holy Cross religious seem to have been more strongly tied to the disciplines and specializations that were emerging in the latter half of the nineteenth century and which would finally make their appearance in graduate schools and specialized schools.



*Chapel of Christ the Teacher
University of Portland*

In these institutions faculty came to think of themselves as chemists and accountants, as linguists and philosophers, as poets and historians. And the schools they developed reflected those values.

Both Notre Dame and the University of Portland were remarkable for their early division into schools of engineering and business, as well as a college of arts and letters or arts and sciences. In a way they became complex institutions for their size, but that was because they reflected the world for which they prepared their students. Even at this level, however, they focused their students’ attention on the larger issues so that they could become, not merely artisans in some refined trade, but creators of the newer world that continued to emerge.

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If they were especially characterized by a realistic anticipation of their students' needs in the world ahead of them, Holy Cross institutions of higher education were also deeply invested in nourishing the faith of their students. Notre Dame was at first a boarding school by reason of need. It soon transformed student campus life into a reflection of faith and devotion.

At times the efforts at intellectual development and religious formation seemed to be parallel efforts, but over the years they have grown together, each challenging the other, each shaped by the forces inherent in the other.

We Will Not Cultivate the Mind at the Expense of the Heart: Holy Cross' Educational Tradition - Elementary Education

■ Rev. Michael C. Mathews, C.S.C.

Embracing the will of its founder, Catholic education has always been a priority for the Congregation of Holy Cross. Recognizing the need to rebuild schools that were destroyed in the violence of the French Revolution, the founder of the congregation, the Venerable Father Basil Mary Moreau, formulated his vision for Catholic elementary schools.

In his brief yet informative book, *Christian Education*, Moreau expressed the distinct qualities of a Holy Cross education. "The formation of the very heart of the child, the full development of his or her particular capacity, and the understanding of life in relation to God" were key components of Father Moreau's thinking.

Furthermore, in a circular letter to his fledgling congregation, Moreau stated: "We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart. While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for eternal life" (Circular Letter #36, April 1849).

Nearly 175 years later, Moreau's vision for Catholic elementary schools remains central to the life and mission of Holy Cross. Numerous primary and secondary schools operate throughout the world, from Africa to North America, maintaining one of the original charisms of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

One such Catholic elementary school, Holy Cross School, is located in South Bend, Indiana. Founded in 1929, Holy Cross School was a neighborhood school filled with the children of factory workers who lived within walking distance of the school. At its peak in the 1950s and 1960s, enrollment reached nearly 1500 students.

Today, Holy Cross School still feels like a neighborhood school, but students come from all over South Bend, Granger, Mishawaka, and lower Michigan. A diverse student body, consisting of Catholic, non-Catholics, and students of many races, numbers 375. Known as "Crusaders," current Holy Cross School students and graduates alike cherish their beloved school.

Some events that celebrate Basil Moreau's vision for Catholic education to educate both the mind and heart include: weekly school Masses attended by the entire student body, penance services in Advent and Lent, daily prayer at the start and end of the school day, Mary Procession and Crowning, Vocations Awareness Week, periodic Eucharistic Adoration, and numerous service projects and fundraisers for charitable organizations.

In 2002, Holy Cross School embraced a bold vision for the future, embarking upon a \$2.9 million capital campaign for the construction of new academic and athletic space. The addition will provide room for a library, music room, art room, gymnasium, fine arts, and administrative offices that will enhance the learning environment of Holy Cross School.

To date, the campaign has raised nearly \$2.3 million in cash, pledges, and in-kind gifts. A gala groundbreaking has been planned for January 2007 and the project should take ten to twelve months to complete. Holy Cross School is served by three young Holy Cross religious who provide pastoral care for Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parish.



Fr. Michael blesses Holy Cross students during an all-school Mass

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Fr. Michael Mathews (pastor), Fr. Brad Metz (associate pastor), and Deacon Greg Haake (who will be ordained a priest in April 2007) enjoy the ministry that accompanies a parish elementary school. As part of his training, Deacon Greg will teach French to junior high students, assist in catechetical instruction in the classrooms, and preach at school Masses. "I am really excited about teaching at the school this year," he exclaims, "but I hope those kids are ready- I have a reputation for giving lots of homework."

"There is always something going on around here," says Fr. Brad Metz as he looks out upon a busy school yard full of students, "and I wish I could keep up with all these kids!" Fr. Brad, who stands at six feet-eight inches tall, is a popular recruit for basketball games at recess. In addition to his playground activities, Father Brad coordinates sacramental preparation programs for all students.

"The school is the lifeblood of the parish," says Fr. Michael, "and I cannot imagine a parish assignment that did not include an elementary school." Known for his frequent surprise visits to classrooms, Fr. Michael enjoys the interaction with the students. "I love to get the kids all 'hyped-up' in the classroom, and then I simply leave and whisper a prayer for the poor teacher who must try and restore some order."

As members of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Fr. Micheal, Fr. Brad, and Deacon Greg collaborate with the lay teachers at Holy Cross School to promote Moreau's vision of Catholic education. "We work closely with the principal and teachers to plan school Masses throughout the year, and we make sure that each faculty member has the necessary resources to lead prayer in their respective classroom," says Fr. Michael. "Fr. Moreau stressed collaboration between his religious and the laity, and working together with the lay principal, faculty, and staff, we remain faithful to Moreau's vision."

According to the Constitutions and Statutes of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the rule of life for all Holy Cross religious, Catholic education is a priority. "Wherever through its superiors the congregation sends us, we go as educators in the faith... to form communities of the coming kingdom" (Constitution # 2: Mission). Holy Cross School, and others like it, reflect the educational vision of the Venerable Basil Moreau who sought to educate both the mind and heart of each child under his care.



The entrance to Holy Cross School, established in 1929

Holy Cross: Spreading the Word

Books

Rev. Claude Pomerleau, C.S.C. is co-editing a book on Henri Nouwen entitled *Remembering Henri*, available in bookstores Fall 2006.

Publications

Rev. Richard Rutherford, C.S.C. published an article in the current issue of *Today's Liturgy* by Oregon Catholic Press on the Order of Christian Funerals, #8 in a series on the liturgical reforms of Vatican II entitled "To Be Revised ... To Be Adapted ... To Be Restored ...". This issue covers Ordinary Time from September to December 2006.

Rev. Charles B. Gordon, C.S.C. published in 2005 in *The Catholic Leader* an article entitled "Moments of Grace".

Rev. Paul V. Kollman, C.S.C. reviewed Andrew Orta's book, *Catechizing Culture: Missionaries, Aymara, and the "New Evangelization"*. His review can be found in the January 2006 issue of [Journal of Religion](#).

Positions

Rev. James K. Foster, C.S.C., M.D. has been named director of the Center for Advising in the Health Sciences, and chair of the Preprofessional Program in the College of Science at the University of Notre Dame.

Lectures

Rev. Daniel G. Groody, C.S.C. was an invited panelist on the subject "The Immigration Debate: Issues and Prospects" held at the University of Notre Dame, April 24, 2006.

Web Resources

Rev. Ron P. Raab, C.S.C. has made available personal journal spiritual reflections on "Change", and a separate reflection on "Loss". You can find these helpful guides at www.downtownchapel.org/prayerarchives.htm.

We Will Not Cultivate the Mind at the Expense of the Heart: Advancing Education, Advancing Mission



Rev. Paul Kollman, C.S.C.

As a seminarian, Fr. Paul Kollman, C.S.C. visited Kenya to study theology in a different setting, to learn Swahili, and practice ministry. It was this experience of studying theology and ministering in such a different cultural setting that inspired Fr. Paul as he began to consider doctoral studies. "I became excited by the different experiences of faith in Africa, and wanted to understand that diversity as part of my own vocation," says Fr. Paul.

Fr. Paul is well-qualified to talk shop on educational ministry in a world landscape of varying cultures and religions. He completed his PhD in the History of Religions at the University of Chicago in 2001 and has been immersed in spreading "a critical approach to faith" to his students in the Theology Department at the University of Notre Dame, as well as the rest of the world. Fr. Paul's book, *The Evangelization of Slaves and Catholic Origins in Eastern Africa* (Orbis 2005), is an examination of African Catholicism. It was originally his doctoral thesis.

Both his intellectual and spiritual pursuits echo the philosophy of Holy Cross founder, Fr. Basil Anthony Moreau, that a vital ministry is one that ministers to the whole person. As a university professor, Fr. Paul remains committed to the Holy Cross tradition of educating hearts and minds. A student and teacher of modern theology, he strives to be an "educator in the faith" by teaching his students a critical approach to faith, he says, "not because I only reinforce what they already knew, but because I try to deepen what they hold dear."

As Moreau found in his educational ministries, being an "educator in the faith" is often a process of giving people back to themselves. "Wherever we work we assist others not only to recognize and develop their own gifts but also to discover the deepest longing in their lives" (Constitution 2:16).

For Fr. Paul, teaching flows directly from his own studies and ministerial mission to his students. "When people make connections between their faith and their world, you recognize that you're not in charge....It definitely keeps you motivated." And indeed Fr. Paul remains motivated to share with his students the intellectual and spiritual fruits of his own studies. He is a grateful witness to their discoveries.

As Fr. Moreau writes in the Holy Cross Constitutions, "...as in every work of our mission, we find that we ourselves stand to learn much from those whom we are called to teach" (Constitution 2:16).

Four Profess Final Vows/Ordained to the Diaconate

On August 26th Jim Gallagher, Greg Haake, Stephen Koeth, and Pete McCormick professed their Final Vows in Holy Cross at the Basilica of Sacred Heart on the Notre Dame Campus and, on August 27th, were ordained to the Diaconate in a ceremony at Moreau Seminary. Deacon Jim Gallagher, C.S.C. will serve the coming year at the University of Portland; Deacon Greg Haake, C.S.C. will work at Holy Cross Parish in South Bend, Indiana; Deacon Stephen Koeth will serve at Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland, Oregon; and Deacon Steve McCormick will serve at the University of Notre Dame. In

April 2007 these four men will be ordained into the priesthood.

Congratulations to each and to those who will benefit from their service.



From left to right: Rev. Mr. Steve McCormick, C.S.C., Rev. Mr. Jim Gallagher, C.S.C., Rev. Mr. Greg Haake, C.S.C., and Rev. Mr. Stephen Koeth, C.S.C.



The Examination of the candidates during Final Vows

Remembering the Ones We Love Holy Cross Introduces a New Commemorative Program

The Holy Cross Association and the Office of Development are pleased to announce a new and unique way to honor, celebrate, or remember family and friends.

Holy Cross Care Cards are custom-designed expressions of caring for people who are important in our lives that also advance the work of the Priests of Holy Cross.

Here's how *Holy Cross Care Cards* work. On any occasion that calls for remembering a loved one, make a gift to the Holy Cross Association, indicating *who* you wish to remember, the *occasion* (i.e. birthday, Christmas, First Communion), and the *address* of the loved one.

We'll produce a personalized, customized *Holy Cross Care Card* specific to the occasion (not including the amount of your gift) and send it to your loved one or, for a memorial, to the family, indicating a gift to Holy Cross has been made in her or his honor or memory. The card will include the assurance of prayers and/or a Mass recognizing the occasion and the person.

Common occasions to use *Holy Cross Care Cards* include:

Memorials: gifts made in memory of a deceased friend, relative, or Holy Cross religious.

Recognition: honoring a special friend, colleague, student, teacher, coach, or Holy Cross religious in recognition of the individual's efforts, achievements or importance in your life.

Special Occasions: in honor of a birthday, wedding, birth of a child, Baptism, First Communion, anniversary, Christmas, or other special occasions.

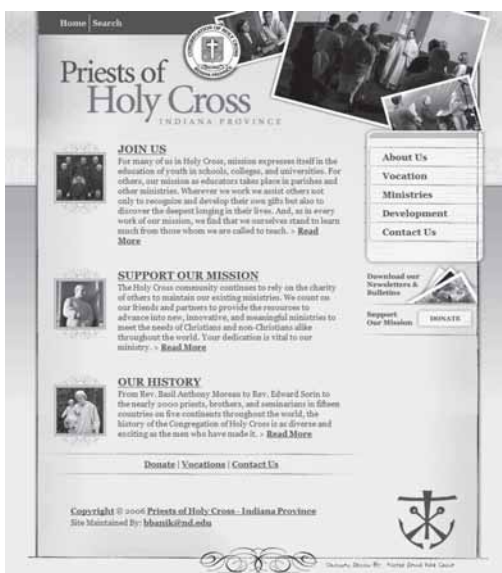
If you'd like to receive an order form for *Holy Cross Care Cards*, call 574/631-6731, write to us at P.O. Box 771, Notre Dame, IN 46556. You can also make a gift online at www.cscip.org.



*Sample Card Exteriors.
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Holy Cross Website Now "Live"



After months of careful planning, the Priests of Holy Cross, Indiana Province, website is now live!

Visit www.cscip.org to:

- Come to understand more fully the dynamic history of Holy Cross;
- Refer to our many ministries in the United States and abroad;
- Offer your support through a gift online;
- Submit requests for prayers, or share in prayers written by Holy Cross religious;
- Seek information on Vocations in Holy Cross.

Information available on the site will be updated regularly, so visit often.

Views! We Welcome Your Thoughts.



"Grotto"

Fr. Bill Blum, C.S.C., priest, missionary, and photographer, captured this striking scene from the Grotto at the University of Notre Dame and created a beautiful, full-color Christmas card.

To order a quantity of these limited edition cards, the proceeds from which benefit Holy Cross missions in East Africa, contact Fr. Bill at Our Lady of Fatima House, P.O. Box 929, Notre Dame, IN 46556, at 574/631-5839 or by email at bill_blum_2@yahoo.com. (inside message: Glory to God in the highest Peace to all on earth)

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