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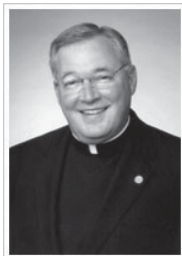
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- ◆ Chile



My dear friends in Christ,

In our last issue of Pillars we celebrated you, our benefactors, who make our work possible. We cannot say thank you enough

for your investment and belief in us, therefore we must *live* out our gratitude through our service to others.

We are called, all of us, to be good stewards not only of the material gifts God sends our way, but of our spiritual gifts, our talents. Holy Cross is extraordinarily blessed with a community of men who use our diverse gifts to be true to the mission as established by our founder, the Venerable Basil Anthony Moreau.

Fr. Moreau cherished the priesthood, and defined his role, and that of the congregation he founded, to educate, not just through classrooms and the pulpit, but in every encounter we have with all to whom we minister. We use the phrase "educators in the faith" to describe the charism of Holy Cross. It is the "tie that binds" us together as a religious community. It means that no matter where we serve, no matter which role we assume, no matter our unique talents, we witness the loving and healing presence of Christ when and where it is needed in order to build up the Christian community.

Scripture tells us of the unique gifts we are given to bring God's love to others: "There are different kinds of gifts but the same spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

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There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all." (1 Cor. 4-6). While we all possess unique gifts, we are reminded that it is through *God's wisdom* we are placed where we should be in order to carry out His work. "But, in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body." (1 Cor. 8-20)

In this issue of Pillars we will examine how we, as a body, strive to bring Christ to others in diverse ways. As we live Fr. Moreau's vision as educators in the faith, we will look at Fr. Tom Streit's work in Haiti to eliminate a disease which ravages the poor in that country. We will also introduce you to Fr. Laurick, an 82-year-old Holy Cross priest who serves as the only Catholic chaplain at a 600+ bed hospital in South Bend. And you'll learn of the Valley Missionary Program in the Coachella Valley of California, a wonderful illustration of how true Christian conversion has moved a community fraught with social ills into action, to rise up and love one another. These stories are but three of many that illustrate how Holy Cross stewards talents toward building God's Kingdom.

In this issue, we also commemorate our Jubilarians who we honor this month for their commitment and dedication to living the Gospel in very real ways. And I'll introduce you to Ed and Dorothy Ford and The Eve Roll Memorial Scholarship Fund, which help challenged youth achieve academic success and freedom from an otherwise bleak future.

We would not have these stories to share with you if not for your investment in our work. Remember that as members of the Body of Christ, you too help to bring forth the Kingdom of God through the unique gifts God has bestowed on you and for that, again, we *say* and *live* "thank you".

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

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## Transformational Giving - Ed and Dorothy Ford

■ The Story of the Eve Roll Memorial Scholarship Fund

*Through the Eve Roll Memorial Scholarship Fund, Ed and Dorothy Ford became symbols of hope for a community once populated by migrant farm workers who could hope for little more than survival.*

Coachella Valley, California, is home to some of the most beautiful landscape in Southern California. Sunshine is recorded 350 days of the year and winter temperatures around 80 degrees make the valley a popular winter resort destination. At one end of the valley is Palm Springs, home to Hollywood celebrities, exquisite golf courses, and resort hotels.

But images of paradise diminish quickly as one travels just 30 miles southeast from Palm Springs to the towns of Indio, Coachella, Oasis and Mecca. Poverty, unemployment, and underemployment are common maladies among the large Hispanic population whose generational roots reach back to the first migrant farm laborers in the area.

It is in this environment that Ed and Dorothy Ford are transforming lives. Ed and Dorothy manage *The Eve Roll Memorial Scholarship Fund*, which was created to honor Mary Dolores Buckley Ford, a devoted former Coachella Valley High School teacher and niece to Eve Roll.

The Eve Roll Scholarship Fund was established in 1980 to provide college scholarships for youth attending Coachella Valley High School, to encourage students to recognize their intellectual gifts and set out to benefit not only themselves, but others as well. More than just assistance to pay for college, the scholarship fund provides hope to youth for whom a future of poverty and despair was almost assured. Since its inception, the scholarship has supported and inspired 26 students to achieve academic success and to create for themselves a future without limits.

In 1990 Ed and Dorothy began working with Our Lady of Soledad Parish in Coachella, a parish staffed by the Priests of Holy Cross. The parish became active in assisting the Fords in identifying eligible scholarship recipients. Fr. John Connor, C.S.C. has served as their friend and primary contact for the past 16 years.



*Larry Salas, Academic and Guidance Counselor at Coachella Valley High School, with Dorothy and Ed Ford, and Fr. John Connor, C.S.C.*



*Dorian Inzunza, 2005 Eve Roll Scholarship Recipient, with Dorothy and Ed Ford*

Through their collaboration with Fr. John and Our Lady, Ed and Dorothy's respect and admiration for Holy Cross has grown. As they confronted their age and the future of *The Eve Roll Memorial Scholarship Fund*, they approached Fr. John with the idea that at the time of Ed's death, Holy Cross will assume responsibility for the Fund. The Ford's intent is to provide scholarships indefinitely, and hopefully in increasing amounts, and to support vocations to Holy Cross.

The legacy Ed and Dorothy have created through *The Eve Roll Memorial Scholarship Fund* has already transformed lives and the very fabric of Coachella Valley. In partnership with Holy Cross, this transformative giving will continue to make an immeasurable impact while, at the same time, advancing the mission and ministries of Holy Cross.

## Many Parts, One Body - The Community of Holy Cross The Valley Missionary Program

### *A sample of Professions and Ministries of Holy Cross religious*

#### **Professions**

Administrators and  
Program Directors  
Archivists  
Artists  
Attorneys  
Authors  
Chaplains  
Christian Education  
Church Hierarchy, bishops and  
vicars  
Clinical and Consulting  
Psychologists  
Liturgists  
Media Producers  
Medical Researcher and  
treatment specialists  
Missionaries  
Pastors, at over 28 parishes  
Physician  
Publishers  
Retreat Directors  
Spiritual Directors  
Teachers  
Theologians

#### **Ministries**

Ave Maria Press  
Charismatic Renewal  
Dioceses throughout the  
United States  
Foreign Missions, Haiti, East  
Africa, Chile, and  
Bangladesh  
Hispanic Outreach  
Hospitals and Nursing Homes  
Military Bases, Iraq  
National Pastoral Care  
Religious and Human  
Formation  
Renewal and Retreat Centers  
Senior Living Communities  
Social Services  
Universities, high schools, and  
prep schools

Fr. Pepe Martelli, C.S.C. heads the *Valley Missionary Program* in Coachella, California, within the Diocese of San Bernardino. The *Valley Missionary Program* was the dream of Fr. Joseph Pawlicki, C.S.C., who faithfully served the Hispanic community in Coachella as a missionary until his death in 1999. Shortly after arriving in San Bernardino, Fr. Joe realized the Latino community in the Coachella Valley constantly struggled with gang activity, drug addiction, alcoholism, teen pregnancy, and other crises of home and family. One way Fr. Joe sought to combat these communal hardships was to facilitate and encourage a deep conversion of the people of Coachella Valley to God so that the Lord's commandment of mutual love may prevail in the community.



*Fr. Pete Pacini, C.S.C., left, and  
Fr. Pepe Martelli, C.S.C., right,  
lead the Guadalupe Festival*

In 1999 Fr. Pepe took the helm of the *Valley Missionary Program*, extending its legacy and outreach. Fr. Pete Pacini, C.S.C. joined Fr. Pepe in 2005 to assist in the spiritual direction of the program. The two facilitate the core components of the *Valley Missionary Program*: Missionary Encounter Weekend, a three-day retreat designed to bring participants into a loving and personal relationship with Christ; Small Faith Communities—whose members currently number over 140—that provide a vehicle for living out mutual love while supporting ongoing spiritual growth; and Lay Missionaries, encouraging those who have participated in the Missionary Encounter Weekend and in Small Faith Communities to give what they have gained to others. The success of the *Valley Missionary Program* in Coachella Valley has propelled its growth in Southern California and in Mexico, turning this Holy Cross ministry into an international movement.

As a Holy Cross priest, Fr. Pepe carries the missionary zeal of the Congregation with him daily, “Holy Cross is a Missionary Congregation. We were approved by the Holy See insofar as we accepted to take the responsibility of the Mission in Bengal. We came to the United States and Canada as missionaries. The *Valley Missionary Program* fosters the missionary work by lay people who are becoming aware of the commitments taken at baptism.” Together Fr. Pepe, Fr. Pete and the community of Coachella Valley continue to affirm their baptismal promises to live out the Evangelical call of the Church.

## Many Parts, One Body - The Community of Holy Cross The Haitian Healer - Rev. Thomas G. Striet, C.S.C.



*Fr. Tom Striet, C.S.C., priest,  
biologist, researcher*

People often ask Fr. Tom Striet, C.S.C. why he loves the country of Haiti so much. He replies warmly, "It's the people. I love the Haitian people." Fr. Striet has been ministering in Leogane, Haiti with the University of Notre Dame Center for Tropical Disease Research and Training for the past 13 years. As Holy Cross priest and a biologist, Fr. Striet's commitment to live out the Gospel by serving the least is manifested in his work toward eliminating the disease, elephantitis, in Haiti.

From his Haitian home at St. Rose Parish in Leogane, Fr. Striet administers the sacraments, celebrates mass, hears confessions, performs baptisms, and presides at weddings and funerals. The ministries he performs at St. Rose are grace-filled for him and for the people he serves, as are his efforts to educate and treat people who live with elephantitis. Haitians come from throughout the country seeking treatment and education at Hopital Sainte Croix (Holy Cross Hospital) and the Center for Tropical Disease Research and Training. For those it infects, the disease is devastating. Elephantitis is generated by filarial worms, parasites borne by mosquitoes. Once infected, an individual's lymphatic system deteriorates and suffers permanent damage. Due to fluid blockage, infected individuals endure tremendous swelling of the limbs. Hence, the moniker "elephantitis."

Fr. Striet says that though the disease does not kill people, "It kills peoples' spirits." Fr. Striet ministers to people who have lost their jobs and families to elephantitis. The social stigma attached to it is devastating, as most Haitians believe elephantitis is caused by voodoo. But, according to Fr. Striet, education is the key. The research and training center in Leogane strives to educate the Haitian people about the realities of the disease in hopes that they'll see the centers' solutions as viable and necessary to prevention and cure. Along with educating the people, the strategy in Haiti is region-wide distribution of diethylcarbamazine (DEC)—a drug that kills the disease-causing parasites and prevents transmission—while also adding DEC to the Haitian's salt supply.

Fr. Striet's goal is to eliminate elephantitis from Haiti so that the next generation of Haitians will be free of it. It's a challenge for the some 100 Notre Dame students who have accompanied Fr. Striet on his mission since its birth. "They come down to Haiti and immediately they want to clothe the naked, feed the hungry. That's Christ's call, right?"

But Fr. Striet challenges his students to think beyond those fundamental ministries. "Really, our work is in response to another of Jesus' calls. Jesus said, 'When you pray, go into your room and shut the door.' I like to think that's what we're doing. Serving the least in an unobvious way. We're working to prevent this disease from infecting the next generation. Will those children grow up and come back and thank us? No. They'll never even know what we did because they won't ever have the disease."

His Haitian ministry is a prayer in quiet, the thanks not forthcoming. But this manifestation of the Gospel is very apparent for the thousands of people who have already been helped by Fr. Striet's ministry. And it doesn't stop at the treatment and prevention of elephantitis. He and his students and fellow workers have implemented a plan to add iodine to the salt in Haitian's diets. Many Haitians suffer from underdeveloped brains, no thanks to the lack of iodine-rich foods in their diets. This new portion of his ministry, labeled "Bon Sel," or "Good Salt," seemed a natural enough progression to Fr. Striet. It's simple to iodize the salt in addition to adding the drug DEC to the country's salt supply. Haiti is the last country in the Americas to have iodized salt. Iodine can raise the IQ as much as 15 points. "It's so simple," says Fr. Striet. "How can we embark upon a huge project to cure a disease and not do this simple thing of bringing iodized salt to the people?"

It is perhaps another manifestation of God's grace born of a willing heart, as Fr. Striet hears Jesus' call and answers it with fervor. His ministry is an explicit example of the conviction of all Holy Cross priests. "Our efforts, which are [Christ's], reach out to the afflicted.... We come not just as servants, but as their neighbors, to be with them and of them" (Holy Cross Constitution 2, 13).



*A Sister assesses a patient's condition to determine progress toward healing*



## Many Parts, One Body - The Community of Holy Cross

### Rev. Richard Laurick, C.S.C., Chaplain



Fr. Laurick, C.S.C. stands near the altar of the Memorial Interfaith Chapel at Memorial Hospital, South Bend

You'll never guess Fr. Dick Laurick, C.S.C.'s age by looking at him. Nor will you guess it by following behind him as he strides through the halls of Memorial Hospital in South Bend where he's been the Catholic chaplain in the Spiritual Care Department for nearly 16 years. Fr. Dick serves patients and their families in every wing of Memorial Hospital, from the Cardiac Care unit to Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit.

And, as he will tell you, his chaplaincy ministry has provided him some of the most engrossing, satisfying work of his religious life. "People are receptive in times of panic and stress," he says, "People need you and they're appreciative." Indeed, Fr. Dick administers the sacraments, most especially the Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick, to many patients and their families who are in various stages of distress. His ministry requires him to practice the compassion that Jesus lived and preached, along with a tireless commitment to healing the sick by being an empathetic presence to those in need.

Fr. Dick's past ministries as an educator and pastor prepared him well to sensitively minister to patients with widely varying spiritual needs. "You think you've experienced everything and then suddenly you'll come across something you've never seen before," he says, "One moment you might be with a patient who's suffered from an act of violence and the next you may be with a very healthy baby." His ministry to the spirits of both sick and well necessitates flexibility and endless compassion.

Every day, as Fr. Dick makes his rounds through Memorial Hospital, he answers Jesus' call to bring the Good News to the sick and suffering. And as a man of Holy Cross, he carries out the Holy Cross mission to "reach out to the afflicted" with a humble heart and dynamic spirit.

## Holy Cross: Spreading the Word

### Books

**Rev. Paul V. Kollman, C.S.C.** wrote a book entitled *Evangelization of Slaves and Catholic Origins in Eastern Africa* (Orbis Books, December 2005)

**Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C.** produced a book and corresponding video entitled *Archbishop Romero: Martyr and Prophet for the New Millennium* (University of Scranton Press, April 2006)

**Rev. Timothy R. Scully, C.S.C.** co-authored a book on the challenges of modernization on family life in Latin America, particularly Chile. The book, entitled *El Eslabon Perdido: Familia, modernización y bienestar en Chile* (Taurus, April 2006) was a collaboration with Eugenio Tironi and J. Samuel Valenzuela, two social scientists from Chile.

### Media

**Rev. Daniel Groody, C.S.C.** produced an award winning video entitled *Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey*, a timely documentary on Mexican immigration including discussions on the economic, political, social, and religious issues involved.

**Rev. Charles B. Gordon, C.S.C.** a systematic theologian with a particular interest in the theology of literature, recently shared his insights on C.S. Lewis and *The Chronicles of Narnia* with listeners of WKRC radio in Elkhart, Indiana.

**Rev. Ronald P. Raab, C.S.C.** hosts a weekly, 15 minute reflection entitled *On the Margins* on Catholic Radio KBVM - FM 88.3 in Portland, Oregon.

### Awards

**Rev. Leroy "Clem" Clemetich, C.S.C.** recently was honored with the *Missionary of the Year Award* from the Catholic Church Extension Society. Fr. Clem was recognized for his diligent work in ministry to native Alaskans.

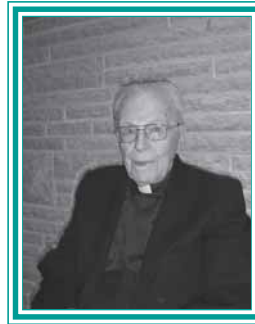
The University of Notre Dame has established a scholarship in the name of **Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C.** for a qualified undergraduate student from Puerto Rico.

**Rev. Arthur Wheeler, C.S.C.** was awarded in 2005 the *James A. Culligan Faculty Award* from the University of Portland for his distinguished service to the University.

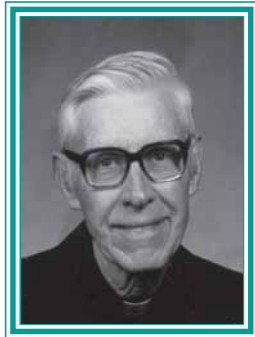
## A Celebration of Service: 70, 60, 50 and 25 Year Jubilarians Honored

This May, the Congregation of Holy Cross celebrates the lives and legacies of our religious marking Anniversaries of priesthood. Join us in recognizing, with gratitude, the following Holy Cross, Indiana Province, priests and brother, for their tireless and selfless commitment to the Church.

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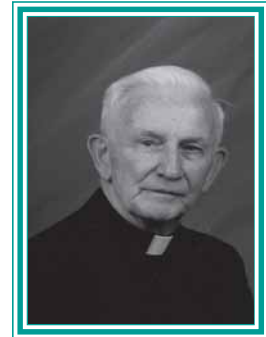


**Rev. Walter L. McInerney, C.S.C.**  
*Celebrating his 70th Anniversary as a Holy Cross Religious and his 100th Birthday. Ministering through prayer at Holy Cross House*



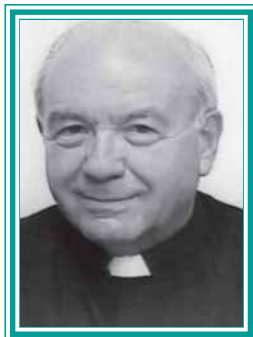
**Rev. William J. Brinker, C.S.C.**  
*Fr. Brinker continues in ministry at Notre Dame High School, Niles, Illinois*

### 60 Year Jubilarians

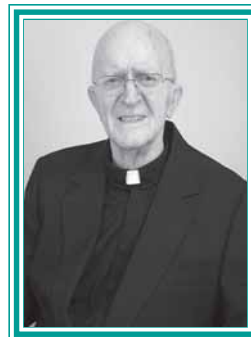


**Rev. Howard A. Kuhns, C.S.C.**  
*Fr. Kuhns assists parishes in the Diocese of Phoenix, Arizona*

### 50 Year Jubilarians



**Rev. Jorge A. Cánepa, C.S.C.**  
*Fr. Cánepa ministers at St. George's College, Santiago, Chile*



**Rev. Bernard P. Foley, C.S.C.**  
*Fr. Foley is dedicated to ministry through prayer at Holy Cross House*

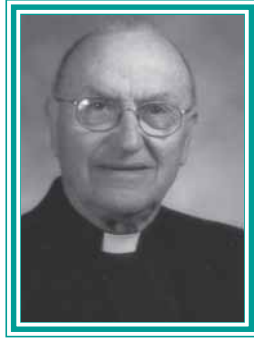


**Rev. James B. Gillis, C.S.C.**  
*Fr. Gillis actively serves through prayer at Holy Cross House*

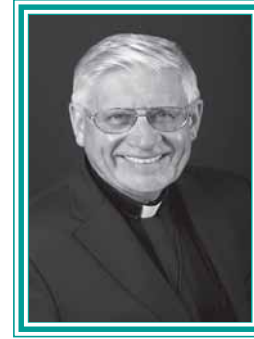
### 50 Year Jubilarians, Continued



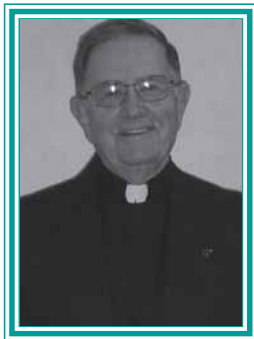
**Rev. Leon J. Mertensotto, C.S.C.**  
*Fr. Mertensotto teaches Christian Ethics at the University of Notre Dame*



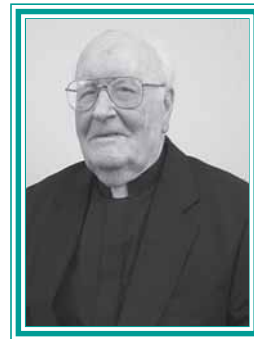
**Rev. William J. Neidhart, C.S.C.**  
*Fr. Neidhart continues his legacy of 39+ years in parish ministry*



**Rev. Robert J. Nogosek, C.S.C.**  
*Fr. Nogosek is active in diaconate formation in the Diocese of San Bernadino*



**Bro. Thomas P. Tucker, C.S.C.**  
*Bro. Tucker continues in devoted service to Holy Cross at Sacred Heart Parish and Corby Hall*

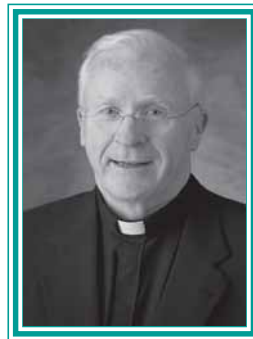


**Rev. Paul G. Wendel, C.S.C.**  
*Fr. Wendel serves the community of Holy Cross House residents, guests and visitors*

### 25 Year Jubilarians



**Rev. Timothy R. Scully, C.S.C.**  
*Fr. Scully's dedication to education continues to advance the Holy Cross mission*



**Rev. William E. Wickham, C.S.C.**  
*Fr. Wickham's chaplaincy in healthcare benefits the VA Hospital in Portland, Oregon*

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# Views! We Welcome Your Thoughts.



*This batik, donated to the Holy Cross Mission Center, was handcrafted in Kenya. Such spiritual depictions are common among those served by Holy Cross in East Africa*

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