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EDUCATION - UNITED STATES

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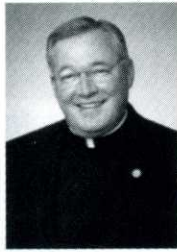
- ◆ ARIZONA
- ◆ CALIFORNIA
- ◆ COLORADO
- ◆ INDIANA
- ◆ OREGON

SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES

- ◆ TO THE POOR THROUGH ANDRE HOUSE AND ALL OUR MINISTRIES
- ◆ IN THE PRINTED WORD THROUGH AVE MARIA PRESS
- ◆ CAMPUS MINISTRIES
- ◆ INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINCY: HEALTHCARE, MILITARY AND RELIGIOUS HOUSES
- ◆ HOLY CROSS ASSOCIATION
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INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

- ◆ BANGLADESH
- ◆ EAST AFRICA
- ◆ CHILE



My dear friends in Christ,

It is a fact of life that we will all, God willing, age.

As I visit with the more

senior members of our Holy Cross community, it occurs to me that someone forgot to tell these men of this fact. Even in their seventies, eighties and older, they remain young in heart and spirit, vital members of our community. It is not unusual for one of our older priests to say, "I wouldn't think of retiring." They heard and answered the call to religious life as young men and they continue to answer yes to this call to serve where they are needed.

The stories of their lives as priests could fill volumes and yet they continue to write new stories each year. Some have spent their ministerial lives walking in solidarity with people in the poorest areas of the world, such as Bangladesh, East Africa and Chile. Others have dedicated their service to parishes, schools and universities in the United States, sowing the seeds of hope and building relationships to create a stronger Church. They have served as educators, mentors, counselors, guided by the Holy Spirit, answering the call to fulfill their mission as

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witnesses of Christ's love, proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

A life dedicated to such a purpose deserves the best of care as age and ability force a change in lifestyle and ministry. Throughout this issue of PILLARS, we focus attention on caring for our elder and retired brothers in Holy Cross, and reflect on how our friends, our donors, have been instrumental in helping us care for these special and holy men.

In this issue, you will learn about Holy Cross House, our community dedicated to serving our elder brothers, as well as those from other Holy Cross Provinces in the United States. I also want to update you on the status of renovations at Fatima Retreat Center where our senior, yet quite active religious, will soon reside. You'll enjoy reading the story of Jerry and Dorene Hammes, a couple that demonstrates a special devotion to Holy Cross, particularly our senior members, and lastly, you are invited to join us in celebration of our 50 and 25 year Jubilarians.

When I reflect on the long and fruitful lives of these men, I realize what an awesome responsibility they have handed on to us ... a responsibility to not only provide caring support for them in their golden years, but also to sustain and build on the ministries they worked so diligently to create and nurture. I also reflect on how much you, as part of our mission, have contributed to help us meet these wonderful responsibilities.

God's blessings!

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

HOLY CROSS HOUSE: THE JOURNEY FULFILLING THE SPIRIT

■ REV. CHARLES W. KOHLERMAN, C.S.C., SUPERIOR



Holy Cross House

*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 are tutored in the Constitutions, traditions, life and history of the Congregation, these are the last words we read in the Constitutions of our community. We are called, invited to walk in the footsteps of the men who have gone before us. We are challenged to walk together learning from the "deep prints", the history and experiences of those who "strode" before us, filled with the Holy Spirit and letting the Spirit unfold within us and within our ministries. We are becoming aware that we are instruments of God and God's work among his beloved people.

In our journey through our 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 to us as we strive to care for the flock that God, Church, and Community entrust to us.

The years and the experience of our journey continue, and we begin to realize our dependence more and more on God and the Spirit and, slowly, we begin to appreciate, more fully, our need to accept a life of less active ministry. It is a life where we begin to embrace the reality that we need to share our gift of ministering to others by being ministered to in a religious environment. The setting at Holy Cross House is deeply conducive and supportive of our maturing religious life, our continuing journey in "hope".

When our need for medical, physical, or psychological assistance warrants, we turn to a very special place, an environment of prayer and fulfillment of the Spirit, Holy Cross House. Here we accept the most precious ministry of our religious lives, 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 invited to a deeper participation in the journey with God. We are asked to pray for God's people, but even more, to reflect and discern the deep meaning of the wisdom and experience that God has given to us in our "active" ministry so that we can share these gifts with those who follow us as they stride in our company. This is a time when we are asked to become special partners with God in dispensing God's love for all through prayer and meditation.

Our days are centered on the Eucharistic liturgy 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.

This special place, this spiritual oasis, Holy Cross House, is a dynamic religious home for our "elders" and others in need of special care, as we walk the journey of fulfillment of the Spirit in our lives and those entrusted to us by God in the ministry of prayer and mentorship. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3**



The Eucharistic liturgy is a primary focus for continued spiritual development.

